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June's Trifecta Topic: Debt, Taxes, & the 2012 Election

Seldom has a Club speaker addressed a more important constellation of topics than will be addressed in June. Program Chair Sylvia Roemer has secured the services of an outstanding leader to address these crucial issues. Former United States Congressman Bill Baker is an "insider" with knowledge of the most vexing questions America confronts.

In Congress, Bill Baker was active in addressing California's economic, transportation, and science research policies. Bill served on both the science and transportation committees. He played a key role as an Assistant Majority Whip and as an advocate for Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

His influential work on transportation projects included authoring legislation for the building of the Benicia Bridge and the BART-San Francisco Airport extension that led to his winning the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Commission's "Legislator of the Year" award.

Bill served as a Budget Analyst for the California State Department of Finance and later was named Executive Vice President of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association. He also wrote a weekly column entitled, "The Angry Taxpayer." He went on to serve six terms in the Califor-

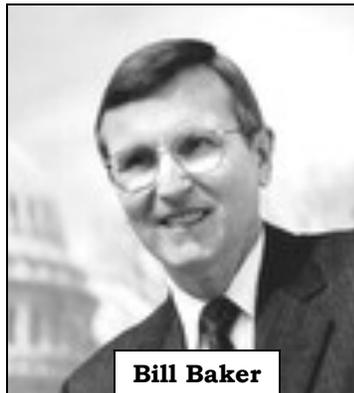
nia Legislature, where he was the chief Republican budget negotiator for seven years as Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. He emerged as the chief budget negotiator for the Republican Caucus.

Bill Baker built a reputation as a fiscal conservative. He received numerous awards from organizations such as the National Taxpayers Association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the National Federation of Independent Business.

Bill Baker is a financial advisor specializing in investments and retirement planning at Baker, Brose, Mitsutomi, Welch / LPL in Walnut Creek.

A fourth generation Californian, Bill is an Oakland native and graduate of Oakland High School. He is an Eagle Scout and a graduate of San Jose State University. In 1965, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve following eight years of service.

Bill and Joanne Baker have four children, Todd, Mary, Billy and Rob. Bill and Joanne continue to reside in their Danville, California home, where they have lived for the past 36 years.



Bill Baker

A blue dinner reservation form for June 8 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form MUST be returned by noon, Friday, June 3. Reservation questions: 947-5878

Large Crowd for Sharia Presentation

Last month about 185 people, one of our Club's larger assemblies, heard Peter Friedman discuss the threat of Sharia to the American way of life. In a well-documented presentation, Friedman warned his listeners of the growing threat and gave everyone who heard him much to think about.



Be Proud You're an RCR Member

...President Fran Cavanaugh

As you know from the article on Page 1, last month about 185 people heard Peter Friedman sound the alarm: there are people in our country who wish to change radically the legal and cultural structure of America. This month, our speaker addresses three enormously important topics: debt, taxes, and the 2012 election. The Republican Club of Rossmoor strives to present speakers who have timely and important messages.

The Club, of course, is not perfect. Some people do not like some dinners. Some people do not like some speakers. But in a club with over 350 members, certainly that is to be expected. We strive always to be better.

Our Club motto, which you will find on the masthead of this newsletter, is "Seniors for a government of principle above politics." This motto was adopted a few years ago after extensive discussion by the Board of Directors.

Our Club's mission statement says that "the Republican Club of Rossmoor supports principles and values vital to Republicans. Among these are: individual responsibility, limited government, national unity, fiscal restraint and integrity, free markets, strong national defense and English as the official language of the United States." These principles undergird the con-

servative movement in America and comprise a pretty good definition of what it means to be a Republican.

The mission statement goes on to say, "the Club supports candidates who share a belief in these principles and who seek their adoption into policy. The Club makes efforts to advance these values wherever and whenever possible and to provide a venue for fellowship among people who generally share a belief in these principles."

Club goals include,

- "conducting meetings and forums for the fellowship and education of our membership, striving to communicate Republican principles within and beyond Rossmoor;"
- "encouraging participation in various committees and meetings to gain and disseminate knowledge on policy issues;"
- "supporting and endorsing propositions and candidates for local, state and national offices;"
- "growing our membership, paying particular attention to new residents."

These and other goals are what we hope to achieve. Our mission statement and motto are what we stand for. Be proud you are a Rossmoor Republican. Speak up for our Club and our Party and help us be high achievers.

We need each other.

They Make It Happen

The Ambassadors are a group of volunteers whose efforts contribute to the success of our monthly dinner meetings. Here are four of the many functions performed by the Ambassadors.

Ann Hawley and Maria Feeney select, prepare and set out all of the table decorations during the afternoon before the dinner.

