

The Rossmoor Republican

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TREATS FOR TROOPS

See the enclosed green insert

Membership Renewal Due

See the enclosed yellow insert

Can You Help?

We need a volunteer couple to **sell raffle tickets** at the November 9 dinner. Call the Littigs at 256-8558.

Help is needed by the **Telephone Committee** to call Club members before each meeting. Call Billie Lenox at 943-1027 to volunteer.

From Socialism to Conservatism

Our October speaker is a man whose intellectual development has brought him from socialism to conservatism in the span of a lifetime. His message is one our country needs desperately to hear and one that our Club will find exceedingly interesting and useful.

Douglas Hainline was born and raised in Houston to New Deal Democrat parents. He became active in the Southern Civil Rights Movement, joined the People's Socialist League and became active in the Berkeley Vietnam Day Committee in the 1960's. He then became a member of a hard-line Marxist group, went to the U.K. in 1966 and lived for a few months in the Soviet Union in 1985.

Very slowly, based on a good deal of reading and his experiences in a semi-socialist country being turned around by Margaret Thatcher, and in a completely socialist country, finally dismantled by Mr. Gorbachov, Hainline decided that the Right was right about the crucial things.

He earned a Ph.D. in computer science in 1984 and taught in British universi-

ties for 20 years, becoming a member of Republicans Abroad and the British Conservative Party.

Politically Hainline holds that any political belief, including conservatism, must be continually tested against empirical evidence using methods associated with a scientific world view and the attitudes of the Enlightenment.

RCR members have a great deal to learn from a man whose thoughtful and probing philosophy has evolved from left-wing roots to solid conservatism. His talk will be titled, "Life in the Total Welfare State — The Horrible Reality."

Don't miss our October 12 evening together.

A blue dinner reservation form for October 12 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form MUST be returned by noon, Friday, October 7.



Douglas Hainline

RCR Top Issue: National Debt & Deficit Spending

By Kathy Poling, Issues Committee Chair

Last month, the "Rossmoor Republican" asked Club members to rank six issues identified by the Issues Committee as the most important for current political discussion. The purpose of the survey was to guide the Committee in selecting topics for future position papers.

Survey results were received from 48 members or 16 per cent of the 291 households who receive the newsletter. The Issues Committee appreciates the time you each took to respond.

"The national debt and deficit spending" is the number one issue among responding members. Interestingly, that's the very issue that the Club's Issues Committee has been focusing on, with a series of OpEd pieces in the *Rossmoor News*. The next article is scheduled to be published very soon.

Here's the complete breakdown of the results of last month's survey:

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Can You Afford Four More Years? President Fran Cavanaugh

He told us he wanted "to fundamentally change America". After 32 months of the Obama administration, and with the 2012 presidential election season upon us, let's review some of the Hope and Change we have experienced.

A foolish and wasteful \$787-billion "stimulus". The Chairman of Obama's Council of Economic Advisors claims the \$787-billion (by-the-way, the CBO says it was really \$821-billion) created or saved two million jobs (and where did *that* come from?). Accepting the administration's numbers, that works out to \$393,500 per job!

Skyrocketing National debt. On the day of Obama's inauguration, the National debt was \$10.627-trillion. Today it's \$14.699-trillion, an increase of 38 percent and the cause of the downgrade of our Nation's credit rating.

Hostility toward business and employers. At an economic cost of thousands of jobs, Obama's NLRB is blocking Boeing from opening a 787 assembly plant in South Carolina, a right to work state. To lead his Jobs Council Obama has appointed the CEO of General Electric---a company which is quickly moving its own jobs to China. In fact, in 2009 GE employed 36,000 more people overseas than in the US---just the opposite of its workforce profile a decade earlier.

Misplaced priorities at the Justice Department. Obama's Justice Department dropped its voter intimidation case against the Philadelphia Black Panthers, but pursued investigations against CIA agents (for two and a half years and at great financial and emotional cost to the agents involved) for their interrogation of captured terrorists.

An upside-down foreign policy. Obama has insulted our friends. Within days of taking office, he snubbed our best ally by returning to England a bust of Winston Churchill which had been on display in the White House since the attacks of September 11, 2001. During a White House visit, he kept the Israeli Prime Minister

cooling his heels for an extended time in an anteroom while he, Obama, withdrew to have lunch with Michelle. He gave Queen Elizabeth II an iPod onto which were loaded photos of himself and audio of his own speeches! On a tour of foreign capitals he publicly apologized for US policies. He bowed before the Saudi king and the Japanese emperor. He encouraged the president of Mexico to criticize the State of Arizona before a joint session of Congress. He supported and encouraged the rebellion against a mid-east dictatorship that was our ally (Egypt) but failed to support or encourage the rebellion against a mid-east dictatorship that is our enemy (Iran).

