



Republican Club at The Villages Newsletter June 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Republicans,

The election season is here. Tuesday was election day. Primaries are over and we now enter the mid-term elections come this November. Last night I attended (online) the Santa Clara County Republican Central committee's monthly meeting. Overall, it is very upbeat. Not all candidates and positions did well. But the percentage of winners of those that the Central committee supported was around a 70% Win. This is terrific.

On the broader scale many other seats were won by either Republicans or conservatives. San Francisco's progressive DA was voted out of office. For a "blue" city this is very interesting. It begins to show that we overall need to uphold the law. No more catch and release of criminals. Hopefully the new "appointed" DA will be more of an upholder of law and order. This is to be seen when the mayor appoints the replacement.

Other major races took place in Southern California. I have not had the time to review all of the results for the whole state. I will review these as soon as possible. Major races in LA are interesting to say the least.

Now is the time for all of us to put the pedal to the metal, as they say. November is coming up fast and many of our candidates are now in the run offs. We need to double down on supporting the good candidates that we wish to win. As the season moves on, we need to actively get out the vote, financially support and generally talk up our chosen people.

We also need to look beyond the bigger offices to local offices. We need to support local offices, such as school boards, water districts and many other elected seats.

Our local Club here in the Villages is gearing up for a good season ahead. We are planning many social, meet and greet functions. The committee is working hard to provide you with fun, interesting, and educational general meetings. The best thing you can do as Club members to support us is attend our events and, if able, volunteer for open positions. Thank you all.

Your Fellow Republican

G. Burt Lancaster

***Thursday June 23: REPUBLICAN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING LUAU!!***

Don't miss out!! Feel free to wear your Hawaiian shirts, muumuus, and flip flops, and welcome Summer by enjoying a fabulous catered Luau at our Republican Club General Meeting on Thursday, June 23rd. The party starts at 5:00 p.m. Foothill Center. BYOB.

Come meet and greet each other again and have some fun!! We can also take time to discuss the June 7th Primary Election results, and make plans for the General Election, which is on Tuesday, November 8th. It will be here before we know it.

Peter Coe Verbica will be guest speaker at our June 23rd Luau General Meeting. Currently, Mr. Verbica is looking at a runoff in the General Election for the position of State Board of Equalization, District 2. Peter is a fifth generation California native who was raised on a cattle ranch. His family has strong ties to Henry Coe State Park which was donated in memory of his

great grandfather, and he will be sharing those memories with our Club members.

Golden Harvest Luau Menu includes: Kailua Pig, Teriyaki Baked Chicken, Poached Salmon, Hawaiian Rice, Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Vegetable Stir Fry, Maui Pasta Salad, Hawaiian Dinner Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Dessert, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Water

\$20.00 per person charged to your House Number

***RESERVATIONS REQUIRED NO LATER THAN
JUNE 15, 2022, Seating Limited
RSVP: Jean Corrigan, 408-223-8676 or email
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MEMBERSHIP and TREASURER REPORT – Laura Swenson

Membership: We currently have 150 members.

Our cash balance stands at \$4,420

Attached is the Membership Application form. Please offer it to anyone who seems interested in joining us.



Sunshine Corner

It is with deep sadness that we have learned of Bill Eckert's passing. Bill was a longtime member and volunteer of the Republican Club at The Villages, and a great friend to many. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family.

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

**REPUBLICAN CLUB REMAINING 2022
BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Monday, July 25, 2022 (Last Monday)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Forum Room, Cribari Center

Monday, September 26, 2022, (Last Monday)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Forum Room, Cribari Center

Monday, October 24, 2022, (Third Monday)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Forum Room, Cribari Center

Monday, November 28, 2022, (Last Monday)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Forum Room, Cribari Center

****All dates are reserved from 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM***

****ALL REPUBLICAN CLUB MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND***

**REPUBLICAN CLUB REMAINING 2022
GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM General Meeting, Gazebo A-B

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM General Meeting, Clubhouse, Fairway Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Fairway Room (Cocktail Party)

THE CABOOSE OF LIFE

By Tom Zades

I paid little or no attention to politics during my younger years. I was taken back to those days as I read Jason Chaffetz' article, "Your parent's Democratic Party is Dead," (Published April 19, 2022*.) I recalled a time when I justified my inattention and disinterest in politics with an analogy: "I'm in the caboose of life. I'm riding in the back of the 'train.' Surely nothing that happens up in the front of the train has any effect on me."

It never occurred to me that the train might be guided right off the tracks and down into a deep ditch! If it ever did occur to me, I probably would have shrugged and felt that it was so unlikely that I wasn't going to worry about it. And besides, what could I do about it, anyway?

