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**Its countdown to MCDCC's Annual Auction Benefit.
We are four weeks away from auctioning some
exciting and wonderful surprises.**

- **Otter Crest** 2 or 3 night stay
- Lunch with **Rep. Brian Clem**
- Lunch with **Secretary of State Kate Brown**, plus 2 autographed Oregon Blue Book sets
- **Mission Mill Museum and A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village Passes**
- **Riverview Condos at Eagle Crest** 2 or 3 night stay
- Lunch for 4 with **Oregon State Treasurer Ted Wheeler**
- **Timberline** 3 anytime ski lift tickets
- **The ever popular mystery item(s) of State Senator Peter Courtney**

The auction is Friday, **May 13th** at the **Marco Polo Restaurant**, 300 Liberty St. SE, in Salem. This year our guest speaker is the dynamic and engaging Rep. Jefferson Smith, founder of the Bus Project.

Help us out today by guaranteeing yourself a seat and a delicious meal (**seating is limited to 125** lucky individuals). General admission is \$40 per person or become a **Sponsor**. For \$50, \$100, or \$250 per person, you will have your name listed in the dinner and auction program. Deadline for reservations is May 6th. Advance payment is required.

[Help us out and guarantee yourself a seat and a fine meal](#)
[-- Make your reservation early by e-mail & THEN mail your payment](#)

Advance Payment Required - VISA or MC, Cash, or Check Accepted

Click these links to e-mail your reservations:

[General Admission Tickets \(\\$40 per person\)](#)
[Sponsor Tickets \(\\$50, \\$100, or \\$250 per person - specify sponsor level\)](#) (general admission & name in dinner & auction program)

E-mail to arrange a donation of an auction item:
[Donate Items to the Auction](#)
or telephone Claudia at: **503-364-9741**

Or Print & Mail Forms Below

Marion County Democratic Central Committee

Annual Auction Benefit

Friday, May 13, 2011, 6:30–9:30 P.M.

Marco Polo Restaurant, 300 Liberty St SE

\$40 per person

- Guest speaker: Rep. Jefferson Smith
- Live auction with Ralph Groener
- Asian Buffet Dinner
- Seating Limited!! Make Your Reservation Now!!
- Deadline May 6th



For more information, contact Claudia at 503-364-9741
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**Annual Dinner & Auction Benefit
Reservation Form**

Yes!!, I'd like to make a reservation for the
**MCDCC Annual Dinner & Auction
Benefit**

Friday May 13, 2011
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Marco Polo Restaurant, 300 Liberty Street SE
Downtown Salem

Amount enclosed:
\$_____ for _____ people,
at \$40 per person

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone_____

Mail form with check made payable to
Marion County Democrats, to:
Marion County Democrats
PO Box 13835
Salem, Oregon 97309

**Marion County Democratic Central
Committee
Auction Donation Form**

(**Required by State Law)

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****Work Location (required by State**

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Donation:

Please provide as accurate a description of the item
or service that you are donating. Include all details of
accommodations if item is an overnight stay.

Approximate value of the donation (**required by State Law):

All donated items, such as meals or services, require that the
donor or the purchaser work out an agreeable time and place for
the redemption of the auction item.

Please return this form to:

Marion County Democrats
P. O. Box 13835
Salem, OR 97309-1385

"She Flies with Her Own Wings" was adopted by the 1987 Legislature as the state motto. The phrase was written by Judge Jessie Quinn Thornton and translated into Latin for the territorial seal in 1854. "Alis Volat Propiis" is the Latin translation

Schrader Works to Protect Seniors on Medicare

04/15/11

Today Congressman Kurt Schrader reintroduced legislation, the **Medicare Enrollment Protection Act of 2011**, to protect Oregon seniors from coverage gaps in Medicare.

It's unacceptable for Oregon seniors to have to go without Medicare coverage because of complicated enrollment procedures," said Schrader. "This legislation will protect our seniors from being without coverage at a time when they need it most by providing them with a system of continuous enrollment."

