

Republican Club at The Villages

Newsletter

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Getting to know President Burt Lancaster

In lieu of a message this month, following is a biographical profile I gleaned from information that Uncle Burt sent me. Ed.

Burt moved to The Villages in 2004. He served as president of the Homeowner's Board for 6 ½ years and served on the Club Board for three years. He has also served on the Silicon Valley Republican Committee and was a voting member for several years. He is the father of two adopted children from Korea (now adults) and has one granddaughter.

Uncle Burt graduated in 1960 from the California Maritime Academy (now a campus of California State University, Vallejo.) He studied several disciplines of engineering, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. More importantly, Burt notes, "All students were taught leadership and were instilled with a sense of performance," whatever that means. I should have gone to that school!

Prior to being called up to military duty, Burt was with Litton Industries, where he worked on some of the early microwave transistors and other very high frequency devices. As a Naval officer with both specialized and broad training, he was posted to a special project in South East Asia.

Upon returning from military duty, Burt worked with FMC Corporation's Research and Development Division, then with Air Products and Chemicals when it was just a start-up. Burt was instrumental in developing many products that are still being produced today.

Burt has been described as a "serial entrepreneur" for all the companies he has helped, either as an employee or a consultant. He currently owns his own consulting firm. As part of his consulting practice, Burt established an extensive Asian sales, service and manufacturing organization. In 2003 he co-founded an LED company in Xiamen, China.

Burt is a sought-after speaker and lecturer all over the world. For example, on a recent business trip and lecture circuit in Inner Mongolia, Burt was appointed by the Chinese government as a senior consultant in foreign exchange. On a trip to Morocco, the king asked him to be one of the lead speakers at the Moroccan/American conference.

And just think...he will speak to us for free...if we could only get together.

From comments by Newt Gingrich
(Underlining by editor)

As we watch radicals tear down statues, deface monuments, intimidate people who want to stand for the national anthem, and demand the firing of people who write or say something deemed inappropriate to the Leftist Anti-American Theology, it is utterly clear that many Americans today hate America. As early as 1972, Theodore White was warning that the liberal ideology was becoming a liberal *theology* and dissent was less and less acceptable to the left.

We have watched the hard left, the America-hating totalitarians who want to define acceptable speech, as they took over the academic world. The college boards – made up of supposedly sound community leaders – refused to fight. Public universities and colleges continued to hire vehement anti-American professors, the state legislatures and governors refused to fight. Alumni continued to give to schools which were teaching their own children and grandchildren to despise them.

We did not think through the eventual reality that graduates who had been taught systematic falsehoods would take those falsehoods into their jobs. As President Ronald Reagan said, “the trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so.”

This educated ignorance has now infested our news media, bureaucracies and corporate headquarters. These are sincere fanatics. It is this fanaticism that has been so visible in the last few weeks.

The uprising by the self-righteous fanatics of The New York Times got their opinion editor fired for the sin of publishing a conservative senator's op-ed. The fanatics at The Philadelphia Inquirer got their editor fired for running the headline “Buildings Matter Too.” In case after case, the new fanaticism is imposing a thought police model reinforced by the Maoist tradition of public confession and group solidarity.

It would have been a struggle to win this fight for America 31 years ago when President Reagan warned us of the consequence of teaching falsehoods and anti-American lies. Now it will be much, much harder.

If we want America to survive as a constitutional republic under the rule of law, which protects the right of free speech and is dedicated to the belief that each one of us is endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, we have no choice but to fight to defeat the anti-Americans and reassert our nation.

Reagan would understand. Lincoln would understand. Freedom itself is at stake.

What is Happening in our Universities?

Liz Peek, Fox News Contributor

Over the past several decades, our schools have become incubators for the progressive Left. Liberal professors have taught millennials and younger generations that our country was founded on a lie and that our free enterprise system is “rigged.” Just as damaging, they have ignored the great achievements of this nation – achievements like the liberation of Europe from Nazism that we used to celebrate.

In recent years these young people have moved out into the world, carrying their intolerance with them. They now occupy newsrooms and social media firms.

UC Santa Cruz professor emeritus John Ellis

The real source of the problem is in the classrooms where those kids learn their contempt for ideas that don't fit within what their professors are teaching them.

College faculty members tend to only associate with and hire those who agree with their extremist ideologies. Colleges will soon become a ‘complete monoculture,’ with unhealthy results for society.

Newt Gingrich (some repeats from elsewhere herein)

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From “The Book of Air and Shadows,” by Michael Gruber, a New York Times Bestselling novel, published in 2007: “...but also implying that Haas knew better, on the evidence of his own earlier writing, and that he had produced this farrago merely to curry favor with the Marxists and feminists and whatnot who control, I am informed, all hiring at American universities.” (page 355.) **The comment is a minor aside, made as if there is general agreement – that it is not debatable. And that was 13 years ago. Some of us (myself included) are just catching on! Ed.**

Other Notable Quotables

Dr. Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 6/17/2020:

"The way the U.S. was initially structured is that the media would be the mechanism for informing the people." That's the reason the press is the only business that's protected by our Constitution. But of course, they sort of left us. (Ever the master of understatement! Ed.) Now it's going to be up to the people to find what the truth is themselves."

"The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it; ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is." **Winston Churchill**

More Winston Churchill

"You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer."

"If you are not a liberal at twenty, you have no heart. If you are not a conservative at forty, you have no brain."

"You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks."

From a recent analysis by Newt Gingrich

Given control of all three instruments of power, what would the Biden-Schumer-Pelosi team do?

This is not a question that requires wild speculation. Pelosi's \$3 trillion HEROES (Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions) Act – ostensibly designed to help our economy recover from the coronavirus downturn – by itself contains enough radicalism to be terrifying. The legislation would:

- Legalize all people currently in the U.S. illegally.
- Block federal immigration officers from deporting even criminals and gang members.
- Give major Democratic donors a huge tax break by reestablishing unlimited deductibility for state and local taxes.
- Pay for abortion with taxpayer money.
- Release prisoners indiscriminately, so that at least six of the most infamous serial killers would be eligible for release.
- Pour money into corrupt local governments and bail out the most wasteful states in America.

BEFORE MY PRESIDENCY...



THERE WAS NO ISIS.

THERE WAS NO CALIPHATE.

THERE WAS NO BLACK LIVES MATTER.

THERE WAS NO ANTIFA.

THERE WAS NO WAR ON POLICE.

I BUILT THAT!



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Stay safe and be well.

FOR THE RECORD

General Meeting Dates
(All Thursdays)

Revised schedule for 2020 to be announced when known

Board of Directors

Resumption for 2020 to be announced when known
(First Monday of the Month, 10:00 a.m., Building A)

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