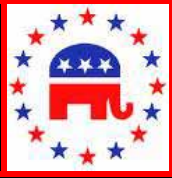


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THE TRUMPET

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May 2010

this month's meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Orinda Country Club
315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda

Professor of Law and Author



John Yoo

11:30am Arrival, social time
12:00 noon Luncheon
12:25pm Speaker

Cost: \$25 luncheon/\$15 speaker only

RSVP to Jan Rains by MONDAY, May 17 at
925-682-3727 **AND** send check payable to LRWF to:
LRWF - Attention: Elsie

P.O. Box 382, Lafayette, CA 94549-0382
(vegetarian meal available; request with reservation)

"A reservation made is a reservation paid."

Additional details are available at the club's website
lamorindarepublicanwomen.org.



President's Message

During the past month my husband, daughter and I have spent three out of four weeks traveling. We began in Lake Tahoe, then flew to New Orleans and ended our trip with a great week in New York City. Wherever we went, it was clear that the **people in each of these very different cities are frustrated with the Obama administration** and the general direction of this country.

In **Squaw Valley**, I sat with two families who voiced their disgust over pervasive **liberal indoctrination in their children's schools**. They understood that the stated goal is usually to conceal the true liberal agenda (hello Alameda County's *And Tango Makes Three* book). One of the families we met was from Moraga. You better believe I gave them info about our club, which they were happy to receive.

In **New Orleans**, as we drove through the lower Ninth Ward and other **storm-ravaged areas**, we couldn't help but wonder what came of the promises to rebuild. I know Bush sent Katrina, but I thought Obama was going to clean it up! Sadly, there was violence perpetrated on conservatives the night we arrived. The Conservative Brand is becoming a **great threat to Socialist/Welfare philosophies**.



In **Manhattan**, near my family's home, there was great excitement over the **April 15th Midtown Tea Party** (photos above). It was great to receive supportive comments on my Tea Pot pin! News agencies must have been busy concocting unfounded charges of racism against conservatives, because **media coverage reflected neither the fervor nor turnout in Midtown**.

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➔ MAKE A DIFFERENCE Quote of the Month:

"Feeling good about government is like looking on the bright side of any catastrophe. When you quit looking on the bright side, the catastrophe is still there."

~ P.J. O'Rourke



MESSAGE, from page 1

While in Manhattan, I was disappointed to read that every middle-of-the-road and conservative writer was shut out of the **Pulitzer Prizes**. The *Wall Street Journal* was shut out for another year, Glenn Beck wasn't even mentioned for investigative journalism. Hello!? Van Jones? ACORN? Instead, awards were given to the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post* & *LA Times* – and generally about obscure events that have no bearing on national issues. One winning article was about the consistency of brie cheese and another was a searing account of conspiracy theories behind what is in Al Sharpton's hairdo. Yep, **it looks like the Pulitzer has gone the way of the Nobel**. More handouts for libs.

Thankfully, the liberal monopolization of the media is becoming increasingly evident to the non-political (as O'Reilly would say) 'regular guys' who tend to fall into the ranks of the undecideds. As **Thomas Lifson** of *American Thinker* (and our March speaker) has said, thanks to the Internet people everywhere have access to good quality information – despite inferior reporting by the mainstream media. Finally Americans are coming to understand what conservatives have known all along: **The left will lie, cheat and spin to forward their warped ideology.**



Leftist tactics of "say it enough times and they'll believe it" is by no means gone, but is experiencing a righteous backlash from those Americans who, for the past year, have been feeling the economic, financial and geopolitical repercussions of their mistakes at the 2008 voting booth.

Many voters are personally embarrassed to have voted for lawmakers with near **single digit approval ratings**. They detest this oh-so-easily 'amused' president who mocks real hardships that he enabled and created. It is surely our duty, as rational, patriotic people of sound minds, to gather and interpret information for these recently enlightened and disenfranchised folks. We must reach these voters with relevant, current information to help them see the light.



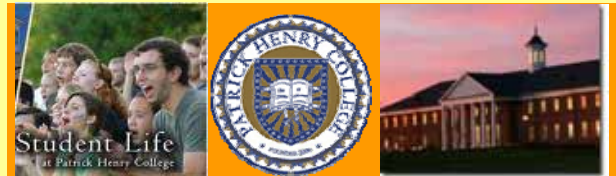
My conversations and experiences with voters in Tahoe, New Orleans and NYC convinced me that the line in the sand has never been so clearly drawn. People KNOW what these crooks are up to. But, with or without these DTS and Independent voters, there is real promise in the future.