The legislation was inspired by a Lake Oswego resident named Bill Bregar. Through no fault of his own, Mr. Bregar missed a key deadline to sign up for Medicare and as a result was not able to access health coverage. Since introducing the bill last Congress, Schrader's office has received multiple phone calls from around the country regarding this critical senior issue.

Senior and Medicare advocacy groups were quick to praise the bill's re-introduction.



"The Medicare Rights Center frequently receives calls on our hotlines from consumers who have mistakenly declined Part B and, as a result, face premium penalties and gaps in coverage. In the majority of cases, individuals who make these errors do so based on flawed information. However, even though these are innocent mistakes, there is unfortunately little recourse available to them." said Joe Baker, President of the Medicare Rights Center.

"The Medicare Enrollment Protection Act of 2011 highlights these important issues and takes some initial steps to help protect Medicare eligible individuals who erroneously declined Medicare Part B through no fault of their own access the coverage they need," continued Baker.

Confusion regarding when to enroll in Medicare Part B is common. The current system sometimes prohibits seniors that miss their initial enrollment period from enrolling in the program until the next general enrollment period. This often causes a gap in coverage for many seniors as they are waiting to transition to Part B.

Wyden, Merkley, DeFazio Introduce Trio of Bills to Protect Natural Resources in Oregon

April 7, 2011

Washington, D.C. – Seeking protections to some of Oregon's most valued and threatened natural resources, Oregon lawmakers have introduced bills in both the House of Representatives and the Senate to protect and preserve the Devil's Staircase Wilderness, the Chetco River and the Oregon Caves National Monument. U.S. Senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Representative Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) introduced the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2011, the Oregon Caves Revitalization Act of 2011 and the Chetco River Protection Act of 2011.

The Oregon Caves bill transfers 4,000 acres in the Oregon Caves national monument from the National Forest Service to the National Park Service and designates the land as a Natural Preserve. The Devil's Staircase bill designates 30,000 acres of the Siuslaw National Forest as a wilderness area and protects roughly 14 miles of the Wasson and Franklin Creeks. The Chetco mining bill protects three miles of the river from invasive mining practices.

"These areas are among Oregon's most prized possessions and they deserve protection," Wyden said. **"Between the Oregon Caves and Devil's Staircase legislation more than 34,000 acres of Oregon land will preserved and protected for future generations to enjoy. The Chetco bill puts a check on the horribly invasive practices of out-of-state mining companies operating in Oregon that threaten to devastate local ecosystems and wipe out breeding grounds for some of our most important fish species."**

"Oregon is home to some of the most amazing coastline, rivers, and forests on Earth," said Merkley. **"These treasures define where we live, providing outstanding recreational opportunities, clean drinking water, and economic benefits for our communities as we attract tourists from all over the world. The legislation we are introducing today renews our state's commitment to sustaining the vitality of these natural wonders."**

"Our beautiful state has many places that are worthy of congressional recognition," DeFazio said. **"Having undertaken the day-long trek to the series of cascading pools that give the area its name, I can personally attest to the rugged nature and extraordinary beauty of Devil's Staircase. The pristine Chetco River that produces some of the best salmon fishing in the state and the marble halls of Oregon Caves are equally deserving. I am thrilled to be able to work with the delegation to bring protection to some of Oregon's wildest and most beautiful treasures."**

The Medicare Enrollment Protection Act of 2011 will establish a special enrollment period for seniors who miss their enrollment periods due to problems with COBRA continuation coverage. The legislation also creates a continuous enrollment period that will allow seniors to sign up for Medicare Part B outside of the general enrollment period, and receive health coverage the following month.

Schrader's legislation would also direct the Government Accountability Office to study the growing number of problems in Medicare Part B enrollment.

Democrats Mixer at Cherry City Café



(click image for slideshow)

The Oregon Caves legislation expands the boundaries of the century-old national monument by transferring roughly 4,000 acres from the National Forest Service to the National Park Service and designating the land as a Natural Preserve. Setting aside this additional land will increase tourism to the largest marble cave open to the public west of the Continental Divide and encourage ecological forest restoration. The legislation also gives a scenic designation to the River Styx that travels through the caves, the nation's first such distinction for an underground waterway.

