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Dynamic Lynne Leach Returns for the October 13 Dinner

Lynne Leach is a woman of many talents. A captivating and forceful speaker, she was elected to the State Assembly in 1996 and was the first woman ever to represent the combined Alameda/Contra Costa Counties 15th Assembly District. She was reelected in 1998 and 2000 by wide margins and was term limited in 2002.



Lynne C. Leach

In 1998 Lynne was named "National Freshman of the Year" by the National Republican Legislators Association and "First Term Legislator of the Year" by the California School Boards Association. She quickly became a leader in the Legislature, serving as Chair of the Assembly Republican Caucus in her first term and Vice Chair of the Assembly Education Committee in her second and third terms.

Lynne was actively involved in the Contra Costa County Republican Party and served as its Chairman from

1991-1995.

Lynne is a native of Chicago. She worked her way through college and in 1963 graduated from Roosevelt University in Chicago with a degree in Psychology.

In 1964, she and her husband, Bob, moved to California. In 1967 they settled in Walnut Creek where they raised their now grown children, Carol and Brian.

After leaving the Legislature in 2003, she launched

Lynne Leach Presents... offering informative, inspirational speeches and practical, common sense programs on sales - customer service, communications and leadership to the business and political communities.

A blue dinner reservation form for October 13 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form **MUST be returned by noon, Friday, October 8. Reservation questions: 280-7280.**

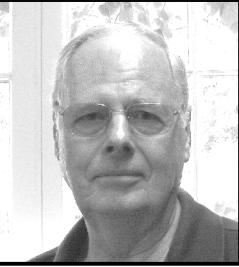
"Treats for Troops" Time Again

Each year in October the Blue Star Moms' "Treats for Troops" Drive takes place in Rossmoor. This year, again, the Republican Club of Rossmoor encourages your contributions. Details of the drive and donation suggestions are found on Page 3 of this issue.

November 2 Election Recommendations

The Board of Directors of the Republican Club of Rossmoor has studied ballot measures and qualifications of candidates for the November 2 Election. The Board's recommendations are found on Page 4 of this issue. Please be sure to vote!





“Tea Time in America?” ...President Richard Anderson

This may be my last message to you before we go to the polls on November 2nd. It occurred to me, therefore, that it is time to talk about a new phenomenon, something beyond simply how to vote on the several propositions that will appear on the ballot, and how to ensure that Republicans represent us in Congress and occupy the Governor’s chair in Sacramento.

This new phenomenon is the Tea Party, which is not really a party in the organized, political sense at all. It has no party platform that I’m aware of, no national leadership, and functions wonderfully with a very loose organizational structure. It is a truly grassroots movement, although Nancy Pelosi would have us believe otherwise. She claims that this movement “is funded by the high end—we call it Astroturf, it’s not really a grass-roots movement. It’s Astroturf by some of the wealthiest people in America to keep the focus on tax cuts for the rich instead of for the great middle class.” Then Harry Reid, the Senate’s Dormouse, roused himself sufficiently to opine that they are “evil-mongers” spreading “lies, innuendo and rumor.”

At its start, the Tea Party’s focus was on lower taxes to stimulate the economy, and smaller government to allow a freer range of the entrepreneurial spirit; it was on our Founding Fathers’ preference for limited government, but over time the focus broadened. The movement became a rallying point for Americans for whom nothing can be more sacred than honor, patriotism, and God, and who get goose-bumps at the very mention of these words.

These latecomers to the Tea Party experience profound degrees of alienation when they look at the mass culture that surrounds them, and which they see as intent on mocking everything they hold to be sacred. They want to return to an era in which their own traditional values were reflected in the TV shows they watched, the movies they went to, the education that their children received in the public schools paid for by their tax dollars.

These Americans do not want to see what they cherish most in the world held up to ridicule, especially when the ridicule is presented in attractively packaged forms that are designed especially to appeal to their children. They resent what they perceive as the indoctrination and brainwashing of the next generation. They feel that their own deeply held traditional American values are under attack. And they are right!

