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And now, for a look at the economy ... just let me go check the toilet!



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Birthdays For November

Tracy Marshall	1 st	Tommy Stalnaker	4 th	Suzanne Baer	6 th	Swarn Arora	15 th
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For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. **Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882).** "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." **Matthew 5:4 NKJV** We wish health/wellness to all past/current members!
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Highlights From September's Meeting: **Chrissy Miner - Chief Operating Officer/21st Century Partnership** (Robins Air Force Base) - shared insightful information about the organization's mission/purpose of ... **"Enhancing The Military Value Of Robins Air Force Base And Middle Georgia."** The 21st Century Partnership acts as the community liaison for ensuring:

- The ability to operate a variety of missions at Robins free of any operational restrictions (e.g., encroachment, air quality)
- The community's ability to support current and new missions
- The community support and infrastructure necessary to ensure Middle Georgia remains conducive for military missions
- The identification and implementation of community and installation partnerships
- The community's ability to provide a trained and qualified work force
- Defining and measuring the quality of life support afforded to assigned personnel and families by the Middle Georgia communities
- Work with our community partners to foster regional development.

In addition to **Chrissy**, the "Partnership Team" consists of **Maj. Gen. (ret) Robert "Bob" McMahon/President and Chief Executive Officer** and **Ms Judy Smith/Executive Assistant.** For additional information visit www.21stCenturyPartnership.com or contact their office at **478/225-9005**
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December: Wednesday | December 4th | 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
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"4 Facts You Should Know About National Debt and Default"

Published By **Steve Mencher** | October 14, 2013 | **AARP Bulletin Today/Politics**

In all of the turmoil about a possible U.S. default on its **\$16.8 trillion debt**, there's an overload of information to follow. Here are four tidbits that you might have missed.



1. **China does not "own our debt."** Yes, it does hold an IOU from the United States for about \$1.28 trillion, making China Uncle Sam's largest overseas creditor. But that represents **only 7.6 percent of the nation's debt**.
2. **The U.S. Treasury owes 28.4 percent of its debt, or about \$4.76 trillion, to other arms of the federal government.** The single biggest creditor? Social Security's two trust funds, which together hold \$2.76 trillion in U.S. Treasury securities, the Pew Research Center (www.pewresearch.org) reports.
3. **If the government defaults on debt, nobody really knows how Social Security checks or Medicare would be affected.** "Since we've never had a default, it's unclear what would happen with Social Security — and all payments," says **David Certner**, AARP's legislative policy director. And this from **Treasury Secretary Jack Lew**: "If we have insufficient cash on hand, it would be impossible for the United States of America to meet all of its obligations — including Social Security and Medicare benefits."
4. **The U.S. government has raised or adjusted the debt limit 78 times since 1960.** It happens no matter which party holds the White House or Congress.




What would happen if Congress doesn't raise the debt ceiling and the U.S. defaults on its debt later this month? The broad economic implications are *unpredictable*, but a default could cause huge trouble for the global economy. But whatever happens to the global economy, one thing is clear: People all over the world who have loaned the U.S. government money won't get paid on time. And lots and lots of people have loaned the government money. Those people are commonly referred to as owners of Treasury bonds. When you buy a bond, you are lending the government money, on the assumption that you will get your money back, plus interest, on time.

Here are **three key groups of bondholders**:

1. **Pension plans and retirement accounts** - If you have a pension plan or a retirement account, there's a very good chance you are lending money to the U.S. government.
2. **China** - The Chinese government holds about \$1.2 trillion in Treasury bonds. Unlike some other bondholders, China could live with a short delay in getting paid. But a short delay could have long-term consequences if it leads China and other bondholders to see U.S. Treasury bonds as a more risky investment. It could lead them to start shifting money out of U.S. bonds, which could drive up the interest rate the U.S. pays on its debt.
3. **Social Security** - Weirdly, if the U.S. does have to pay higher interest on its debt, it could help another big bondholder: the Social Security administration. The entire Social Security trust fund — **over \$2 trillion** — is

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invested in **Treasury bonds**. This is required by law. If the new Treasury bonds Social Security buys pay interest at a higher rate, that would mean more income for Social Security. Still, that doesn't mean it would be a good idea for the government to default. "I'm crossing my fingers that it doesn't happen," Michael Astrue, who used to run Social Security, told me. "It would create a lot of wreckage in the country as a whole."

Did You Know - The **Affordable Care Act** Is The "Official" Name For "**ObamaCare**" ... Guess What ...