The Devil's Staircase legislation designates approximately 30,500 acres of the Siuslaw National Forest as a wilderness area and protects roughly 14 miles of the Wasson and Franklin Creeks. The Wilderness designation will preserve native coho and chinook salmon, trout, and steelhead runs as well as protect the habitats of wildlife like the black bear, elk, and river otter.

Identified by American Rivers as one of the nation's most endangered rivers, the Chetco is home to salmon and steelhead breeding grounds. The process of suction dredge mining can be very hazardous to the river's ecosystem and threatens those breeding grounds. The bill permanently raises the federal protection levels along more than three miles of the Chetco and puts in place new prohibitions on future mining that will preserve the portions of the river designated Wild and Scenic. The bill also requires current mining claims to undergo a rigorous validation process in order to maintain claims. In 2010, the Obama administration green-lighted a process that allows the Forest Service to put a freeze on all future mining claims along a portion of the river. That action and the legislation put forward today will protect the Chetco from invasive mining practices permitted under in an antiquated 1872 law allowing the practice.

Oregon Can Lead the Nation in Renewable Energy Planning

Gov. John Kitzhaber is working to develop a 10-year energy plan that takes into account everything from community conflicts over transmission lines to addressing family concerns over the higher cost of renewable energy.

Speaking at the Future Energy Conference, which included representatives from solar, wind, wave and other green energy companies and organizations, Gov. Kitzhaber said "We must become more than just cheerleaders for the clean energy economy".

Eyeing a three state energy coalition with Washington and California, he said Oregon must start thinking more pragmatically and long-term about its green energy policies. "These three states have a unique opportunity to change the national narrative and demonstrate the value of clean economic policies," Gov. Kitzhaber has met with Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire. As a group, the west coast states could help refute the recurring concern that environmental protection has become a deterrent to job growth, he said.



Play Again

Thursday, May 12, 2011 7 p.m.

At a time when children play more behind computer, mobile, and TV screens than outside, this documentary explores the changing balance between the virtual and natural worlds. Is our connection to nature disappearing down the digital rabbit hole? This moving and humorous documentary follows six teenagers who, like the "average American child," spend five to fifteen hours a day behind screens. This documentary unplugs these teens and takes them on their first wilderness adventure - no electricity, no cell phone coverage, no virtual reality. Through the voices of children and leading international experts, this documentary investigates the consequences of a childhood removed from nature and encourages action for a sustainable future.



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Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian

Discussing his accomplishments since assuming the office of Labor Commissioner in 2008 and legislation and current issues of interest to his office

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, Noon to 1 PM

Kwan's Cuisine, 835 Commercial St SE, Salem

Reservations Required (*Deadline: Tuesday, April 19*)

Cost - \$11.25 includes a buffet lunch, tea & gratuity

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e-mailing: mariondemoforum@yahoo.com *or*

calling our message line: 503-363-8392



Opinion Editorials

Misguided Environmental Legislation

by Laurel Hines

Every legislative session there are bills proposed, mostly by Republicans ranching groups and hunting groups, that attempt to override what the public has supported in terms of wildlife predator management. This year these groups seemed emboldened, and 3 cougar bills and 5 wolf bills were proposed, all which weaken current management plans and allow more killing of our wildlife predators.

Twice the legislature has tried to overturn the two Oregon initiatives passed by voters to outlaw cougar hunting with hounds. The current cougar plan adequately has protected the public, and allowed killing by ODFW of problem cougars. This year one bill to significantly weaken the current cougar plan was introduced and heavily supported by a Democratic representative. Those of us at the hearings opposed to the changes urged the committee to send the issue to voters instead of basically overturning the current cougar plan, which had already been weakened last legislative session. The proposed cougar bills are HB 2337, 3326, and 3428. [The Statesman Journal](#) called the cougar bill another attempt to circumvent Oregon's voter-approved ban on using dogs to hunt cougars.

