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"Last Call" at the hosted wine, beer and soft drink bar at RCR Dinners is 6:00 PM.

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News from Rossmoor's County Supervisor

Candace Andersen was elected to District 2 Supervisor on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on June 5, 2012 and was sworn in on June 26. Previously, Candace was on the Danville Town Council, serving two terms as Mayor.

Commissioner Andersen currently sits on a number of boards and commissions, including CCC Fire District Board, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the Central Contra Costa County Transit Commission — County Connection.

Candace served on the Morgan Hill City Council in the early 1990's. She is an attorney licensed to practice law in California and Hawaii. She began her legal career as a Prosecuting Attorney in her hometown of Honolulu and worked as a civil practitioner with a law firm in Morgan Hill. Candace put her legal career on hold to serve the community and raise her family.

Candace received both her B.A. in Public Policy (1982) and Juris Doctorate



**CCC Supervisor
Candace Anderson**

(1985) from Brigham Young University. She attended Punahou School in Honolulu from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Along with her responsibilities on the Board of Supervisors, Candace remains an active volunteer in local schools, assists the Library Foundation, serves on the Board of Directors of the East Bay Chapter of California Women Lead, and is a Board Member of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, assisting the Museum with its publicity.

Candace and her husband, attorney Philip M. Andersen, have been married for 29 years and are the parents of six children ranging in age from 15 to 27 and have two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law.

A blue dinner reservation form for May 8 is included in this issue of the Republican. The form MUST be returned by noon, Friday, May 3. Reservation questions: 937-0125

Discussion Group Open for Business

Do you enjoy talking with like-minded friends about where we're headed, what we have to worry about, and how on earth we can get things turned around? If so, the Republican Club's Discussion Group is your cup of tea. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Garden Room at Dollar Clubhouse. Drop in. All are welcome. The next meeting is at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21. Call Bob Randall at 937-2037 for more information — or just come.



Shared Sacrifice

...John Littig, Club Publicity Chair

President Obama has on many occasions called upon us all for "shared sacrifice" in order to address the nation's financial problems. "If everybody took an attitude of shared sacrifice, we could solve our deficit and debt problem next week." Well ok, let's look at how he's participating in that sacrifice. Let's look at his share.

Forty-seven million are on food stamps, jobs remain scarce, gas prices are sky-high, and all American workers got a tax increase last January. Against this backdrop, how are the Obamas tightening their belts?

Recently, the President spent a golfing weekend in Florida with Tiger Woods. Unfortunately, the administration has declined to tell us what this cost the taxpayers. So we won't really know until an organization such as Judicial Watch files a request under the Freedom of Information Act, or sues to get the information. But the cost to us has been estimated at over \$1-million.

Judicial Watch reports that Malia's March 2012 vacation to Mexico cost us \$115-thousand. That was a bargain for us taxpayers, compared with the First Lady's trips to Africa and Spain.

In June of 2011, Michelle Obama took her family and staff to South Africa and Botswana. Judicial Watch calculated the total cost to American taxpayers was over \$424-thousand for the use of the aircraft alone. The passenger manifest listed Malia and Sasha as "senior staff." The manifest also listed Mrs. Obama's mother, Marian Robinson, and niece and nephew, Leslie and Avery Robinson, as well Mrs. Obama's makeup and hairstylists.

In August of 2010, as reported in the New York Times, Michelle Obama, one of her daughters, two friends, and

four of their daughters, vacationed in Spain. Judicial Watch calculated the flight cost alone was over \$199-thousand. Secret Service reports show \$27-thousand for a chauffeured tour of Costa del Sol and \$50-thousand for a travel planning company.

In February 2013, Malia and Sasha vacationed in the Bahamas, and then followed up with their ski vacation with the First Lady. Again, we won't know those costs until the administration is forced to disclose them.

The Washington Examiner documents 16 First Family vacations just from January 2009 through February of 2012. And the Hawaii Reporter estimates that the First Family's Hawaii vacations alone have topped \$20 million. So the few details shown here are just the tip of the iceberg. Never-the-less, they do give a flavor of the lavish lifestyle enjoyed by this First Family.

Apparently not wishing to be outdone by the First Family, Vice President Biden has gotten into the act and racked up some hefty expenses on his recent stays in Paris and London. At the Hotel Intercontinental Paris le Grand, the one-night hotel bill for Biden and his entourage was \$585-thousand. That's just the hotel bill, not the transportation, equipment, and so on. But the one-night hotel bill for Biden and his posse at London's Hyatt Regency was only \$459-thousand---a bargain.

Now I don't begrudge the President, whoever he may be, of some time off. What is wrong here is the blatant hypocrisy of asking others to sacrifice while the First Family lives it up at our expense.

