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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th, 2017, at 11:30 A.M. It will be held at Houligan's Sports Grill, located at 1643 U.S. Highway #1, Ormond Beach, Fl., 32174. All members and their spouses are invited, as usual.

We are collecting dues now. If anyone has not yet paid, please see Paul Dietrich at the November meeting, or mail your dues to the above address. Dues remain at \$15.00 for the year.

I spoke with Joe Steinbeck this past week. He has just finished rehab, and hopes to get back on the road soon. He sends his best wishes to all the members.

The Republicans in Congress are working on their tax bill to help needy millionaires. They like to go after Social Security, as an entitlement or an unearned gift from the government. It is neither; we paid for it with payroll deductions all of our working life. The cutoff for Social Security is income of \$127,200. Most workers never reach that level. Therefore, workers pay a higher percentage of their income into Social Security. A fairer system would be to eliminate the cutoff and have everyone pay all year. This could pay for a needed increase in benefits.

See you all at the next meeting.

Fraternally yours,
Harvey Lydecker