

Republican Club at The Villages

Newsletter

April 2021

It may be early May, but we were determined to start with an April 2021 newsletter. Maybe we will have two in the same month! Tom Zades moved to Arizona near the end of 2020, but has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor. At his suggestion, the Club has decided to add some 95 or so non-members to his newsletter distribution list. They are all Villagers who we have identified as politically conservative. If you would like to be deleted from the distribution list, please email Tom at tomzades@gmail.com.

Switching to the first person, let me hasten to point out that, for me, the cause of Conservatism easily crosses state lines. I have met with the President of the Republican Club here in Sun City Grand and have agreed to be Director of Communications. And all of the committee chairs are on the Board of Directors...so I'm on the Board! The President has a monthly meeting of the Board at her house, attended by 15-17 people, so I will be meeting them for the first time this month.

All of which is to underscore that I'm happy to support my fellow Conservatives. I think we have a great and important opportunity to take back the House and Senate in 2022. Surely the current administration is showing itself to be far more to the Left than the voters wanted. See the articles herein: "\$6 Trillion and Counting" and "Into Collectivism" for examples of where we are headed unless and until we restore the balance of power in Washington.

By the way, I'm not going to say anymore about the "stolen election," even though I firmly believe it. You may be aware that Arizona still has a forensic audit of the election results in process, with the liberal media here alternately laughing up their sleeves and complaining that the tax payers shouldn't have to pay for it. In any case, I appreciated and have adopted something that I heard a speaker say. He said that his only title for Joe Biden is "Former Vice-President Joe Biden." I think that is the only legitimate title he deserves.

Alright, I'll get off that. Please feel free to forward this newsletter in any way that you feel would benefit the cause of Conservatism and help us take back the House and Senate in 2022. It begins now.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

From Cathy Pope - Sunshine Corner:

It has been a long and difficult year. We are all looking forward to the day when we can once again be together in friendship and patriotism.

Please keep our following members in your thoughts and prayers:

June Hayes is recovering from Covid and major surgery.

Jean Gliever is recovering from Covid. Our sympathies go out to Jean on the loss of her husband, Don, due to Covid.

Our sympathies go out to Hugh Fahrner on the loss of his wife, Janet.

We also mourn the passing of Barrett Anderson.

If you know a member who needs a little sunshine, please contact Cathy Pope at 408-270-2141 or email her at c2popes@gmail.com.

From Laura Swenson – Treasury and Membership:

We collected \$1,995 in membership dues for 2021 from 133 members.

We made a donation to the Santa Clara County Republican Club of \$1,200.

Our account balance is \$4,906.

Board Meetings Resume

The first Board meeting for 2021 was held on the first Monday of April at what President Burt Lancaster calls his World Headquarters (his Villages condo.) Board meetings are planned for the first Monday of each month, locations to be announce. As always, all members of the Club are welcome to attend Board meetings, keeping health and safety precautions in mind as appropriate.

Meetings and Speakers:

General meetings will resume as soon as Villages facilities are available. They will follow the historical pattern: The fourth Thursday of each month, alternating between morning meetings and dinner meetings. We historically have not held general meetings during the months of June, July and August.

1st VP and Speaker Chair, Del Herfurth, plans to contact former San Diego mayor Kevin Faulconer as a potential speaker for a future general meeting. Mr. Faulconer is currently a candidate for Governor of California, should the Recall Newsom effort succeed; otherwise, he will run for governor in 2022. When Cathy Pope resided in San Diego, Faulconer was the mayor, she reports; and she was very favorably impressed.

Burt suggested someone to speak on the water issue in California and on other hot topics for the Villages. He referred to the increases in the cost of water and mentioned that we can object by calling the P.U.C.

“THE MEDIA IS BECOMING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY”

Alan Dershowitz, appearing on “American Agenda” March 29, was asked about Judge Laurence Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Silberman released a statement last Friday criticizing the media as “dangerous” and “very close” to allowing the Democratic Party to take total control. Dershowitz said that this statement was a “message” about the state of the media.

“I think this is a message to the United States Supreme Court saying ‘Look, I, a Reagan appointee, a moderate conservative, care about the 1st Amendment. I really think the media has gone too far, and they are controlled by the hard left. And he attributes it to academia.’ He says academia is so far-left today, and they’re graduating these young people who are taking over the newsrooms and the editorial rooms of all the media, and the media is becoming the Democratic Party, and that’s not the way the marketplace of ideas is supposed to operate.”