As wolves were known to be first re-entering Oregon after being completely eliminated by hunting in the past, the Oregon Wolf Plan was painstakingly composed with public input, and involvement of various divergent interest groups. It has worked well, with wolves very gradually being re-introduced and problem wolf issues handled by ODFW as planned. The proposed wolf bills are HB 3013, 3560, 3561, 3562, and 3563.

However, ranchers came to the hearings with "no-tolerance" messages, and extreme claims. Hunters see any predator as competition for prey species like deer and elk. Yet environmental experts spoke about how top predators in an eco-system improve the whole system down to micro-organisms, and people in the travel business sited the high possibility of wolf eco-tourism in Oregon.

Please consider contacting your state legislators in opposition to the two bills soon to come up for a vote. HB 2337 reinstates sport hounding of cougars on a county by county basis, and is an unnecessary reversal of the current law, since any danger posed by cougars is already dealt with under the current plan. HB 3562 allows killing of wolves by the public just by claiming they are doing it in "self defense", allowing ranchers and hunters an easy excuse to shoot a wolf without

Tax the Super Rich now or face a revolution

Commentary: A 'Super-Rich Delusion' is leading us to ruin — Yes, tax the Super Rich. Tax them now. Before the other 99% rise up, trigger a new American Revolution, a meltdown and the Great Depression 2.

By Paul B. Farrell, (from Wall Street Journal MarketWatch)

Revolutions build over long periods — to critical mass, a flash point. Then they ignite suddenly, unpredictably. Like Egypt, started on a young Google executive's Facebook page. Then it goes viral, raging uncontrollably. Can't be stopped. Here in America the set-up is our nation's pervasive "Super-Rich Delusion."

We know the Super Rich don't care. Not about you. Nor the American public. They can't see. Can't hear. Stay trapped in their Forbes-400 bubble. An echo chamber that isolates them. They see the public as faceless workers, customers, taxpayers. See GOP power on the ascent. Reaganomics is back. Unions on the run. Clueless masses are easily manipulated.

Even Obama is secretly working with the GOP, will never touch his Super Rich donors. Yes, the Super-Rich Delusion is that powerful, infecting all America.

Here's how one savvy insider who knows described this Super-Rich Delusion: "The top 1% live privileged lives, aren't worried about much. Families vacation at the best resorts. Their big concerns are finding the best Pilates teacher, best masseuse, best surgeons, best private schools. They aren't concerned with the underlying deterioration of America or the world, except in the abstract, because they aren't directly affected by it. That's not to say they aren't sympathetic, aware, or don't talk about the issues you bring up. They are largely concerned with protecting and enhancing their socio-economic positions, ensuring their families live well. And nothing you write about will change things."

Warning, in 2011 that attitude is delusional, deadly, yet pervasive in America.

Super Rich replaying "Great Gatsby" age, won't learn till it's too late

Our top 1% honestly believe they're immune, protected from the unintended consequences of beating down average Americans for three decades with the free-market, trickle-down Reaganomics doctrines that made them Super Rich. They honestly believe those same doctrines will protect

any proof that the wolf was a risk.

In the whole history of the United States there has not been one verifiable human death from a wolf, even though Michigan has well over a thousand wolves. Canada has had only two suspected such deaths, but have many thousands of wolves. Wolves are virtually no risk to humans, and the current wolf plan already has provisions for any wolves thought to be a risk to humans or livestock.

There are two other related issues that all Democrats should be familiar with. One is the issue of "Welfare Ranching", in which livestock ranchers graze livestock on public (BLM) lands for a pittance, while degrading the land, then expect to kill, or have killed at taxpayer expense, wildlife that threaten their livestock. The livestock grazing on fragile BLM lands often tramples fragile stream banks, impairing fish spawning and does other damage to our lands.

Another issue of importance at the federal level, is a bill that Peter DeFazio has tried to get through Congress, HR 5643. It seemed destined to get action this session, but appears currently to be sidelined again. It would ban Compound 1080 and Sodium Cyanide, deadly compounds used to kill predator animals, but which have killed humans and pets as well, and could be utilized in the hands of terrorists to kill thousands of people with small amounts.

