



Blackhawk Republican Women

BRWF News



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A DIAMOND Award Club

December 2013

Blackhawk Republican Women

extend a cordial invitation to their Annual December Christmas Luncheon and Toys for Tots



Remember to bring a donation of non-perishable food items for our Troop Care Package program.

When: Friday, December 6, 2013

Place: Blackhawk Country Club
599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville
All welcome, bring friends and husbands!
Ties not required, no denim please

Time: 11:15 a.m. Sign-in and Social
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Program

Cost: Twenty Five Dollars

Come celebrate the season at our purely social December meeting which will feature: Installation of Officers for 2014

Presentation of our donated toys to the Marine Corps and San Ramon Valley High School Choral Group performance

Please bring an unwrapped gift, ages 6 months to 12 years, for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters that motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. A Marine will be our guest in order to receive the gifts that we donate.

Please make reservations or cancellations by noon, on or before Wednesday, December 4th with Marianne Lyons, 856 Turrini Drive, Danville 94526, 925-820-6452 or rlyons1009@sbcglobal.net.

A reservation made is a reservation paid.

*** Don't forget to bring your checkbook if you would like to pay your 2014 BRW dues.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cheryl Byl

“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received.
Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling.
Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.” –Henry Van Dyke

Wishing all members and their families a blessed Thanksgiving!

Respectfully yours,
Cheryl A. Byl
President

BLOG OF THE MONTH

RedState

This month's "blog of the month" is one of my personal favorites: www.RedState.com
RedState is a conservative American political blog. The site is a subsidiary of Eagle Publishing, Inc., a conservative publishing house which also owns Regnery Publishing and HumanEvents.com.

What's unique about Redstate is it allows citizen writers to post their own diaries, many of which are "promoted" to the front page by the editors. RedState is right of center and proud of it. All front pagers must be pro-life. In August of 2011, Gov. Rick Perry announced his candidacy for President of the U.S. at the annual RedState Gathering.

The site is run and operated by Fox News contributor Erick Erickson. If you ever want to read the more conservative take on what's happening in Washington, this is the site to visit.



MEMBERSHIP – Renew NOW

If you would like to join Blackhawk Republican Women or know someone who would like to join BRW a membership form is included in this newsletter. We are always looking to welcome new members to join and support BRW. If you are a current paid 2013 BRW member we will be mailing 2014 renewal forms to you in November for your convenience. 2014 BRW membership dues are due January 1, 2014.

Membership includes:

- ☆ "Blackhawk Republic Women News
- ☆ "The Republican Women" magazine
- ☆ Special speakers
- ☆ Voter registration
- ☆ Social activities
- ☆ Candidate forums
- ☆ Election/precinct work
- ☆ Leadership activities
- ☆ Meet the candidates
- ☆ Support the military
- ☆ Legislative updates

And we are pleased to welcome Suzanne Gracewski to the BRW family!

Membership dues \$40; Associate members \$20. Fill out Membership Application and mail with your check (payable to BRWF) to our Vice President Membership, Michelle Nagle (137 Red Pine Court, Danville, CA 94506)

UPCOMING EVENTS

New friendships are formed while interacting with like-minded women. A perfect way to have this happen is attending the Conferences, Conventions and Club events sponsored by **BRW, CFRW, NFRW** and **CCRP**. Visit the Contra Costa Republican Party website (<http://contracostagop.com>), and sign up for their weekly newsletter and check upcoming events. Also check CFRWND.org; CFRW.org; NFRW.org for more events, workshops, and activities.



BRW

January 16, 2014 – Luncheon - **Tom Vaillancourt**
– Obama Care Expert

February 12, 2014 – See **CCRP** below

March 13, 2014 – Evening Event - Notable Author
– Details to follow

April 9, 2014 – Luncheon

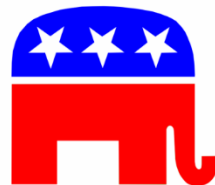
CRP

March 14-16, 2014 – Spring Convention,
Burlingame, CA

CCRP

December 15, 2013 - 4pm-7pm **Annual Christmas Party**, call 925/828-2360 or go to contracostagop.org for details.

