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DeNunzio to Describe "Geriatric Tsunami" at Oktoberfest



Mike DeNunzio is an accomplished Republican leader and an aggressive advocate of conservative principles. The political weekly *Human Events* described him as "a living example of Ronald Reagan's citizen politician."

Mike spoke to the Republican Club of Rossmoor last year during his unsuccessful bid to unseat Nancy Pelosi from Congress. He is a forceful and articulate speaker, and ran a courageous campaign against overwhelming odds.

Elected three times Chairman of the San Francisco Republican party, Mike is highly regarded in Northern California for his articulate defense of Republican principles in the most hostile and liberal media market in the nation.

He has had a distinguished career as a financial advisor on major

health care, educational and social service projects throughout North America, Europe and the Pacific Basin.

In San Francisco, he served as a Commissioner on Aging and Adult Services and is currently the Finance Chairman of the Mayor's Council to End Chronic Homelessness. Mike is also on the boards of numerous civic organizations, including the Fitschen Charitable Trust for Seniors.

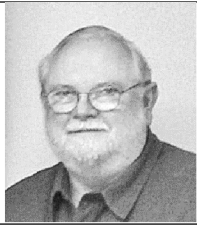
Mike serves as a California Commissioner on Aging, appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger. He will speak about the coming "geriatric tsunami" and the "ultimate elder abuse", both topics of considerable interest and relevance to RCR members. A graduate of St. John's University, N.Y., Mike and his wife Annette live in San Francisco.

Oktoberfest this year includes a hosted bar and a plated dinner. Deadline for reservations is Noon, Friday, October 5. Please use the enclosed form.

This Month Bring Treats for Troops

This year our club is again participating in the Treats for Troops program. Blue Star Moms, a national non-profit organization, coordinates this effort. Bring your items to be donated to our October 10 meeting. Some favorite items among the troops are heavy black or white socks, zip lock bags in various sizes, coffee creamer and sugar packets, Tuna or Chicken creations, Cup-O-Soup, trail mix, protein bars, cereal bars, microwave popcorn, nuts, candy, gum and breath mints.

Contributions of money are needed and are fully tax deductible. Please make checks payable to "Blue Star Moms" and send all such donations to Devon or Noel Olson at 6200 Horsemans Canyon Dr., Walnut Creek 94595



President's Message

Tom Fryer

Three weeks ago, on September 1, Peggy and I stood on the bluff overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel at Normandy. It was a grey day, but splashes of sunlight dappled the sand where so much American blood was shed 63 years ago.

Behind us were the graves of almost 10,000 young Americans who died to redeem the world from one of the great tyrannies of this or any other time

The words of General Mark Clark are etched in the stone of the Normandy Museum. They say, "If ever proof were needed that we fought for a cause and not for conquest it could be found in these cemeteries. Here was our only conquest: All we asked was enough soil in which to bury our gallant dead."

They are called "the greatest generation" and I am not about to dispute that call. I stand in absolute awe of what these young men did in utter disregard of their bodies and their lives.

Ken Burns' magnificent television production "The War" is currently showing on KQED Channel 9. I'm writing this on September 26 and tonight's episode includes the D-day invasion at Normandy. The program is history that all of us should know, and know in the kind of detail Burns presents.

Now it comes to pass that the future of this country is **ours** to secure. We live in an age where nothing seems simple. Certainly nothing is as simple as Adolph Hitler, who simply had to be stopped, although it bears remembering that there were, and are, people in this

country who thought Hitler was a good idea.

Threats to our nation today are more complicated. What to do about them seems less clear. Moreover, as the "melting pot" metaphor is rejected in favor of salad bowls and cultural relativism, the consensus about what it means to be an American and what kind of America we want seems to be eroding.

There is only one thing I am sure of and that is this: All of us, Republican, Democrat, and the rest, must focus on the future of this nation, if we want a nation, and as a young President suggested almost half a century ago, we must ask not what our country can do for us, but what we can do for our country.

On the record

Think of it this way: Have events in general gone better or worse than most people would have predicted on Sept. 12, 2001? There's been no successful second attack here in the U.S. — and very limited terrorist successes in Europe or even in the Middle East. We've had 5 1/2 years of robust economic growth, low unemployment and a stock market recovery. Social indicators in the U.S. are mostly stable or improving — abortions, teenage births and teenage drug use are down and education scores are up a bit. It may well be that no other country has ever been stronger than the U.S. today — and it may well be that no other people in human history have ever had it quite so good.

—William Kristol

From 2005 to 2030, the 65-and-older population will nearly double to 71 million: its share of the population will rise to 20 percent from 12 percent. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — programs that serve older people — already exceed 40 percent of the \$2.7 trillion federal budget. By 2030, their share could hit 75 percent of the present budget, projects the Con-

gressional Budget Office. The result: a political impasse.

