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Panera Bread ++**

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Meetings begin at **10:00a.m. the First Saturday of each month**

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**Thinking Right for November 2009**

The current Administration has developed a scheme, either by design or accident, that may be termed a merry-go-round or carousel system depending upon the cacophony of loud, fast-paced music, frenetic movement resulting in traveling in circles giving the impression of advancing movement toward a goal, along with rapidly moving up and down on fanciful perches to aid in the illusion of carefully planned progress. Those who are along for the ride gain a sense of activity, bombardment of the senses to further give the

sensation of advancement toward the goal making great improvement, while reality is covering the same ground repeatedly until the riders are sick and tired of the simulation and stimulation. A ride on the merry-go-round is a temporary distraction, a fanciful flight of the imagination; a good description of the promised "Healthcare Reform" currently underway in the US Congress. The loud disorienting noises are the promises, denials, double speak and accusations from every side of the Healthcare debate coming from the Obama Administration and leaders in Congress.

The bystanders and spectators catch glimpses of the participants on the ride who are seemingly caught up in the illusion, then bringing them back to reality when the spinning stops. After the disorientation of the healthcare spin, one can get on the roller coaster of the stimulus spending and economic machinations that comprise the Obama economic plan with its ups and downs, but like any roller coaster, minimum change in elevation at the end of the ride. >From the heart palpitations of the economic recovery we move on to the bumper-cars of foreign policy, taking the hits of Russia, China, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and the final blow of the latest Jihadist bombing.

If the American Public can stomach even more, we have the Midway vendors selling the socialist gruel of collective bargaining, Unionism, higher taxes, lower expectations, Nationalization of industries like the auto manufacturers, encroaching Federal regulations on everything from mortgages to firearms, religious thinking, the harangue against Fox news from the White House, the freedom to speak and demonstrate against an increasing Federal presence. As we leave the cheap carnival atmosphere of Obamaland, we find the gas prices have escalated during our visit due to cap-and-trade, barely enough left on the credit card to pay for the trip home, only to find the house condemned because the Government discovered a puddle of water in the backyard, making it environmentally sensitive and declared our building lot part of the National Park system. Now we live on Hope Street at the corner of Change Avenue, a dead-end address in downtown Chicago. OOPs, excuse me, Washington, DC. Across the street from the ACORN Hdqtrs.

*I'm Vance and I'm thinking Right!*

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## **Minutes from October meeting**

At October's meeting Pinellas County Commissioner, Nancy Bostock, gave an outstanding comprehensive overview of the basics of the County Commission. The Commissioner noted the commission is a legislative body that is a subdivision of the State of Florida. The County Charter gives the body its authority, and the charter is reviewed every six months by a thirteen member committee which is primarily comprised by citizens. After noting Charter changes in 1999, Mrs. Bostock referenced the make-up of the Commission and also spoke of the Pinellas County Constitutional Officers and county-wide services as well as services to

unincorporated areas. Pinellas County government is decentralized. The keynoter also specified hot topics for the Pinellas County Commission in 2010. These include role of government, accountability, targeted, effectiveness and efficiency. The budget remains a hot topic for 2010 as does charter review and solid waste management. Nancy's remarks were accompanied by a detailed hand-out that included a copy of the county budget for 2010.

Christian Coalition Co-chairman Ron Scheffler also distributed a wonderful and thorough hand-out for take-home reading. Ron also noted that Nancy Bostock has an excellent score on Christian Coalition of Florida's Legislative Score Card.

Sol Pitchon, President of New Life Solutions, announced the 40 Days of Life Campaign, opportunities for counselor training and the 2009 Gala and Auction Celebration on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Ron Scheffler concluded the meeting with prayer.

Jane Reece, Secretary

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## **In The News.....**

**Pregnancy Center of Pinellas** is having their annual Gala and Auction Saturday Nov. 7, 6:00p.m. at the St. Pete. Coliseum. Information is available on their website: [www.pregctr.net](http://www.pregctr.net). This wonderful event, with food, fun, festivities, and fellowship (and fundraiser), will have several hundred people. Check it out on their website now, as the time is at hand.

**Sol Pitchon** President and CEO, of the just mentioned Pregnancy Center of Pinellas, will be or Special Guest Speaker at the Christmas meeting, **December 5, 10:00 a.m.** at Panera Bread. Sol will be updating us with Pregnancy center news, and delivering an inspiring Christmas message concerning the gift of new life at Christmas. Christmas is our celebration of Baby Jesus coming. Imagine Mother Mary being pregnant with today's technology and seeing Baby Jesus on sonogram.

