

# Save the date: General Membership Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 The Little Café, 725 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill

Election of Officers

(details at the end of the newsletter)



## REAGAN BIRTHDAY NEWSLETTER

February 6, 2023



### “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” PRESIDENT REAGAN

The namesake of our group, Ronald Reagan, was born on February 6, 1911. So, again this year, the Reaganites are sending out this “Birthday Newsletter.”

### REAGAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

After last year’s “Birthday Newsletter” one of the younger Reaganites (who was a child during the Reaganite presidency) decided to learn a little more about the 40<sup>th</sup> President. He watched several video (probably using the links Reaganite Lindsay Walker compiled which we published last year and include again this year).

The young man’s comment after learning about President Reagan: “Reagan was like a more polite Donald Trump!”

Just some of President Reagan's accomplishments.

- Elected with the largest Electoral College margin in history.
- Anti-communist policies contributed to the downfall of the Soviet Union
- Appointed the first woman (Sandra Day O'Connor) to the Supreme Court
- Strengthened US military
- Brought America out of a recession
- Lowered taxes
- Won over many Democrats
- Strengthened small business
- Fostered strong relations with European allies, most especially the UK.



### REAGAN TRIVIA

- (1) In last year's birthday newsletter we learned that Ronald Reagan said "hamburger with macaroni and cheese" was his favorite meal. What was his least favorite food? What was his favorite snack?
- (2) Which of these statements did Ronald Reagan NOT make:
  - (a) "Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the democrats believe every day is April 15."
  - (b) "We are never defeated unless we give up on God."
  - (c) "Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music."
  - (d) "All great change in America begins at the dinner table."
  - (e) "Make sure [pay your 2023 Reaganites](#) so you can vote for the new Reaganite officers at the general membership meeting on February 15, 2023."
  - (f) "I've noticed that everybody that is for abortion has already been born."
  - (g) "Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."
  - (h) Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."
  - (i) "How do you tell a Communist? Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin."
- (3) How did Ronald Reagan lose partial hearing in one ear?
- (4) True or False? Ronald Reagan was the first person elected as President to have been divorced.
- (5) Ronald Reagan was originally a Democrat. When did he become a Republican?

## REAGAN AND PRAYER

Here's a link to an article entitled: [Ronald Reagan's Prayer Legacy](#). Here is an excerpt of a proclamation our 40<sup>th</sup> President gave which we should all take to heart:

**“Through the storms of revolution, Civil War, and the great world wars as well as during times of disillusionment and disarray, the nation has turned to God in prayer for deliverance. We thank Him for answering our call, for, surely, He has. “To preserve our blessed land we must look to God... It is time to realize that we need God more than He needs us... We also have His promise that we could take to heart with regard to our country, that “If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”**

**-Ronald Reagan**



## REAGAN TRIVIA ANSWERS

- (1) Ronald Reagan didn't like brussels sprout and wasn't a big fan of tomatoes either according to Nancy Reagan. But he enjoyed jelly beans. According to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, his favorite flavor was licorice.
- (2) Ronald Reagan did NOT say “Pay your Reaganites dues to vote for new officers.” But the “Gipper” certainly would have agreed with that sentiment and may have even laughed at my not-so-subtle reminder.
- (3) The future President [lost partial hearing](#) in one ear when he was hurt on a movie set in the late 1930s after a gun was fired next to his ear.
- (4) Yes. Ronald Reagan had married actress Jane Wyman in the 1940s and the couple was divorced in 1948. He married actress Nancy Davis in 1952. Donald Trump is the second President to have had a divorce prior to his election.
- (5) Reagan officially became a [Republican in 1962](#), but he had grown more conservative during the 1950s as he toured as a General Electric spokesman.



## LEARN ABOUT PRESIDENT REAGAN

There are also numerous videos of the great speeches of the 40<sup>th</sup> President. One of them which always brings tears to my eyes is his “Boys of Pointe Du Hoc” which President Reagan gave near the beaches of Normandy on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. View it [HERE](#).

A few years ago Reaganite Lindsay Walker compiled a short list of videos of Ronald Reagan. Here is Lindsay’s list. Just click on a title to see the video:

[The Best of Ronald Reagan](#) (10:47 minutes)

[A Compilation of Ronald Reagan Humor](#) (42:52 minutes)

[A Shining City Upon a Hill \(at end of farewell speech\)](#) (2:38 minutes)

[One Nation Under God](#) (3:00 minutes)

[Patriotic Speech excerpts](#) (8:51 minutes)

[Inspirational](#) (4:27 minutes)

[Peace Through Strength](#) (4:46 minutes)

[A Soldiers Pledge](#) (3:32 minutes)

[A Time for Choosing \(1964\)](#) (12:28 minutes)

[Independence Day 1986](#) (22:52 minutes)

[We Must Fight](#) (3:35 minutes)

[What it means to be American](#) (3:06 minutes)

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

**The Little Café**

**725 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**meeting starts at 7 p.m.**

**ARRIVE EARLY AND BUY DINNER**

**please!**

Under our bylaws “A nominating committee of at least three members shall present a slate of officers for approval by the board in February of each odd numbered year, to be confirmed or rejected by the membership at the first general meeting of the year.” As in the past the slate will be announced promptly after approved by the Board.

**ONLY MEMBERS (i.e., 2023 dues fully paid) will be permitted to vote.** You can pay your dues [HERE](#).

The Little Café is graciously letting us use the private room without charge.

**PLEASE** support that local business by buying dinner before the meeting.