



General Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, January 30, 2009

Check-in: 10:45 a.m.

Program & Luncheon
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tustin Ranch Golf Club
12442 Tustin Ranch Road
Tustin, CA 92782

Cost: \$20.00

***Please make or cancel Reservations
by Monday, January 26, 2009
Email: reservations@tustinarearwf.org***

Unless excused, all board members are requested to meet prior to the General Meeting at 9:20 a.m.



In honor of the Lincoln Bicentennial, we have a very special guest speaker for our first meeting of the New Year who you will not want to miss!!! Help spread the word for all to attend.

Speaker: Dr. Ronald D. Rietveld

Professor of History Emeritus, California State University, Fullerton, and Lincoln Scholar

Topic: *Discovering the Last Lincoln Photograph*

Dr. Ronald D. Rietveld is known among historians as the person who found the only known photograph of Lincoln in death. He has been a Professor of History at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) since 1969. Dr. Rietveld holds an A.B. from Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL - 1959), a B. D. magna cum laude from Bethel Theological Seminary (St. Paul, MN - 1962), and an A.M. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana - 1964 & 1967). Prior to joining CSUF, he was an assistant professor of History at Wheaton College.

At CSUF, Dr. Rietveld teaches nineteenth century American History (Civil War, Lincoln, Reconstruction), and courses on Church History and American Religious History. He has been a student of Lincoln since the age of fourteen, when he discovered the last photograph of Lincoln in 1952 in the Nicolay papers of the Illinois State Historical Library. Thereafter, the Republican Women Federated of Iowa bestowed honorary membership on him at the age of fifteen!

From 1981 to 1984, he served as an Academic Advisor to the White House Speech-writing Staff under President Ronald Reagan. He continues to lecture and write extensively on Lincoln and the American Civil War. In addition, Dr. Rietveld serves as an advisor to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

President's Message



Happy New Year to everyone! After a very long, and in the end, a disappointing presidential race, 2009 is actually here.

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I take on the role as your new president. **Carol Bone**, who served for four years with remarkable dedication, enthusiasm, and proficiency, has given me such a fantastic role model to emulate. I feel confident that I will be able to follow in her footsteps. I know Carol will always be there to lend a helping hand or give great advice, so that gives me great confidence and security.

Thank you for electing a strong executive board to work with me. Each will be a great asset in getting things done. I look forward to working with all of you. Our club has been fortunate to have other wonderful past presidents, **Sally Weir**, **Yvonne Junor**, as well as **Joyce Wing**, and I know I can count on them if I need any advice or help, as well.

Our First Vice President, **Annie Mezzacappa**, will be our new Program Chairman. Annie is wonderful and has great ideas for fantastic speakers this year so I know our meetings will not only be fun, but also interesting and informative.

Second Vice President, is our new U. S. citizen, **Pam Gooderham**. She brings with her such excitement and enthusiasm for our club. She has such strong beliefs in the principles that we all want and love for our Republican Party. I know she will be able to pass her enthusiasm on to the many prospective members that she meets; our numbers will grow by leaps and bounds!

Ginny Wielandt will also be a part of the Membership Committee. Ginny has great expertise with the computer so she will be doing the per capita report which goes to the state to show our numbers as far as renewals and new members.

Our Third Vice President in charge of Ways and Means is **Mary Utick**. Mary did a wonderful job this year organizing our November event, and I am certain she will do the same next year. Mary also handles the opportunity drawings that we have at our meetings.

Our Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary again is **Donna Babbs**. Donna has done an exemplary job this past year. It is so comforting to know that our money is in safe hands and that we do not have any worries whatsoever about the safety of our funds.

Mary Brockschmidt again will be our Recording Secretary. Her expertise with her knowledge of shorthand is truly a great quality to have in a recording secretary. Her notes are always concise and accurate.