Dershowitz said at one point, “Unfortunately, we don’t have Walter Cronkite today. We don’t have somebody you can turn to today who has the respect of all sides of the political spectrum for simply telling the neutral, objective truth, and that’s what Judge Silberman was saying, and he is correct.”

Dershowitz said further that “Newspapers are not obligated to correct themselves. CNN never corrects itself. Most of the time that I’ve sent letters to the New York Times correcting stories that I’ve been in, I haven’t even gotten acknowledgment that they received the letter and they just moved forward. And so the way to respond is in the marketplace. The answer to falsehood is truth, and the answer to things you disagree with is to come up and create your own media.”

Dershowitz went on to say that “What Donald Trump is doing is the right thing. How do you compete in the marketplace of ideas under our 1st Amendment? You can’t shut down the opposing side, you create your new media. You open up your new media company. You create your own news platform and let the market prevail. People want to read the Times, they can read the Times. People want to read the Trump; they can read the Trump.”

“It’s not easy to do,” he added. People like us can’t do it. People like Donald Trump, who have a lot of money, can do it and he’ll have a lot of support because I think most Americans want to hear all sides of every story. Which is why I think Newsmax is doing so well. They present an alternative perspective from CNN and MSNBC, and even from Fox, so when people want to flip the channels and get every perspective, you include Newsmax among those perspectives. That’s the marketplace in operation.” **Ed. Note: Many conservatives, myself included, spend zero time watching or listening to the likes of CNN and MSNBC. They do not provide balance; they provide support for the democrats.**

<p>Alan Dershowitz, former Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, is known for his work in U.S. constitutional law and American criminal law. He describes himself as “a liberal Democrat in politics, but a neutral civil libertarian when it comes to the Constitution.”</p>

\$6 TRILLION AND COUNTING: Speaking recently on John Catsimatidis' "The Cats Roundtable," Economist Stephen Moore said that Biden's massive spending programs are beyond what the Obama administration pushed, or even what Bernie Sanders proposed: "You're going to see so many outrageous boondoggles where they are giving away all of this money to these [green] companies, a lot of them are going to go bankrupt. I am very nervous about this."

Moore summed up a total of \$6 trillion in new spending being put forth by the Biden administration, saying: "Among the spending packages were the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan that was called coronavirus relief, but only a fraction of it went to actual pandemic response; the massive \$2 trillion so-called infrastructure bill that's really the Green New Deal. And now they're doing another \$2 trillion spending deal on top of that, which will be announced in the next couple of weeks, which will be more money for daycare and education and all these things. This is now \$6 trillion of spending that has been recommended by Biden."

Ed. Note: For perspective, the total national debt reached \$6 trillion for the first time in 2002 in response to 9/11 and the War on Terror. Less than 20 years later we are nearing \$28 trillion without the \$6 trillion being recommended by Biden.

"We are in the midst of one of the largest federal power grabs in the history of the country," Moore lamented. "The American people have to rise up and say this is not the way we run our country. We pay our bills. We don't massively increase our debt. We don't put our financial system in jeopardy."

"People who voted for Biden tell me they don't understand what's going on in Washington," Moore continued. "They don't understand where the money is going to come from. The idea that we are going to pay for all of this just taxing the top 1% is a lie."

"I think everybody knows you're not going to get trillions and trillions of dollars out of the top 1%. They're going to have to come after the middle class." **To quote someone somewhere: for the nation to try to tax its way out of debt is like standing in a pail and trying to lift it up by the handle – ed. Note.**

But "a revolt is brewing," Moore said. "America is waking up to the fact that Biden has moved to the left of Bernie Sanders. "I don't know who he's listening to, but this idea that we can bring the country to the brink of bankruptcy to fight climate change and to massively increase the welfare state is very dangerous."

"I think people have started to shift their opinion," he said. "They thought that Biden would be a moderate, centrist Democrat. He's getting a lot of bad advice in the White House. Let's turn him around so we don't bankrupt our great country. It will eventually wind up in voters' hands to 'stop this train from going over the cliff,' Moore conclude.