Pollsters Scott Rasmussen and Douglas Schoen have studied the Tea Party movement and their conclusions were published in their book *Mad as Hell:*

How the Tea Party movement is fundamentally remaking the two-party system. According to Rasmussen and Schoen, the Tea Party movement is broad-based with wide support. Over half of the electorate now say they favor the movement, around 35% say they support it, 20% to 25% self-identify as members, and 2% to 7% say they are activists.

How did this all happen? It began with thousands of small gatherings, many of them spontaneous, over the course of 2009. By mid-April of this year, a CNN/Opinion Research Corp. survey found that 10% of Americans have actively supported the Tea Party movement, which is to say gone to a rally, contributed money, or taken specific steps to support the movement. And a New York Times/CBS News poll showed that close to 20% of Americans call themselves supporters of the movement. The jury has returned and verdict is in.

The Tea Party has been a mixed blessing to Republicans. On the one hand it has brought focus and enthusiasm. On the other, it has upset the party establishment. Tea Partiers defeated Robert Bennett, the fine Senator from Utah, in his bid for re-election. It snatched defeat from the jaws of victory by giving Christine O’Donnell, whose motives and ethics are highly suspect, the nod in Delaware thus losing a sure Republican pick-up of a Senate seat.

We would be wrong, however, to look too closely in the mouth of this gift horse. As the always insightful David Brooks has pointed out, “The fact is, as the Tea Party has surged, so has the G.O.P. When this primary season began in early February, voters wanted Democrats to retain control of Congress by 49% to 37%. In the ensuing months, Tea Party candidates won shocking victories in states from Florida to Alaska. (Now) Americans want Republicans to take over Congress by 46% to 43%.” And “it doesn’t matter that public approval of the G.O.P. is now at its all-time low.”

The G.O.P.’s *Pledge to America*, which was rolled out late last month, opens with a promise “to dedicate ourselves to the task of reconnecting our highest aspirations to the permanent truths of our founding by keeping faith with the values our nation was founded on, the principles we stand for, and the priorities of our people.” And on the opening page, Republicans promise in their agenda to “honor families, traditional marriage, life, and the private, faith-based organizations that form the core of American values.” Perhaps the Tea Party has become the conscience of the Republican Party.

2010 Treats for Troops Drive

You can drop your donations at Gateway Clubhouse as indicated below. Or, even better, bring them to the club dinner on October 13.

The 2010 "Treats for the Troops drive in Rossmoor begins on Thursday, October 7, this year and concludes on Wednesday, October 13. Clearly marked containers will be located at Gateway Clubhouse into which donated items may be placed during those dates. In addition—from Monday, October 11 through Wednesday, October 13—collection tables and containers will be set-up outside Gateway to facilitate drive-by donations.

All items received will be turned over to the nearby Danville chapter of Blue Star Moms, a non-partisan, non-profit entity that consists of the mothers of the young men and women who are serving in the U. S. Military. In turn, Blue Star Moms package all donated items into Christmas or Holiday gift boxes and send them on to such difficult overseas assignment spots as Iraq and Afghanistan.

Individual or travel sizes are preferred for all donations. This year's list of preferred gift items includes the following:

Add Water--Individually Wrapped Items: hot drinks; hot chocolate; spiced cider; tea bags; Cold Powdered Drink Mixes-Propel; Crystal Light; Kool-Aid; Hot Cereals-oatmeal; Cream of Wheat; instant soup mixes, etc.

Proteins-Individual Serving Sizes: tuna or chicken-lunch kits or foil pouches; beef jerky or Slim Jims; nuts-all kinds including flavored corn nuts; protein bars; Power Bars, etc.

Snacks-Individually Wrapped Packages: Cracker-jacks; trail mix; sunflower seeds; crackers-cheese; Ritz Bits; Goldfish; cookies; breakfast bars; granola bars; Fruit Snacks; fruit rollups; Gushers; dried fruit; hard and soft candies(chocolate is okay); Life Savers; Nerds; Sweetarts, etc.

