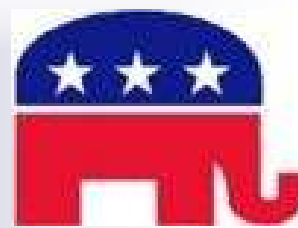


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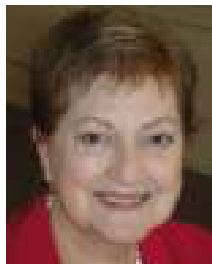
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There is so much going on this Summer it is difficult to know where to begin. Our speaker for July, Brad Maaske was fabulous, and we had one of our largest luncheons. The Fair has ended, we had such a good time on Friday, the 31st, talking to Republicans and hearing encouraging words from them, plus Debbie Arnold and Lynn

Compton were at our booth for two sessions. What dynamic Supervisors they are. This Thursday, Aug. 6th is the debate with 10 of our Republican Presidential Candidates, and it should prove to be an interesting and informative evening. Who knows what "The Donald" will do. Next we have the PRRWF big fund raiser at the Estrella War bird Museum on Sat. Aug. 8th. Then we move onto our speaker for our Aug. luncheon, Jordan Cunningham, he is looking to replace Katcho in the Assembly, please bring your questions for him. Finally, Carolyn Atkinson will be representing us at the NFRW Convention in Phoenix in Sept. Carly Fiorina will be the speaker on Fri. and we hope Carolyn will have an opportunity to talk to her and have a photo or two. How exciting is that? Our Club continues to grow in membership, and I want to express my "Thank You" to every member who has brought guests to our meetings/luncheons. All of you are wonderful and so appreciated. OUR CLUB ROCKS!

*Sandi Tannler,
President*



JORDAN CUNNINGHAM current President of Lincoln Club San Luis Obispo, president of the Central Coast Taxpayers Association. He maintains a private law practice is a former San Luis Obispo County deputy district attorney and Templeton Unified School District Trustee Jordan is a candidate for the California State Assembly. Cunningham is seeking to replace the termed-out 35th Assembly District Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian.

Estero Bay Republican Women Federated Luncheon

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"HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE" will be on November 19, 2015--our regular meeting day--same time, same place. Our format will be similar to last year and we will be featuring one of a kind items as well as raffle baskets filled with wine, goodies and gifts.

We need the help of our members in donations of wine, jams and jellies, small unused gifts, etc. We, also, will be needing baskets of various sizes for the raffle. Everyone can contribute in some way.

We will be most appreciative for the help of our members.

Bona Mooklar and Joan Smith



Ivan Hudson will be going on the Honor Flight September 28th. 5am San Luis Airport. Its early but we need to give him a great sendoff and an equality wonderful welcome when returning at 9:56pm on September 30th.

While serving his country in WW2 he never received one piece of mail. We can't change History but we can make that up to him. Please get a card or write a note to Ivan and get to Mary Reents. He will receive them on his flight. Lets all have them ready for Mary at the luncheon and to our veterans.

Thank You

November 13-15 CFRW-Central Division Bicentennial Convention, Atascadero, CA Ladies we will need workers.

Ways & Means –

Your Ways & Means Committee is preparing another fund raiser for our Club. We will have an opportunity drawing for a \$500 gift card of your choice. Gas, grocery, restaurant, or take the cash! Tickets are \$5 each. At our August meeting we will hand out 10 tickets to members in attend-



ance and mail the rest to members who can't make the meeting. Tickets stubs need to be returned by October 1st and the drawing will be at our October meeting.

The money we raise is used for our operating expenses, registration fees for members to attend Federation conferences and conventions, and to open a Morro Bay Republican Headquarters for 2016. This fundraiser will work for us if, you work to sell all 10 tickets! Thank you for your support.

Lorie Noble, Linda Trahey, Marilyn Baty
Tickets will be available at luncheon.

HELP WANTED

I would just like to say that after two-plus years, I will be giving up managing the jewelry, and if there is anyone who is interested in taking it over, I would be glad to meet with them to turn over the inventory and answer any questions concerning ordering, etc. They can call or email me. Josie

Officer's and Chairmen 2015



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- Ursula Castle – 8-12
- Linda Donnelly – 8-21
- Elizabeth Norton – 8-25
- Carla Wixom – 9-1
- Barbara Keely – 9-8
- Patricia Blishak – 9-8
- Marta Zanghi – 8-21
- Rita Anderson – 9-21
- E. LaVerne Smith – 9-27
- Frances Meehan – 9-27

One of the sad consequences of such notions as “entitlements” is that people who have contributed nothing to society feel that society owes them something, apparently just for being nice enough to grace us with their presences.
Thomas Sowell, Random Thoughts

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Tea Party Meeting in Atascadero every 1st Monday of the month at 6:00pm at ABC Church around from the Library.