But now Chaffetz writes: "Long gone is the Democratic Party of your parents' generation. They (*the Dems*) have morphed and contorted themselves into a political party no longer relatable or recognizable to most of America." And now I realize that, indeed, the train has gone off the tracks. And it was done *deliberately!*

Chaffetz goes on to say that "Leftist policies have become so extreme, even traditional liberals no longer recognize today's Democratic party. With never ending ...mandates... and control of individual self-determination, liberalism has been abandoned." He says that many Democrats of old, "affectionately referred to as 'Blue Dog Democrats,' were concerned about the finances of the country. They were worried about deficits and debt. There is no place for them in today's Democratic Party."

He points out that:

- Today's Democratic Party prioritizes illegal entry into the USA while abandoning the rule of law.
- They fight for the suspected and convicted criminals while ignoring the victims.
- Often you will hear Democrats refer to rural America with contempt, labeling them as clinging to their guns and their religion while simultaneously lumping them together as uneducated.

- Rarely do you hear them talk about "middle America," nor express a genuine understanding of what life is like outside of New York, Washington, and San Francisco.

Other Chaffetz quotes from the article:

- “They also lack dynamic leadership. Clinton and Obama were charismatic personalities that brought people into the party. Not anymore.”
- He says of Biden: “Combined with his poor communication skills, and a Vice President who speaks incoherently, there is not much hope for the Democratic Party’s future.”
- “With policies that lurched to the far left and leadership that is aging out, today’s Democratic Party is dead.”
- “They have failed to build a bench of upcoming leaders that relates to anyone outside New York and San Francisco.”

In terms of power and influence, I guess I am still riding along in the “caboose of life.” But now at least I am looking out the back, at where we have been, and out the windows at where we are now. We may be rescued by new leadership up front, but in any case, we have left the tracks of my youth.

I wish I had paid more attention along the way.

**Jason Chaffetz is a FOX News contributor and the host of the Jason in The House podcast on FOX News Radio. He joined the network in 2017.*

The Mascot

By Robert "Fitz" Fitzgerald

Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald is what we call a PC here in Arizona - a "Precinct Committeeman." We have 30 Legislative Districts ("LDs") within Arizona, and each has as many PCs as they can recruit. The PCs, in turn, get to know and work with the residents at the "grass roots" one-on-one level. As noted in April, Fitz is a native Californian, educated at Stanford and UCLA. He practiced emergency room medicine for 35 years before retirement in 2010. He was on the Election Integrity audit team and is involved with numerous conservative groups locally in addition to Legislative District politics. He recently contributed "The Mascot" to our weekly Members' Forum, for which I serve as Editor.

One of my favorite cartoon characters is Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh. Besides being lovable and endearing, there always seemed to be a little of this donkey in all of us. Since the 2020 election and Biden's disastrous first year, there's ample reasons for long faces. When one side controls most of the social/political levers of power, it's easy to be pessimistic.

Sorry, Eeyore, but you shouldn't be our mascot.

My wife and I attended the Election Integrity Summit in Phoenix this March. It was not a theoretical teach-in but more of a how-to seminar that began with an analysis of the Virginia Experience. In spite of election laws much worse than Arizona's, conservatives were able to elect a Republican Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and to flip the House of Delegates for good measure in a very Blue State.

How? Good old grassroots hard work — door-to-door campaigning, manning phone banks, mass mailings, and staffing 100% of all poll watchers' shifts over the 45 days of voting (for the record, that's 14,000+ shifts!) All of the stakeholder groups left their egos at the door and coordinated efforts. This, plus the judicious use of FOIA* and public records requests with targeted lawsuits eventually won the day.

Throughout the conference speaker after speaker from across the country told of their successes at the state and local level and told how they did it.

Afterwards I was reminded of Malcolm Gladwell's "The Tipping Point" which demonstrates you just need to pass a critical threshold and suddenly momentum builds on itself and turns the tide.

The battle isn't won, but I'll trade sad-sack Eeyore for the visual of the tiny Lilliputians triumphantly standing astride the giant Gulliver securely tethered with their many small ropes.

Better yet, picture Gulliver in an orange jumpsuit with the face of your favorite Deep State politician.

Bob Fitzgerald

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**Freedom of Information Act*

From the satirical, hilarious Babylon Bee

May 30th, 2022 - BabylonBee.com

Democrats Propose Replacing Memorial Day with Day Honoring Those Who Have Been Misgendered

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Democrats have unveiled an official proposal to replace Memorial Day, which they are calling "a problematic holiday honoring white supremacist soldiers who died for the racist country of America," with a more inclusive day: Misgenderorial Day, a holiday set aside to honor everyone who has been misgendered.

