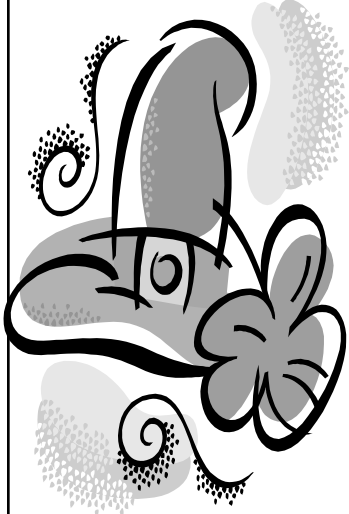


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Defining America's Purpose in a Rapidly Changing World

Does America have a purpose? Does America need a purpose? Has America lost its purpose? These challenging questions will be addressed on March 9 by Martin Wasserman, producer and host of "Future Talk", a cable TV series that deals with the global impact of technology.



Martin Wasserman

Wasserman argues that a nation needs an overarching purpose for the same reason an individual needs one: to

provide a compass, to give a motivation to strive, and to make it possible to choose confidently between different courses of action. But what is America's purpose? Can we choose whatever purpose we want, or is it inherent in our national DNA? Can our purpose be found in the concept of American exceptionalism, with its implication of divine providence? Should our purpose make reference to the issues raised by religion, and if so, how would that square with the First Amendment? Mr. Wasserman will discuss these questions and more, propose a possible definition of America's purpose, and explain how adopting that purpose would open new approaches to dealing with our most difficult and intractable problems.

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We're on the web!

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A blue dinner reservation form for March 9 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form **MUST be returned by noon, Friday, March 4. Reservation questions: 947-5878**

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Richard Anderson Submits Resignation

On February 11, Richard Anderson addressed the following letter to the RCR Board of Directors: "It is with great relief that I tender my resignation as President and terminate my membership in the Republican Club of Rossmoor. Both are effective immediately." In accordance with the Club's By-Laws, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 16 at which this resignation was accepted and Fran Cavanaugh, the Club's Vice President, was installed as President. Paul Beddia has been selected as Vice President. We are grateful for Richard's service and we look forward to Fran's leadership.

Fran Cavanaugh, Our New President



Political activist, company CEO, cytotechnologist, wife, mother, grandmother and North Carolina girl, this is a twelve-word portrait of our new President — Frances Rebecca Cavanaugh — Fran.

Known to some as Mrs. Republican, Fran's credentials to lead the Republican Club of Rossmoor are impeccable. Dur-

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Turning the Page

...President Fran Cavanaugh

As my presidency of the Republican Club of Rossmoor begins, I want you to know how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve. I stand before you ready to lead, enthusiastic about our club and our party, and I ask for your help.

Ours is the oldest and largest Republican organization in Contra Costa County. Our Board, and in particular the Ambassadors, put on an excellent monthly program including dinner, an open bar, a raffle, and of course the highlight — a carefully chosen and interesting speaker. We constantly try to improve our performance. But there is more to the Club than these events. There is also the opportunity to influence the political landscape.

Last summer we saw Republicans across the country engage — many for the first time in their lives — in various forms of political activism. And we took back the House of Representatives with the largest

landslide in decades. In the next election, we have the chance to retake the Senate and even the Presidency. But we cannot do it simply by attending our dinner programs and sharing our dismay about the current regime.

You, our Club members, constitute a pool of high-quality talented citizens who could make a difference. We will organize efforts to support Republican candidates. We will advertise those efforts and call for volunteers. We are also eager to hear any ideas you may have for potential projects in support of Republican candidates or causes. Share your ideas with any Board member, and I assure you the Board will consider them. Please give the Club the benefit of your thinking and, when asked, give a little of your time in support of Club projects.

As I said at the outset, I ask for your help.

The Issues Committee Needs You

The Issues Committee identifies issues on which the Republican Club of Rossmoor should take a public position or an action and recommends these to the Board of Directors. The Committee's recommendations include facts and analysis to support the positions advocated. The Committee meets at 1 PM on the last Friday of each month in the Ivy Room at the Dollar Clubhouse, for an hour or two.

