

Sun City Grand Republican Club member Dr. Hans Gerbert Bogensberger (“Dr. Hans”) was born in early 1941 - at the height of World War II - in Spittal/Drau, Austria, then a part of Germany. His parents were tailors. He was able to start elementary school in 1946, but began a three-year apprenticeship as a tailor in 1955. In 1962 he was able to begin the study of physics at the University of Vienna/Wien, graduating in 1970 with a PhD in nuclear physics.

Dr. Hans began his professional career in 1970 as a scientist at the Nuclear Research Center in Karlsruhe/ Germany. By 1979 he was presenting papers in New Delhi, India, Munich, Germany and Cannes, France. He also gave presentations in Hamburg, Rome, Los Angeles, Vienna, San Diego, Jamaica; at DOW Chemical in Midland, Mi, and at Toshiba in Tokyo during his career.

In 1989 he became the head of the Development and Engineering Department for Johnson Controls in Europe. He left there in 1993 to give lectures at the Goethe University in Frankfurt and retired, after an illustrious career, in 2002.

*If I may editorialize a bit, the merit-based system of free enterprise and personal freedom that allowed Dr. Hans to realize his potential is under attack in the United States like never before - TZ.*

# **A Journey Back to our Future**

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Watching the evening news and seeing buildings in flames, shop windows being broken and mobs chanting reminds me of things that took place long ago in Nazi Germany. The events happening in Portland, Seattle and Minneapolis remind me of the Reichstag burning, shops being looted, synagogues in shambles and chaos on the streets.

Who would ever have imagined that these events could take place in our country? The suppression of free speech in the mainstream media, the attempt to censor books and publications led in Germany to the infamous book burning of well-known authors like Thomas Mann, Remarque, Stefan Zweig, Bertolt Brecht and others.

Unfortunately, it looks like there is a replaying of this sad event in America today, with children's books like Dr. Seuss' being taken off the shelves. Did the poisonous ideology of the Nazis find its way to America? It is high time that we wake up, realize what is happening, and start to end these movements before they overpower us and take away our freedoms!!