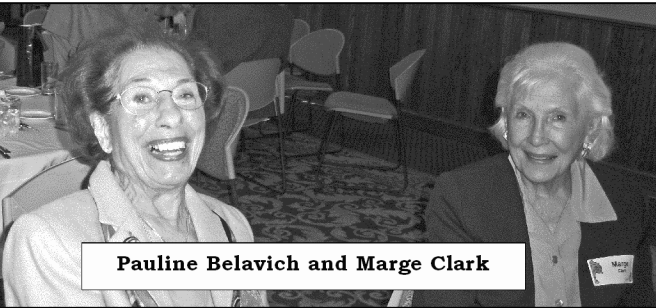
The 2030 projections are daunting. To keep federal spending stable as a share of the economy would mean eliminating all defense spending and most other domestic programs (for research, homeland security, the environment, etc.)

—Robert J. Samuelson

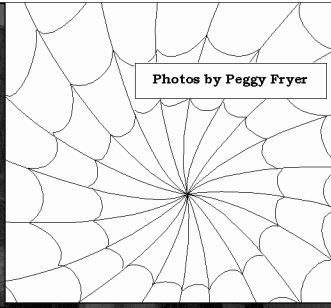
Stephen Hayes (author of *Cheney: The Untold Story of America's Most Powerful and Controversial Vice President*) reminds us that Vice President Cheney assumed office with a rare, sophisticated understanding of the strengths and limitations of our national-security institutions. Since 9/11, his daily obsession is the "hell of a threat" we face in the War on Terror. Now that his story has been told, a grateful public should recognize their good fortune in having the vice president we have at such a perilous time.

—Kate O'Beirne

September 12 Dinner Meeting



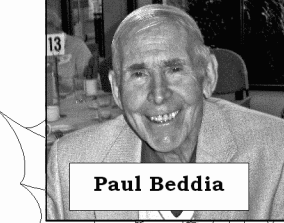
Pauline Belavich and Marge Clark



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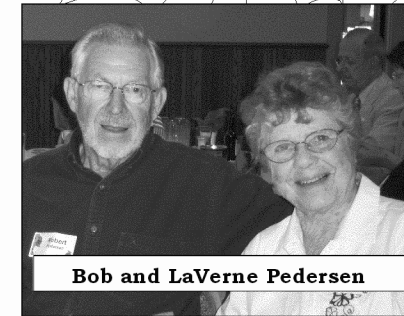
Don and Bonnie Joost with Marian Lemke



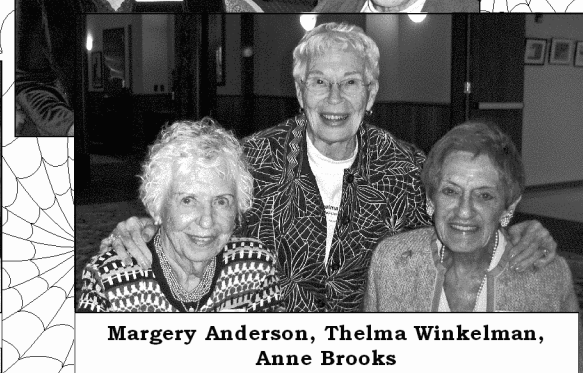
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She will handle all of the
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Club Calendar

Activities Day, October 6, 10 AM to 2 PM, Gateway Patio
Drop by the Club tables and say hello!

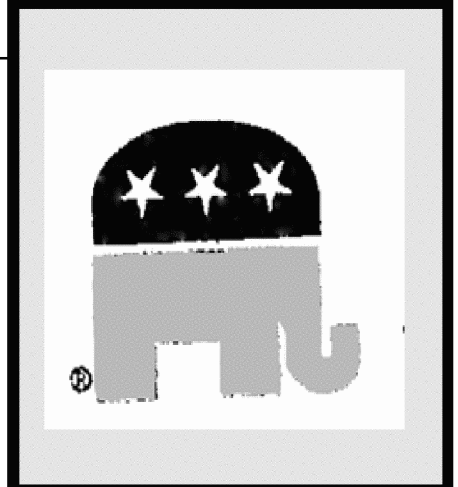
**Issues Committee, September 28, 10 AM, Eisenhower Room, Dollar
Clubhouse**

Ambassadors, October 9, 11 AM, Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

Dinner Meeting, October 10, 5:15 PM, Fireside Room, Gateway

Board Meeting, October 15, 1 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse

Discussion Group, October 16, 2 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse



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OKTOBERFEST

Wednesday, October 10, 2007, Fireside Room, Gateway

5:15 pm Hosted Bar, 6:00 pm Sit-Down Dinner

Menu

Sausage

Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage

Warm Potato Salad, Waldorf Salad

(Vegetarian: Cannelloni)

Apple Pie and Ice Cream

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, October 5 (Form Enclosed)

Reservation questions: Call 933-4242