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General Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, February 27, 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, February 23, 2009
Email: reservations@tustinarearwf.org***

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

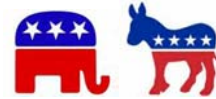
Our February General Meeting will highlight the differences between Conservatism and Liberalism. Join us for a motivating reaffirmation of our commitment to Republican Party principles. You are sure to be inspired and enlightened!

And, remember during the 2009 bicentennial celebration of Lincoln's birth that our "first" Republican President never stops teaching us...



"He who created the earth still governs it." ~ A. Lincoln

Speaker: Karla Downing



***Topic ~ Conservatism vs. Liberalism:
Does Philosophy Really Matter?***

Karla has been interested and involved in politics for over 30 years. She attended one of the first pro-family conferences in 1980. Karla believes passionately in conservative principles. She found herself consistently frustrated with the misconceptions people had about the differences between the Democratic and Republican Parties, resulting in her desire to speak on the topic of "Conservatism versus Liberalism."

Karla has served on the boards of several conservative pro-family organizations, including Arizona Eagle Forum and Arizona Concerned Women for America. She is currently the Program Chair for Pat Nixon Republican Women Federated and was the Program Chair from 2001 through 2004.

Karla holds two masters degrees and is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed speech language pathologist. She is also the author of three books and numerous articles, a speaker, and the office manager for her family owned construction business. She has three daughters and has been married for 29 years.

President's Message



How wonderful it was to see so many of you at our first meeting of the year this past January. We had quite a showing of men at the meeting and that was super. Men, you can join as an Associate Member to enjoy all of our fantastic speakers and have a great lunch, at the same time!

Our speaker, Dr. Ronald Rietveld, CSUF Prof. of History Emeritus, was outstanding. I am certain those of you that were present were like me. I felt I could have listened to him for another hour!! It was very interesting to hear so many facts about our first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln. He was a thoughtful, courageous, and spiritual man who left an amazing example of courage, honor, and integrity as his legacy for all future Presidents to emulate.

Of course, one can only hope that our present President will truly emulate Lincoln. Only time will tell how Mr. Obama will conduct himself as President, and whether he will indeed be governing like Lincoln - who sought fairness and equality for all. Pivotaly, Lincoln also wanted citizens to be responsible for their own well-being through independent action, solving their problems on their own initiative. Handing someone everything all of the time does not help them. Lincoln felt very strongly about this point. We can pray that President Obama will apply Lincoln's principles and policies and not just use empty rhetoric about his admiration of this leader.

The speaker at the OCFRW Lincoln Day Luncheon and Meeting on Thursday, Feb 5th, was Mr. Brian T. Kennedy, Claremont Institute President, communicated his great concern for the strong possibility that Obama is going to run a socialistic government. With so many handouts in his proposed stimulus package, it certainly seems that way. Mr. Kennedy quoted from Milton Friedman, "any time you have the number of people receiving benefits outweighing the number of people working" this is Socialism. *All is not lost though.* Mr. Kennedy pointed out that we came out FIRST in a study conducted by Swiss economists identifying the hardest and most productive workers in the world!! So, even though it is very unsettling to hear of massive entitlement requests with expectations that government will foot the bill, there is still a good foundation on which to keep our spirits high.

The appointment of Michael Steele as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, also offered good news. Having had the occasion to listen to him on Fox News, Mr. Steele appears to truly be a conservative Republican who values the ideals of our founding fathers. He has a great respect and love for the Constitution. Now, with a good strong leader, we can expect great things!!

Our future is in the hands of our young people, and one way that we can foster positive youth leadership and government involvement is to support CFRW'S 34th Annual Sacramento Youth Advocacy Workshop Program - Monday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 5, 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity for junior and senior high school students to experience State Government in action and meet legislators. They will visit our State Senator and/or Assemblymen, attend State Senate and/or State Assembly Floor Sessions or Committees, tour the Capitol and Governor's Office, have Lunch at the Capitol Cafeteria and an Evening Dinner sponsored by CFRW So. Div. (including an exciting interactive program with invited Legislators), and attend the CFRW Advocacy Day & Luncheon at the Hyatt. Please contact our Scholarship Chair, Joyce Wing, for forms and qualifying criteria if you have any children, grandchildren, or know of any students who may be interested.

