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By Vice President Knight Allen

I suppose there is a certain obligation to talk about the Presidential election.

I supported Mr. Trump for two reasons. First the one, and maybe more Supreme Court appointments this President will make. Trump published a list on his potential nominees. Mrs. Clinton wouldn't. Second Trump is committed to vacating a bunch of Mr. Obama's Executive Orders many of which are being ruled unconstitutional by the Courts. Mrs. Clinton was very comfortable promising to continue Mr. Obama's strategy if the Congress wouldn't give her what she wanted.

I'm glad Mr. Trump won but I have no blind faith about what's going to happen over the next four years and only some hope that we might experience a revival of our system of Federalism in a Constitutional Republic. As to Mrs. Clinton winning the popular vote it would help to remember we are not a democracy. We are not a representative democracy or any other kind of democracy.

It's not the "Battle Hymn of the democracy."
It's not, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the democracy for which it stands."

All through our political system of checks and balances are processes consciously designed to prevent the majority from running roughshod over the minority Two of the most powerful examples are the US Senate and the Electoral College. These institutions are completely un-democratic and are crucial to the stability of government we have had for over two centuries.

As for where we are now, the sun continues to rise and set, the government functions and for Clinton supporters, remember, in only two years the People can wipe out the Republican majority in the House of Representatives the same way they wiped out the Democrats in 2010 and gridlock will reign again.

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The RJ headline on 12/7 read, "Tesla's hiring misses mark." The interesting part of the report came later. Tesla has gotten \$20 million in "transferable tax credits." These credits "are to be applied toward gaming licensing fees.." Tesla sold the credits to MGM for \$20 million in cash and MGM uses the credits for their licensing fees. Welcome to the world of Nevada crony capitalism in the 21st Century.

On 11/30 the RJ report read, "Water district holds forum on proposed rate hike." It should have read, "done deal rate hike." I called the water district to get a little more detail for you. Here are the basics:

1. On 2/1/17 rates go up 3 percent.
2. On 1/1/18 rates go up 3 percent.
3. On 1/1/19 and in future years rates will go up based on the CPI with a floor of 1.4% and a cap of 4.5%

I had a few questions:

1. What CPI? By now we are all familiar with the fact government always picks the CPI that best serves its own interest and that is never, ever the CPI that produces no SS increase in 2016 and 0.3% in 2017. In this case they chose (are you ready for this?), the Consumer Price Index ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CUSTOMERS (CPI-U), PACIFIC CITIES, WEST, SIZE CLASS A. You can budget accordingly.
2. Are the 1.5 and 4.5 brackets written in stone? Yes. The rates will never go below or above those numbers. Budget accordingly.
3. What does, "in future years" mean? How many years? Well, in prosaic, government-speak terms the answer is, "there is no sunset date." Or, in the immortal words of Buzz Lightyear, "To infinity and beyond!" Budget accordingly.

John Glenn, the last and probably most famous of the original "Right Stuff" Mercury 7 astronauts passed away on 12/8/16 at age 95. I'm sure all of us alive at that time can remember the excitement, awe, sense of adventure and joy those first flights brought to us. We can also remember how John Glenn emerged as the "first among equals" in the minds of so many Americans.

One of the nicest early tributes I heard came from a CBS reporter who said he interviewed JG several times and was always impressed with his open, down to earth demeanor. The reporter always addressed him as Colonel or Senator and JG would ask him to please just call him John. The reporter always replied, "I can't do that Sir. You're John Glenn." And so he was.

I offer you all my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous and HEALTHY 2017.

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“CALVIN:

This whole Santa Claus thing just doesn't make sense. Why all the secrecy? Why all the mystery? If the guy exists why doesn't he ever show himself and prove it? And if he doesn't exist what's the meaning of all this?

