

The Rossmoor Republican

February 2012

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February 8, Special Evening! All-Star Double Header

Wednesday, February 8, will be a special evening for the Republican Club of Rossmoor. Don't miss it.

First, our fellow Club member, Dr. Clair Weenig, will give a short talk on the U.S. budget titled: "Obama's Budget: Paid for How and By Whom?" Dr. Weenig is known to many of our Club



Dr. Clair Weenig
 Republican Club of
 Rossmoor

members as the man who created and operates the Club's conservative lending library. A retired anesthesiologist, he is also President of Rossmoor's Medical Friends organization, is a member of and former Treasurer

of the Golden Rain Foundation Board of Directors, and is a member of the Republican Club of Rossmoor Board of Directors.

Following Dr. Weenig's presentation, we will hear from Dakin Sloss, a recent Stanford graduate who is Executive Director of California Common Sense (CACS). With a group of Stanford students and alumni, Sloss founded CACS in 2010. California Common Sense is a nonprofit devoted to opening government financial data to the public, informing Californians about governmental inefficiencies, and promoting effective and efficient government policies. CACS's government transparency projects and research harness new technology to reveal fragmented administration and

overlapping state entities.

One of the first major triumphs of CACS was to reveal in August of last year the huge amounts of money California legislators were spending on their own offices. For example, some records suggested that Assembly Member Fuentes, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, spent roughly \$140,000 on

staff salaries. However, the staff salary data found and published by CACS indicated that his office spends over \$1 million on legislative



Dakin Sloss
 Executive Director,
 CACS

staffers. The information concerning these outrageous practices became a major scandal in a state that consistently runs deficits in the billions.

California Common Sense is a non-partisan organization that does not endorse political parties or individual politicians. Its goal is to provide citizens with the information and tools useful in finding out how the people in charge of our government are spending our money.

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

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THE ME GENERATION ...President Fran Cavanaugh

To get a jump on Black Friday, Target management decided its stores would open at midnight on Thanksgiving. Many other large nationwide retailers (such as Macy's, Best Buy, Gap, Kohls, etc) also planned midnight openings. Toys R Us and Walmart planned even earlier openings on Thanksgiving day, and K-Mart has been open on turkey day for years.

Anthony Hardwick, 29, works in a Target store in Omaha. Anthony thought this midnight opening was a lousy idea. So he started an on-line petition calling on Target to return to a 5 a.m. Friday opening. Apparently Anthony got almost 200 thousand signatures.

Setting aside the issue of whether a midnight opening is a good or bad idea, let's consider Anthony's plea that "A full holiday with family is not for the elite of this nation---all Americans should be able to break bread with loved ones and get a good night's rest on Thanksgiving." Oh, really?

It seems that Anthony was not the only American who had to work that day. Hospitals and other health care facilities were staffed with doctors, nurses, aides, and support personnel. Firefighters, police, EMTs, 911 operators and other emergency workers were on the job. Prison guards continued to make their rounds. Pilots did not stop flying airliners; cabin attendants and ground crew such as gate agents and baggage handlers also showed up. Cruise ships and commercial shipping continued on their way. Bus and taxi drivers; hotel desk workers and maids; chefs, waiters, and busboys; gas station attendants---all on the job. Here in Rossmoor,

the entry gate was staffed, newspapers were delivered, and the trash was even collected on Thanksgiving day.

And then there's the military. Perhaps Anthony missed it, but our warships sailed, our warplanes flew, and our troops continued on their missions. The Taliban probably didn't stop for a Thanksgiving feast with loved ones either.

Anthony's declaration is emblematic of the "me generation." They are victims of the self-esteem movement. They do not recognize that retailers, not their employees, set store hours; that regents, not students, set tuition rates; that there is a law against trespassing; that stop signs apply to bicycles too; that texting while driving has consequences; and that we all have to stand in line.

Jean Twenge, PhD, writes "Generation Me has never known a world that put duty before self, and believes that the needs of the individual should come first." Anthony is a product of that culture. Unfortunately, he is not alone; thousands of other self-esteemers signed his petition.

Anthony's co-worker Seth Coleman spoke of the Thanksgiving day work schedule: "If I'm at work almost the entire day, I have nothing to give thanks for." Now that's an astounding statement, isn't it? Isn't exactly the opposite true? Anthony and Seth do, in fact, have something to be thankful for. They should give thanks that they have jobs! There are 13.9 million unemployed in America. Many of them would likely jump at the chance for a job at Target. Even on Thanksgiving.

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Sloss himself graduated from Stanford in December, a half-year early, so that he could go to work on California Common Sense. At Stanford he studied quantum mechanics (physics), mathematics, and philosophy. He also completed research in neuroscience, investigating where and how memories are stored in the brain.

