

^The Pow Wow club is 100 years old. Its objectives are to promote good fellowship, the study of the arts and sciences, literature, economics, politics, education, and to encourage literary work.

Once a month one of its 40 members gives a paper. The title must not reveal the subject which cannot be about ones profession and the paper must be controversial. Although not by intent, the membership is somewhat” left of center”. Therefore a paper about Ronald Reagan met this criteria.

My paper was delivered nine months before Reagan's death. Since then,a number of books have endorsed my view. While certainly not all are convinced, the detractors are mostly limited to reading offhand editorial remarks and have few books (usually the only ones the detractors read)that resonate with their view.

The Reagan Diaries” show Reagan as a more active and alert chief executive than his detractors care to admit”(quote is from the NY Times June 17 book review).Reagan's July 6,1981 entry sheds anecdotal light on the attached July 6 ,1981 letter to my uncle. To begin with, Reagan was just a few weeks from being closer to death than most realize. Nancy’s birthday is JULY 6 and on this date Reagan called Judge O'Connor and told her she was his nominee to the Supreme Ct.(despite flack from his supporters.)I Was at this luncheon(we did not expect Reagan but his brother was there) as was Bernard Kurtz and Dick Ulrich. I am the only one still alive.

Many of Reagan's detractors AND defenders claim (for opposing reasons) that Bush has an identity with Reagan. They are both wrong! To borrow from an unrelated debate: I knew Dutch Reagan and George Bush is no Dutch Reagan!

Reagan once said, “I didn't leave the Democratic party; they left me”. Many of us today feel abandoned by both parties.