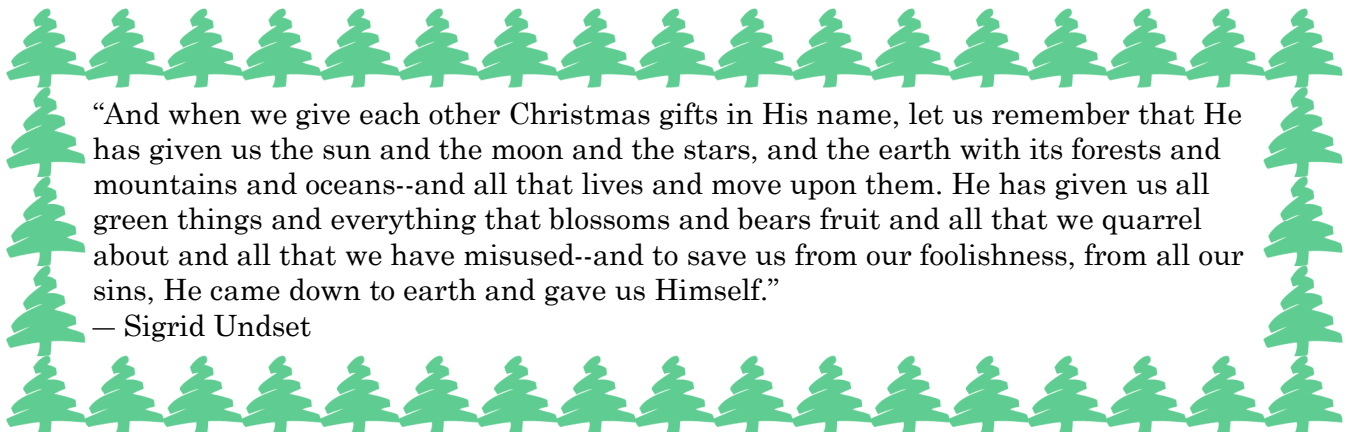
HOBBS:

I dunno. Isn't this a religious holiday?

CALVIN:

Yeah, but actually, I've got the same questions about God.”

— Bill Watterson



“And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.”

— Sigrid Undset



See and tour them all at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii. I visited the Arizona Memorial before it was combined with the other ships.



WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument

Includes the USS *Arizona*, the USS *Utah*, and the USS *Oklahoma* Memorials



USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park

Delve into the history of America's Submarine Force: the Silent Service. I also toured this ship.



Battleship Missouri Memorial

Climb aboard the last U.S. battleship, the "Mighty Mo," as she stands silent guard over Pearl Harbor. She wasn't at Pearl Harbor during the attack, but the Japanese surrender papers were signed on her deck.



Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Inside the WWII-era hangars of Ford Island, walk among fully restored vintage aircraft. The type of airplane shown here had nothing to do with Pearl Harbor but fought in China, piloted by volunteer Army, Navy and Marine Corps pilots before America entered WWII.

At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, there were 96 ships anchored. During the attack, 18 were sunk or seriously damaged, including eight battleships. There were 2,402 American men killed and 1,280 injured. Three hundred and fifty aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TRIVIA

The 2016 election was not the first time a candidate won the popular vote but lost the election. It has happened five times in our nation's history:

In 1824 Andrew Jackson won the popular vote but got less than 50 percent of the electoral votes. John

Quincy Adams became the next president when he was picked by the House of Representatives.

In 1876 Samuel Tilden won the popular vote but lost the election when Rutherford B. Hayes got 185 electoral votes to Tilden's 184.

In 1888 Grover Cleveland won the popular vote but lost the election when Benjamin Harrison got 233 electoral votes to Cleveland's 168.

In 2000 Al Gore won the popular vote but lost the election to George Bush. In the most highly contested election in modern history, the U.S. Supreme Court stopped the Florida recount of ballots, giving Bush the state's 25 electoral votes for a total of 271 to Gore's 255.

In 2016 Hillary Clinton won the popular vote but lost to Donald Trump (63,649,978 to 61,943,670)..

Grover Cleveland was elected president (1884) then lost his re-election campaign (1888) and came back again to win the presidency for a second time. (1892)

Barack Obama is the nation's 44rd president but in reality there have only been 43 presidents. Grover Cleveland is counted twice as our 22nd and 24th president because he was elected for two nonconsecutive terms.

Only 12 U.S. Presidents have been elected to office for two terms and served those two terms. Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to office four terms prior to the Twenty-Second Amendment.

Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution has only three requirements for a president. (1) Must be at least 35 years old, (2) have lived in the United States at least 14 years, and (3) be a natural-born citizen.

