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A blue dinner reservation form for the February 18th dinner is included in this issue. The form **MUST** be received by noon, Thursday, February 13th.

Reservation questions ?

Call Maggie Fuentes-Kilmer at 510-499-3350

Republican Club Welcomes Byron Williams

Our February speaker is Byron Williams, pastor of Berkeley's Resurrection Community Church.

Williams is the author of a twice-weekly column on politics and social issues for Bay Area News Group which includes the *Oakland Tribune*, *San Jose Mercury News*, and *Contra Costa Times*. His column has appeared in some thirty publications across the U.S., and was considered for a Pulitzer Prize.



Byron Williams

He has also written articles and opinion essays for publications as geographically and philosophically widespread as the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Guardian* (in the UK), *Tikkun Magazine*, and *Theology Today*. Williams has lectured throughout the U.S. and has

appeared on nationwide television and radio news outlets including CNN, MSNBC, ABC Radio, NPR, and FoxNews.

Williams is also the author of *Strip Mall Patriotism: Moral Reflections on the Iraq War*. In his latest book, *1963: The Year of Hope & Hostility*, he explores 1963 through the prism of the three most influential individuals of that year---President John

F. Kennedy, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Governor George Wallace---and how they profoundly influenced American society and politics.

Williams will speak on the topic "racism in the USA---not as simple as it seems."

Get Your Newsletter In Full Living Color!

Printing and postage for your newsletter, *The Republican*, cost your Club well over \$300 each month. If you are willing to receive distribution of *The Republican* by email rather than paper, we can reduce this expense. Distribution will be timely, reaching you on the same day as the snail-mailed version reaches other members. And the email version will be in full color rather than black-and-white. Of course, you'll have to print the dinner reservation form on your home computer in order to make your dinner reservation.



If you are willing to take this giant leap with us from the 20th into the 21st century, let us know by sending your name and preferred email address to rossmoorrepublican@comcast.net. If you opt in to this and later change your mind, you can always opt out and resume receiving the paper version of *The Republican*. Let us know if you're willing to go digital!

2014 Is Not a Time for "Sunshine Republicans"

by President Mike DeNunzio

I accept the gavel knowing our Republican Club of Rossmoor---with 400 members---is the largest Republican club in Northern California for one reason: leadership.

The leadership of President Mary Hufford---who thankfully will be Treasurer in 2014---and the leadership of past presidents Tom Fryer and Fran Cavanaugh. The leadership of current and past officers and directors: Pam Parsons, Peggy Fryer, Clair Weenig, John Littig, Carol Worthington, Bud Lake, Devon Olson, Vickie Hipkiss, and the great work of Jean Meredith recruiting speakers. And the future leadership from Susie White (Ambassadors), Tom Hensley (Program), and Jim Schenkel (Issues).

I am confident RCR will remain "number one" because of our leaders, our venue, our events, and especially our members.

We did not join the RCR to play golf. We are informed, active, and retired professionals: business, academic, civic, legal, medical, and military. We know the nation we inherited, help build, and have served faces an unprecedented



challenge. The Democratic Party of PT109 hereo JFK, who said "ask not," is now the party of a community organizer who says "demand more"---more spending, deficits, debt, taxes, and bureaucrats.

In 2014 we must support every GOP candidate in our state and nation; whether liberal, moderate, or conservative--they are all superior to any Democrat.

In 1776 Thomas Paine warned: "This is not a time for sunshine patriots....tyranny like Hell is not easily conquered." I paraphrase Paine and remind us: This is not a time for sunshine Republicans. Democrat demagoguery---like Hell---is not easily conquered.

Barack Obama is transforming the U.S. into a debt-ridden welfare state because in 2012 over three million sunshine Republicans did not vote, and 1.3 million Libertarians voted for a third party candidate.

Indeed this is a time that tries men's souls; especially the soul of our Grand Old Party.

God Bless America---especially our brave troops.

Dinner Meetings Now at Event Center on Tuesdays

Fireside has served us well for many years but, starting Tuesday February 18, our dinner meeting events will be at the Event Center on the third Tuesday of each month. For non-residents unfamiliar with the Event Center: after passing through the gate, proceed directly ahead on Rossmoor Parkway to the fourth stop sign, turn right onto Stanley Dollar Drive and then immediately turn left into the Event Center parking lot. This new location has a better room configuration, expanded seating, better kitchen, and more modern audio/visual capabilities. So make a note: go to the Event Center, not to Fireside. See you there!



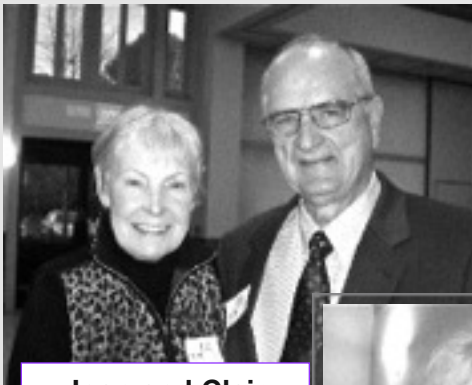
February Movie is *Mrs. Miniver*

On Wednesday, February 26, at 1:00 p.m. in Peacock Hall, we will show the World War II drama *Mrs. Miniver*. This 1942 movie stars Walter Pigeon, Greer Garson, and Teresa Wright. It won six Academy Awards, including best picture, best director, best actress, and best supporting actress.

