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COMING EVENTS

June 2017

June 3: Oakhurst Club Meeting
8:30AM Denny's

June 10: Mariposa Club Meeting
9:00AM Miner's Inn

July 2017

July 1: NO Oakhurst Club
Meeting
See You On August 5th

July 8: Mariposa Club Meeting
9:00AM Miner's Inn

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Oakhurst Democratic Club 2017 Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Awards Presented by Charlie Bednar



Adam Van Sandt



Emilie Jones

Duck, Donald!

By Peter Cavanaugh

Here comes the sun.

Allegiance is shifting for our recalcitrant Republican relatives.

Self-survival requires nothing less.

Tipping point reached, balance lost, we now witness rapid acceleration of a plunging decline to eventual abandonment.

Former Trump supporters, shocked and silenced by behavior as bewildering as his broken promises, are firmly and finally withdrawing open endorsement if they're remotely paying attention. And put down that remote.

Not much time is left for those who wish to remain on the right side of history.

Consider the Trumpster's miserable miscalculation in fantasizing that Democrats would delight in the dismissal of FBI Director James Comey.

While many Democrats are understandably convinced Comey's handling of the Hillary email probe was stumbling and stupid, most still agree that Comey nevertheless remained virtuous by almost every other measure during his long and dedicated years of government service. For such extended devotion to honor and duty, he was abruptly dismissed without fair warning or the slightest pretense of proper protocol—ignominiously fired before millions on cable TV.

After every new "worst week" comes another.

Obstruction of justice was one of the first charges outlined in

Duck, Donald! (continued)

the proposed impeachment of Richard M. Nixon on July 27, 1974. When the investigated (Donald) dismisses his primary investigator (James), this would seem to offer a classic definition of such obstruction.

Harvard Law Professor and leading constitutional authority Lawrence Tribe now categorically states: *"Trump's impeachment is an imperative. To wait for the results of multiple investigations underway is to risk tying our nation's fate to the whims of an authoritarian leader."*

Our Cheese Ball-in-Chief did manage to squeeze in a major overseas trip, along with that bulging belly crammed into his baby boy briefs. Things kicked off in Saudi Arabia, home of Mecca, Mohammed and 15 of the 19 terrorists who brought down the Twin Towers on 9/11.

Trump presented an amazingly subdued address to the assembled Muslim leaders, more than a few being despotic dictators, but what's gruesome to some may represent unrestrained guidance to others—surely nothing that forbids friendship. This "Donald on Downers" was much more laid back than I've ever seen—appearing more embalmed than emboldened. Not a bad look.

There's one thing certain about those parties in Saudi Arabia, everyone there had big money. Lots of it. Lots. That brings me to Netflix.

"Get Me Roger Stone" just came on-line for streaming. Watch it more than once. It pretty much explains everything we are experiencing in the hallucinogenic-like, mind-mauling horror of our 45th President as we continue tripping with Trump.

Duck, Donald! (continued)

According to the Washington Times, Stone recently admitted that he has been in private communications with Russian-connected hackers into Democratic National Headquarters. Stone also boasts of having a “back channel” to Julian Assange—Wiki-leaker extraordinaire.

Roger Stone goes back to Goldwater. He is a colorful cockroach of a character—delightfully diabolical. You can’t help but marvel at his manipulative genius, while sadly recalling the immortal words of P.T. Barnum, “*You will never go broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public.*”

Die-hard Trump fans?

You’ve been played.

Now Mike “Fibber” Flynn is pleading the Fifth, Jared “The Kid” Kushner is under review, and Trump’s proposed budget for 2018-2019 is viciously obscene.

Preach impeach.

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They count every call.



Eileen and Peter Cavanaugh
waiting with other marchers

Oakhurst Women’s March
January 2017



Dear Uncle Tom; An E-Mail to Our Congressman

From Charlie Bednar

You can't be serious!

In your April 27 speech, you claim Trump "has faced the most bitter, virulent and partisan opposition that any president has endured since the election of 1860."

Really? Since Lincoln?

Have you forgotten Mitch McConnell's declaration that "The single most important thing we want to achieve is for Barack Obama to be a one-term president?" Not job creation, not immigration reform, not reviving the economy, not combating terrorism, not doing anything the American people needed or wanted. Just bitter, partisan opposition FOR EIGHT YEARS, not just the first 100 days of the most disjointed, corrupt, incompetent presidency in history.

Have you forgotten the House voting 60 times to repeal the ACA without a hint of an alternative, not fixing our crumbling infrastructure, not addressing climate change, not helping to heal our racial divide? And just petty, petulant spasms of activity, passing bill after bill that you knew would not pass in the Senate.

And have you forgotten Merrick Garland? Have you forgotten that the US Senate, led by McConnell, failed utterly to exercise its constitutional duty to give the nominee hearings and a vote? In contrast, Trump's nominee was confirmed after receiving the vetting, hearings and vote denied Garland.

So apparently if three Republican do-nothing congresses accomplish less than Truman's obstructionist 80th, they are

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patriots; but if Democrats object to Trump's headlong rush to dismantle the government and trample the Constitution, they are bitter and virulent?

Your hypocrisy is simply breathtaking.



More Room, Faster Service Now at Denny's

If you came to an Oakhurst Democratic Club meeting recently and couldn't find a seat for breakfast because of the crowd, please come back and try again. Denny's has worked with our club officers to rearrange the room and provide faster service. Plenty of seats, hot coffee, food, and inspiring speakers!



Flashback to the Oakhurst Women's March

January 2017



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date: _____

___ Mariposa: Annual Dues are \$10.00 per person
(Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) \$15.00 family
Lifetime membership \$150.00

or

___ Oakhurst: Annual Dues are \$5.00 per person
(Jul. 1 - Jun. 30)

___ New Member or ___ Renewal:

How did you find out about us? _____

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