For more information, here are some links:

On Welfare

Ranching: <http://www.newwest.net/main/print/29870/>

<http://www.publiclandsranching.org/book.htm>

On the DeFazio bill : <http://www.predatordefense.org/>

The Marion County Democrats are planning an upcoming breakfast meeting with speakers on these issues in the near future. Please watch the website calendar for updates.

Make No Mistake

By Don Hudgins

What statement has ever been used more with less veracity? Make No Mistake. It's part of the political vernacular. Let me assure you. Trust me. We hear these terms a lot in the speech of all politicians in both parties. And certain off color political jokes come to mind. Mistakes? We've made a few. Here are a few things I am certain of:

- Extreme elements of the Republican Party, ie. Teaparty, are willing to inflict fiscal disaster on the states through adherence to a bankrupt philosophy of reverse Robin Hood, Ayn Rand utopianism. Ironic since Rand herself was dependent on Social Security at the end of her life. The so called deficit crisis is nothing more than a smokescreen to move more public funds into the hands of corporate

them in the next depression. Why? Because they have megabucks stashed away. Provisions for the long haul. Live in gated compounds with mercenaries guarding them. They believe they'll continue living just fine in a depression. But you won't. Nor will your retirement. Neither will the rest of America. And still the Super Rich don't care, "except in the abstract, because they aren't directly affected."

Warning: The Super-Rich Delusion has pushed us to the edge of a great precipice: Remember the Roaring Twenties? The Crash of 1929? Great Depression? Just days before the crash one leading economist, Irving Fisher, predicted that stocks had "reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." Yes, he was trapped in the "Great Gatsby Syndrome," an earlier version of today's Super-Rich Delusion. It was so blinding in 1929 that the president, Wall Street, all America were sucked in ... until the critical mass hit a mysterious flash point, triggering the crash.

Yes, we're reliving that past — never learn, can't hear. And oddly it's not just the GOP's overreach, the endlessly compromising Obama, too-greedy-to-fail Wall Street banksters, U.S. Chamber of Commerce billionaires and arrogant Forbes 400. America's entire political, financial and economic psyche is infected, as if our DNA has been rewired. The Collective American Brain is trapped in this Super-Rich Delusion, replaying the run-up to the '29 Crash.

Nobody predicted 2011 revolutions in the oil-rich Arab world either

Warning: Mubarak, Gaddafi, Ali, Assad, even the Saudis also lived in the Super-Rich Delusion. Have for a long time. Were vulnerable. Ripe for a revolution. They, too, honestly believed they were divinely protected, chosen for great earthly wealth, enjoyed great armies.

Then, suddenly, out of the blue, a new "educated, unemployed and frustrated" generation turned on them, is now rebelling, demanding their share of economic benefits, opportunities, triggering revolutions, seeking retribution. Still, you don't believe there's a depression ahead here in America? The third great market crash of the 21st century? A new economic revolution about to blow up in our faces? No, you don't believe, can't believe ... you, me, we are all infected by the Super-Rich Delusion, just as Americans were in the Roaring Twenties.

Check the stats folks: The last time America's wealth gap between the Super Rich and the other 99% was this big was just before the 1929 Crash and the Great Depression. You can't remember? Or you won't? America is trapped in "terminal denial," a setup for failure. Too many still live in the false hope of this Super-Rich Delusion. Do you believe government stats hyping a recovery? Believe Wall Street's nonsense about a new bull market ahead? Believe Exxon-

interests and reward private wealth. And to castrate unions thereby further marginalizing their influence.

