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OPEN DISCUSSION

In Celebration of the Upcoming 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence

We invite you to join a discussion group organized to uniquely celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Although not "sponsored" by the Club, the discussion group would meet at the Reserve Club at Woodside.

A recent national poll of registered voters found that polarization is the second most urgent problem facing the country today, after the economy. The group would acknowledge such and provide an open, respectful, moderated forum to show proof that such deliberation can occur without polarization. It is believed that such proof can bolster American pride in our past and strengthen our hopes for the future.

A preliminary idea is for the group to propose a list of America's top ten achievements over the past 250 years - - and the top ten most important actions to take to strengthen and sustain America over the next 250 years. The discussions of the group would take place during a series of structured and neutrally facilitated meetings in the first part of 2026. All persons interested in exchanging ideas and learning from others are welcome to participate.

The top ten lists have the potential to produce many benefits, including evidence that neighbors with varying viewpoints can talk constructively. And such lists could be used as teaching tools, as a suggested template for Rotary clubs, faith groups, schools and libraries, etc. As such, one objective would be to help to build feelings of patriotism more broadly.

Come share your ideas about this important milestone in American history and have our input help shape its celebration in a way that our Founding Fathers would appreciate and smile upon.

To learn more about the group and/or to express interest in joining, contact Roger Bernier at rogbernier@gmail.com or text 678-361-5170