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DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Included in this issue is a dinner reservation form. All reservations and cancellations **MUST** be received by Noon, Thursday, April 11, 2019, Walk-Ins cannot be accommodated. Reservations are required for both dinner and for speaker only.

Questions? Call Susie White
Ambassadors Chair - 954-8282

DEBORA ALLEN

BART DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 1

Debora Allen is a Director of the BART system and represents Contra Costa County. Ms. Allen has spent over 25 years in a career in various financial management and board level positions.

She has been a Principal Consultant for Quoin, Inc. for 6 years providing services like Interim CFO/ Controller projects, Accounting Systems Utilization Analysis and Software Conversion Assistance, Workflow Analysis and Improvement, Financial Analysis, Labor, Payroll tax and Worker's Comp Audit Assistance, Assistance with Merger, Acquisition and Bankruptcy, Business Leader Coaching, and Banking/Bonding account searches

Ms. Allen is using that experience and knowledge to help the BART stakeholders, the riders, the taxpayers, and the BART employees.

Ms. Allen's goals as a BART Director are to:

- ESTABLISH accountability in management for the financial stability, affordability and cost effectiveness of BART.
- REBUILD the old infrastructure to provide a renewed, sustainable, durable transportation system for future generations.
- REPLACE obsolete, broken equipment with clean, innovative, modern replacements and maintain them.
- INTEGRATE the current system with our numerous other Bay Area transit systems to create greater accessibility and efficiency in our lives.
- PROVIDE a better BART experience to the customer, the rider, and the workers

Join us on April 16 for a wonderful dinner catered by Scott's and to hear Debora Allen speak on the Future Direction of the BART.



NEW MEMBERS

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| CYNDI GIRGIS | FANNY WILSON |
| ALBERT AND MARCIA SIDWELL | |
| RICHARD AND CHRISTY DEVOE | |
| SUSAN BRAVO | DIANNE BRACKIN |



Harvey Gilbert
President - 2019

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A reminder for all of us, we are in a Civil War to preserve our democracy. The Republican Party needs to recover from the last election in California. Our club (RCOR) has been debating how we can best make this happen.

We have decided that working together with Republican Party of Contra Costa County (CCRC) would be the best and most cost-effective way of making a difference in the 2020 elections. We feel that this is our best chance to make a difference for the future is by helping Republican candidates at all levels of local government work (City, County, State and multiple other smaller offices). Contributing at the regional level will help Trump as well!

I hope all of you understand the critical nature of the future of the Republican Party in California, and the destructive nature of the political elite. We hope that you can help us defeat them in the following ways:

- 1) Contribute financially to our outreach program with the CCRP
- 2) Volunteer for activities to help our new partnership with the Contra Costa Republican Party and Patty O'Day as our outreach leader
- 3) Let us know if you need rides to our events so we can help in that regard.

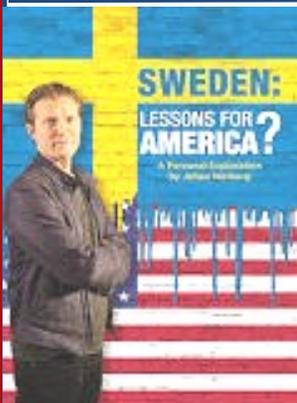
Thanks, Harvey Gilbert

SECOND AMENDMENT MYTH NUMBER 3: DEBUNKED **MYTH: CONCEALED CARRY LAWS INCREASE CRIME**

People with concealed carry licenses are 5.7 times less likely to be arrested for violent offences than the general public and 13.5 times less likely to be arrested for non-violent offenses than the general public. (1)

Crime rates involving gun owners with carry licenses have consistently been about 0.02% of all carry permit holders since Florida's seminal right-to-carry law started in 1988. (2, 3)

- (1) New American, February 14, 2019.
- (2) Florida Department of Justice, 1998.
- (3) <http://www.gunfacts.info/blog/magazine-capacity-muckraking/>



SWEDEN: LESSONS FOR AMERICA? TO BE SHOWN AT 4PM. **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019, PEACOCK ROOM**

Sweden: Lessons for America? Will be shown on April 17 at 4:00 p.m. at Peacock Theater.