This past year was both exhilarating as well as disappointing. Unfortunately, our candidate didn't make it into the White House, but in four more years, I am certain our Republican party will have it again! We have a lot to think about and work for and that's exciting! In two years, there will be elections in the House as well as the Senate. That is going to be even more important because of our sitting president. One of our very own associate members and state assemblymen, the **Honorable Chuck Devore**, will be running for Barbara Boxer's U.S. Senate seat. That will be such an exciting time for us because we have all been so touched by his wife Diane, and Chuck has been to our meetings and is very supportive of our club. Having someone that we know and have contact with will make the whole election more meaningful for us all.

In closing, let me say I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, Friday, January 30th.

~ Betty

***A Message from Pam Gooderham
TARWF Membership Chairman***

There has never been a more important time in history to either **renew** your membership, or to **join** the Tustin Area Republican Women Federated, than it is right now, in this year of 2009 - and that goes triple if you have children and grandchildren.

As Mike Huckabee posted on one of his websites recently, "Our country needs conservative leadership now more than ever. Important issues are at stake: tax reform, controlling spending, the 2nd Amendment, sanctity of life, traditional marriage and much more."

If you're like me, you wonder more and more what the heck America is coming to, and there is a big temptation to allow depression and lethargy to let God and decency slide away from this great country.

Do you remember those old-fashioned ideals and principles?

Well, we're going to get them back, that's what we're going to do.

We achieve this by helping to elect into office conservatives who will uphold family values and traditions, and it really does start with us.

Objectives & Goals of the Republican Women Federated

- ***To promote an informed electorate through political education***
- ***To bring women together to positively impact our nation***
- ***To identify and lobby for Republican initiatives & ideals***
- ***To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees***

There is so much to do and so much to put into place before the next elections, and we can do it while enjoying good friendship and camaraderie with like-minded people. Good people; trustworthy folk focused on the same goals and ideals so the next generation can live in a decent world.

Renew your membership as soon as you can, and be on the look out for other women who think the same as you and ask them to come along to our meetings. There are a great many discouraged women who will jump at the chance to have this renewed sense of purpose.

If you are bringing a new member for the first time, feel free to email, or call me, to tell me a bit about them, and if you invite someone and for whatever reason you can't make it, just let me know and we'll organize someone to pick them up and welcome them.

Renew or join with the form below - let's get going in spirit, action, and friendship.

**The Tustin Area Republican Women Federated
MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM**

I am a registered Republican and would like to join the Tustin Area Republican Women Federated.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Yearly Dues:

_____ \$25.00 (Regular)

_____ \$40.00 (Sustaining)

_____ \$20.00 (Associate) An Associate Member is a member of another RWF Club or a Gentleman.

Make Checks Payable to: Tustin Area RWF

Optional: I would like to help with: ___Membership

___Hospitality ___Telephone ___Newsletter

___Voter Registration ___Website

___Republican Campaigns

___Other: _____



From Tustin with Gratitude

by Clara Honea



This January marks the *fifth year* of the TARWF supporting our troops.

Two boxes were sent in December and January to Sgt. Eduardo Garcia and PFC Jose Frausto. All of this was possible due to the caring and involvement of our members. Special thanks to Pam Gooderham, Betty Mackintosh, and Donna Babbs who contributed the food for the Christmas boxes.

This coming year, we will continue to send letters and boxes to our soldiers. It is imperative that our troops have the ongoing support of our civilians and are assured of our prayers while they are in harms way serving our country.

This month, while you shop for your families, please remember to pick up an item or two for the troops. **Items needed for the February boxes include: AA Batteries; Tuna Packed in Foil; Vienna Sausages; Beef Jerky; Dried Fruits; Trail Mix; Powdered Drinks; Nuts; Sunflower Seeds; Corn Nuts; Playing Cards; and Hard Candy.** Contributions toward the mailing of the parcels are also welcome.

U R OUR HEROES

The following heroes are on our list for 2009:

1. Jonathan Agee (AF - Japan)
2. Ryan Cambra (Navy - Virginia Beach)
3. Jose J. Frausto (Army - Iraq)
4. Eduardo Garcia (Army - Iraq)
5. Paul Simpson (Marine - At Sea)

The above service members were all sent a Christmas card. Also, a Christmas message was sent to CW3 Herman Sanchez in Iraq who had requested cards for his platoon of 30 soldiers who rarely get mail from home. I'll be checking to see if they are sill stationed in Iraq, should any of you wish to write them at the following address: CW3 Herman Sanchez, C-Co 3-159th ARB, APO AE 09391.

