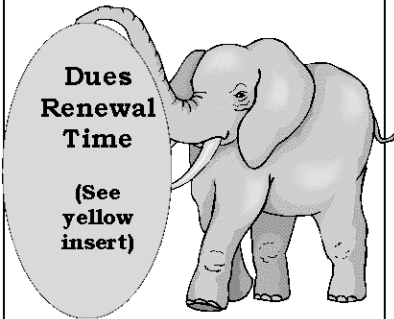


The Rossmoor Republican

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December Means a Party!



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Bring your holiday cheer to the December 10 meeting of the Republican Club of Rossmoor. If you're running low on cheer, come to the party and we'll fill your tank.

First, there will be a hosted bar. Wine, beer, and non-alcoholic libations will attack the root causes of thirst, at no charge to the thirsty.

Next, heavy hors d'oeuvres are the order of the evening, featuring the best Simple Elegance Catering has to offer, including the likes of stuffed mushrooms, meatballs, assorted pastry puffs, grilled skewers, grilled vegetables, mini egg rolls, mini quiche, pot stickers, assorted finger sandwiches, spinach dip with sliced baguettes, and a dessert bar, to offer but a partial list.

But the *piece de resistance*, Rossmoor's own Ashmolean Singers, will offer a delectable program of holiday music.

Named for a museum on the campus of Oxford University, the Ashmoleans are a sought-after ensemble with a varied repertoire that includes popular,



classical, and sacred music. Also, they sound *terrific*! And two of our RCR members, Katie Pitman and Richard Anderson are members of the group.

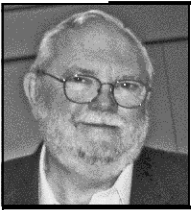
Gather up your friends and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship that is guaranteed to cause you extreme pleasure.

A dinner reservation form (blue) is included in this Republican and must be returned by noon, Friday, December 5.

Professor Muir's Speech to be Published

On November 12 Cal Emeritus Professor Sandy Muir addressed one of the largest crowds in Club history. A number of people who heard Professor Muir stated they felt it was the best speech ever given to the Club. Professor Muir reflected on the Bush presidency, the 2008 election and the enduring principles that animate the Republican and Democrat parties. The speech was truly a masterpiece. The Club's Board of Directors, in discussing Professor Muir's presentation, felt it appropriate that the speech be published for all Club members as a service to the membership. Professor Muir has given his permission for this and members will be receiving a Special Edition of *The Rossmoor Republican* containing the speech before the end of the year.

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A Time for Thanksgiving

President Tom Fryer

As 2008 draws to a close, it seems appropriate to take a moment to say, "Thanks." The elections this year did not turn out as we had hoped, but we aren't responsible for the outcome of an election all by ourselves. We are, however, responsible for the efforts we made. I have never been as proud to be a member of the Republican Club of Rossmoor as I have these last months. Our volunteers make us go.

The Club's Officers and Directors, whose names appear elsewhere in this *Republican* have turned in a remarkable year of service. Our Club's Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer maintain a vital infrastructure that is the backbone of our Club.

The Club's Ambassadors make the Club possible by providing warm greetings when we arrive at meetings, registration and membership services, name tags and table assignments, elegant table decorations, and service at our hosted bars.

Our Webmaster maintains a superb website. Our Publicity Chair keeps our Club name and events prominently in the *Rossmoor News*. Our raffle brings in significant dollars that we donate to important causes. Our Issues Committee presses us to take positions on key issues. In the next week, for example, a letter will be sent to President Bush that was initiated in the Issues Committee. Our Discussion Group provides a forum for the exchange of views on issues of interest.

Thanks to our membership chair, Club membership grew in 2008 by almost 20 per cent. Our Telephone Committee faithfully reminds members of our upcoming meetings. Our Director at Large oversees the publication of our Club's annual directory. Designated Board members maintain a close liaison with the Con-

tra Costa Republican Party and the Rossmoor Activities Council.

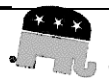
Our Board of Directors planned this election year to make a significant contribution to the Republican cause. We gave almost \$15,000 to Republican candidates and the Contra Costa Republican Party. We wrote over 500 notes supporting Club member Nicholas Gerber's candidacy for Congress. And we made over 4,000 telephone calls urging people to vote for McCain-Palin, Abram Wilson, and Nick Gerber.

Our Program Committee has worked tirelessly to get good speakers for our monthly meetings. The year began with Warren Salmons, new GRF CEO. Then came Tom Campbell, Dean of Cal's Haas School of Business, and Lynne Leach, Mrs. Republican in Contra Costa County. We had candidates for Assembly District 15, Congressional Districts 10 and 11, and the Walnut Creek City Council. Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson inspired us. Economist Tapan Monroe informed us. Bill Jones, former California Secretary of State and McCain Campaign Chair spoke to us as did Stephen Weir, Contra Costa County Clerk. Tom Del Beccaro and Prof. Sandy Muir were followed by the Ashmolean Singers in December. It was a terrific lineup.

We're not taking a break. We have just begun to fight. The Club's Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on December 1 to plan a Club strategy and agenda for the coming months.

Plan to stay with us and help in this effort. Renew your Club membership, contribute as you can. Come to our dinner meetings. Let's put Republicanism in the center of American life, where it has been before and where it belongs again. And thanks to you all.

Club Calendar



Special Board Meeting, Monday, December 1, 2 PM
Eisenhower Room, Dollar Clubhouse

Ambassadors, Tuesday, December 9, 11 AM,
Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, December 10, 5:15 PM,
Fireside Room, Gateway

Issues Committee, Friday, December 12, 10 AM,
Eisenhower Room, Dollar Clubhouse

Board Meeting, Monday, December 15, 1 PM,
Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse

Program Committee, Monday, December 15, 2:30 PM
Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse

Discussion Group, Tuesday, December 16, 2 PM,
Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse

... from our Phone Banks



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 of the steps needed to make
 you a full member of the Re-
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 son; \$25 per couple.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Donald and Kathryn
 Cardinal
 Phillis Carstensen
 Judy Mullin
 LaVerne Parrott**

Phone Bank Volunteers On October 22-23 and November 4, the following folks made over 4,000 telephone calls on behalf of Republican candidates. **We applaud these volunteers!**

Sheryl Almon
 Louise Angerer
 Evie Andresen
 Ruth Barley
 Jeannie & Earl Barnett
 Dr. Joe Bartis
 Paul Beddia
 Carol and Gary Chin
 Diane Bordeaux
 Bob Donovan
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DECEMBER HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 10, 2008, Fireside Room, Gateway

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

THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR

Buffet Menu

**Stuffed Mushrooms, Meatballs, Assorted Savory Puffs, Grilled Skewers,
Grilled Vegetables, Mini Egg Rolls, Mini Quiche, Pot Stickers, Assorted
Finger Sandwiches, Spinach Dip with Sliced Baguettes,
Stuffed Mini Croissants**

Brownies, Lemon Bars, Small Cheesecakes

Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, December 5 (Blue form enclosed)

Reservation questions: Call 947-5878