Clothing: Black or white all-cotton athletic socks or tee-shirts; pillow cases; dark colored knitted caps;

men's flip flops (L and XL); gloves; scarves, etc.

Personal Items-Travel Size: Gold Bond powder; foot and baby powder; baby wipes; lip balm with SPF; waterless hand sanitizer; toothbrushes and toothpastes; batteries (preferably AA), etc.

Entertainment: Silly-Putty; Nerf balls; tennis balls; Frisbees; Yo-yos; Rubik's Cube; Hacky-Sacks; Beanie Babies; CD's; DVD's; crossword puzzles; word search and Sudoku books, etc.

Specialty Items: ground coffee (Peets and Starbucks are popular); gum (preferably sugar-free); Ziploc freezer bags (quart and gallon sizes); patriotic and Christmas stocking fabrics/materials.

Blue Star Moms can't send religious material, pornographic material, perishable foods, pork, fireworks, firearms, aerosol cans, glass containers, peanut butter crackers or snacks.

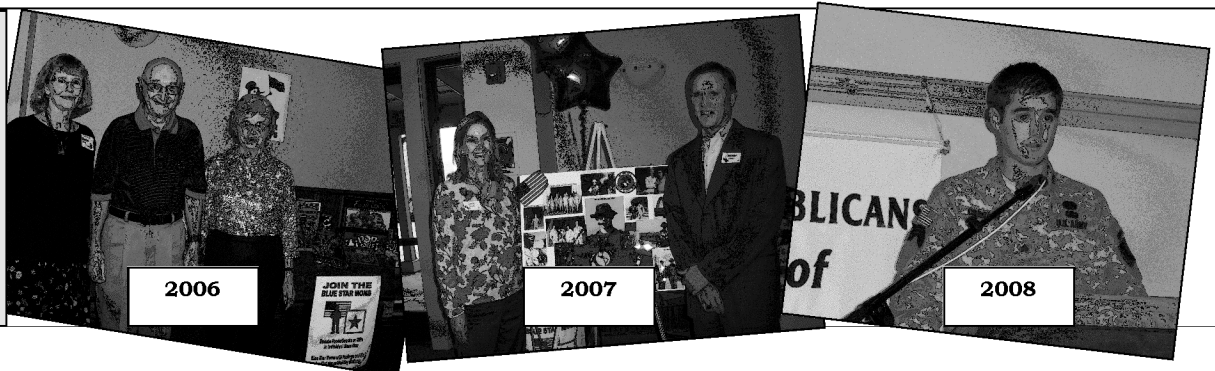
Because Blue Star Moms must pay at least \$12 for each package it mails overseas, donations of money are also most welcome. (All donations are fully tax deductible because of Blue Star Moms 501.c.3 status under IRS rules.) Please make your checks payable to "Blue Star Moms" and send them to Devon or Noel Olson, 6200 Horsemans Canyon Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Those who wish to donate items, but cannot deliver them to Gateway Clubhouse for any reason may phone 943-7905 and a volunteer will pick up the donated items.

Finally, brief notes or letters are always welcomed by the young men and women serving in dangerous overseas locations. All such correspondence should be brought to and placed in special "mail-boxes" set up at the collection tables at Gateway Clubhouse on October 11th, 12th and 13th. All letters or notes received will be included inside the gift packages that will be mailed overseas to our troops.

Any suggestions, comments or questions from Republican Club members can be directed to Kathleen Moschel at 943-6769 or to Noel or Devon Olson at 943-7905.