“Holiday Mail for Heroes” in Washington, D.C., was also sent some Christmas cards to be distributed to our wonderful military in Walter Reed Army Medical Center. A very special holiday package of Christmas cards and origami cards made by the 5th Grade students of Tustin Ranch Elementary School was sent to PFC Hunter LeVine, who is recuperating in Texas.

Fourteen Gold Star Families were remembered during the holidays. I received six replies. It is a difficult time for them, and it helps to know others care.

Armando Garcia, father of Sgt. Eduardo Garcia thanked me for all of the mail and boxes that his son is receiving. Family members of PFC Jose Frausto also let me know that they were grateful for the support that he is getting.

It is so great to have our members so dedicated to supporting our soldiers. It shows them that no matter how long they are serving, they will continue to receive our love, respect, and support.

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 “We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”
 ~ James Madison
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 “We are not weak, if we make proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power....The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone, it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.”
 ~ Patrick Henry
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OCFRW MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
~ by Annie Mezzacappa ~

Mary Brockschmidt Honored as “Worker of the Month” Attending the January 8th Orange County Federation of Republican Women (OCFRW) meeting was an especially wonderful way to kick-off the New Year given that our incredible Recording Secretary, **Mary Brockschmidt**, received “Worker of the Month” honors. CONGRATULATIONS, dear Mary! You are an inspiration to all TARWF members.

Keynote Speaker Marianne Zippi Provided Insightful Analysis in Discussing Topic of “Islamofascism: The Plan to Take Over America” As President of Principles Over Politics (POP), Marianne Zippi, has extensively researched this area of concern in an effort to raise awareness. She provided a comprehensive, thought-provoking overview of the topic. Ms. Zippi also serves as a Balboa Bay RWF Vice President, and those desiring more information on the topic may contact her through the club or POP website.

Scholarships Reminder The Federation of Republican Women offers numerous scholarships throughout the year. And, the Charlotte Mousel Scholarship program is particularly meaningful this year, more than ever before. In the February 2009 CFRW - Southern Division Newsletter, Charlotte Mousel Scholarship Chairman Mary Humphrey explains why: “The Federation of Republican Women is the **education arm** of the Republican Party and now it is up to us to **educate** the young people of **today**.”

Named after the former well-respected NFRW President from the Southern Division of California, this yearly scholarship recognizes High School students through an essay contest. Charlotte Mousel believed strongly in our constitution, and so,

this scholarship always uses the Constitution and its uniqueness as the subject matter.

Let’s help pass this information on to graduating high school seniors who would be interested in financial assistance for college. Our application deadline is **March 2**. For more information on scholarship programs, please contact our TARWF Board Member, Joyce Wing.

“I view [education] as the most important subject which we as people can be engaged in.”

~ Abraham Lincoln ~

President Lincoln never stops teaching us!

*Lincoln Bicentennial
1809-2009*

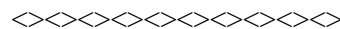
“LIVE THE LEGACY”

Save the Date: OCFRW Lincoln Day Event

The Annual OCFRW Lincoln Day Event is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, at the Costa Mesa Golf and Country Club. Featured speaker, Mr. Brian T. Kennedy, President of the Claremont Institute, will discuss “Obama and the Economy.” The event provides a wonderful opportunity to attend informative workshops and meet other club members and officers. For more information, please phone Joyce Wing.

In closing, may the following profound words of **Abraham Lincoln** provide solace to all in the days ahead:

“I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crises. The great point is to bring them the real facts.”



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*~ by Jill A. McCauley, Newsletter Editor ~
[Reprinted from January 2009 CFRW - Southern
Division Newsletter]*

Many Federated Republican Women are feeling angry about the outcome of the election. Many say they will not rejoin the Federation because our Party lost. Ladies, this is not the time to take your marbles and go home. This is not the time to quit. This is the time for the “lions to roar.” We, the Federation of Republican Women, are the lions. Let them “hear us roar.

