

The Rossmoor Republican

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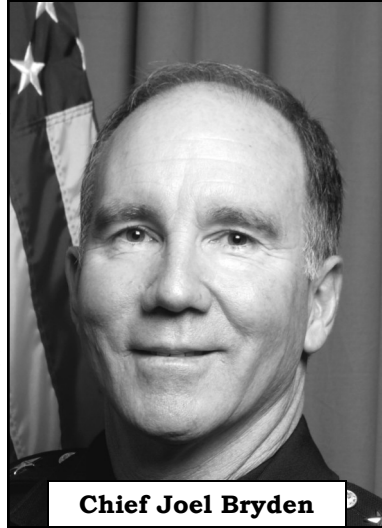
How Safe is Rossmoor?

The Walnut Creek Police Department has jurisdiction over Rossmoor, both as to crime and traffic law enforcement. How safe are we in Rossmoor? What are the crime and law-enforcement issues we face? Walnut Creek's Chief of Police, Joel Bryden, will speak to the RCR on April 13, addressing these and other issues.

Joel was sworn in as the Police Chief in Walnut Creek on June 30, 2008. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in speech communication from San Diego State University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Joel has also attended many other professional and leadership courses.

Chief Bryden was hired in 1980 as a police officer with the San Diego Police Department. During his 28-year career with SDPD, Joel served in a variety of assignments, and spent the last three years in San Diego as an Assistant Police Chief.

Besides his 30-year career serving the



Chief Joel Bryden

community as a law enforcement officer, Joel served the community by volunteering for the Board of Directors for the San Diego Youth and Community Services, and the Rancho Family YMCA. Joel also volunteered his time coaching youth soccer and basketball.

In his spare time, Joel enjoys spending time with his family, reading, and outdoor activities such as camping and hiking. Joel is an avid sports fan, especially when it comes to San Diego State football and basketball.

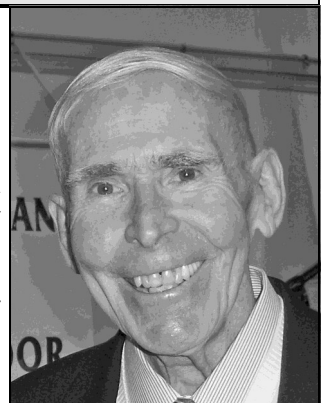
Joel is a Walnut Creek resident and has been married to his wife Nancy for 28 years. Joel and Nancy have two sons, Miles, who is 24 and Alex, who is 20.

A blue dinner reservation form for April 13 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form **MUST be returned by noon, Friday, April 8. Reservation questions: 947-5878**

RCR Vice President Passes

Paul Beddia, RCR Vice President and dedicated volunteer, passed away on March 23 at age 77. Paul served on the Club's Board of Directors, first as Assistant Treasurer, then as Treasurer, and earlier this year he was elected Vice President.

Paul was a generous man who conscientiously pursued his assignments with energy, intelligence, and thoroughly good sense. He was a master of details, as befits a treasurer, but he also possessed a visionary's grasp of the big picture. He emerged early in his service to the RCR as a leader and articulate spokesman. He had been a leader his whole life.



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A Call to Action

...President Fran Cavanaugh

Do you feel you are well represented in the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives, and the White House? Our Senators are Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; both are rated as "Americans for Democratic Action Heroes" with perfect scores assigned in the ADA's *Newsletter for Liberal Activists*. Our U.S. Representative is John Garamendi; he was given the lowest possible rating by the American Conservative Union. Our President is Barack Hussein Obama — enough said.

How about the State government? Do you feel well represented there? Our Assemblyperson is Joan Buchanan, our Senator is Mark DeSaulnier, and our Governor is Jerry Brown. Again, all Democrats.

For Republicans, could this picture possibly be any worse? If you're like me, you probably feel unrepresented at both the State and the Federal levels. As bleak as this looks, we are not powerless to change things. Our political future is not carved in stone. Boxer and Brown have terms extending beyond the 2012 election. But all the others must run for re-election in 2012. Incumbents have a great advantage. If we Republican voters do no more than vote for Republicans, these liberal Democrats will likely cruise to

re-election. But we can work to defeat them and to elect Republicans in their place.

Here's how:

- *contribute money to the campaign of a Republican candidate

- *make telephone calls on behalf of a Republican candidate

- *attend rallies on behalf of Republican candidates

- *join a group which advocates for Republican candidates and work with that group.