February 12, 2014 – Lincoln-Reagan Dinner –
Crow Canyon Country Club



SAVE THE DATE!

Presidents Lincoln and Reagan



Invite you to
A Dinner Party



Celebrating their Birthdays Wednesday, February 12,
2014

Hold the date. We will get back to you with the details.
Sponsored by the Republican Party of Contra Costa
County

Want to help? Email Jean Blaser at jblaser311@aol.com
or phone June Hannon (925) 943-1188

AROUND THE CLUB

Around the Convention circuit!! October 26 was the CRFW Biennial Convention in Stockton to elect the Executive Board of CRFW for 2014-2015. **Roseann Slonsky-Breault**, a BRW Associate Member, was elected to the office of the presidency for the state! Congratulations, **Roseann!!!** BRW had 4 delegates, **Cheryl Byl**, **Patty O'Day**, **Judy Wright** and **Marilyn Bradley**. Alternate Delegates were **Loa Perks** and **Shirley Meloy**.

Ygnacio Valley Republican Women's President, Liz Hansen, treated BRW ladies to lunch at the Stockton Country Club. Her membership and company allowed the BRW contingent to a wonderful lunch in a gorgeous setting. Located just off the campus of University of the Pacific and on the Stockton Deep Water Channel, lunch and wine were enjoyed while enjoying the landscape and a ship coming up the channel. It was lovely!

Fast forward, and it was fast! November 8 and 9 to Rancho Cordova, the Marriott Hotel and the CRFW ND Convention! Now this was slightly different than CRFW! First, the Bay Area Region (BRW, et al) hosted this Convention. Being Northern Division, BRW had more delegates to this convention. They included **Cheryl Byl**, **Denise Dauphinais**, **Terri Cousins**, **Patty O'Day**, **Shirley Meloy**, **Judy Wright** and **Marilyn Bradley**.

Truth must prevail here so . . . Friday found many of us sharing wine before dinner with friends including **Mare's** daughter **Kathy**, sister-in-law **Lisa**, **Sue Caro** and **Kris Urdahl** of the Piedmont Area Republican Women and all of the BRW gals except **Patty** and **Terri** both of whom were still traveling from the Bay Area in the Friday PM, 3 day weekend traffic! They both made it for dinner.

Before Wine Time began, **Judy**, **Mare** and **Shirley** helped where possible to finalize the details of getting attendees checked in and helping **Regional Director Pat Scott**. Hosting a regional convention is fun but detailed so all hands were on deck. **Patty O'Day** picked up huge pieces all day Saturday helping with check in.

BRW was in charge of the goodie bags. **Patty O'Day**, **Teresa Rodgers**, **Cheryl Byl**, and **Pat Scott** contributed to the donations for those bags. They were very well received!! **Anne Mobley**, Lamorinda President, secured the bags and labels through her wonderful business, **The White Rabbit** in Martinez.

Northern Division events are always great. BRW has made many friends in the Division over the years thus making working very fun with old friends!

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

We are proud to announce our newly elected BRW 2014 Board Members!

Cheryl Byl, *President*

Denise Dauphinais, *1st Vice President (Programs)*

Loa Perks, *2nd Vice President (Membership)*

Shirley Meloy, *Recording Secretary*

Teresa Rogers, *Treasurer*

Is there a difference?