This article was shortened for space limitations. If you want to read the full version, look for it in the Republican Perspective column in a forthcoming Rossmoor News.

Government expands to absorb revenue and then some—Tom Wicker

Ben Carson Movie at Peacock May 22

On Wednesday, May 22, at 1 pm in Peacock Hall, the Republican Club will present "Gifted Hands: the Ben Carson Story." Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr. stars in the title role.

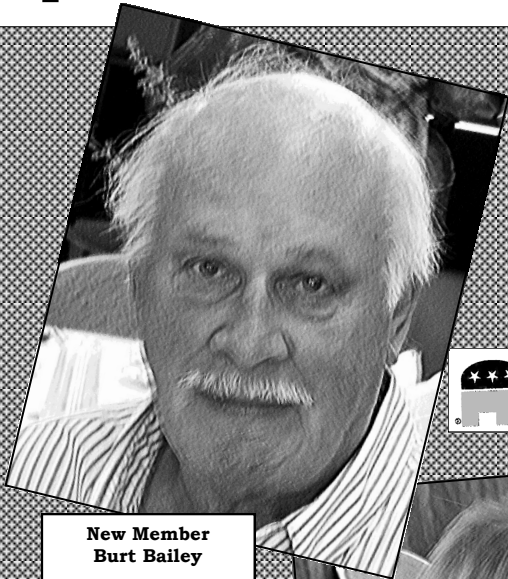
Ben Carson is the world's foremost pediatric neurosurgeon. He rose from an impoverished childhood and early academic failures to earn degrees from Yale and Michigan. He pioneered the separation of joined-at-the-head Siamese twins. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his extraordinary achievements.

On February 7 of this year Dr. Carson was the keynote speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast. On the dais with President Obama, he presented conservative views on issues such as political correctness, education, health care, taxation, and the National debt. This presentation thrust Dr. Carson into the political arena, and he was a featured speaker at the Conservative Political Action Conference on March 16.

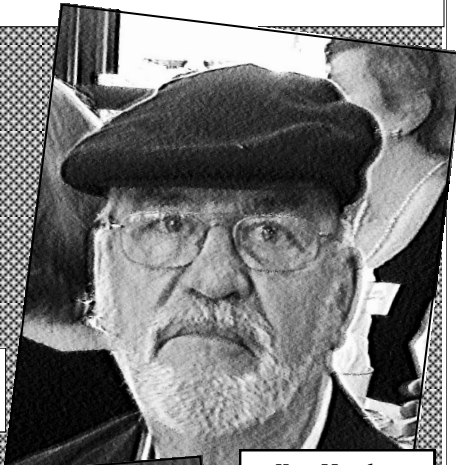
Although Dr. Carson has gained attention from political commentators from both the left and the right, this film has no political position or slant. It is the story of his journey from childhood deprivation to the pinnacle of professional success and his devoted service to his patients.

This free film is 90 minutes long and has language captions. For additional information, call John Littig at 256-8558.

April Dinner Photos



**New Member
Burt Bailey**



**New Member
Alfred Kaufman**



**New Member
Dianne Atkinson**

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Are You a Writer?

...from President Mary Hufford

Do you notice how many left-leaning opinion articles there are in the Rossmoor News? There are several columns devoted to liberal points of view: banners such as Progressive View, Just Thinking, and so on. Every week, our opposites are well represented.

The Republican point of view is represented only in the Republican Perspective column, which appears about every three or four weeks. That's because we have only one active writer, whereas the Democrats have several.

As a Club, we should work to improve this disparity. If you have the writing skill and the inclination to pitch in, you could help. Your Board of Directors would welcome submission of essays advancing a Republican point of view. The Board will not edit, but will review for appropriate message and tone, and will forward essays it approves to the Rossmoor News for publication under our Republican Perspective banner.

If you are interested in participating, contact me at hufford4@hotmail.com or 979-9611.

Club Calendar

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

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

- Dianne Atkinson**
- Burt Bailey and Susan Smith-Bailey**
- Charles Hogle**
- Helene Riddle**

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MAY DINNER MENU

Wednesday, May 8, 2013, Fireside Room, Gateway

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

A HOSTED WINE, BEER AND SOFT DRINK BAR WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6:00 pm

Menu

Baby Greens Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Feta and Candied Walnuts

Braised Short Ribs and Roasted Red Potatoes

Vegetarian Option: Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms

Green Beans Almandine

Assorted Breads with Butter

Berry Cobbler a la Mode

Decaf Coffee or Hot Tea

Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, May 3

Reservation questions: Call 937-0125