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MESSAGE, from left column

I will close these remarks by sharing my thoughts about an inspiring evening I recently enjoyed with the phenomenal people of **Patrick Henry College**.

Patrick Henry College (PHC), a small conservative Christian college in Virginia, recently hosted an event at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville with a program that featured **Brian Sussman** of **KSFO radio** and **former Congressman Bill Baker**. Both of these gentlemen were great speakers, as usual. However, **the PHC people truly stood out**.



From the moment my husband and I arrived at the event we were **greeted by extraordinarily poised and gracious young people – PHC students**. As the night progressed we had the honor of hearing these **outstanding young people** speak about conservatism – honestly, these were **some of the most impassioned, well-delivered speeches** I have ever heard.



(L to R): Past Prez Phyllis Stout, Membership Chair Carol Buser and Prez Deanna with Baby Allie at the March 30th Karl Rove event in Lafayette

As I view the future through the eyes of a new mother, my **concerns for this country are greater than ever**. I find it despicable that liberals want to "fundamentally change" this country. It is reassuring, however, that PCH is at the tip of the spear, producing hearts and minds capable of **preserving and celebrating the traditions and virtues that make this country the greatest on earth**.

As we say good-bye to spring and start our California summer in this all-important election year, I urge you to remember the passion and commitment of PCH students. **Between now and November's midterm election we all must work diligently** and to fight the good fight . . . to return the leadership of this country to those committed to **preserving liberty and the ideals of America's founders**.

~ Deanna

upcoming events

→ **Thursday, May 13** – **Club Board Mtg.**

LRWF Board meeting at Deanna List's home; arrival/social time 1:45pm, meeting called to order promptly at 2:00pm. All members welcome to attend; RSVP to Deanna at 925-363-3919 or deannalist@yahoo.com. All members welcome!

→ **Saturday, May 15** – **Newsletter Deadline**

Please e-mail your submissions for THE TRUMPET to editor Wendy Lack at WML2001@aol.com. All members welcome to submit newsletter items, which are published on a space-available basis.

→ **Thursday, May 20** – **Club Lunch Meeting**

Regular luncheon meeting at Orinda CC; arrival/social time 11:30am; lunch at noon. Featured speaker John Yoo. **Call Jan by May 17 at 925-682-3727 to RSVP.** Send \$25 check payable to LRWF by May 17 to: **LRWF – Attention: Elsie, P.O. Box 382, Lafayette, CA 94549-0382**

→ **Thursday, May 20** – **CCRP Meeting**

7:00pm at Walnut Creek Rossmoor, Hillside Recreation Bldg., Vista Room. For details call contact Chairman Becky Kolberg at 925-930-9551 or BJKOLBERG@aol.com.

→ **Friday, May 21** – **East Bay Regional Conference at Oakhurst Country Club**

9:30-3:00pm at Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton. Get a great pre-election update and network with members from the 10 East Bay RWF clubs. **RSVP to Deanna List 925-363-3919 by May 13th; AND send \$25 check payable to LRWF to Elsie Euing, Club Treasurer, P.O. Box 382, Lafayette, CA 94549-0382. All members are urged to attend!**

→ **Tuesday, May 25** – **Obama S.F. Visit**

TEA Party Protest in S.F. at Obama's hotel TBD. Learn more here: <http://www.meetup.com/wearechanges/calendar/13280926/>

→ **Tuesday, June 8** – **Election Day**

Don't forget to vote for your favorite GOP primary candidates and GOTV of your friends and family members!



membership corner

Carol Buser 925-323-6265

*We extend a warm welcome
to our Newest Members*

- **Patti Devlin**, Lafayette
- **Sheri Garay**, Walnut Creek
- **Joan King**, Concord
- **Inge Stiles**, Lafayette
- **Chelsey Westfall**, Walnut Creek

*... And we gratefully acknowledge
our Newest Business Members:*

- ◆ **Joni Cox**, California Realty, Lafayette
- ◆ **Nancy Reyes**, Le Shoppe Boutique, Martinez

Please direct membership inquiries to Carol Buser at:
cbuser222@yahoo.com or 925-323-6265

TEA Party Sign of the Month



TEA Party Protest Schedule

May Protest Locations:

- May 7 – Stone Valley and Danville Blvd., Alamo
- May 14 – Moraga Rd and Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
- May 21 – Sycamore and San Ramon Valley Blvd., Livery in Danville
- May 28 – Crow Canyon Road and San Ramon Vly Blvd., San Ramon

June Protest Locations:

- June 4 – Ygnacio Valley Road and California Blvd., Walnut Creek
- June 11 – Tassajara and Crow Canyon - Blackhawk, Danville
- June 18 – Bollinger and Sunset, San Ramon
- June 25 – Stone Valley Rd and Danville Blvd, Alamo

All protests from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Bring your signs and have some fun!
For additional info, see www.theEastBayTeaParty.com



Legislation: Past, Present, and Future

Theresa A. Pecoraro, Legislative Chair

California 2010 Ballot Initiatives

The following propositions qualified for the June 8th ballot; CFRW voting recommendations are noted:

SUPPORT Prop. 13: Taxes – Seismic retrofitting should not add to assessed value of property.

