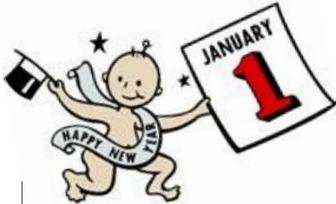


# The Rossmoor Republican

January 2012



## Big Election Changes Coming Our Way in 2012

Most of us agree that 2012 is a crucial year for the country. The Republican Club of Rossmoor will be a key partner for all of us as the elections roll by this year.

Our speaker in January promises to address topics as fascinating as they are important. First, he will discuss the June 2012 primary election in which the voting system will be radically changed to the "Top Two" primary system. Not many of us are conversant with this new primary system which we will have to learn to use. Our speaker will discuss this with us. In addition, he will speak to the impact of redistricting on electing Republican candidates in California.

Our speaker is eminently qualified for this assignment. He is Mr. Charles H. "Chuck" Bell, Jr., senior partner in Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP, which specializes in campaign, election and administrative law and litigation at all levels of government.

Bell is General Counsel to the California Republican Party. Politics has become an increasingly regulated field. A complex maze of rules and regulations impacts all participants in government and politics. Chuck's law firm represents a range of clients facing these complex rules. Mr. Bell has practiced political and election law exclusively since 1980. He is one of the leading experts on the California Political Reform Act



**Charles H. Bell, Jr.  
"Chuck"**

and federal and state election laws. Mr. Bell was the founding Chairman of the California Political Attorneys Association.

He has provided legal advice and representation to candidates and officeholders including former Governors Arnold Schwarzenegger, Pete Wilson, George Deukmejian, and numerous other statewide office holders and organizations. He also has

served as counsel to political action committees, lobbyists, corporations, trade associations and state and local ballot measure committees.

Mr. Bell is the immediate past President of the Republican National Lawyers Association and he served as an advisor to political parties in the historic 1994 South African election.

He is currently working on the legal petition regarding the Senate redistricting referendum that the State Supreme Court has agreed to hear. It is possible that the Court may hear this case on the day after Chuck Bell speaks to our Club.

Mr. Bell is a graduate of Stanford University and Stanford Law School. He is married to Janice Freeman Bell and has two children, Brien, 15 and Jennifer, 13. He lives in Sacramento.

**A blue dinner reservation form for January 11 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form **MUST** be returned by noon, Friday, January 6. Reservation questions: 947-5878**

### **Last Call for Inclusion in 2012 Directory!**

**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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## **LAST CALL FOR 2012 DUES**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR DUES, PLEASE USE THE  
YELLOW FORM SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE 2012 DIRECTORY.**



## A Bullet in the Back from Uncle Sam President Fran Cavanaugh

Is it safer for a dictator to be an ally or an enemy of the United States? The Obama administration's handling of the recent uprisings in Iran and Egypt offers a clue.

The 2009 uprising in Iran, a self-declared enemy of the US, was ignited by the widely-held belief that the landslide re-election of the wildly unpopular Ahmadinejad administration was fraudulent. The tyrannical regime's reaction to the demonstrations was brutal. Iranian forces fired into the crowds. The "defeated" opposition candidate Moussavi and his wife were arrested. Despite regime efforts to block news reporting, the violence became known to the outside world.

President Obama harbored a foolish hope of a friendly relationship with our sworn enemy. This pipe dream likely motivated the Obama administration's weak reaction to the violence against the demonstrators. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs disgracefully referred to the slaughter as "the vigorous debate and enthusiasm this election has generated."

Both Houses of an exasperated Congress, despite being controlled by the president's own party, passed a resolution condemning the Iranian regime's violence. Under this pressure, Obama finally issued a tepid statement and said that "we will continue to bear witness." Translation: we'll just watch. That was how the Obama administration reacted to an uprising against our sworn enemy.

Egypt, like Iran, was a dictatorship---but with key differences. Egypt's government was secular, not Islamist. President Hosni Mubarak was a steadfast ally of the US. In early 2011 an uprising began against Mubarak.

By Mid-East standards, the Egyptian administration took a relatively restrained position with respect to the demonstrators.

Obama called upon Mubarak to immediately begin transitioning the country to new leadership, and threatened to cut off US aid. Obama dispatched an envoy to Cairo with the message that Mubarak had to go---now. Never mind that the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist organization allied with Hamas, was one of the players in the uprising. And never mind that our administration had (and still has) no clue what will follow the Mubarak regime---but the murders of Coptic Christians, church burnings, and Islamist election gains are ominous signs.

Our ally Israel was dismayed. The Israeli press expressed shock that the US would dump its strategic ally. President Shimon Peres said of Mubarak, "He kept the peace in the Middle East." A column titled "*A Bullet in the Back from Uncle Sam*" said the US was demanding "the head of the person who five minutes ago was the bold ally...an almost lone voice of sanity in the Middle East."

