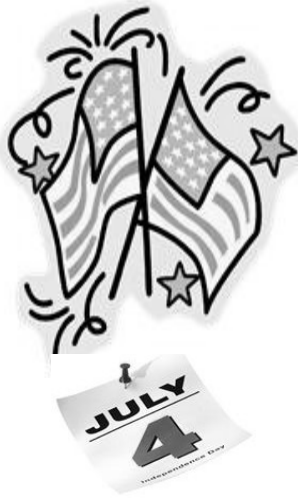


# The Rossmoor Republican

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## A Freedom Lover Speaks to America

So often we have much to learn from individuals who have adopted America as their home when circumstances in their native lands eliminated their freedom. Such is the case with our July speaker, who fled Cuba in 1961 with her grandparents and mother to escape the ravages of Castro's Communism.

Aware of the evils of Communism, she has become a leader in conservative causes. Nina Pellegrini was born in Havana, Cuba, and is an astute observer of conditions both in Cuba and the United States.

She is a founding director of "Californians for Property Rights," that valiantly fought a state open space district against the annexation of the California San Mateo Coast (140,000 acres without a vote of the people) all the way to the California State Supreme Court.

She has also volunteered her time to several local causes: "Back to Basics", a non-profit organization that helps fund the local schools, as well as keeping a watchful eye on what happens in local and state politics.

She is extremely active in the Republican Party, the Tea Party Movement, the Bay Area Patriots and the Campaign to Defeat Barrack Obama in 2012.

She runs the family business, Vita Productions, Inc., a film and video production company, and has produced several documentary films on subjects such as private property rights, excessive environmental regulations and women in a free enterprise society.



**Nina Pellegrini**

She started "Reel & Personal", a political awareness video series in 2009, to bring the people in touch with the issues facing the nation, as she believes the key to success is to inform and educate people on issues that touch their lives.

Everything she does comes from the heart. She possesses a firm belief in Freedom and Liberty, and that we, as a free people can chart our own destiny. She lives with her husband, Mario, their two sons and a grandson on the San Mateo coast.

Her talk is titled "My Cuban Experience and My Quest for Freedom in America." This is an evening you do not wish to miss.

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

## Big Republican Picnic! Be There!

Grab your friends and come have fun with Rossmoor and Contra Costa Republicans at a picnic in Rossmoor on July 30. The reservation form is included in this *Republican*. Attendees will be entertained by "The Swinging Blue Stars of the USS Hornet", while enjoying the culinary wizardry of Fuddruckers. Be there on Saturday, July 30, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at our Dollar Picnic Area for hamburgers (or veggie burgers), grilled on the spot, with salad, chips, cookie and soft drink. (Beer and wine will be available for purchase.) The cost is \$30 per person. **Fill out the enclosed form and send it to the address indicated by July 25.**

Don't miss the chance to support this County Republican Party fundraiser and thrill to the tunes of the "Blue Stars". See you there!



## Who is Voting in California? ...President Fran Cavanaugh

The most fundamental right of citizens of a democracy is the right to vote. Indeed, democracy is defined as "rule by the people". The vote is the mechanism enabling the people to rule; through the vote the people peacefully express their will. It appears self-evident that the vote is a right belonging only to citizens of a democracy, unavailable to citizens of foreign countries or even to resident aliens. In fact, the 14th, 15th, 19th, and 24th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution all specify that voting is a right belonging to citizens of the U.S.

How do we safeguard this fundamental right? How do we ensure that it is not stolen and our votes canceled by non-citizens (or dead people, for that matter)? Some States require picture identification at the time of registration or at the polling place. Some require a driver's license number and signature identification for absentee voting. Some require proof of citizenship for new voter registrations. In California, sadly, we do none of these things. We do not take even the most basic steps to guarantee that only citizens are voting. Specifically, we do not require identification---let alone proof of citizenship---either to register or to vote. Try cashing a check, renting a car, riding on Amtrak, or flying on an airplane without showing a picture identification; you probably won't succeed. Doesn't it seem logical that the State should safeguard our most fundamental American right just as carefully banks and airlines safeguard their own interests?

Voting by non-citizens (and even by the deceased) is a real problem, not an imaginary one. For every bogus vote, the voting right of a citizen is stolen by cancellation. In the case of U.S. Representative Robert Dornan, for example, a post-election Congressional investigation revealed 624 non-citizen votes along with another 4700 unresolved questionable votes. Assuming those non-citizens voted for Dornan's opponent Loretta Sanchez, that means that at least 624 American citizens' votes for Dornan were stolen---erased. Similarly, it is widely accepted, although never officially investigated, that Chicago's cemetery voters were an important constituency in John F. Kennedy's presidential victory over Richard Nixon.