Both Dakin Sloss and Dr. Clair Weenig have the gift of plain speaking and making complicated subjects simple and understandable to the rest of us. February 8 will be an exciting and illuminating evening for the Rossmoor Republican Club. Don't miss it.

Fred Thompson on America

"You can be born into modest circumstances in this country, but you're blessed in ways that kings of old could not even begin to contemplate. You're born with a legacy of freedom and independence and free choice, and the founding fathers of this country understood human nature. They understood the wisdom of the ages and the lessons of civilizations that have come and gone and these things have come together to give us the kind of life we have, and I'm ashamed ... of what our generation is in the process of leaving the next one."

GOP CAUCUSES AND PRIMARIES THROUGH MARCH 10

Sat., Feb. 4 — Nevada, Maine Caucuses

Tues., Feb. 7 — Colorado, Minnesota Caucuses, Missouri Primary

Tues., Feb. 28 — Michigan, Arizona Primaries

Sat., Mar. 3 — Washington State Caucus

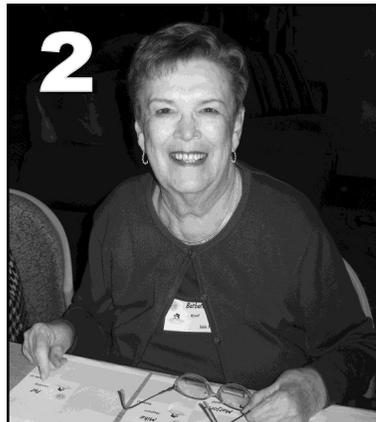
Tues., Mar. 6 — SUPER TUESDAY — Alaska, Idaho, North Dakota Caucuses; Georgia, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia Primaries; Wyoming Caucus begins.

Sat., Mar. 10 — Kansas, U.S. Virgin Island Caucuses. Wyoming Caucus ends.

At Our Dinner Meetings...



1
...you'll be greeted at the Fireside Room door ... not always by Barbara LeVigne and Billy Lenox shown here ... but you'll always be greeted.

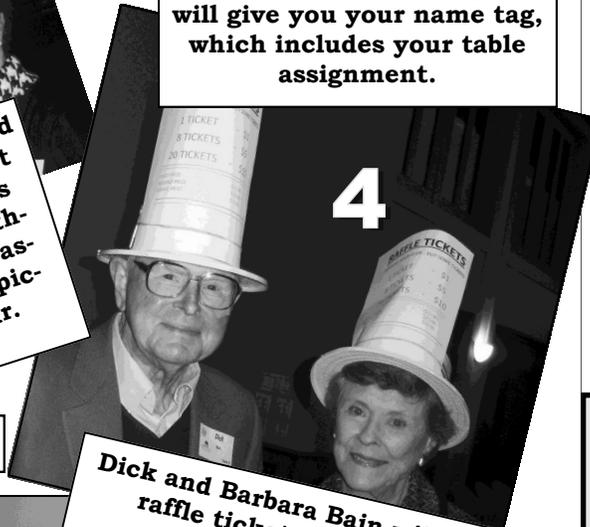


2
...one of our able Ambassadors (this is Barbara Wyant) will give you your name tag, which includes your table assignment.



3
...you may want to stop at our hosted bar for nuts and a wine, beer or soft drink on your way to greet friends and find your assigned table. Kathleen Moschel (L) and her cordial assistants (Phyllis Christopher is pictured with her here) will pour.

Photos by Peggy Fryer



4
Dick and Barbara Bain will sell you raffle tickets — proceeds to Republican causes.



5
Ruggie's fine crew will serve you hors d'oeuvres and dinner before the evening's interesting speaker.

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NEW MEMBER

Bernard Fettner

A WARM REPUBLICAN CLUB WELCOME!

Club Calendar



- Ambassadors**, Tuesday, February 7, 11 AM, Room 4, Creekside
- Dinner Meeting**, Wednesday, February 8, 5:15 PM, Fireside Room, Gateway
- Board Meeting**, Monday, February 13, 1 PM, Room 4, Creekside
- Issues Committee**, Thursday, February 16, 2 PM, Ivy Room, Dollar Clubhouse
- Discussion Group**, Tuesday, February 21, 2 PM, Garden Room, Dollar

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FEBRUARY DINNER MENU

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, Fireside Room, Gateway
5:15 pm Social Time, 6:00 pm Dinner
THERE WILL BE A HOSTED WINE AND BEER BAR

Menu

Grilled Chicken in Marsala Mushroom Sauce
Caesar Salad
Rice Pilaf and Peas with Pearl Onions
Vegetarian entrée: Stuffed Bell Pepper

Red Velvet Cake
Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, February 3
Reservation questions: Call 947-5878