OPPOSE Prop. 14: Elections – Top two primary vote-getters move general election, regardless of party affiliation.

OPPOSE Prop. 15: Elections – Public campaign funding.

SUPPORT Prop. 16: Elections – New 2/3 vote requirement for local public power utilities; Constitutional amendment.

SUPPORT Prop. 17: Regulation – Discounts for continuous auto insurance coverage.

These propositions are discussed at the following web site:

http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/California_2010_ballot_propositions.

Zoom in on Prop 14:

The website listed above contains a table similar to the one above; click on the **blue** type to read more about the topic highlighted in **blue**. For example, clicking on **Prop. 14, Top Two Primaries** takes you to a site which discusses this proposition, its supporters and opponents, and other pertinent information about the proposition and similar propositions, informative references and external links.

What does **Prop. 14** say?

“Elections. Increases Right to participate in Primary Elections.” Reforms the primary election process for congressional, statewide, and legislative races. Allows all voters to choose any candidate regardless of the candidate’s or voter’s political party preference. Ensures that the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the general election ballot regardless of party preference.

Also see this site for more information:

[http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/California_Proposition_14_Top_Two_Primary_Act_\(June_2010\)](http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/California_Proposition_14_Top_Two_Primary_Act_(June_2010))



Supporters: California Chamber of Commerce, Latin Business Association, **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, **Tom Campbell**, **Able Maldonado**.



Opponents: California Federation of Republican Women, Chairs of the CA Republican and Democratic parties, ACLU of Northern California, **Steven Greenhut** of Pacific Research Institute, **Loni Hancock**, **Sandra Swanson**, **Meg Whitman**.

CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT

Jacque Cloidt

“ Republican Women Working in City Governance ”

We are continuing our effort to find volunteer opportunities to serve in local government positions. Each month we will post a few of those and we learn of them.

• **Danville** – Seeking volunteers to serve on the following commissions: *Advisory Council On Aging, CCCT Accessible Services, Parks and Leisure Services, Youth Representative on a Danville Commission*. For application form or more information contact: www.ci.danville.ca.us or 925-314-3401. Deadline 5/23

• **Orinda-Moraga Fire District** – Will be filling a Board position in November. In view of the recent conflict regarding the pension of the retiring fire chief, this is an important position. Look for more information in September and be thinking of someone who might be interested.

Congrats to our Very Own Members

Kudos to those members of our club who are getting involved, as follows:

→ **Traci Reilly** has filed preliminary paperwork to run for Lafayette City Council. If you can support, endorse or contribute to her campaign, contact her at: 925-299-1227 or P.O. Box 1744, Lafayette 94549. Let’s support her effort.

→ **Carissa Goldner** has filed to serve on the County Grand Jury (citizen watchdogs of civic functions).

→ **Phyllis Stout, Rochelle Bird** and **Ivor Samson** will appear on the June ballot for the Contra Costa Republican Central Committee.

→ **Vince Maiorana** applied to serve out the term of Pete Wilson on the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board.

→ **Tracy Bagnall-Lloyd** and **Jacque Cloidt** are still actively pursuing an appointment to the Redistricting Commission

→ **Sue Severson** is presently on the Orinda City Council and has served as mayor.

- This is great start. Let’s keep it going!
- If you **hear of any positions** that we should add to our list, please let me know. I appreciate your help.
- Also, if you are **planning to apply** for a position, or are serving in one now, please let me know.

If you think you might be interested in these or other openings, let’s talk!!!

~Jacque Cloidt, Candidate Development
PH:925-254-6063 EM: jfcloidt@comcast.net

Get Involved! Make a Difference!





East Bay Region Spring Mini-Conference

"Women in Numbers"

Who: Current and prospective members of Federated clubs;
All registered Republicans (men and women) welcome!