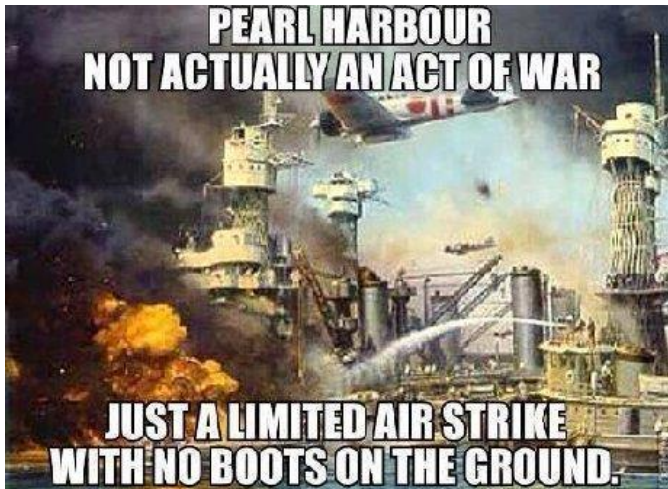
The cornerstone of **Republican** philosophy is the belief that each person is responsible for their own place in our society. Individuals are encouraged by the **Republican Party** to work to secure the benefits of society for themselves.

Democrats are more willing to subordinate individual rights to the assumed needs of the group. They assume that society collectively is responsible for each of its members. They place less emphasis on individual enterprise and initiative.

GREAT QUOTES FROM GREAT PEOPLE

“Since this is an era when many people are concerned about 'fairness' and 'social justice,' what is your 'fair share' of what someone else has worked for?”

Thomas Sowell



AMERICANISM:

Ronald Reagan- Peace Through Strength

Ronald Reagan knew that in order to solve complex problems on behalf of the American People, he needed to be pragmatic. When he saw that foreign nations meant to do us harm, or otherwise threaten our way of life, President Reagan took firm, decisive action. It was all about achieving “peace through strength.” An idea that Ronald Reagan believed to his very core. That belief served America and her people in good stead for eight prosperous years.

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Must Read for Every American Voter

LEGISLATION- GLORIA SCOGGIN

Charley Reese's Final Column

This article is completely neutral, neither anti-republican nor democrat. Charlie Reese, a retired reporter for the Orlando Sentinel, has hit the nail on the head, defining clearly who it is that in the final analysis must assume responsibility for the judgments made that impact each one of us every day. It's a short but good read. Worth the time. Worth remembering!

-By Charlie Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them. Have you ever wondered, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, WHY do we have deficits? Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, WHY do we have inflation and high taxes? You and I don't propose a federal budget. The President does. You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does. You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does. One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one President, and nine Supreme Court justices equates to 545 human beings out of the 300 million are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country. I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank. I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a President to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes. Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party. What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The President can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? John Boehner. He is the leader of the majority party. He and fellow House members, not the President, can approve any budget they want. If the President vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to. It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red. If the Army & Marines are in Iraq and Afghanistan it's because they want them in Iraq and Afghanistan ... If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way. There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible. They, and they alone, have the power. They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses. Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees...

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

Charlie Reese is a former columnist of the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper.

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What *you do with this article now that you have read it... is up to you.*

This might be funny if it weren't *so true*. Be sure to read all the way to the end:

Tax his land,
Tax his bed,
Tax the table,
At which he's fed.
Tax his tractor,
Tax his mule,
Teach him taxes
Are the rule.
Tax his work,
Tax his pay,
He works for
peanuts anyway!
Tax his cow,
Tax his goat,
Tax his pants,
Tax his coat.
Tax his ties,
Tax his shirt,
Tax his work,
Tax his dirt.
Tax his tobacco,
Tax his drink,
Tax him if he
Tries to think.
Tax his cigars,
Tax his beers,
If he cries
Tax his tears.
Tax his car,
Tax his gas,
Find other ways
To tax his ass.
Tax all he has
Then let him know
That you won't be done
Till he has no dough.
When he screams and hollers;
Then tax him some more,
Tax him till
He's good and sore.
Then tax his coffin,
Tax his grave,
Tax the sod in
Which he's laid...
Put these words
Upon his tomb,
'Taxes drove me
to my doom...'
When he's gone,