- The draconian cuts in Federal spending will have to be made up by the states out of necessity or compassion. Let's see Gov. Scott Walker decline Federal funds when bread riots break out in Racine.
- Social Security and Medicare are a social contract between the people and their government. The funds paid into Social Security must, for now and forever, be a hands-off, sacrosanct fund. Every citizen must be certain that what they pay into the system, will be there for them when they age out. It is a covenant. And it is our money. Not theirs. It is insurance and we pay for it. If it is not there, blame both parties for spending money that was not theirs. They've stolen it from you.
- Elements of the right are doing everything they can do to foster and nurture discontent on the left with President Obama. They believe that they can split the Progressive/Democrat vote. While there may be disappointment in how much has been achieved by the present administration, Progressives should find solace if not satisfaction in the accomplishments of two very short years in the face of a continued onslaught of global and domestic crisis. Without rehashing the entire list, a fairly up to date version can be found at: <http://www.supportforpresidentobama.com/> At the same time, We, the people, need to demand change and hold elected leaders from both parties accountable at all levels. Including President Obama.
- Oregon: It can happen here. If you think the battles of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Florida and other states can't happen in Oregon, you couldn't be more wrong. We retained a Democratic Governor by the slimmest of margins and lost seats in the legislature. There is a strong and growing element of misguided patriotism in Oregon as in other states that portrays working people and government as the enemy. It is critical that Democrats continue to reframe the discussion and celebrate the contributions of Unions, civil servants and the working class. Think back to Barbara Bush consoling a Katrina victim who had lost everything with a condescending, "That's alright dear; you didn't have that much to begin with." Our rights as citizens and workers aren't that much either. But they are all we have.
- Budgets at both the Federal and state level are moral documents. They are a measure of our compassion as well as our strength. Budgets define our priorities and therefore our beliefs.
- Cuts in social spending in the interests of creating corporate or private wealth is Privateering. George Lakoff defines Privateering as, "...a special case of privatization in which the capacity of government to carry out critical moral missions is systematically destroyed from within the government itself, while public funds are used to provide capital for private corporations to take over those critical functions of government and charge the public a great deal for doing so, while avoiding all accountability." Why do we pay private companies ten times what we pay our civil servants to do the same job? Because there is profit in it for private individuals. This is part of why Republicans want to transfer critical functions to private concerns.

Mobile's misleading ads about energy stocks. Believe Bill Gross' when he says dump Treasuries, and buy his emerging country bonds? Dream on.

Start preparing for the third meltdown of the 21st Century, and depression

Denial and lies. Remember, 93% of what you hear about markets, finance and the economy are guesses, wishful thinking and lies intended to manipulate you into making decisions that suck money from your pockets into Wall Street. They get rich telling lies about securities. They hate any SEC fiduciary rules forcing them to tell the truth. But the fact is, on an inflation-adjusted basis, Wall Street lost 20% of your retirement money in the decade from 2000 to 2010, over \$10 trillion. And "Irrational Exuberance's" Robert Shiller warns of a third meltdown coming. You better start preparing now.

Before you start betting any more at Wall Street's rigged casinos, think long and hard about these six megatoxins lurking in America's Super-Rich Delusion, a mind-altering pandemic infecting our nation's leadership in Washington, Corporate America and Wall Street ... but also "trickling down," infecting many Americans.

Listen:

1. Warning: Super Rich want tax cuts, creating youth unemployment

Bloomberg warns: "The Kids Are Not Alright." Worldwide, youth unemployment is fueling the revolution. In a New York Times column, Matthew Klein, a 24-year-old Council on Foreign Relations researcher, draws a parallel between the 25% unemployment among Egypt's young revolutionaries and the 21% for young American workers: "The young will bear the brunt of the pain" as governments rebalance budgets. Taxes on workers will be raised and spending on education will be cut while mortgage subsidies and entitlements for the elderly are untouchable," as will tax cuts for the rich. Opportunities lost. "How much longer until the rest of the rich world" explodes like Egypt?

2. Warning: rich get richer on commodity prices, poor get angrier

USA Today's John Waggoner warns: "Soaring food prices send millions into poverty, hunger: Corn up 52% in 12 months. Sugar 60%. Soybeans 41%. Wheat 24%. For 44 million the "rise in food prices means a descent into extreme poverty and hunger, warns the World Bank." Many causes: Speculators. Soaring oil prices. Trade policies. Population explosion. But altogether they expose "the underlying inequalities and issues related to the standard of living that boil beneath the surface," says a Pimco manager.