**Please mark your calendar for our Feb. 2010** meeting. Senate candidate Marco Rubio, is our confirmed guest. Our location for that meeting will be at **Northside Christian School** 7777 62 Avenue North St Pete, Florida.

**Dr. Vance**, our member of Christian Coalition of FL Board of Directors will be reporting on the State group's future plans, and the association with Dr. Ralph Reed's God and Country Coalition. We can use this as an opportunity to send some money to help and encourage their work.

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## Is It Worth It?

America is in a challenging time. A time, like few before, that will have a permanent impact on the direction of this country. Our nation is in the midst of deciding more freedom or less freedom, more self reliance or more government reliance, more of God or less of God, or maybe even none of God.

Some of you, who read my posts, know me personally, but many do not. For those of you, who don't know me; let me give you some background. I love my country. I love my God and I am a follower of Jesus Christ. He has never let me down. For 20+ years I was a single mother of two children, a smart, funny, compassionate boy and a multi-talented extraordinary girl. Both are now married, serving the Lord and contributing to the good of society and I am now re-married. While raising my children, I worked in the mortgage industry and participated politically, although not as much as I have been lately. I thought, like many American's, that voting and raising my voice on occasion, was all that was needed. That those elected to office were "looking out for us." I see you snickering, but didn't you?

I no longer believe that. I believe Washington has become obese with power and corruption and few even remember that they were sent there to represent. This realization has motivated me to be more vocal, more active and more aggressive in trying to inform others. I had become weary in well doing. I found myself wondering, what is the use? Is anyone listening? Is it worth it? I spent 30 years building a mortgage business to see it decimated by industry and government corruption. I moved on to the insurance and securities industry, which I'm afraid, may take the same route as the mortgage industry. And the corruption in Washington reigns on.

I have painted on the back window of my Mini-Van "**I am 1 of the 'Angry Mob'.**" I have been considering removing it, feeling it was pointless, perhaps offending. Yesterday, as I was out trying to build yet another business, I had the radio on, tuned to conservative talk. A mother called in distraught with the conditions of the country. She said she was a 51 year old mother of a 6 year old. She was crying. She said she could no longer support this corrupt government and was not going to send them anymore tax dollars. The host encouraged her to reconsider, because her 6 year old needed her at home and not in jail. It was very emotional. At the same time a car pulled up next to me. It was an elderly man, perhaps in his late 70's. **He was connected to a portable oxygen tank. He turned his head slowly and looked me in the eye, raised his hand and gave me the thumbs up.** Why? He had read my back window. I heard that still small voice say "**Is It Worth It?**" I cried the rest of the way home...and am still emotional as I write about it. I will never forget the look on that man's face. I felt he was saying, "**Thank You**".

So, for the 51 year old mother of a 6 yr old, for the elderly gentleman next to me on oxygen, **and for you**, I will keep on. I will shrug off this "weariness in well doing" and I will continue to fight for the inalienable rights endowed by our creator. I invite you to join me. You may not be able to do the same things I do, but you can do something. I urge you to stay informed, seek the truth, and communicate what you learn.

***"The choice before us is plain. Christ or Chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come, it now is, when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government."***

*Peter Marshall, The Rebirth of America.*

Regina Brown



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**IMPORTANT : SAVE YOUR Panera Bread Receipts for Joan and Martha**

We prove to Panera Bread that we are not freeloaders, but spend enough to justify free use of the meeting room, Thank you.

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DIRECTIONS: Meeting place is located at 10808 Starkey Road, Seminole, in the Strip Stores on the corner of Starkey Road and Bryan Dairy Road.

Keene Road, CR 1 from Clearwater is the same Road as Starkey Road in Largo/ Seminole/Pinellas Park area, and Park Street in St. Petersburg.

From Tampa via Howard Franklin Bridge on I-275, the first exit is 4th St., the 2nd is Ulmerton Road, **the 3rd is 126th Ave. North, exit here.** Immediately at the fork in the road take the **left side.** Road will make a 180 degree turn and bring you to traffic light.

**Turn left** onto Bryan Dairy Road. Travel west about 8 miles.



This is the road Bardmoor Shopping Plaza and Panera Bread are located on left side of road.

WE PRAY THAT 2009 WILL BE A BLESSED, PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR ALL OF YOU SPECIAL PEOPLE

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