The group is an active source of ideas and conservative good sense and it seeks new blood. If you are interested in political advocacy, enjoy analytical thinking, and are willing to work on solutions rather than merely bemoaning the politics of the day, this Committee wants you. To volunteer, call Issues Committee Chairman John Littig at 256-8558.

TAX FACTS

The top 1% of American earners pay 40% of all Federal income taxes.

In California, the top 1% pay nearly 47% of the state's income taxes.

In New York city, 1% of taxpayers pay almost 50% of the city's income taxes.

New President, from p. 1

ing the last election cycle, she worked tirelessly for Republican candidates, Whitman, Fiorina, and David Harmer. Setting up phone banks in her home and endlessly visiting campaign offices, Fran singlehandedly made over 6,000 calls for Republican candidates. She is a member of the Contra Costa County Republican Central Committee and a delegate to the upcoming California Republican Party Convention.

Born in the small town of North Wilkesboro, N.C., one of Fran's claims to fame is a killer recipe for a famous southern dish: shrimp and grits. She left North Carolina to attend the University of Maryland (where she majored in biology) and Johns Hopkins University, then entered the emerging field of cytotechnology, a field which identifies cells and cell abnormalities in the treatment of disease, particularly cancer. Fran was for years the CEO of her own pathology laboratory.

Fran is married to Michael, West Point Class of '56, who served in Korea and is a former member of the Presidential Honor Guard. After military service, Michael was a broker with Merrill Lynch. Fran and Michael have two children, a boy and a girl, who live in the Bay Area. They have three grandchildren.

February Dinner



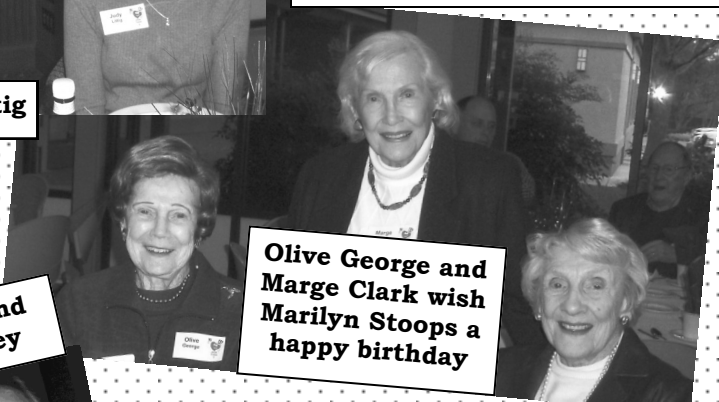
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Ambassador Ann Hawley welcomes new member Tom Martin



John and Judy Littig



Olive George and Marge Clark wish Marilyn Stoops a happy birthday

Murphy Nieman and Guest Jim Bradley

Steve and Teddy Murphy with Jill Reiner



Photos by Peggy Fryer



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JOIN US!
 Simply call Murphy Nieman at 932-4775. 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, March 8, 11 AM, Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, March 9, 5:15 PM, Fireside Room, Gateway
- Discussion Group**, Tuesday, March 15, 2 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Board Meeting**, Monday, March 21, 1 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Program Committee**, Monday, March 21, 2 PM, Garden Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Issues Committee**, Friday, March 25, 1 PM, Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary Hufford
Thomas Martin
Florence Morjig
Alexander and Slava Teltbaum

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1001 Golden Rain Road
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MARCH DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, Fireside Room, Gateway

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

THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR

Menu

**Mixed Green Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Toasted Almonds
with Cider Vinaigrette**

Corned Beef and Cabbage with Horseradish and Mustard

Parsley Boiled Potatoes, Candied Carrots with Butter

Vegetarian entrée: Cheese Tortellini with Pesto Cream Sauce

Carrot Cake

Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, March 4

Reservation questions: Call 947-5878