In closing, let me wish all of you a *Belated* Happy Valentine's Day. Don't forget to join us at our next meeting on Friday, February 27th, featuring a discussion on "*Liberalism vs. Conservatism*" by guest speaker Karla Downing. Bring a friend!

~ Betty Mackintosh



Information Tip: Republican Federated women may obtain additional information on forms, applications, deadlines and events on the following websites:

OCFRW www.ocfrw.org

CRFW www.cfrw.org

NFRW www.nfrw.org

User Names and Passwords available upon request.

Legislation Lobbying Message ~ CFRW is planning activities that will prepare Republican Women to lobby state legislators on Advocacy Day, May 5, 2009. ***The bill chosen will be dependent upon what is still active in April. If you have a "general" interest in lobbying, please send your name, club info, and e-mail to: Edelweiss Geary: esgeary@sbcglobal.net.***

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

Our first luncheon of 2009 was full of fun, and it was wonderful to see so many new faces.

Like me, most conservatives are aghast at the policies coming out of Washington. Despite all of our economic problems, we can afford to reverse former President Bush's executive order and now fund abortion centers ABROAD?

Funding additional abortions is horrific enough, but to fund them abroad to the tune of one-half to four billion dollars – what planet are they on?

Then, in a clear attempt to slide us into a national health care system, they expand the health care for children (and some adults). Having first-hand experience of British national health care, I can tell you this is NOT what you want.

I have a cousin who is a welder. He really hurt his back at work and was referred by his doctor to a specialist. The first available appointment – thirteen months! Then there is my friend whose son began to have excruciating headaches. After weeks of many GP visits and this poor family being at their wits end, when the poor son was thinking of suicide, the GP consented to refer him to a specialist. The first available appointment - four months! I have horror story after horror story!

The point is, there are many depressed conservatives out there, so bring them to the meetings and we'll cheer them up. Remember, ACTION CURES FEAR, and we'll have a bit of fun as well.

REMINDER - We're doing very well with our renewals, but if you haven't renewed your membership, please, please do so using the form on this page, and get it to me as soon as you can so we can focus on other things.

There are quite a few initiatives in the pipeline designed to strengthen our membership and fight the good fight. So watch this space!

Can't wait to see you all at our next luncheon meeting on Feb 27th, and remember – bring a depressed conservative guest with you, and we'll cheer them up!

There's a special prize for the person that brings along a wavering democrat that we can convert! Just kiddin' – NOT!

If you should have any membership questions, please contact me directly.

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: ___New ___Renewal

_____ \$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



Driving home after the January meeting, my car was full of treats for the soldiers. Also, there was some extra cash in my money bag. I am able to help our troops because of the generosity of our TARWF members. Many thanks to all who contributed!

The money received is used for costs of mailing, stamps, tape, buying items not collected, note stickers, copying articles to put in letters, plastic bags, etc.

On February 3rd, I mailed boxes to Sgt. Eduardo Garcia, PFC Jose Frausto, and PV-2 Shannon Bennett, our newly “adopted *Colleen*” ~ *she is our first female member!*

I wanted to give you an idea of what it takes to mail a box to *our heroes*. First, the easy part - you get a free 11x8½x5½ box, an address label, and a Customs Declaration form at the Post Office. You pack the box with *as many items as you possibly can* since it costs \$10.35 to mail it regardless of weight.

Just to give you an example of what may be packed in *each* box, this month’s contents were: 2 prs. of socks; 2 magazines; 1 calendar; 2 beef jerky pkgs.; 1 pkg. of chocolates; an 18 stick chewing gum pkg.; 3 trail mix pkgs.; 4 cans of tuna; 6 cans of Vienna sausages; 2 decks of cards; 1 big pkg. of baby wipes; 3 Chap Stick®; and assorted hard candy!

Each of our heroes also received 5 Valentines handwritten by those who attended our January meeting. Special thanks to all of you who took the time to write the Valentines.

The hard part is getting the names of soldiers. While most families take care of their own, there are still many who do not get mail from home.

We are fortunate to have Retired Marine Angelica Black, founder of *Project Prayer Flag*, to provide us with the names of soldiers that she gets from military chaplains, who know where there is a need. What we send our troops changes by season and region of deployment.

I was told that it is good to include some videos (the videos do not have to be new), DVDs, table games, pop corn, cocoa mix, powdered drinks, dried nuts, dried fruits, and small notebooks.