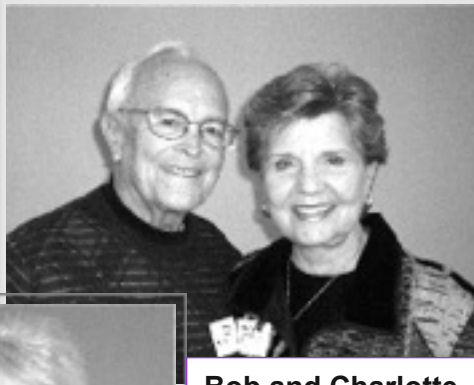
Mrs. Miniver is the inspirational story of how an English family copes with the war. Viewers will note the contrast of civilians' involvement in World War II compared to Vietnam and other subsequent conflicts, including the current "war on terror."

This film is 130 minutes long and will be shown with language captions. For additional information contact John Littig at 256-8558.

January Dinner Meeting



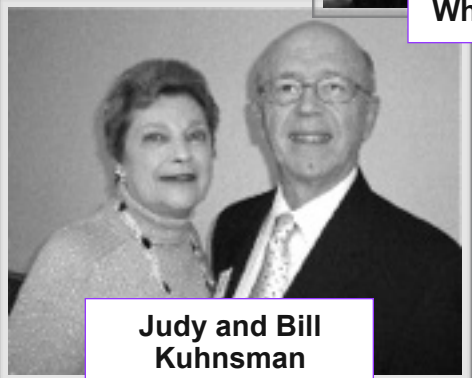
**Joan and Clair
Weenig**



**Bob and Charlotte
Darius**



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Whitman**



**Judy and Bill
Kuhnsman**



**Hardy and Paula
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937-0125

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Reservations

Thank You Susie and Maggie!

Our thanks to Susie White who has done an outstanding job as our dinner reservationist for the past two years. But Susie will now chair the Ambassadors group, so she can no longer continue to handle the reservations. Luckily, Maggie Fuentes-Kilmer has agreed to step in and assume the reservationist responsibilities. Send or deliver your reservation request as shown on the blue reservation form. Coincidentally, the dinner price has been raised from \$25 to \$26. But don't blame Susie or Maggie--they had nothing to do with that!



Club Calendar



Ambassadors: Monday, February 17, 11:00 am, Bunker Room, Creekside

Dinner Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 5:15 pm, Tahoe Room, Event Center

Issues Committee: Thursday, February 20, 2:00 pm, Ivy Room, Dollar

Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 1:30 pm, Bunker Room, Creekside

Movie: Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 pm, Peacock Theatre, Gateway

Discussion Group: Weds., February 26, 2:00 pm, Echo Room, Event Center

Join Our Club!

Call Carol Worthington at 256-1313

Annual Membership Dues are
\$15 per person / \$25 per couple

Welcome New Members:

Douglas and Audrey King

Bob and Charlotte Darius

Mary Jane Koller

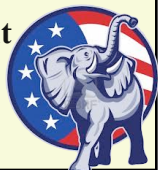
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Dinner Meeting-Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Tahoe Room, Event Center

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

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

MENU

Caesar Salad

Grilled Chicken in Marsala Mushroom Sauce

Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Lasagna

Rice Pilaf and Peas with Pearl Onions

Assorted Bread and Rolls with Butter

Red Velvet Cake

Decaf Coffee and Hot Tea



Reservation Deadline: Noon on Thursday, February 13th

Reservation Questions: 937-0125



Republican Club of Rossmoor
Tuesday, February 18, Tahoe Room, Event Center
Social Time, 5:15 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM
(Hosted Wine and Beer Bar until 6:00 PM)



\$26 per Person for Dinner.....Members
\$28 per Person for Dinner....Non Member/Guests
\$5 per Person for Speaker Only
Make Checks Payable to "Republican Club of Rossmoor"

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON, THURSDAY, FEB. 13TH

Mail to: Republican Club of Rossmoor, 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94595
Or deliver to: Republican Club Box at Gateway Administration Building
Questions: Call Maggie Fuentes-Kilmer at 510-499-3350

IF YOU WISH TO SIT WITH A SPECIFIC PERSON OR PERSONS, PLEASE SEND ALL NAMES AND CHECKS IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES



Place a "G" before the names of guests and non-members.
Place an "N" before the names of new members or members attending their first meeting.
Place a "V" before the names of those wishing the vegetarian entree.

(___) 1 _____
(___) 2 _____
(___) 3 _____
(___) 4 _____

_____ I would like to come for the speaker only (\$5.00), arrive at 6:50 pm

Transportation Needs? Contact Rossmoor Dial-A-Bus at 988-7676. It's a free Service.