Do not relax,
Its time to apply:
The inheritance tax.
Accounts Receivable Tax
Building Permit Tax
CDL license Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Excise Taxes
Federal Income Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax
Fuel Permit Tax
Gasoline Tax (currently 44.75 cents per gallon)
Gross Receipts Tax
Hunting License Tax
Inheritance Tax
Inventory Tax
IRS Interest Charges IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
Liquor Tax
Luxury Taxes
Marriage License Tax
Medicare Tax
Personal Property Tax
Property Tax
Real Estate Tax
Service Charge Tax
Social Security Tax
Road Usage Tax
Recreational Vehicle Tax
Sales Tax
School Tax
State Income Tax
State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
Telephone Federal Excise Tax
Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax
Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Taxes
Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax
Telephone Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges Tax
Telephone State and Local Tax
Telephone Usage Charge Tax
Utility Taxes
Vehicle License Registration Tax
Vehicle Sales Tax
Watercraft Registration Tax
Well Permit Tax
Workers Compensation Tax

STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, & our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What in the heck happened? Can you spell 'politicians?'

I hope this goes around THE USA at least 545 times!!! YOU can help it get there!!!

GO AHEAD. . . BE AN AMERICAN!!!

READING MATERIAL FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW

- (1) Thomas L. Friedman & Michael Mandelbaum – “That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented”.
- (2) Michelle Malkin – “Culture of Corruption”.
- (3) Phyllis Schially – “No Higher Power”.
- (4) Dinesh D’Souza – “Obama’s America”.
- (5) Edward Klein – “The Amateur”.
- (6) Edward Klein – “The Truth about Hillary”.
- (7) Mark L. Levin – “Liberty and Tyranny”.
- (8) Dinesh D’Souza – “The Roots of Obama’s Rage”.
- (9) Aaron Klein – “The Manchurian President”.
- (10) Aaron Klein – “Fool Me Twice: Obama’s Shocking Plans for the next Four Years Exposed”.
- (11) Richard Rove – “The Islamic President”.
- (12) Scott Wheeler – “Promoting Decline: Obama vs America”.
- (13) Gen. Stanley McChrystal – “My Share of the Task: A Memoir”.
- (14) Tim Shorrock – “Spies for Hire: The Secret World of Intelligence Out-Sourcing”.
- (15) Jerome R. Corsi – “The Obama Nation & Unfit for Command”.
- (16) Andrew G. Hodges MD – “The Obama Confession: Secret Fear, Secret Fury”.
- (17) Charles Murray – “Coming Apart: The State of White America”.
- (18) Mark R. Levin – “Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America”.
- (19) Mark R. Levin – “The Liberty Amendments – Restoring the American Republic”.

MY TAX RETURN

I just received an audit on my tax return for 2012 back from the IRS. It puzzles me!!!

They are questioning how many dependents I claimed. I guess it was because of my response to the question:

"List all dependents?"

I replied: 12 million illegal immigrants;

3 million crack heads;

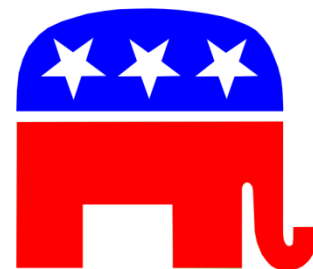
42 million unemployed people on food stamps,

2 million people in over 243 prisons;

Half of Mexico ; and 535 persons in the U.S. House and Senate."

Evidently, this was NOT an acceptable answer.

I KEEP ASKING MYSELF, WHO DID I MISS?



Bylaws - Blackhawk Republican Women, Federated California Federation of Republican Women, Northern Division

From our BRW Directory, 2013

Section 2 Duties of Elected Officers:

The President shall:

- Preside at Meetings.
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- Appoint Chairmen and committees, except the nominating committee, with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Co-sign checks with the Treasurer or other named Officers.
- Be a member of the Board for the year previous to her nomination.
- Appoint a parliamentarian.

The First Vice-President shall:

- Be Program Chairman, obtain speakers with the approval of the Board of Directors
- Serve as an aide to the President and shall perform duties delegated by the President
- In the absence of the President, assume the duties of President.
- Co sign checks in the absence of the President.