When your member of congress gets up in the morning, gets a coffee and grabs the paper guess what section he/she turns to first? Yep, you guessed it, the editorial section. So does his/her staff in California and back in DC. The letters to the editor section of local papers is where lawmakers get to see what their constituents are thinking and what issues, concerns and topics are being debated in their communities.

Moreover, letters to the editor can make a real difference Letters help inform our neighbors about issues and help to rally support for legislative efforts.

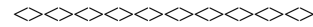
Writing a letter to the editor is easy and takes only a few moments. The key is to reference what you are writing about early in the letter and get to your point as quickly as possible. Long letters are often not published in the sound-bite world we live in. Readers often lose interest if your letter is not succinct and to the point.

Write about what you know and avoid getting into speculation. If you don't know the facts, don't make them up. That said, most letters are not about facts but rather your opinion and you should feel free to voice your opinion.

The important part is that you get the letter written and you send it in and once it is in you follow up with the editor. Editors will often send an email or contact letter writers to let them know they received the letter but they are very busy and sometimes letters fall through the cracks. Try not to over do it if they are slow in publishing the letter. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. They will not print your contact information, but will generally verify it's authorship before printing a letter.

Letters to the editor are a key component of any campaign or issue, they help us open a dialogue with the community, get the attention of decision makers and advocate for our position. So, if you want to help the effort, start writing today. Next time you see something in your local paper about a bill you have

an opinion on, send in a letter to the editor, either supporting something you read that you liked or refuting something you didn't. Keep it positive and to the point. It will make all the difference.... Roar ladies, roar.



CHALLENGE! MOVE FORWARD!

*~ by OCFRW Americanism Chair, Ruby Netzley ~
[Reprinted from OCFRW Connection ~ December 2008]*

It seems that our economy is in an upside/downside situation. Whether it is going up or down is hard to determine. But, regardless, American citizens must continue on the upside in our liberties and educating our citizens. This coming year we must support and promote the standards of Americanism. We are Americans and Republicans.

In 1927, an American Educational League was founded. It has dedicated its efforts to informing and educating all citizens about the liberties and responsibilities that are their birthright as Americans. Central to its mission of education and advocacy, it is committed to installing the moral, ethical, and spiritual values that guided America's founding fathers in establishment of the Republic. Through its resource materials, the League is said to promote significant and permanent reductions in size and power of government and inspire citizens to exercise freedoms that lead to integrity and personal initiative. Students are to be encouraged to act with integrity, respectfulness and to tolerate individual differences and to denounce destructive negative influences that tarnish the noble aspirations of those who made America great. They have a goal of empowering present and future generations with knowledge to make informed responsible choices while pursuing lives and careers that contribute to the greater good of our country's society.

Republicans hail, admire and participate in government education of our citizens. Our nation's history and knowledge of our political system and what different political parties stand for are very important. Our government leaders affect our nation and those who live in it. We, as loyal Americans and Republicans, must work harder to get our message out of what we stand for.

As we pass through this time in history, we must continue to move forward and provide leaders who will not let us move backward.

Let us move forward as a nation. Let the world find peace and prosperity for all.

**Tustin Area
Republican Women Federated**

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The Honorable Francine Scinto, Vice President
The Honorable Lynn Davis, Clerk
The Honorable Jonathan Abelow
The Honorable Tammie Bullard

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, February 2, 2009: Groundhog Day

Wednesday, February 4, 2009: CFRW Southern Division Meeting, Pomona

Thursday, February 5, 2009: OCFRW 2009 Lincoln Day Luncheon and Workshops

Friday, February 6, 2009: Ronald Reagan's Birthday

Fri.-Sun., February 6-8, 2009: CFRW Winter Conference, San Luis Obispo

Thursday, February 12, 2009: Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday

Saturday, February 14, 2009: Valentine's Day

Monday, February 16, 2009: President's Day

Sunday, February 22, 2009: Washington's Birthday

Friday, February 27, 2009: TARWF General Meeting and Luncheon

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THE TUSTIN AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

