

The Rossmoor Republican

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City Council Member Loella Haskew Is March Speaker

Our March speaker Loella Haskew was elected to the Walnut Creek City Council in November 2012. As a Council member, her focus has been to make sure that the City has solid financial information with which to make good, practical financial decisions.

She has an extensive background of community service, now serving on the boards of the Cancer Support Community and the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund. She previously served on the boards of the Diablo Regional Arts Association, the Walnut Creek Library Foundation, the Contra Contra Childcare Council, and others.

Haskew earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, summa cum laude, and a Masters in Taxation,

both from Golden Gate University. She has taught for several years as an adjunct instructor in the Master of Tax program at Golden Gate University, served on the Statewide Committee of Taxation for the California Society of CPAs, and drafted questions used in the CPA exam.



She practiced accounting for a Walnut Creek firm until July 2012, and considers herself "almost retired." Her son and daughter-in-law are both Staff Sergeants in the US Army.

Haskew recently joined the Republican Club of Rossmoor, and will speak to us on the subject: "Everything you needed to know about being on the City Council, or if I knew then what I know now...." Join us on March 18 to hear Loella Haskew.

Issues Committee Reactivated

The Issues Committee was re-launched on January 16 under the leadership of Jim Schenkel.

The Issues Committee focuses on action rather than discussion. Its mission is to develop projects with the potential to influence both public officials and the Rossmoor community at large. At its January 16 meeting the committee agreed to explore support for Assembly candidate Catharine Baker as its primary project.

If you're interested in politics and willing to get involved, come to an Issues Committee meeting. The Committee meets at 2:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month in the Ivy Room at Dollar. Questions? Call Jim Schenkel at 891-4225.



A blue dinner reservation form for the March 18th dinner in the Event Center is included in this issue. The form **MUST** be received by noon, Thursday, March 13th. Reservation questions ? Call Maggie Fuentes-Kilmer 510-499-3350

Salute to America's Newest Citizens

by Mike DeNunzio

Congress is struggling with how best to deal with the eleven million undocumented persons in the U.S. During the Bush administration the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service invited me as Chairman of the San Francisco Republican Party to address 300 newly naturalized citizens at the Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco. I've been encouraged to send a copy of that address to our California congressional delegation in the hope it might bring an illuminating perspective to this issue.



Welcome fellow citizens! Today is the first day of the rest of your life, your first day as an American. You have chosen to become a citizen of the greatest hope for mankind, the United States of America. Today you join millions who came before you from every nation in the world; today you continue the greatest story ever told, the American story. You had the courage to leave your place of birth. You bade farewell to loved ones whom you may never see again. You undertook a thought-filled journey and, when you arrived, you proclaimed: I want to be an American. You worked for your citizenship--you studied hard and passed the test. You did it the American way--you earned it. Millions of Americans like me received our citizenship the easy way--we inherited it. Today we salute you; you are special, don't ever forget that.

The oath you just took was the first page in your chapter of the great American story. Page two will begin when you leave this auditorium. Lift your eyes to Heaven, take a deep breath, and fill your lungs with the air of freedom. Hold your head high and take your first steps as an American citizen and stride boldly into your future of economic opportunity and political freedom; it is unequalled anywhere. This is your legacy; it is paid for with blood and toil of millions before you. Protect it, work hard to make it better,

and pass it on to all who yearn to breath free. You are the new Americans of the 21st century. You will strengthen America with your hopes. You will build America with your toil and, when you are called, you will defend America with your blood.

Citizens, your story is a tale of two cities. Each of you is the hero who proclaimed: "It is a far better place that I go to than I have ever been." Because of your decision America is a better place. It became better the moment you swore to defend the Constitution. You will make America better when you cast your first vote. On that day, you will continue the magnificent epic of *We the People*. Fellow citizens, America now belongs to you; now write your chapter, and make America better. Today your God blesses you, tomorrow your children will thank you, and their children never will forget you.



Encore for *The Ben Carson Story*

Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story was very well received by the audience last May, and there were requests for another showing. Join us for an encore presentation on Wednesday, March 19, at 4pm in Peacock Hall.

Dr. Benjamin Carson rose from poverty and early academic failures to earn degrees from Yale and Michigan. He became the world's foremost pediatric neurosurgeon, and pioneered the separation of joined-at-the-head Siamese twins. Dr. Carson has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. As the keynote speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast, he shared the dais with President Obama. He has presented a conservative perspective on issues such as political correctness, education, taxation, and the National debt. He opposed the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) many months before its disastrous debut. This film, however, is about Dr. Carson's life story rather than his political views.

The film runs approximately 90 minutes and will be shown with language captions. For more information contact John Littig at 256-8558.