Barbara LaVigne and Louise Angerer are the two friendly greeters who welcome you at the main door of the Fireside Room lobby when you arrive for the event. Some nights others might substitute for them. They arrive early and miss out on some of the social hour in order to make sure all dinner attendees are properly welcomed.

Once inside the lobby, you find a long table staffed by several ladies who check you in against the reservation list and furnish you with your name badge and table assignment. The usual volunteers staffing this table include Margaret Girardo, Maria Feeney, Lois King, Billie Lenox, Shirley Strong, Gerri Wirth, Barbara Wyant, and Ann Hawley. By the way, Barbara is also Secretary

of the Rossmoor Republican Club and Ann served with distinction as Ambassadors Chair until a few months ago. Like the greeters at the lobby door, those who staff the check-in table miss out on part of the social hour.

Finally, four volunteers help with the songs we enjoy singing at the beginning of the meeting. Barbara Wyant selects the songs for the evening. Peggy Fryer duplicates the song sheets and Sylvia Roemer places them on the tables. Then, after the Pledge of Allegiance, Barbara provides the piano accompaniment and Patti Farris leads all of us in song from the podium.

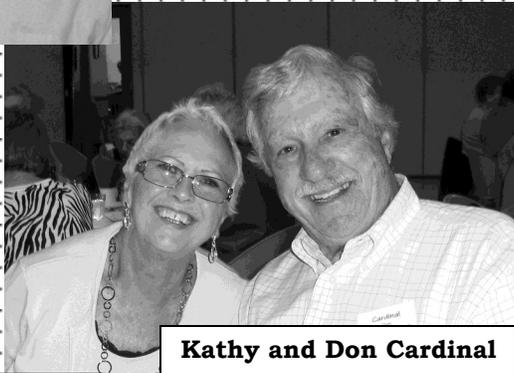
In preparation for each month's dinner meeting, these Ambassadors---and others we'll discuss later---meet with Ambassadors Chairman Derek Daniels on the day before the dinner to go over all preparations to make sure the dinner meeting goes smoothly.

Most of these Ambassadors have been "on-the-job" for years, and some would appreciate a break. If you would like to volunteer or to find out more, contact Derek Daniels at (510)237-0462 or preferably at daniels1939@yahoo.com.

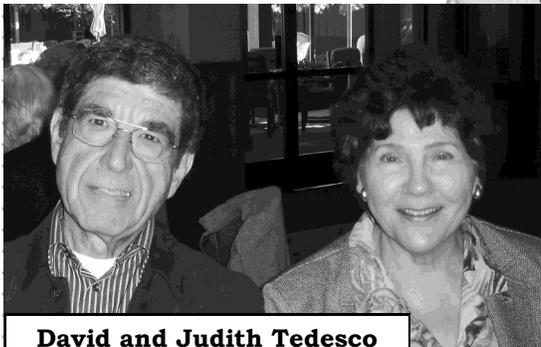
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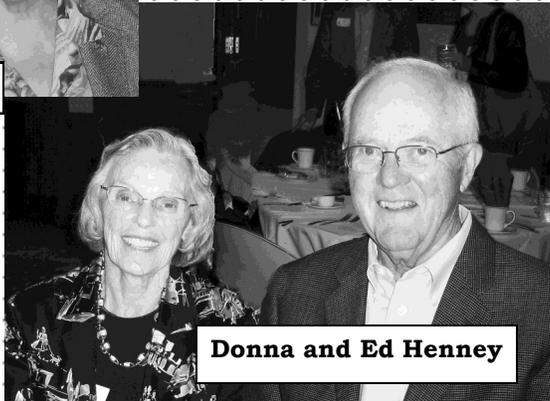
Nancie and Walt Straub



Kathy and Don Cardinal



David and Judith Tedesco



Donna and Ed Henney

Photos by Peggy Fryer

Club Calendar



- Ambassadors**, Tuesday, June 7, 11 AM,
Room 4, Creekside
- Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, June 8, 5:15 PM,
Fireside Room, Gateway
- Board Meeting**, Monday, June 20, 1 PM,
Room 4, Creekside
- Discussion Group**, Tuesday, June 21, 2 PM,
Garden Room, Dollar
- Issues Committee**, Friday, June 24, 10 AM
Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

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 all of the steps needed to make
 you a full member of the Re-
 publican Club of Rossmoor.
 Annual dues are \$15 per per-
 son; \$25 per couple.

NEW MEMBERS

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Wint Mather
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JUNE DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, June 8, 2011, Fireside Room, Gateway

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

THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR

Menu

Spinach w/Hot Bacon Dressing, Hard-Boiled Egg and Red Onion

Roast Salmon with Mango Salsa

Risotto

Sauteed Garden Vegetables

Vegetarian entrée: Lasagna

Strawberry Shortcake

Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, June 3

Reservation questions: Call 947-5878