John Kennedy is the youngest elected U.S. President at 43. Ronald Reagan is the oldest elected U.S. President at 73. (second term)

The only President and Vice President to never be elected to the office was Gerald Ford. He became vice-president when Spiro Agnew resigned and became president when Nixon resigned.

Eight presidents have died in office.

William Henry Harrison (pneumonia)

Zachary Taylor (gastroenteritis)

Abraham Lincoln (assassin)

James Garfield (assassin)

William McKinley (assassin)

Warren Harding (heart attack)

Franklin D. Roosevelt (cerebral hemorrhage)

John F. Kennedy (assassin)

James Monroe received every electoral vote but one in the 1820 election. A New Hampshire delegate wanted George Washington to be the only president elected unanimously.

Victoria Woodhull became the first woman to run for President in 1872.

In 2016, Hillary became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major party ticket..

At the November Meeting



November's Speaker was Donna McCarthur System Community Relations Coordinator for the Valley Health System. She spoke about the Senior Advantage Program usable in the hospitals in this system. A booklet is enclosed in this newsletter explaining the benefits available. NSC members can get a lifetime membership for \$5.00. This is a real bargain. I have used it for many years. Call Donna at (702) 853-3276 for further information

Members

Renewing Members

♥Patricia Loomis♥

Thank you for your continued support



Thanks to all NSC members who contributed time, gifts and money to the coalition.

It is very much appreciated.



Your membership anniversary date is on the Foghorn Mailing label. If the label is **RED**, please renew your membership, either by mail, or at the next meeting you attend. Your name is removed from the membership list 90 days after expiration.

Membership dues are \$10.00 per person.



THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE A VERY SPECIAL ONE

At the meeting of January 12, 2017 the future of the Nevada Senior Coalition will be discussed.

TED MENDALSKI

1920 - December 12, 1916 96 years old

Ted was a very private person so not much is known about him.

He was a long term member of the Nevada Seniors Coalition.

He was raised on a farm. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and came home after the war ended in 1945. His father told him there was no room for him on the farm and advised him to go to Chicago and find a job which he did, at the Jefferson Ice House (they produced the blocks of ice used in home and other ice boxes before refrigerators became common. He retired to Las Vegas but didn't plan to stay here.

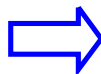
The members of NSC were his family especially Kay Schnell who with some other friends were with him at his hospital bedside when passed.

His funeral will held at the Veteran's Cemetery in Boulder City on Friday, January 6th, 2017 at 10: a.m.

Rest in peace Ted

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Thursday January 12, 2017
Starting at 10 a.m. at



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Thursday December 15, 1791 The Bill of Rights becomes law

Following ratification by the state of Virginia, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, become the law of the land.

In September 1789, the first Congress of the United States approved 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. The amendments were designed to protect the basic rights of U.S. citizens, guaranteeing the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and exercise of religion; the right to fair legal procedure and to bear arms; and that powers not delegated to the federal government would be reserved for the states and the people.

Influenced by the English Bill of Rights of 1689, the Bill of Rights was also drawn from Virginia's Declaration of Rights, drafted by George Mason in 1776. Mason, a native Virginian, was a lifelong champion of individual liberties, and in 1787 he attended the Constitutional Convention and criticized the final document for lacking constitutional protection of basic political rights. In the ratification struggle that followed, Mason and other critics agreed to support the Constitution in exchange for the assurance that amendments would be passed immediately.

On December 15, 1791, Virginia became the 10th of 14 states to approve 10 of the 12 amendments, thus giving the Bill of Rights the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it legal. Of the two amendments not ratified, the first concerned the population system of representa-

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The organization's purpose is to promote the physical and social welfare of senior citizens, their children and grandchildren.

The organizations' goals and objectives are:

- Improvement of political and governmental institutions and processes on local, state and federal levels.
- Identify legislative trends at all levels and set NSC priorities.
- Support domestic policies responsive to the needs and will of the Nevada senior population.
- Work to involve more seniors in government. to assure government is open, responsive and accountable.
- Keep members and the general public informed on current issues affecting them. Encourage them to make their voices heard at all government levels.
- Work with other organizations in a common endeavor when their issues and programs coincide with those of NSC.

tion, while the second prohibited laws varying the payment of congressional members from taking effect until an election intervened. The first of these two amendments was never ratified, while the second was finally ratified more than 200 years later, in 1992.