When the election season gets going, the RCR Board of Directors will appoint an ad hoc committee to identify those Republican candidates with the best chance to win. Based on the Board's advice, I will then recommend to you, in this column, where to put your effort. And I will tell you which advocacy groups and campaigns need your help and how to contact them.

We can either sit back, hope someone else does something, and watch the Democrats run the table again, or we can pitch in and help try to turn them out of office. It's up to us.

Mark Your May Calendar Now

The Club's Program Committee, under the leadership of Sylvia Roemer, makes enormous efforts to find outstanding speakers to address our Wednesday dinner meetings. We think Sylvia does a fine job. **Mark your calendar now for May 11.**

Sally Pipes is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Research Institute, the leading conservative think tank on the West Coast. She is also one of a very few people who are acknowledged to be preeminent experts in the field of health care. She has written several books on the subject, including "The Top Ten Myths of American Health Care: A Citizen's Guide" and "The Truth About ObamaCare", and has testified numerous times before Congressional committees. She is also a frequent guest on national television programs. No subject is of more vital importance to members of the Republican Club of Rossmoor than healthcare and no speaker has more to bring to this topic than Sally Pipes. Her appearance on May 11 is the culmination of over two years of efforts to secure her as a speaker. **The May 11 meeting is not one you wish to miss.**



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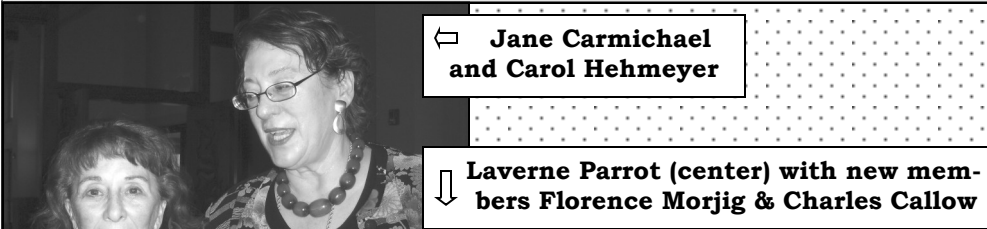
Paul spent most of his working life as an executive with the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland Ohio. He brought a strong sense of business principles and sound business practices to his work with the Club. He was a graduate of Boston College and held a graduate degree from Fordham University.

Paul and his wife, Shirley, have been Rossmoor residents for four-and-a-half years. They have two daughters: Sandra Beddia and her sister, Pat Arce. Pat and her husband, James, have the Beddia's only grandchild, Paul, named for his grandfather.

A memorial mass will be held at Saint Anne's Catholic Church, 1600 Rossmoor Parkway on Saturday, April 16, at 11 AM.

We'll miss you, Paul.

March Dinner



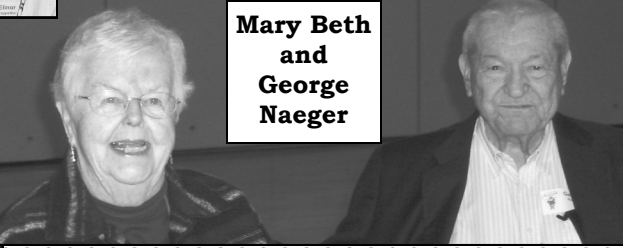
← Jane Carmichael and Carol Hehmeyer



↓ Laverne Parrot (center) with new members Florence Morjig & Charles Callow



← Bob Cluff and Elinor Zappettini



Mary Beth and George Naeger



Irene Daniels and Yolanda Jubina



Anne and Peter Matsuoka

Photos by Peggy Fryer

Club Calendar



- Ambassadors**, Tuesday, April 12, 11 AM, Room 4, Creekside
- Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, April 13, 5:15 PM, Fireside Room, Gateway
- Discussion Group**, Tuesday, April 19, 2 PM, Room 4, Creekside
- Board Meeting**, Monday, April 18, 1 PM, Room 4, Creekside
- Program Committee**, Monday, April 18, 2 PM, Room 4, Creekside
- Issues Committee**, Friday, April 19, 1 PM, Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

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Simply call Carol Worthington at 256-1313. 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Loretta Cosca
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Becky Kolberg
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APRIL DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, Fireside Room, Gateway

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

THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR

Menu

Caesar Salad

Pork Tenderloin with Apple Chutney

Scalloped Potatoes

Fresh Vegetable Medley

Vegetarian entrée: Spinach and Ricotta Canneloni

Chocolate Cake

Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, April 8

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