

# The Rossmoor Republican

November 2011



## State's Top Reep Here Nov. 9

Deeply rooted in the soil of Contra Costa County, Tom Del Beccaro is a young man on a mission. Tom is the top Republican in the State of California, having risen to be Chairman of the California Republican Party.

Tom is well-known and well-liked by many members of our club, having addressed us on several occasions. During the years he was Chair of the Contra Costa County Republican Party, he was a regular on our platform. He was—and is—always provocative and insightful.

For those of us who are interested in 2012 presidential politics, Tom will bring a timely and knowledgeable perspective. He has been called "the Most Heard Voice in California Republican Politics", and for good reason. He is a columnist for BigGovernment.com, publisher of PoliticalVanguard.com, author of the book, *The New Conservative Paradigm* and a frequent talk-radio and television commentator. In those roles, Tom is heard by millions on the radio, TV and in person each year. In his multiple roles, Tom is uniquely positioned to take the pulse of politics all the way from the grass roots to Presidential candidates.

Tom has also served as Vice Chairman of the California Republican Party, the Republican Party County Chairman of Contra Costa for three terms and former



Tom Del Beccaro

President of all 58 Republican Party County Chairs in California. Tom is perhaps best known for his frequent talk-radio show guest appearances which number over 300 per year across the nation in such diverse places as New York, Alabama, Colorado, North Carolina and more.

With release of *The New Conservative Paradigm*, Mona Charen said of Tom,

"Not since Newt Gingrich in the 90s has a Republican activist so clearly analyzed what has gone right and wrong for the party and the conservative movement." Tom is currently working on a new book called, "Selling Freedom in America".

In the last nine years, Tom has made over 800 speeches/panel appearances throughout California and beyond, including for the Commonwealth Club, Western C-PAC, the University of California at Berkeley, and dozens of conservative and Republican groups and other community groups.

Tom lives in Lafayette. We are proud to claim him as one of our own.

**A blue dinner reservation form for November 9 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form MUST be returned by noon, Friday, November 4.**

### Don't forget!

### Membership Renewal Due

**2012 will be a crucial year for our future and the world.**

**Help create that future with the Republican Club of Rossmoor  
See the enclosed yellow insert**

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## Lending Library Available at Monthly Meetings

Starting in November, an "honor system" lending library of books relevant to Republican and conservative topics will be available at our monthly dinner meetings. There will be no cost to borrowers, and no late fees. Take the time you need to finish the book. Simply sign for the book when you borrow it and return it at the next one or two monthly meetings. A 30-book collection has been donated by a Republican Club member. Other members wishing to donate books should contact Clair Weenig at [csnjmweenig@com-cast.net](mailto:csnjmweenig@com-cast.net) or [287-9795](tel:287-9795) for information.



# Don't Weep for American Jihadis

## President Fran Cavanaugh

When our Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden, there were murmurs of protest from some who thought his killing amounted to an assassination and from others who thought he should have been arrested instead and brought to trial. This thinking was not widespread. But now comes the killing of Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen who had joined the enemy.

The voices of protest are suddenly louder and more diverse, ranging from the ACLU on the liberal left to presidential hopeful Ron Paul on the libertarian right. The general line of reasoning is that, as a U.S. citizen, Awlaki was entitled to due process and should have been brought to trial rather than killed. Leaving aside the point that arresting Awlaki was probably an impossibility, let's consider whether his killing violated his Constitutional rights or not..

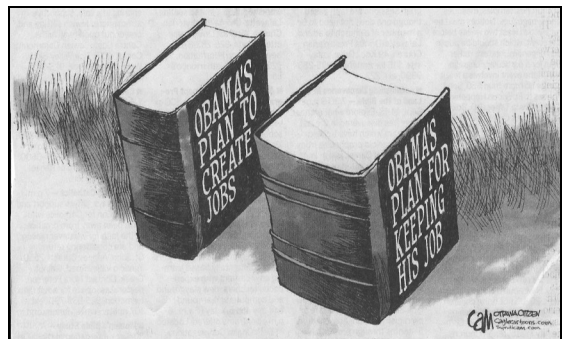
Our analysis is facilitated because there is historical precedent to guide us. At the outset of our own Civil War, President Lincoln confronted this very issue. John Yoo says "Lincoln concluded the laws of war must allow the United States to treat its own citizens as enemies when they take up arms in rebellion". And the Union forces killed them in combat---no warrants, no arrests, no trials. Imagine the absurdity of the position that the Union forces would have had to arrest the Confederates on the battlefield and bring them to trial. But such is the position of those who say the killing of Awlaki was a violation his Constitutional rights.

In addition to this historical precedence, there is judicial support for outright killing rather than arresting Americans who join with enemy forces. The ACLU actually sued the Obama administration in 2010, claiming that attempting to kill Awlaki violated his right to due process. (Never mind that if he had wanted due process

he could have hopped a flight to the land of his birth and presented himself for trial.) The federal court, in a moment of clarity, ruled in favor of the Government.