A backwards immigration policy. He refuses to secure the border, joking that those who advocate doing so want to build a moat with alligators. At the same time, his Justice Department has filed suit against Arizona for trying to identify and report border jumpers to ICE.

Well, the list goes on: an energy policy that favors foreign oil producers and subsidizes impractical "green" systems and at the expense of American producers, taxpayers, and consumers; a health care "reform" that threatens Medicare and private insurers, and pushes us toward socialized medicine; commitment of the American military without Congressional approval (even the notorious cowboy George W. Bush got Congressional approval for the use of force in Afghanistan and Iraq); and so on.....but you get the idea. The foolishness of this administration's misguided policies would be comical if it were not for the damage they have done to our Nation.

And now we are coming up on the 2012 election. We don't yet know, of course, which Republican will be nominated to oppose Obama in the general election. But we can be sure that whichever one of them is nominated would be a better president than the one we have now. Let's work together to defeat Barack Hussein Obama in 2012. As the election approaches, our Club will offer opportunities for you to help elect the Republican candidate.

Issues Committee

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(1) National debt and deficit spending; (2) Federal tax issues: structures and rates; (3) Waste in government projects and programs; (4) Pay and benefits of government employees, including public employee unions; (5) "Sacred Cow" entitlements, such as Social Security, Medicare, MediCal; and (6) Illegal Immigration.

Since some of you chose not to rank the issues, but simply marked those important to you, the results could have been slightly different. The "not rated" responses were counted, but not toward the rankings above.

Respondents took ample opportunity to express their opinions and list "other" issues. One reader said "I showed this survey to several people and they all said every issue could be #1."

Here is a sampling of some of the write-in issues: social problems (abortion, gay marriage, education); nuclear waste policies; national security and defense; EPA rules and regulations; bureaucratic rules and regulations.

The Issues Committee hopes the survey results will result in some interesting future projects, exploring each of the issues in depth. If you have an interest in participating in this exciting process and the Committee, please contact the committee chair, Kathy Poling at 472-0222.

September Dinner Meeting

Photos by Peggy Fryer



Kathryn Eaton and Marilyn Brown stop for pre-dinner refreshment



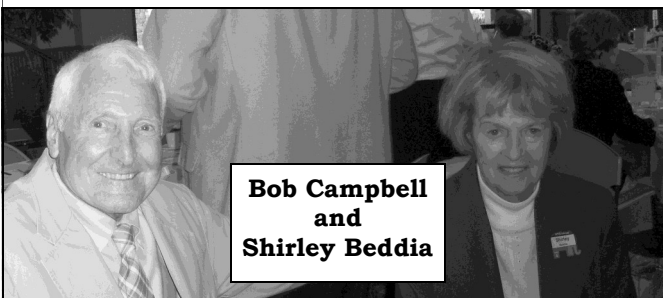
Marcia Orear, Maureen Bertoli and Shirley Jones



Nancie and Walt Straub (standing) with visitor Dick Mead and Marilyn Van Story



Vivian Dable and Margery Clark



Bob Campbell and Shirley Beddia



New Member Ruth Peyton

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JOIN US!

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

*Jean Ashley
 Sharon McPherson
 Ruth Peyton
 Sally Yarworth*

A WARM REPUBLICAN CLUB WELCOME!

Club Calendar



Ambassadors, Tuesday, October 11, 11 AM,
 Room 4, Creekside
Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 5:15 PM,
 Fireside Room, Gateway
Board Meeting, Monday, October 17, 1 PM,
 Room 4, Creekside
Discussion Group, Tuesday, October 18, 2 PM,
 Garden Room, Dollar
Issues Committee, Thursday, October 20, 2 PM,
 Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

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OCTOBER DINNER MENU

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, Fireside Room, Gateway

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

THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR

Menu

Waldorf Salad

Honey Glazed Ham with Warm Apricot Sauce

Scalloped Potatoes and Candied Parsley Baby Carrots

Vegetarian entrée: Egg Plant Parmesan

Banana Cream Pie

Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, October 7

Reservation questions: Call 947-5878