There is money in it for them and their friends while at the same time, diminishes their political enemies.

- Privatization doesn't work and government has a moral obligation to provide services where private concerns have a conflict of interests between profit and people. There are functions which only government can and should perform. Road building, firefighting and police protection come immediately to mind. The list should also include food, environmental, product and airline safety to name just a few. The sore thumb example is Health Care. Not Health Insurance. There is a difference. As long as there is a financial benefit to Health Insurers to provide less Health Care, we will get less than we pay for and CEO's will continue to live the high life at our expense. Let's not discuss "Obamacare". The Congress passed a plan of Health Insurance tax credits which, while falling short of Health Care, can provide us with a path to truly just health care in this country. Including a Single Payer Plan.
- We do need to take a look at tax exemption some religious organizations. Local churches do local and good work for which I applaud them. Mega churches sell books and spread fear at tax payer expense. They bilk little old ladies of their social security to build mega monolithic auditoriums in which to collect yet more tax free donations through the fears and aspirations of their congregations. Further, many mega churches politic from the pulpit using fairy tales and fear to push votes to "values" candidates and in the interests of personal and corporate profit. Not a very good model of any sort of spirituality I'm familiar with.
- The ability of young people to compete in the job market at any level is at stake. Reductions in education funding are a death by a thousand cuts. We cannot expect our youth to compete with China and India when all they know how to do is fill out forms on standardized tests. A truly balanced education includes the arts, physical and health education, history, literature, social studies and the gamut of studies beyond the three r's. If young people vote for politicians who support reductions in education funding including scholarships as basic as Pell Grants, they are voting, not only against their own self-interests, but against the interests of their peers, their own children and the country.
- Tax cuts do not create jobs. It should be readily apparent to any thinking person at this point that taxes can be so low as to harm the economy. Especially when corporations pay none while the average person gets shaved. We had the lowest rate of job growth under the lowest levels of taxes in years. The Republican Plan put forth by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan is nothing more than subterfuge for even more Reverse Robin Hood. Tax cuts are a smokescreen for moving money out of your pocket and into the pocket of people like the Koch Brothers. Trying to reverse a budget deficit through spending cuts is like trying to balance the family budget by only buying your toilet paper at Costco. It's the revenue, Stupid.
- The Democratic Party needs to portray itself as the party of Social & Fiscal Responsibility which supports rights and opportunity for all. We are.

3. Warning: Global poor ticking time bomb targeting Super Rich

A Time special report, "Poor vs. Rich: A New Global Conflict" warned that a "conflict between two worlds — one rich, one poor — is developing, and the battlefield is the globe itself." Just 25 developed nations of 750 million citizens consume most of the world's resources, produce most of its manufactured goods and enjoy history's highest standard of living." But they're now facing 100 underdeveloped poor nations with 2 billion people with hundreds of millions living in poverty all demanding "an ever larger share of that wealth." Think Egypt. British leader calls this a "time bomb for the human race."

4. Warning: Next revolution coming across 'Third World America'

We are ripe for one: In "Third World America" Arianna Huffington warns: "Washington rushed to the rescue of Wall Street but forgot about Main Street ... One in five Americans unemployed or underemployed. One in nine families unable to make the minimum payment on their credit cards. One in eight mortgages in default or foreclosure. One in eight Americans on food stamps. Upward mobility has always been at the center of the American Dream ... that promise has been broken... The American Dream is becoming a nightmare." Soon it will implode. a meltdown, revolution, depression.

5. Warning: Super Rich must be detoxed of their greed addiction

In "Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense (And Stick You With the Bill)," David Cay Johnston, warns that the rich are like addicts, and to "the addicted, money is like cocaine, too much is never enough." A few years ago an elite 300,000 Americans in "the top tenth of 1% of income had nearly as much income as all 150 million Americans who make up the economic lower half of our population." The Super Rich Delusion is an addiction that requires a painful detox.