If you would like to contribute any of the above items, please bring them to our February 27th meeting.

OUR HEROES

The following heroes are on our list for February 2009:

1. Jonathan Agee (AF- Japan)
2. Shannon Bennett (Army - Iraq)
3. Ryan Cambra (Navy - Virginia Beach)
4. Jose J. Frausto (Army - Iraq)
5. Eduardo Garcia (Army - Iraq)

Paul Simpson, our Marine, arrived home in January. Welcome home, Paul!

I was also overjoyed to receive a letter from Sgt. Garcia, dated 12/31/08, thanking the members of TARWF for their support. Just love receiving letters from the soldiers.

Please continue to pray for our volunteer members who serve in our Armed Forces. They are still in need of our ongoing prayers and support.

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“*Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.*” ~ A. Lincoln

“*Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.*” ~ A. Lincoln

“*Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.*” ~ A. Lincoln
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OCFRW LINCOLN DAY EVENT REPORT
by Annie Mezzacappa ~

Every year, the Orange County Federation of Republican Women (OCFRW) commemorates the legacy of our first Republican President ~ Abraham Lincoln, with a very special *Lincoln Day Celebration*. From economic observations to informative workshops, the OCFRW Lincoln Day Event on Thursday, February 5th, provided all in attendance with an enlightening learning experience. Highlights included:

Speaker: Brian T. Kennedy, Pres., Claremont Institute on “President Obama and the Economy” ~ In discussing the current economic crisis, Mr. Kennedy imparted some hopeful observations: “we’re still a very rich country; American workers are the most productive in the world, as exemplified in a study conducted by economists in Switzerland; our main assets which can’t be taken away are the people, land and property resources; and even if it collapses, *we can get the economy moving again.*”

He raised awareness on the shortcomings of President Obama’s economic strategies by referencing his mentor - Nobel Prize-winning American free-market economist Milton Friedman (1912-2006): “when the number of people receiving benefits exceeds the number of people working to pay for those benefits - you will have backed your way into Socialism.”

Mr. Kennedy also stressed that to win our country back for Republicans, *we have to win back California*. His view on how this may be accomplished: persuade voters of the virtue of our ideals - low taxes, strong national defense, and strong families, and defend those principles.

He summed-up by also emphasizing the importance of maintaining a strong national security defense system to ward against any potential threats, harkening how adept President Ronald Reagan was in articulating this need.

President Workshop ~ Presenter Dawn Wetzel, CFRW So. Div. President, delightfully demonstrated that like a “Ringmaster” at a circus, the “club president” must keep the crowd’s attention with enthusiasm, willpower, and focus; spot any developing problem early on and handle it; have a great deal of charisma; create a memorable

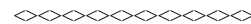
show that all will love; think theater; teamwork; energy; planning and informing; mentoring; and, delegating tasks. Evolve to survive. Give everything a chance - and remember, “*leadership abounds off-stage and on!*”

Leadership Workshop ~ Presenter Barbara Jax, Past President, OCFRW, defined leadership as “*the energetic process of getting other people fully and willingly committed to a course of action to meet commonly agreed objectives*. She noted: “*The job of the leader is to encourage others to get things done. Leaders need the help of others to get things changed.*”

In closing, I share *two Abraham Lincoln quotes* that graced the event program and bear repeating:

“You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man’s initiative and independence”

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedom, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”



“Save the Date” for Next OCFRW Meeting - Thurs., March 5, Costa Mesa Golf & Country Club, Guest Speaker: *Ashton D. Ellis* (Red County contributing writer; also served as a writer for former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and as a research assistant for Texas Speaker Tom Craddick). For more information, please contact Joyce Wing.



**National Federation of Republican Women
Congratulates New RNC Chairman Michael Steele**
[Excerpted from NFRW February 2, 2009 News Release]

Shirley Sadler, NFRW President, issued the following: “The National Federation of Republican Women sends its congratulations to new Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele. His experience, character, and core principles more than qualify him to serve as our new chairman, and he has the leadership ability to help rebuild the Republican Party. Republican women look forward to supporting him as chairman and helping him fulfill his goals.”