As a result of our handling of these two uprisings, Iran is emboldened and our alliance with Egypt is weakened---if not totally lost. What will follow Mubarak is unclear, but it surely will not be a regime more favorable to US interests and Middle East stability. One certain outcome from the Obama administration's actions is---ironically---uncertainty. An Israeli official said, "The question is, do we think Obama is reliable or not. Right now it doesn't look so. That is a question resonating across the region not just in Israel."

### They Make It Happen

Peggy Fryer plays a vital role in our Republican Club of Rossmoor dinner events. Peggy is the person who receives the checks and reservation forms. She makes table assignments in the order the reservations are received (get yours in early!) and ensures that those received together are seated at the same table. When the reservation deadline passes, she informs the caterer and the Ambassadors Chairperson, Mary Hufford, of the number of dinners and the number of tables needed. Then, using Microsoft Word, she prepares an alphabetical list of attendees, including their table assignments, and transmits it to Vickie Hipkiss, the Webmaster, who prepares the name badges. Peggy provides a copy of the alphabetical list to the Ambassadors Chairperson, along with a second list sorted by table number, and a third list identifying those who have requested vegetarian dinners. She also prepares a list of guests and new members for the Club President, Fran Cavanaugh, so that

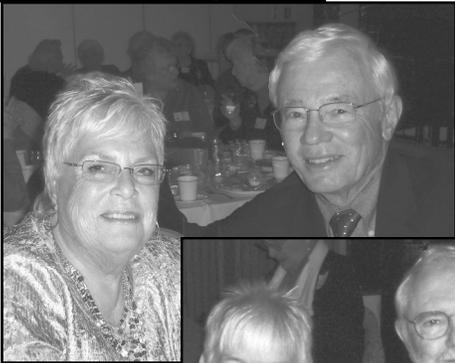
these folks can be introduced at the dinner. Peggy spends about an hour per day on this activity during the ten-day reservation period each month.

Despite all this careful planning, reservation problems are inevitable. So on the evening of each dinner event, Peggy remains on hand in or nearby the reception area with all reservation forms and related lists, to assist in resolving any reservation problems that come up. Finally, Peggy gives the checks to the Club Treasurer, Bud Lake, for deposit. There are other Club members who have done this job in the past, and they are available to fill in if Peggy needs to be away during a critical period.

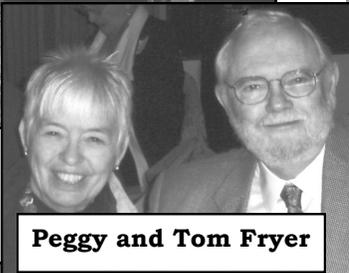
Peggy says that handling the reservations is a one-person job and is a good way to meet new people. However, she also says that she is ready for a break if someone with basic computer skills is interested in taking over this job. If you are interested in learning more about this assignment, call Peggy at 947-5878.

# December Dinner Party

**Paula and Hardy Miller**

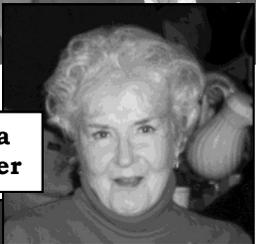


**Joan Hueter (L) and Joyce Ellis**



**Peggy and Tom Fryer**

**Sylvia Roemer**



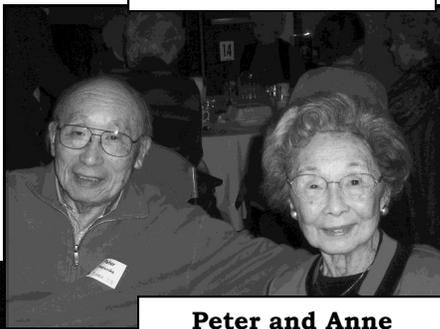
**Guest Molly Kaplan with Orlan Gaeddert**



**New Members Willard and Ruth Smith**



**Cara and Gordon Addison**



**Peter and Anne Matsuoka**

*Photos by Peggy Fryer*



**New Members Dan Black and Kathy Chao with Shirla Klenk (R)**

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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

**Dan Black & Kathy Chao**  
**Carol Hall Carmichael**  
**Flo Spanier**  
**Jack Taylor**

**A WARM REPUBLICAN CLUB WELCOME!**

## Club Calendar



**Ambassadors**, Tuesday, January 10, 11 AM,  
 Room 4, Creekside  
**Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, January 11, 5:15 PM,  
 Fireside Room, Gateway  
**Board Meeting**, Monday, January 16, 1 PM,  
 Room 4, Creekside  
**Discussion Group**, Tuesday, January 17, 2 PM,  
 Garden Room, Dollar  
**Issues Committee**, January 19, 2 PM,  
 Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse

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## **JANUARY DINNER MENU**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2011, Fireside Room, Gateway**

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

**THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR**

### **Menu**

**Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus w/Horseradish Sauce  
Baby Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Blue Cheese and Candied Wal-  
nuts**

**Scalloped Potatoes—Green Beans Almandine  
Vegetarian entrée: Stuffed Portabello Mushroom**

### **Dessert**

**Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea**

**Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, January 6**

**Reservation questions: Call 947-5878**