What: Don't miss this opportunity to:

- ★ *Meet Republican candidates running in the June Primaries*
- ★ *Get up-to-the-minute updates on current political issues*
- ★ *Network, share, strategize and make new friends!*

When: 10:00am to 3:00pm – Friday, May 21, 2010
Registration Desk opens at 9:30am

Where: Oakhurst Country Club
1001 Peacock Creek Drive, Clayton

Cost: LRWF Members: \$25; Non-LRWF Members: \$35
All reservations payable in advance; registration includes continental breakfast and lunch

Reservations:

- **LRWF Members** - RSVP to Deanna List at 925-363-3919 by May 13th; AND mail check for \$25 (payable to LRWF) and lunch choice (Cobb Salad or Pasta Primavera) to LRWF-Attn Elsie, P.O. Box 382, Lafayette, CA 94549-0382
- **Non-LRWF Members** - Mail check for \$35 (payable to CFRW, N.D., East Bay) and lunch choice (Cobb Salad or Pasta Primavera) by May 13th to Pat Scott, 1957 Stratton Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94508

Questions? Call Prez Deanna at 925-363-3919 See you there!



LRWF in DAYS GONE BY

Ann Schultzel

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our club, as your club historian I am embarking on a journey of discovery, as I read through the dusty and yellowing journals of the past. Each month in this newsletter I will share little interesting tidbits from its amazing and colorful history.

The year was 1966 . . .

The friendship between Orinda Republican Women and our beloved President Ronald and Mrs. Nancy Reagan began in 1966. On April 22nd of that year, Ronald Reagan opened his first campaign headquarters in California on Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Walnut Creek.



1966 Mustang



The year's Oscar-Award Winner

The following month, Mrs. Nancy Reagan made her debut as the wife of the GOP gubernatorial candidate, by addressing our club on May 25th.



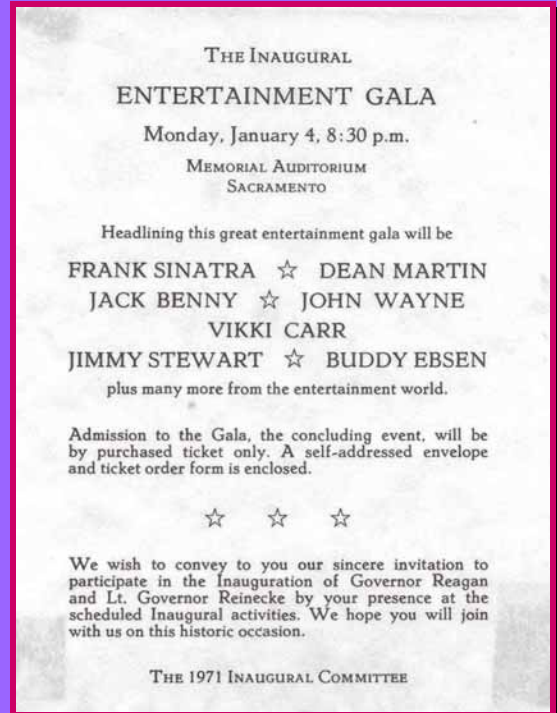
L to R: Club President Mrs. Craig Bull, Nancy Reagan, Club VP Mrs. Donald Rutherford at our 1966 club meeting

Ronald Reagan went on to win a sweeping victory over Gov. Edmund Brown in November and the rest was history. As a result of our Club's ongoing association with the Reagans, we received invitations to both the 1967 and 1971 Inaugural Ceremonies. Through the years, Mrs. Reagan made several visits to Orinda to enlist the help of our ladies during "Ronnie's" campaigns for governor and president.

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LRWF in DAYS GONE BY, cont'd

It was during this era that our very own Mrs. Virla Krotz, Past President of our club (1955-1956) came into prominence. Mrs. Krotz later became President of CFRW in 1966.



Above: Invitation sent to our club for Reagan's second gubernatorial inauguration

During an address at the CFRW Convention that the then Governor Reagan uttered the memorable quote that became known as "The 11th Commandment": "No opponent should be able to quote from a Republican attack on another Republican." How regrettable that some of our candidates have forgotten these wise words.



Reagan during his days as California Governor

In January of 1968 Mrs. Krotz was appointed to the State Board of Education by Governor Ronald Reagan. It is with pride that we recall that her journey started years before as President of Orinda Republican Women. If the past is an indicator of the future, there are no limits as to what the future may hold for our Past Club Presidents!



Tee Shirt Slogan of the Month



Americanism Mary Chatton Brown

“Keep On”

If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average.

- Out of the first four stores **F.W. Woolworth** opened, three failed. But, as you know, he kept at it.
- **Admiral Perry** attempted to reach the North Pole on seven different trips before he finally made it on the eighth.
- **Thomas Edison** tried 1,600 different materials before settling on carbon as the filament for the electric light bulb.
- **Oscar Hammerstein** had five flop shows before OKLAHOMA! And then that ran for 2,248 performances.