Why does California do nothing to ensure only citizens are voting? The rationale for not requiring voter identification is that to do so would discriminate against minorities. How so? That explanation is easily disproved: if it's not discriminatory to require picture identification to fly on an airplane or to cash a check, how does it suddenly become discriminatory when applied to voting? A more likely explanation for not requiring voter identification is that non-citizens (and the deceased) are more likely to vote for Democrats than for Republicans---and in California the Democrats control both the State Senate and the Assembly. The Democrats make the rules. Until we manage to elect Republicans to the State legislature, it's unlikely that voter identification will be enacted in California.

## The Eleventh Commandment

Tom Fryer, Editor

I watched the first debate among the good guys on Monday, June 13, from Saint Anselm College. Present and accounted for were all those who had declared themselves Republican candidates by that date: Michele Bachman, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum.

To be honest, I was surprised at what I saw. The candidates I was acquainted with acquitted themselves well - no surprise there. But the folks I didn't know so well also delivered. As always the media folks tried to pick fights with and among the candidates, particularly Pawlenty and Romney, but like two wise old trout, they were too smart to rise to that bait.

Here was my surprise. Not all of the candidates were equally attractive, to be sure, but there wasn't a single clunker among the seven of them. Which brings me to the first of two points: Come November 2012, our choice will be between an as-now-unknown Republican and Obama. It won't be between Obama and an absolutely perfect, charismatic Republican, whose positions on all issues are exactly like yours and mine, who is sinless and everyone's favorite and who can solve all problems with one stroke of his or her Mont Blanc. The choice will be between the Republican nominee, whoever that is, and Obama.

So here is my recommendation: Make a list of the Republicans you would like to see Obama defeat. If you've got to criticize someone, criticize **only** the candidates on that list. Personally, I looked at and listened to those seven people on the stage at Saint Anselm, and it was utterly clear to me I'd rather have any of them than four more years of Obama. Of course we'll have favorites and those we like less well. BUT . . .

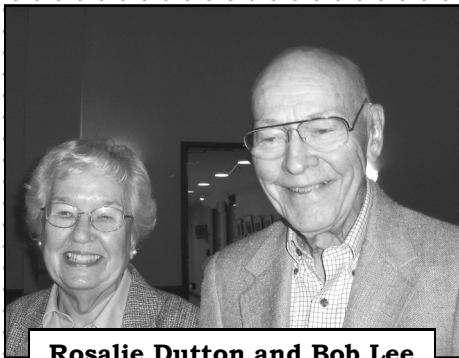
Which brings me to my second point: Ronald Reagan, the Moses of Republicanism, brought an eleventh commandment down from the mountain. It was, "Thou shalt speak ill of no Republican." Flaunt not that commandment. No one has any idea at this point who the Republican nominee will be. Statistically, odds are it will not be your favorite candidate, or mine. Just remember to burn no bridges with harsh criticism of any Republican. The bridge you burn may be the very one we need to cross to beat President "Barry" Barack Hussein Obama.

So as the weeks pass and the next debates come along, look at the candidates carefully. As you decide upon a favorite, decide if you like Obama better than any of the others. And if you don't, speak well of all of them. And ill of none.

# June Dinner Meeting



**John and Deni Oliver**



**Rosalie Dutton and Bob Lee**



**Cliff and Connie Rogers**



**Some of our RCR Ambassadors:**  
**From top left: Maria Feeney, Sigrid Lott, Kathi Stidwell. To the right: Shirley Stone and Susie White**



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Tom Fryer, Editor

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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.

### NEW MEMBERS

*Jim & Angel Degrado*

*Susan Felthousen*

*Barbara Murphy*

**A WARM REPUBLICAN CLUB WELCOME!**

## Club Calendar



**Ambassadors**, Tuesday, July 12, 11 AM,  
 Room 4, Creekside  
**Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, July 13, 5:15 PM,  
 Fireside Room, Gateway  
**Board Meeting**, Monday, July 18, 1 PM,  
 Room 4, Creekside  
**Discussion Group**, Tuesday, July 19, 2 PM,  
 Garden Room, Dollar  
**Issues Committee**, Friday, July 29, 10 AM  
 Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

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**JULY DINNER MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 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 with Fresh Grated Parmesan and Garlic Crouton**

**Grilled Breast of Chicken in a Sundried Tomato Cream Sauce**

**Roasted Rosemary Red Potatoes**

**Assorted Grilled Vegetables**

**Vegetarian entrée: Spinach and Ricotta Canneloni**

**Lemon Meringue Pie**

**Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea**

**Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, July 8**

**Reservation questions: Call 947-5878**