

Charlotte County Florida

**Republican Club**



**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

**America will never be a socialist country  
President Donald J. Trump**



It amazes me that with the countless failures of socialism throughout the history of the world that we would even faintly hear rumblings of the USA going to a more socialist country. Yet, the Democrats are certainly doing more than faintly voicing the

concept, as they continue marching further and further to the left. They now are openly advocating it as the solution to an array of national and world issues even the solving of global warming. You have to wonder whether these people have ever read or done any research on the history of socialism. It's almost inconceivable that if they had they would ever consider for a moment that it solves any problems.

On the contrary, it has nothing but a track record of destroying the entrepreneurial spirit of any economy by exorbitant taxation and incompetent, bloated and bureaucratic government that increasing chokes off the profit incentive. Any worker should be able to expect to keep as much of the value from their labor as possible, and not have it increasing denied by an oppressive government. From my perspective, socialism is one step from communism, and we all know how many people have lost their lives from it.

When you look at the likes of socialist, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, you have to ask yourself, how someone with such a complete lack of basic economics, common sense and how government works ever get elected to the US Congress. I feel pretty safe in saying that the world will not end in 12 years. Examples of her incompetence arrive almost daily. Look at the destruction of the Amazon headquarters move to NYC. It was cancelled by Amazon directly due to her leadership of an opposition group to their move. It costs NYC over 25,000 new jobs at an annual salary of over \$150,000 per year. She actually believed that the city had \$3B in cash on-hand that if she killed the deal, she would have that money to spend

on whatever socialist whim she had in mind. She had no idea that tax incentives come from the increase in taxes that the business moving in would generate. This is the caliber of person that is leading this movement. Dumb beyond belief.

I won't even get into Bernie Sanders. He is just another socialist advocate with no idea how their propaganda would be paid for; other than oppressive taxation. When you look at these examples, and realize that they were elected by people supporting their beliefs, it is in our hands to make sure the President's prediction comes true. America will never be a socialist country.

Regards, *Gene*

Gene Murtha, President

Charlotte County Republican Club

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**SATURDAY, June 15, 2019**

**WILD HOG WILD**



Watch for more details.

Robert R. McMillin [www.bobmcmillin.net](http://www.bobmcmillin.net)

Over the years, I have used a number of “sayings” or “adages” to express myself at various times or even to make a point during a conversation. Let me take you through some of them today – and you do not have to quote me if you decide to make use of one or more.

The one which I probably use the most in encouraging others is quite simple.

Nothing happens in life unless you show up. The challenge is deciding where it is best to show up.

That adage is true in all dimensions of a life. It can be everything from attending a meeting or to going for a job interview. And showing up in the wrong place can be a complete waste of time.

Next is one where I feel even more strongly about today.

The name of the game is to communicate. With all forms of Internet and electronic communications, there is a tendency for people not to respond. It could be the sheer volume, or it could be today’s habits. For example, some 20 percent of invitees to a wedding do not answer the invitation. Why, is beyond me? But, make no mistake if you are not communicating in your life, you will end up being out of the game!

Next, there is an adage which I use a great deal in relation to boards which I have served on.

As a participant, you have to know when to speak up and when to shut up.

It has been my experience that speaking up too often in any setting can be a negative. The person who listens and measures when to express a point of view tends to be listened to more carefully than someone who is a chatter box.

And here is another one relating to speaking. There can be two points of view after someone delivers a speech.

It is either, thank God the speech is finished, or that talk was so interesting, I wish it had been longer.

Some speakers just go on and on too long. I find that a shorter presentation brings on more questions.

Many years ago, I worked for a gentleman who always called a few people each day – different ones who had not called him in some time. One day, I got up my courage, and asked him, “Why did you call so and so when he never reaches out to you?” The answer was straight forward.

Never call someone just when you need them.

What my boss meant by that answer was quite simple. It is better to build relations with people by calling when there is not an agenda. Then, if you do “need them” down the road, they will be far more receptive to any call.

Finally, there is one saying which I learned from my TV show.

You can get away with almost anything if you do it with a smile.

If, while questioning a tough guest on my show, I showed anger on my face or even was too strong in my questioning, the guest would win the discussion. On the other hand, if I did the questioning with a smile or a pleasant face, it was easier to get away with tough questions.

Thank you for reading, and I hope you have a smile on your face.



### *And some others:*

- ◇ “There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.” – **Aristotle**
- ◇ “I am thankful for all of those who said NO to me. It’s because of them I’m doing it myself.” – **Albert Einstein**
- ◇ “Don’t be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.” – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**
- ◇ “Pearls don’t lie on the seashore. If you want one, you must dive for it.” – **Chinese proverb**

## **MARCH MONTHLY MIXER**

Come join us on Monday, March 11 from 5 to 6:30 pm  
at the Lashley Crab House in Punta Gorda.

\$8 pp with wine, beer, & appetizers

**We recognize as our special guests for the evening;  
Commissioners: Charlotte County Airport Authority**

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## **MONTHLY DINNER/MEETING**

On Wednesday, March 27 at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda.  
Social hour from 5 to 6:00 pm with dinner & meeting and guest speaker to follow.