February Dinner Meeting



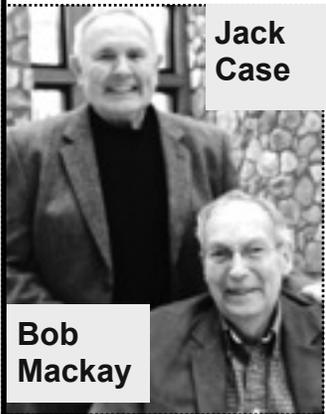
Gordon Young



Virginia Hysen



Devon and Noel Olson



Jack Case

Bob Mackay



Linda Siljestrom



Billie Lenox

Jim Parsons



Febe Harrington

Our First Republican Club Dinner at the Event Center

Discussion Group To Address Mid-Terms

In the Discussion Group, no issue is off the table. In 2014, we will be discussing the important mid-term elections. Because the House is considered safe for the GOP, we will be discussing how the GOP can capture the Senate. We will discuss how best to expose to the American people the failures and contradictions of Liberalism in general and of Hillary Clinton in particular. We will discuss the pros and cons of all the possible GOP candidates. As always, a list of probable and possible topics for discussion will be e-mailed to all interested parties prior to the meeting. We will meet at the Event Center Echo room (complete with fireplace and comfortable couches), on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 3:30. For more information: Bob Randall 937-0237.



Club Calendar



- Ambassadors:** Monday, March 17, 11:00 am, Bunker Room, Creekside
- Dinner Meeting:** Tuesday, March 18, 5:15 pm, Tahoe Room, Event Center
- Movie:** Wednesday, March 19, 4:00 pm, Peacock Theatre, Gateway
- Issues Committee:** Thursday, March 20, 2:00 pm, Ivy Room, Dollar
- Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 25, 1:30 pm, Bunker Room, Creekside
- Discussion Group:** Wednesday, March 26, 2:00 pm, Echo Room, Event Center

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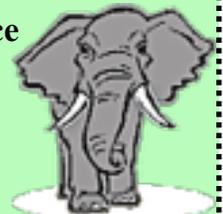
Join Our Club!

Call Carol Worthington at 256-1313

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

Welcome New Members:

- Bernice Cook
- Gordon Young
- Marcella Benassini
- Christine Rozance
- Virginia Hysen
- Joan Hsu



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Dinner Meeting-Tuesday, March 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

Green Salad w/ Mandarin Oranges and Toasted Almonds

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Vegetarian Option: Stuffed Bell Pepper

Parsley Potatoes and Candied Carrots with Butter

Assorted Bread and Rolls with Butter

Carrot Cake

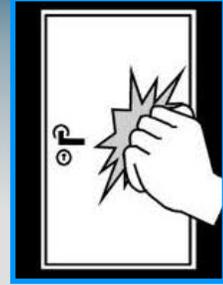
Decaf Coffee and Hot Tea



Reservation Deadline: Noon on Thursday, March 13th

Reservation Questions: 510-499-3350

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS



WE NEED YOUR TALENTS!

join our team

Your Club needs *your* support! On the reverse side of this insert is a list of groups and activities for which volunteer opportunities exist. Some of the Club members involved in these activities are wearing multiple hats. Some are stretched pretty thin. All of them could use some help, so please consider becoming more active in *your* Club. Select an opportunity that interests you from this yellow insert, and volunteer now.





The Republican Club of Rossmoor Committee Directory – 2014

Ambassadors: This group of member volunteers handles all the preparations prior to and during our monthly dinner meetings. This includes reservations, table decorations, bar tending and set-up, greeting and reception table, song leading, and raffle. Susie White is our Ambassadors Chair. To volunteer for Ambassadors, contact Susie at 937-0125 or at swhite1451@comcast.net.

Discussion Group: This committee offers a venue for members to discuss or just vent on issues without doing the research and writing required of the Issues Committee. The chair is Bob Randall, who can be reached at 937-2037. The group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Echo Room at the Event Center.

Issues Committee: This committee is an important political arm of our Club. Its members identify issues on which the Club should take a public position or an action, and recommend these to the Board. This committee is chaired by Jim Schenkel, who can be reached at 891-4225 or at jfschenkel@gmail.com. The committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Ivy Room at the Dollar clubhouse.

Membership Directory: Each year Devon Olson spearheads the publication of our membership directory, which is sent to all members. This effort is time consuming and requires meticulous proof-reading. To help Devon, contact him at devnoel@comcast.net or 943-7905.

Monthly Movie: Each month the Club selects and previews a conservative-themed movie, prepares flyers and news announcements inviting Rossmoor residents, and presents the movie at Peacock Hall. To help with this project contact John Littig at 256-8558 jslittig@aol.com or Pam Parsons at 831-1808, jparfamily@comcast.net.

Newsletter: Our communication lifeline is the monthly newsletter, “The Rossmoor Republican,” published by John Littig and Pam Parsons. John determines layout and content, writes articles, and edits the newsletter, while Pam does the publishing. To offer your help with getting the newsletter out in the mail every month, contact either John at 256-8558, jslittig@aol.com or Pam at 831-1808, jparfamily@comcast.net

Publicity: Our Publicity Chairman, John Littig, prepares event announcements for publication in the Rossmoor News. Also, he periodically writes opinion articles which appear in the News under the Republican Perspective banner. If you have writing skills and would like to prepare opinion articles supporting Republican positions, contact John at 256-8558 or at jslittig@aol.com.