**TARWF “Books for Kids” Message
From Chair, Dianne Dunn**

Every year, TARWF donates a very special book to the 18 elementary schools in the TUSD. I am proud to announce the title of this year’s offering:

“WE THE PEOPLE”

“The Story of Our Constitution”

by Lynne Cheney (beautifully illustrated by Greg Harlin)

In 1781, America had won the battle that would end the Revolutionary War. Over the next several years, “The Articles of Confederation” were adopted as rules for governing our country. While the Articles established Congress as a national legislature, the body was denied the power to collect taxes, regulate interstate commerce, and enforce laws.

Chaos soon ensued due to these shortcomings, with other countries attempting to take advantage of the situation. The 13 states were squabbling, the country could not pay its bills, and in Massachusetts, farmers took up arms against the government. *How was our very new country going to survive?*

In May 1787, delegates from across the country, including George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin, gathered in Philadelphia. Meeting over the course of a sweltering summer, they created a new framework for governing our country: **The Constitution of the United States.**

This magnificent document has stood the test of time as the backbone of strength for our Country. It has worked beautifully by providing inspirational hope for freedom, making our country the envy of the world. The story of our founding document is an important one for our children to know.

It is a tale of persistence, as delegates kept at it despite obstacles that at times made their task seem impossible. It is a tale of creativity, with the delegates providing a framework for an entirely new government. It is also a story that makes clear there was nothing inevitable about the Constitution that emerged from the Philadelphia Convention. History might have gone otherwise if not for the framers’ genius, and we should be grateful for James Madison, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and the others who gathered in Philadelphia. Madison wrote, **“The happy union of these states is a wonder; their Constitution a miracle; their example, the hope of liberty throughout the world.”**

We have a right to be proud of our Constitution. We need to know it, understand it, teach our children about it, and always protect it for future generations.



**“Have you read...”
TARWF Member Book Review**

If a book that you have recently read made an impact on you, and you would like to write a review for our TARWF members, email your review to Newsletter Editor, Annie Mezzacappa, actingannie@gmail.com.

**“Do The Right Thing ~ by Mike Huckabee ~
Inside the Movement That’s Bringing
Common Sense Back to America.”**

Reviewed by Pam Gooderham

Remember the Primaries? Giuliani, McCain, Romney, Paul, Thompson, and Huckabee? The intenseness? Ever wondered what really goes on behind the scenes? This book gives you an eye-opening glimpse into the inner workings of this electoral process, and Huckabee is quite upfront about which of the candidates above - did the right thing. By page 6, you’ll be heard muttering, “Whoa!”

Huckabee is so plainly candid that you will be chuckling at the lengths he would go to save a dime for his money-strapped campaign [“...arrived at the hotel near Hobby Airport about 10.30 that night. I was the only person there with sleeves on my shirt and without multiple body piercings and tattoos.”] only to become an admirer of his principles and resourcefulness in the later months. [“While other candidates were stepping onto their Gulfstream Jets with catered food, flying out the moment they got onboard, I was often sitting on the floor in a crowded terminal, eating something from the airport food court... missed connections led to real connections – connections with those stuck in the airports with me....”]

Not to mention the fascination of how the Governor’s web-based initiatives evolved into a giant-killer, which, *still today*, is financially backing Huckabee-vetted candidates all around the country that, in this terrible era of fraud and deception, will “Do The Right Thing.”

And, if you have ever wondered if the Fair Tax will work, Huckabee’s argument will convince you. More than that, after we have spent over a trillion dollars on the so-called stimulus plan, you’ll be like me and become convinced after understanding the Governor’s reasoning, that the implementation of the Fair Tax may be the one saving grace that will give us hope of paying back such a huge deficit. Additionally, Huckabee’s determination to have this country drill and become energy independent will have you cheering in your chair!

I’ll give Governor Huckabee the last word:

“I believe it’s time to hit the RESET button on our nation. We need to reboot the operating system and do some serious “file clearing” and get the system operating at optimum levels again. It starts now. It starts with me, and it starts with you.”

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Monday, March 2, 2009: Charlotte Mousel Scholarship application *submission deadline* to County Chairman
- Thursday, March 5, 2009: OCFRW Meeting, Costa Mesa Country Club
- Sunday, March 8, 2009: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Tuesday, March 17, 2009: St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday, March 20, 2009: First Day of Spring
- Friday, March 27, 2009: TARWF General Meeting and Luncheon
*Guest Speaker ~ Michael Ramirez, Pulitzer Prize
Winning Editorial Cartoonist*