**From the
"Treats for
Troops"
Memory Files**



November 2 Election Recommendations

STATE-WIDE CANDIDATES

Carly Fiorina—U. S. Senator

Gary Clift—

U. S. House of Representatives, District 10

Meg Whitman—Governor

Abel Maldonado—Lieutenant Governor

Damon Dunn—Secretary of State

Tony Strickland—Controller

Mimi Walters—Treasurer

Steve Cooley—Attorney General

Mile Villines—Insurance Commissioner

Diane Lenning—Write In Candidate for State

Superintendent of Public Instruction

LOCAL CANDIDATES

Abram Wilson—Assembly District 15

Mark Peterson—

Contra Costa District Attorney

Justin Wedel—Walnut Creek City Council

Kevin R. Scott—

Board of Equalization, District 1

Justices of the Supreme Court:

Tani Canatil-Sakaue—Yes;

Ming Chin—Yes;

Carlos R. Moreno—No

PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 19—NO

Legalizes Marijuana Under California but Not Federal Law

Proposition 20—Yes

Expands Redistricting Authority of Independent Redistricting Commission to Include U. S. Congressional Districts

Proposition 21—No

Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle Tax to Fund State Parks and Wildlife Programs. Vehicles so Surcharged Would be Granted Free Admission to All State Parks

Proposition 22—Yes

Prohibits the State from Borrowing or Taking Funds Used for Transportation, Redevelopment, or Local Government Projects and Services

Proposition 23—Yes

Suspends Implementation of Air Pollution Control Law (AB32) Until State Unemployment Drops to 5.5 % or Less for a Full Year.

Proposition 24—No

Repeals Tax Breaks Given to Businesses in Recent Years

Proposition 25—No

Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to pass Budget and Budget-Related Legislation from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. Retains 2/3 Vote Requirement for Taxes

Proposition 26—Yes

Requires that Certain State and Local Fees be Approved by a Two-Thirds Vote

Proposition 27—No

Would Return all Authority For Drawing District Boundaries to the State Legislature

MEASURES

Measure O—No

Contra Costa Transportation Authority Seeks Approval of \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee for Road Maintenance, etc.

Join the RCR public rallies. Call John Littig
at 256-8558



September Dinner Meeting & Beyond

Judith & David Tedesco

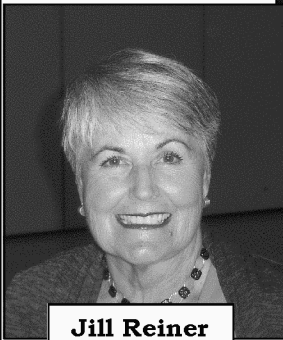
Terry Heath



Thelma Olson and Visitor Flo Spanier



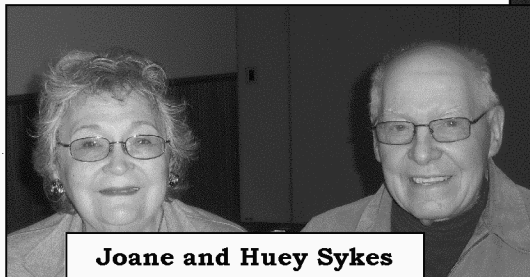
New Member Maureen Bertoli



Jill Reiner



Steve and Teddy Murphy



Joane and Huey Sykes



While vacationing in Columbia, CA, RCR member Laverne Parrot found herself at a barbeque with Meg Whitman, Republican candidate for Governor of California.

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JOIN US!

Simply call Fran Cavanaugh at 945-7211. She will handle all of the steps needed to make you a full member of the Republican Club of Rossmoor. Annual dues are \$15 per person; \$25 per couple.

Club Calendar



- Ambassadors**, Tuesday, October 12, 11 AM, Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, October 13, 5:15 PM, Fireside Room, Gateway
- Board Meeting**, Monday, October 18, 1 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Program Committee**, Monday, October 18, 2 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Discussion Group**, Tuesday, October 19, 2 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Issues Committee**, Friday, October 29, 1 PM, Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Huffman

Ann Shaddle

Gladys Valenzuela

Justin Wedel

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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, Fireside Room, Gateway

5:15 pm Social Time, 6:00 pm Dinner

THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR

Menu

**Honey Glazed Ham with Warm Apricot Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes and Candied Parsley Baby Carrots
Waldorf Salad
Vegetarian entrée: Canneloni**

**Banana Cream Pie
Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea**

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, October 8

Reservation questions: Call 280-7280