### *The evening's menu:*

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Sliced Roast Pork Tenderloin/gravy over roasted potatoes*

*Or*

*Chicken Piccata/over roasted potatoes*

*For dessert: Vanilla Ice Cream w/ Chocolate Sauce*

*\$26 pp*

For reservations contact Theresa Murtha: [theresamurtha@hotmail.com](mailto:theresamurtha@hotmail.com) 941-916-3540  
Please place reservations no later than **Friday 03-22-19**

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Our guest speakers for the evening are:

*Presentation: The Charlotte County Airport Authority/ The Punta Gorda Airport*

- ♦ **Airport Authority Commission Chair: Pam Seay**
- ♦ **Airport CEO: Jim parish**

## *Future Dinner Meeting Guest Speakers*

**March, 3/29/19**

*Airport Commission Chair, Pam Seay*

*Punta Gorda Airport CEO, Jim Parish*

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**April, 4/24/19**

*Chair, Charlotte County Bd of Commissioners: Ken Doherty*

*Charlotte County Administrator, Ray Sanrock*

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**May, 5/22/19**

*Fl. House Representative, Dist. 75: Mike Grant*

## Guest Speakers for the evening



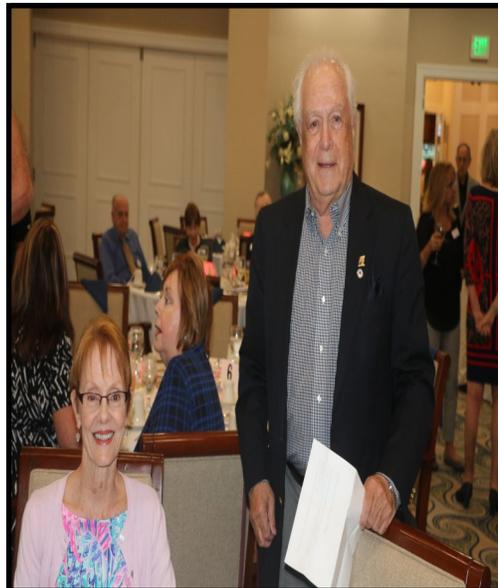
Nancy Prafky: Punta Gorda Mayor



Howard Kunick: PG City Manager



Cara Reynolds: CC School Board





Deborah McMullen: State Committee Woman

**MARCH DINNER MEETING: WEDNESDAY 3/27**  
**SPECIAL GUESTS: PAM SEAY, CHAIR CC AIRPORT AUTH...JIM PARISH AIRPORT CEO**

A woman in a hot air balloon realizes she is lost. She lowers her altitude and spots a man below.

She shouts to him, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would buy him lunch an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man consults his portable GPS and replies, "You're in a hot air balloon, approximately 30 feet above a ground elevation of 2,346 feet above sea level. You are at 31 degrees, 14.97 minutes north latitude and 100 degrees, 49.09 minutes west longitude. You're 20 miles south of Mordor, and 30 miles west of Narnia."

She rolls her eyes and says, "You must be a Republican!"

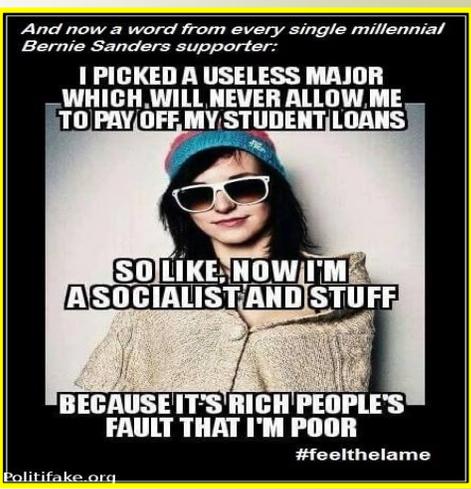
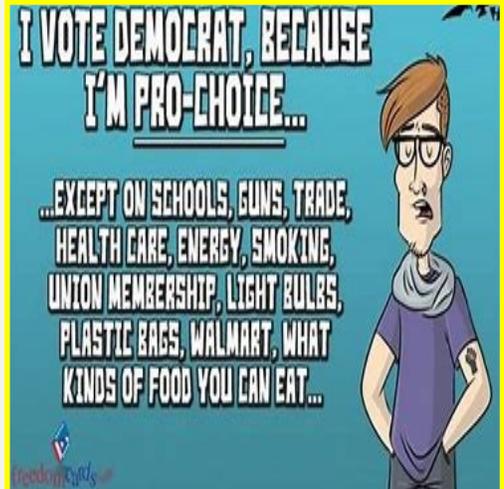
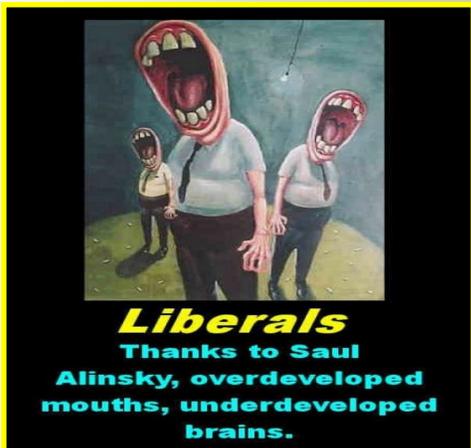
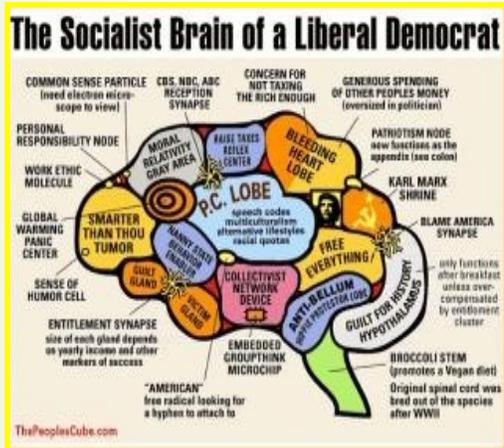
"I am," replies the man. "How did you know?"