City Council Morro Bay meet every other Tuesday at Vets Hall at 6:00pm.

Cayucos Sanitary District meet every 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm

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Alexis de Tocqueville Predicted the Tyranny of the Majority in Our Modern World

Arthur Milikh / July 29, 2015

We often boast about having attained some unimaginable redefinition of ourselves and our nation. How odd, then, that someone born 210 years ago today could understand us with more clarity and depth than we understand ourselves.

Back in 1831, Alexis de Tocqueville accurately foresaw both much of what ails us and our remarkable uniqueness and strengths. Tocqueville's deservedly famous book, "Democracy in America," was the product of his nine-month excursion throughout Jacksonian America. The purpose of this trip was to study our country's political institution and the habits of mind of its citizens.

America's Place in the World

Tocqueville correctly thought the then-developing America was the way of the future. As such, he foresaw that Europe would never be restored to its former greatness—though he hoped it could serve as the cultural repository of the West.

He also predicted Russian despotism, thinking that Russia was not yet

morally exhausted like Europe and would bring about a new, massive tyranny. In fact, he conjectured that America and Russia would each “hold the destinies of half the world in its hands one day.”

He therefore hoped America would serve as an example to the world—a successful combination of equality and liberty. And an example of this was needed, since equality can go along with freedom, but it can even more easily go along with despotism. In fact, much of the world did go in the direction of democratic despotism—wherein the great mass of citizens is indeed equal, save for a ruling elite, which governs them. In a strange sense, Tocqueville would think that North Korea is egalitarian.

Despite his hopes for America, Tocqueville thought grave obstacles would diminish our freedom—though he didn’t think them insurmountable.

The Power of the Majority

Most alarming to him was the power of the majority, which he thought would distort every sphere of human life.

Despots of the past tyrannized through blood and iron. But the new breed of democratic despotism “does not proceed in this way; it leaves the body and goes straight for the soul.”

That is, the majority reaches into citizens’ minds and hearts. It breaks citizens’ will to resist, to question its authority, and to think for themselves. The majority’s moral power makes individuals internally ashamed to contradict it, which in effect silences them, and this silencing culminates in a cessation of thinking. We see this happen almost daily: to stand against the majority is to ruin yourself.

Moreover, Tocqueville feared that the majority’s tastes and opinions would

occupy every sphere of sentiment and thought. One among many illuminating examples is his commentary on democratic art. He foresaw that the majority would have no taste for portraying great human beings doing great deeds. Art used to be the pictorial representation of man's connection to the natural or divine order to which he belongs. But in modern democracies, art would go in the direction of the majority's tastes: it would be abstract, focused on color and shape.

Why? Because to experience this kind of art, one needs to only have senses, whereas to experience the art of the past, one needs an education in the classics—the Bible and ancient literature especially. It's easy to pontificate about Jackson Pollock, while it's difficult to understand Michelangelo. But most revealing is that abstract art is an expression of democracy's hatred for human greatness, the very theme of art.

Tocqueville's Predictions About the Modern State

The influence on the mind of democracy and the majority weakens and isolates individuals. This creates fertile ground for a new kind of oppression that "will resemble nothing that has preceded it in the world."

Tocqueville foresaw an "immense tutelary power"—the modern state—which would degrade men rather than destroy their bodies. Over time, he feared, the state would take away citizens' free will, their capacity to think and act, reducing them to "a herd of timid and industrious animals of which the government is the shepherd." Are contemporary China and Russia substantially different?

But Tocqueville did prescribe some solutions. He hoped that those having read his prescient book would come to understand that the defects of modern democracy require great attention and careful management. Specifically, he hoped, we would strive "to preserve for the individual the

little independence, force, and originality” that remains to him.

In other words, when looking at any given policy, our lawmakers might look not at the benefits for their home district, or vainly calculate attention from the next media hit, but rather look at what any given policy proposal’s long-term effect will be on securing freedom and rights. Making individuals stronger, more independent, more able to resist the tyranny of the majority and of a constantly growing administrative state is the goal.

Tocqueville’s critiques are given in the spirit of friendship. He wanted us to “remember constantly that a nation cannot long remain strong when each man in it is individually weak, and that neither social forms nor political schemes have yet been found that can make a people energetic by composing it of pusillanimous and soft citizens.”

On the 210th anniversary of Tocqueville’s birth, asking contemporary Americans to pick up “Democracy in America” is perhaps too great a request. Nonetheless, we may at the least recall his clarity of vision and take seriously that America requires statesmanship and intelligent guidance to fight off the natural propensities that diminish our freedom.

Correction: This article originally stated that Tocqueville was born 225 years ago.

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