A recent New York Times article (*Secret memo OK'd killing*, by Charlie Savage, October 8, 2011) describes the detailed legal analysis the Obama administration conducted. They concluded that an American citizen playing an operational role in support of enemy forces was a lawful target. Their analysis included whether killing Awlaki could constitute murder or assassination and whether it would violate his right to due process. It seems like a no-brainer but, thankfully, the Obama administration got this one right.

Awlaki won't be the last; there will be other American citizens who will join with the enemy. If they give themselves up or are otherwise captured, and if they have committed specific crimes, they can be tried in federal court (as were John Walker Lindh and Jose Padilla) or before a military tribunal. Or, as POWs they can be held until the end of the war. But if they remain at large and involved in the jihad against us, they may be targeted and killed. Historical precedent says so and the courts say so---the ACLU and Ron Paul notwithstanding.



## They Make It Happen

by John Littig

For over 20 years, RCR member Paula Miller has maintained the database of Club membership. Paula receives information on new members and any changes for existing members from the Membership Chairman. She uses that information to keep the database as up-to-date and accurate as possible. Paula's database is essential to the smooth operation of our Club. It is used to print the mailing labels each month for *The Rossmoor Republican*---the newsletter you are reading right now. Paula also uses her database to print labels for any special mailings, such as the postcards which announce last-minute events like candidate appearances, and to produce a current roster whenever needed by the Board of Directors. Perhaps most importantly, Paula's database serves as the official record to ensure the accuracy of each year's RCR Membership Directory. Speaking of which.....

RCR Board member Devon Olson has been responsible for producing the Club's Membership Directory for roughly 10 years. Devon uses desktop publishing software to produce the Directory. Devon assembles a team of proofreaders to review the draft Directory, checking its accuracy against Paula Miller's membership database. The proofreading team includes Margaret Ghirardo, Noel Olson, Shirley Strong, and Carol Worthington. Devon and his team strive to ensure the directory mailed out to you is timely and accurate.

We all owe Devon, his team, and Paula our gratitude for their great work maintaining our Membership Directory, database, and related products. If you would like to join Devon's proofreading crew, or if you have desktop publishing skills you wish to put to use, please call Devon Olson at 943-7905. He will be glad to hear from you.

# October Dinner Meeting

Guest Gordon Young with Ruth Huffman



Dick and Barbara Bain with Mary Lou Pelton



Louise Angerer (top), Kathleen Moschel and Ruth Huffman (front) volunteered for Treats for Troops at Creekside



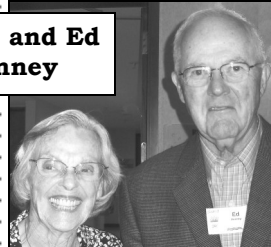
Mary Boyd



Leo Feltz and Claire Magliano



Donna and Ed Henney

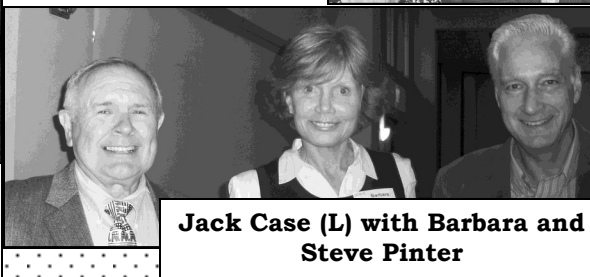


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Tat Welcome (L), New Member Sally Yarworth, and Helen Suter



Jack Case (L) with Barbara and Steve Pinter



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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

*Carine Archer  
 John & Olga Korcuska  
 Richard Mead  
 Art & Jeanette Nathanson  
 Shelly Rodrigues*

**A WARM REPUBLICAN CLUB WELCOME!**

## Club Calendar



**Ambassadors**, Tuesday, November 8, 11 AM,  
 Room 4, Creekside  
**Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, November 9, 5:15 PM,  
 Fireside Room, Gateway  
**Board Meeting**, Monday, November 14, 1 PM,  
 Room 4, Creekside  
**Discussion Group**, Tuesday, November 15, 2 PM,  
 Garden Room, Dollar  
**Issues Committee**, Thursday, November 17, 2 PM,  
 Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

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## **NOVEMBER DINNER MENU**

**Wednesday, November 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 Greens with Mandarin Oranges & Toasted Almonds  
with Cider Vinaigrette**

**Roast Turkey with Dressing, Gravy, and Cranberry Sauce**  
**Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Garden Peas with Pearl Onions**  
**Vegetarian entrée: Veggie Lasagna**

**Pumpkin Pie**  
**Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea**

**Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, November 4**  
**Reservation questions: Call 947-5878**