The Second Vice – President shall:

- Serve as Membership Chairman
- Keep a record of all members up to date including addresses and telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.
- Keep a receipt of all members paid.
- Prepare and process Per Capita dues report.
- The Treasurer may assist in the functions of this position.

The Recording Secretary shall:

- Record the minutes of all meetings of the Club
- Be custodian of the Club records except those assigned to others.

The Treasurer shall

- Receive all monies and give receipt for same
- Deposit all monies in a bank approved by the Board of Directors
- Pay all bills certified by the President and/or Board of Directors upon submission of receipt
- Disbursements not budgeted shall only be allowed by approval of the Executive Board
- Sign all checks with the President or other named officer. Two signatures are required for all checks. Give a statement of funds to the Board of Directors monthly.
- Submit a mid-year report to the budget committee consisting of the President, Past President and the Treasurer. If President serving a second term the Past President shall be defined as the current Parliamentarian.
- Submit to the President or Executive Board an annual report showing receipts and disbursements by accounts to be followed by an annual financial review.

*The BRW family is extremely happy that Associate Member **Clyde McAdams** has finally been able to be moved to Kaiser in WC. He had been in San Francisco battling back from open heart surgery and a staff infection which is unfortunately still present. But the fact that he could be moved makes it much easier for our Bee Francis to be with him. Cards would be very welcome at 3645 Deer Trail Drive, Danville, CA. 94506.*

AMERICANISM

Valerie Jo Remley

Think spying is new news? Spying is as American as apple pie - or perhaps cherry. George Washington had a spy ring, including an unidentified woman, that was instrumental in winning the Revolutionary War.

When General George Washington beat a hasty retreat from New York City in August 1776, many thought the American Revolution might soon be over. Instead, Washington rallied—thanks in large part to a little-known, top-secret group called the Culper Spy Ring.

Washington realized that he couldn't beat the British with military might, so he recruited a sophisticated and deeply secretive intelligence network to infiltrate New York. So carefully guarded were the members' identities that one spy's name was not uncovered until the twentieth century, and one remains unknown today. But by now, historians have discovered enough information about the ring's activities to piece together evidence that these six individuals turned the tide of the war. They are portrayed in the recently released book, *George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution* by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger.

“As a Long Islander endlessly fascinated by events that happened in a place I call home, I hope with this book to give the secret six the credit they didn't get in life. The Culper spies represent all the patriotic Americans who give so much for their country but, because of the nature of their work, will not or cannot take a bow or even talk about their missions.”

—Brian Kilmeade

The authors' painstaking research over a period of years resulted in their finding the grave of one of the spies neglected and run down. One of their goals is to restore the gravesite and make it into a reverential place to pay tribute to a heretofore unrecognized hero.

In light of all the recent *brou ha ha* about spying, I am reminded of the French expression that everything changes and yet remains the same. Let us hope there's such a successful spy ring out there these days!



Introducing our
youngest BRW
Member, **Summer
Elizabeth Crkvenac!**

She is already attending
BRW Board Meetings!
Proud Grandma shown in
the picture is Marianne
Lyons.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL



Please complete this form and mail it to Michelle Nagle (address below)
BLACKHAWK REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CELL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HUSBAND'S NAME: _____

CHECK ENCLOSED:

____ \$40.00 ANNUAL DUES

____ \$20.00 ANNUAL ASSOCIATE DUES

____ I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN

Make check payable to: BLACKHAWK REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED

Mail check to: Michelle Nagle, 137 Red Pine Court, Danville, CA 94506

Are you interested in serving on a committee? _____

If yes, please indicate:

- | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| ☆ Membership | ☆ Campaign | ☆ Telephone | ☆ Ways & Means |
| ☆ Voter Registration | ☆ Legislative | ☆ Program | ☆ Hospitality |
| ☆ Directory | ☆ Newsletter | ☆ Achievement Award | ☆ Other: _____ |

What are your hobbies, interests or talents?

Do you have ideas you would like to share with the CI

Check us out at www.blackhawkrwf.org



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