Ed. Note: Trump economist Steve Moore is a former member of the Wall Street Journal editorial board and the Distinguished Visiting Fellow for Project for Economic Growth at The Heritage Foundation. He is a writer and television commentator on economic issues

INTO COLLECTIVISM

Meanwhile, Cats Roundtable guest Dick Morris, political strategist and former adviser to Bill Clinton, warned that Biden's infrastructure proposal is meant to collectivize the nation. He said the package is "...designed to collectivize the United States, to regiment us, to unionize us, and to make us controllable and tractable as an economy."

Morris cautioned that the main feature of the infrastructure legislation is that "you cannot get those funds unless you unionize. You have to have a union for your company to qualify. That's going to force the entire construction industry and huge numbers of other industries into unionization." He said that the metaphor that comes to mind is when Stalin insisted that all the farmers go to collective farms.

Morris also emphasized that Biden intends to make the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act part of the legislation bill, which he said would "be the greatest disaster we've ever had." He warned that the general public does not yet know about the PRO Act, but said that the end result would be that "nobody can work for themselves. Everybody has to be on a corporate payroll. If you are a consultant or a contractor or a freelancer, you have to close up shop and become an employee of your client or the people you contract with."

He said that this means that some "30 to 40 million people who make their living that way are now going to have to be on payroll." He said that the overall goal of Biden's strategy in this legislative package is "...to organize our economy for more efficient government control. It sounds like in Germany where everybody basically works for a few large companies and there are only one or two large unions that represent everybody."

"When you see that in order to produce, you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing - When you see that money is flowing to those who deal, not in goods, but in favors - When you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work, and your laws don't protect you against them, but protect them against you -

'When you see corruption being rewarded and honesty becoming a self-sacrifice - You may know that your society is doomed."

Ayn Rand,
Atlas Shrugged, 1957



On April 12, 2021 **U.S. Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana**, known for his amusing expressions, share some wit and wisdom with Newsmax:

Regarding the Biden administration's \$2.2 trillion infrastructure plan, Senator Kennedy prefaced his remarks with: "The American people are not morons." Regarding an upcoming meeting at the White House, he urged his colleagues to tell Biden that the plan has "more red flags than the Chinese embassy."

He said his GOP colleagues should say: "We can keep debating about what kind of bill this is, but show us a list of the projects you have in mind. You're asking us to get in the van, so show us the candy first."

He said Republicans understand that the Green New Deal is a big part of the Biden plan. "So we have a fundamental question: The whole plan costs \$2.3 trillion. Tell us how much your Green New Deal is going to lower world temperature and over what period of time. I mean, that's why we're doing this, right? The climate activists and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, part of the U.N., say that we can only allow world temperatures to rise another one degree before we have an environmental apocalypse. That's the theory behind all of this. OK. Tell us how much your plan is going to lower world temperatures."

He also said Biden must explain how many jobs his corporate tax increase will cost Americans:

"Our companies compete with every other country in the world for business, given the fact we live in a global economy and capital is mobile. Any person who has even a casual relationship with the discipline of economics knows that corporations don't pay taxes; people do. Workers pay them in lower wages, investors pay them in lower returns, we pay them in higher prices. **(I dare say, I thought I had at least a 'casual relationship' with economics, but I never thought about it like this.)** "Tell us how this is going to impact the American consumer, and let's be honest with each other," he said.

Kennedy also discussed Biden's call for a commission to study a potential expansion of the Supreme Court, noting that he can't tell if Biden "really believes this silliness, or if he just wants to appease the far-left."

"Their (the far-left's) vision for the United States Supreme Court is a lot different from the vision of the American people," Kennedy said. "They (the far-left) want activist judges. They want judges who will rewrite the United States Constitution, which I'm very fond of, to advance some social agenda that they can never get by the voters. They want activist federal judges who are basically *politicians in robes* **(Emphasis mine-ed.)** And they're upset at the fact that the United States Congress just confirmed three real, 'call it like you see it' judges to the Supreme Court, so they want to pack it. I hope President Biden doesn't give in to them. If he does, we're going to have a hell of a fight. I can put it that way."

FOR THE RECORD

General Meeting Dates
(All Thursdays)

Schedule for 2021 to be announced when known

Board of Directors
First Monday of the Month
10:00 a.m.

Locations to be announced

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