"Well," answers the balloonist, "you've told me a lot of things that are technically correct, and a few things that aren't, but none of it is any use to me in my actual circumstances. Frankly, you're not much help to me."

The man smiles and responds, "You must be a Democrat."

"I am," replies the balloonist. "How did you know?"

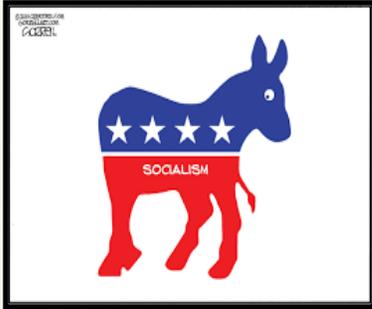
"Well," says the man, "You don't know where you are or where you're going. You've risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air, because you promised someone a free lunch that you have no idea how to make good on, and now you expect me to solve your problem. You're in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's become my fault."



Democrat's New Math Fails

Frank Mazur

Recent polls show the Democrat Party has moved to the left embracing once viewed fringed policies as mainstream. They're calling for structural change and ways to fund their "cradle to grave" programs but their math is flawed.

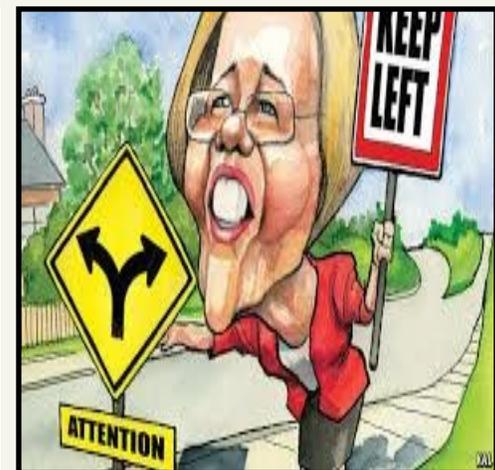
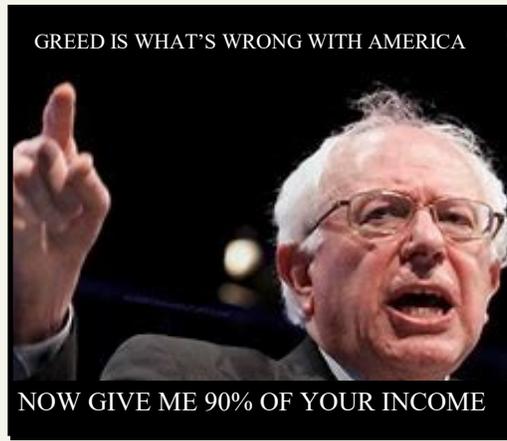


The progressive proposals (Medicare for all, student loan forgiveness, guaranteed income, paid family leave and Social Security expansion) will cost \$40 trillion over 10 years almost equivalent to the Federal budget for that period. Proposed funding including Ocasio-Cortez's proposed 70 percent tax on rich which generates \$2 trillion, Bernie Sanders' 45 to 77 percent wealth tax on estates that raises

\$2.2 trillion, Elizabeth Warren's annual tax of 2-3 percent on the total assets of the wealthiest would produce \$2.7 trillion. Together they can't come close to the \$40 trillion needed to support their proposals.

Ocasio-Cortez says "...we can work it out to make things happen." But, years ago, Ronald Reagan warned "We don't have a trillion-dollar *debt* because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar *debt* because we spend too much.... we must not let our rulers" ....both parties.... "load us with perpetual *debt*."

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*We are deeply saddened by the passing of Royce Lunt a long-time member and friend of the Charlotte County Republican Club who passed away on Friday February 23. Royce's funeral is Sat. 2:00 PM 3/2/19 at Roberson Funeral Home, 2151 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL, 33949. Visitation is from Sat. 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM 1 hr. before the service. Royce will be buried in Berlin, CT.*

*Please keep Joy, family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

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