It has been suggested that Americans would be better off if the United States was more like Sweden. Johan Norberg, a Swedish scholar, delves into the economic and social landscape of his homeland and describes how his country has changed over time. There may be unexpected lessons to be learned.

This entertaining and informative documentary includes a look at Sweden's' labor unions, education, medical insurance, pensions and of course, taxes.

This movie was produced in 2018 by the Cato Institute. It runs 60 minutes, is not rated and will be shown with English captions. For more information, call Mary Beth Hodge at 954-1158.

A. **BOKHARI: ON IMMIGRATION, GUNS, AND SPEECH, BANKS ACT AS A SHADOW GOVERNMENT**

MARCH 20, 2019

JPMorgan Chase announced earlier this month that it would stop doing business with private prisons, following pressure from Democrats and progressive activists who know that the private prison sector provides key services to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The decision by JPMorgan is the latest in an increasingly popular tactic by the far left, which is to use the private sector to achieve policy objectives that would be politically or constitutionally impossible if attempted via government.

It also followed a similar decision by Wells Fargo in January, which said it would reduce its business relationships with private prisons as part of its “environmental and social risk management.”

Thanks to a craven corporate sector that allows itself to be led by a vocal minority of activists, the ability of ICE to do its job has suffered a significant blow, despite there being no democratic mandate for undermining the agency’s efforts to curb illegal immigration. Even a majority of Democrat voters oppose the far-left plot to abolish ICE – but if democracy mattered to the far-left, they wouldn’t be using unelected corporations to implement policy in the first place.

As Breitbart Editor-at-Large Joel Pollak wrote in a recent column, socialist Democrat Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is trying to pull off a similar trick with environmental policy, using her political bully pulpit to pressure banks into abandoning investment in the Dakota Access Pipeline. Despite having support from the region’s elected representatives – including former Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, a Democrat – far-left politicians representing districts hundreds of miles away from the pipeline once again want to use corporations to override democracy.

It’s a similar story with guns. Unable to rid America of its pesky second amendment, the left have instead heaped pressure on big banks to make it impossible for firearms businesses to operate. Last year saw a surge of crackdowns by financial services against the gun industry: Citibank said it would not do business with companies that sell “high capacity magazines,” while Bank of America said it would cut ties with gun stores that sell “AR-style” weapons. Only Wells Fargo has refused to join the trend, correctly stating that it is not a bank’s job to set U.S. firearms policy.

Then, of course, there’s free speech. For independent and right-wing journalists and activists, financial blacklisting is on the rise. Not content with pressuring social media platforms to censor their opponents, progressives want banks, credit cards, online funding platforms and payment processors to cut off their livelihoods as well. Over the past two years, many of these companies have caved in...

Whether its gun policy, immigration, energy or censorship, the left has found a method of imposing its will that’s far more efficient than dealing with the American system of government, designed as it was to contain the worst impulses of political radicals. Sick of these constitutional inconveniences, the far-left now intend to enact tyranny through the politically-motivated harassment of the private sector — and the private sector seems only too happy to oblige. Can conservatives be awakened from their laissez-faire, free market stupor in time to stop it?

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Ambassadors : Monday, April 15, 11:00 am, Bunker Rm, Creekside
Dinner Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 5:15 pm, Tahoe Rm, Event Center
Movie: Wednesday, April 17, 4:00 pm Peacock Room, Gateway
Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 1:30 pm, Bunker Rm, Creekside

DINNER MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

Tahoe Room, Event Center

5:15 pm Social Time, 6:00 pm Dinner



A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6:00 pm

MENU

Mixed Greens with Poppy Seed Vinaigrette

Cedar Planked Orange & Bourbon Salmon

Oven Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT: Crème Brulee

VEGETARIAN: Portabella Mushroom Stuffed with Rice & Roasted Vegetables

Sourdough Bread and Sweet Butter

Decaf Coffee or Tea

Reservation Deadline: Noon on Thursday, April 11, 2019

Reservation Questions: Susie White - 954-8282