6. Warning: Politicians infected by Super-Rich Delusion, revolution

In "Washington's Suicide Pact," Newsweek's Ezra Klein warns: "Congress is careening toward the worst of all worlds: massive job losses and an exploding deficit." How bad? As many as 700,000 more jobs lost, says Moody's chief economist, Mark Zandi. What a twist: Remember vice president Dick Cheney said "deficits don't matter." Today the GOP is so blinded by its obsession to destroy Obama's presidency, deficits are now the only thing they say matters. Wake up folks. The Super-Rich Delusion is destroying the American Dream for the rest of us. The Super Rich don't care about you. They're already stockpiling for the economic time bomb dead ahead. Don't say you weren't warned. Time for

There are other things of which I am certain. I am certain I don't want President Trump or Palin or Pawlenty. And most certainly not Bachman. I wouldn't mind the Republican Party running crazy as much if it wasn't for the chance that one of them might win. I am also certain that unless young Democrats are motivated and ready to vote in their own interests and those of their children, we will lose. Vote as if your life depends on it. It does.

you to plan ahead for the coming revolution, for another depression.

Marion County Democratic Central Committee Interest Sheet

Persons Interested in Volunteer Position of:

Precinct Worker and/or Precinct Committee Person

Name _____

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We SALUTE our Volunteers! If you would like to volunteer for upcoming events or serve on a committee, please email mcdcc1@gmail.com

Membership Committee: Chair [Mike McQuade](#), An office schedule for volunteers is posted at **250 Liberty St SE Salem**. Volunteers and potential volunteers will be placed in the data base for future contact. Please contact Mike if you would like to serve as a volunteer in any area.

Fundraising: Chair, [Claudia Baum](#). The May 13 dinner/auction at Marco Polo promises to be a smashing success. The auction committee meets regularly and anyone who wants to help should email Claudia. Ticket sales are going very well. Aileen Kaye announced the Auction on KPOJ's Morning Show. Everyone is encouraged to donate additional auction items.

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Communications Committee: Chair, [Don Hudgins](#). The Communications Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in production of the MCDCC Monthly Newsletter and other publishing projects. Graphic Designers, writers and proofreaders are encouraged to contact Don Hudgins. **Sponsors who wish to help with hard copy publishing costs are also welcome!**

Coming Soon! Monthly Saturday Morning Unity Breakfasts

Following the success of the recent Latino breakfast, the Marion Democrats program committee has decided to sponsor a series of monthly unity breakfasts with various progressive groups in our community. We hope to hold the first breakfast in April with the labor community in this area.

The breakfasts will be no host. Guests will order from the menu. Time is not set, but most likely they will start at 9 AM or 10 AM and last one hour.

Stay tuned for further details!

50 to 100 Democratic Angels Needed!

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Calendar

[MoveOn Rally at B of A](#)

04/18/2011 - 4:00pm - 5:20pm

[DemoForum-Brad Avakian, Labor Commissioner-Wed, April 20-Noon to 1 PM](#)

04/20/2011 - 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Noam Chomsky Stoller Center/Pacific University's Forest Grove campus](#)

04/20/2011 - 12:00pm

[OSU College Republicans and College Democrats](#)

04/20/2011 - 7:00pm

[MCDCC \(Marion County Democratic Central Committee\) - Monthly-3rd Thurs 6:30 PM](#)

Repeats every month on the third Thursday until Wed Jun 01 2011 .

04/21/2011 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

[MCDCC Meeting -Meet District Candidates-Thursday, April 21, 6:30-8:30 PM](#)

04/21/2011 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

[Marion County Democratic Party Newsletter Deadline](#)

Repeats every month on the second Tuesday until Wed Sep 14 2011 .

05/10/2011 - 5:00pm

[Annual Dinner & Benefit Auction-Marco Polo Restaurant -Fri, May 13, 6:30 PM](#)

05/13/2011 - 6:30pm - 9:30pm

[CAUSA "Zócalo Night"](#)

05/19/2011 - 5:30pm

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Submissions from the community on Oregon Democratic interests are accepted for consideration on a monthly basis. Please submit for consideration no later than 5 PM on the 2nd Tuesday.

If you would like to serve on the staff of this newsletter please contact us at the email above