- Similarly, **Willie Mays** didn't get a hit in his first twenty-six times at bat in the Major Leagues. Then on his twenty-seventh try he smashed a home run!
- **John Creasey's** 560 novels sold more than sixty million copies. But he collected 743 rejection slips from publishers before he managed to get one word in print.

Americanism, cont'd next column

TROOP DONATIONS Memorial Day Donation Drive



Memorial Day weekend is approaching and we will all be thinking of our men and women serving overseas. **If each member brought one item for the Care Boxes to the next meeting we would really be sending a thoughtful message to our Troops!**

Donation suggestions: Toilet articles such as deodorant, soap, shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream; packets of drinks (lemonade, crystal light, hot chocolate, etc.), nuts; hard candies (NIPS are popular); heavy, cushy socks (white, black or gray).

**This is a short list. Call me for other suggestions!
Marilynn Tanner 925-376-6733**



Additional Note: We can always use your monetary donations, as this allows purchase of needed items at a bulk price and is also used to cover shipping costs.

**Questions?
Call Marilynn Tanner at 925-376-6733
THANK YOU!**



Americanism, cont'd

- **George Bernard Shaw** was a bad speller, **Benjamin Franklin** a poor mathematician; **Einstein** was expelled from school for being mentally slow.
- And everybody knows **Babe Ruth** hit 714 home runs—but did you remember that he struck out almost twice that many times getting them?

You see, it's better to try to do something and fail than to try to do nothing and succeed.

“There are plenty of rules for attaining success, but somehow none of them work unless you work.”

~ Excerpt from “The Wonder of America” by Derric Johnson

About Our May Program

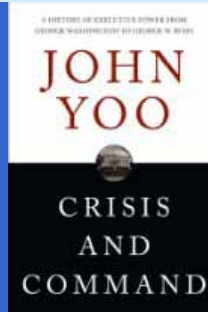
John Yoo is a professor of law at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), where he has taught since 1993. From 2001-03, he served as a deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked on issues involving foreign affairs, national security, and the separation of powers. He served as general counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee from 1995-96, where he advised on constitutional issues and judicial nominations.



John Yoo

Professor Yoo received his B.A., summa cum laude, in American history from Harvard University. In law school, he was an articles editor of the Yale Law Journal. He clerked for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia Circuit. He joined the Boalt faculty in 1993, and then clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Yoo was a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School in 2003 and at the Free University of Amsterdam in 1998. In 2006, Professor Yoo held the Distinguished Fulbright Chair in Law at the University of Trento (Italy). He has received fellowships from the Olin Foundation (for work on treaties and constitutional law) and the Rockefeller Foundation (for a book on the effects of globalization on American constitutional law). He has received the Bator Award for excellence in legal scholarship and teaching from the Federalist Society.



Professor Yoo has published articles on foreign affairs, national security, and constitutional law. He is the author of *The Powers of War and Peace: Foreign Affairs and the Constitution after 9/11* (University of Chicago Press, 2005); *War by Other Means: An Insider's Account of the War on Terror* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2006); and, most recently, *Crisis and Command: A History of Executive Power from George Washington to George W. Bush* (Kaplan, 2009).

More info on Mr. Yoo available at: <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/faculty/yooj/>

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Application for New Membership &
2010 Calendar Year Membership Renewal

Among our members are Republicans from Concord, Orinda, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, etc. – we have no boundaries! All registered Republicans are eligible to join. Welcome!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ If married, spouse's name _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I prefer to receive my newsletter via (check one): _____ E-mail OR _____ USPS Snail Mail

Check applicable dues category:

- Regular Member \$35 annually** *Registered Republican woman.*
- Business Member \$55 annually** *Registered Republican woman or Associate Member wishing to advertise her/his business by having a business card published in The Trumpet newsletter issued 8 times annually. (Provide business card when submitting dues.)*
- Premier Member \$100 annually** *Optional and open to any member, covers regular dues plus club sustaining contribution, spouse associate membership (and, if desired, business card published in The Trumpet newsletter issued 8 times annually).*
- Associate Member \$15 annually** *Registered Republican man, or a Republican woman who is a Regular Member in another Republican Women's Federated club.*
- Student Member \$5 annually** *Registered Republican student enrolled in a two or four year college/educational institution.*

Note: As a "Regular," "Business," or "Premier" member of the Lamorinda Republican Women, Federated (LRWF) club, you will be automatically enrolled as a member in the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

I am interested in helping with the following (check as many as apply):

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Any questions, please call Carol Buser, Membership Chairman at 925-323-6265**

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