"This important day will allow us to honor the true heroes: those brave non-binary individuals who have been called 'he' instead of 'xe'," said Nancy Pelosi at an official event commemorating the first-ever celebration of the holiday. "We no longer have to suffer seeing American flags, barbecues, and people posting sentiments honoring soldiers who died fighting for an evil place like America."

"Finally, the true heroes are getting their day of recognition."

A presidential medal of heroism will be awarded to one brave misgendered person each year. The first one was given to Justin Trudeau, who has often mistakenly been referred to as "he."

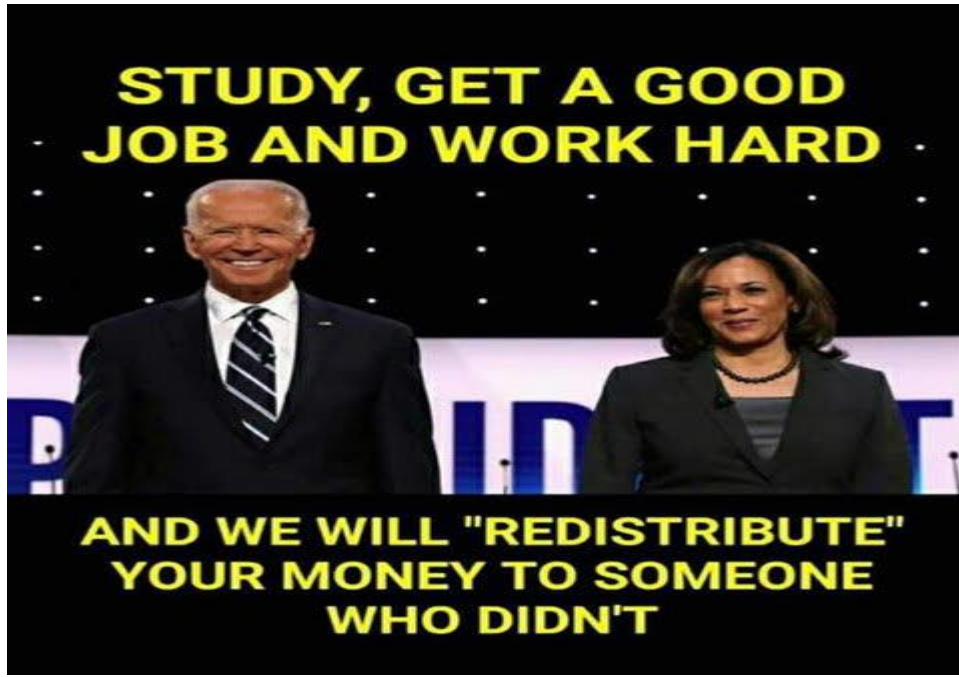
JUST SAYIN'

"*A government that is big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you have.*" Per the Internet, the first known appearance of this quote in print was in 1952, "...although it is most likely older." It has never been more relevant than it is today, it would seem. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem told Fox News recently of "...a new initiative to cut off school lunch funds for (*South Dakota*) schools that prohibit transgender youth from participating in sports or using gender-designated bathrooms of their choice."

Libertarians have probably been trying to tell us all along not to take any help from the federal government. Because once you become dependent on it, those in power can bend you to their will. Mandates are another example: The federal government has the power, through OSHA, through the FAA, through the Pentagon, etc., to fire people who will not comply with its mandates.

When President Dwight D. Eisenhower famously warned us to "Beware the Military/Industrial Complex". I wonder if he was even including the idea that direct contractors to the federal government would become dependent – that the federal government could and eventually would use its leverage to force social change.

CARTOON PAGE (Not necessarily funny!)



Kelley Paul ✓
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Chinese third graders are learning multi-variable calculus. Our third graders are being taught that "men can have babies." This will not end well.

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WE NEED YOU!!
RECRUITING BOARD AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

Vice President

Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
Secure speakers for Club General Meetings.

Recording Secretary

Responsible for preparing and maintaining accurate minutes of the Board and General Meetings.
Keep a file of minutes, making them available to all members.

Publicity Committee

Responsible for submitting publicity to the Villager, Fast Lane, Channel 26, Santa Clara County, G.O.P., Evergreen Times, and any other source requested by the Executive Board.

If you are interested in serving on the Club Executive Board or any of our committees, please contact Burt Lancaster, 408-270-2470, or Cathy Pope, 408-270-2141.

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