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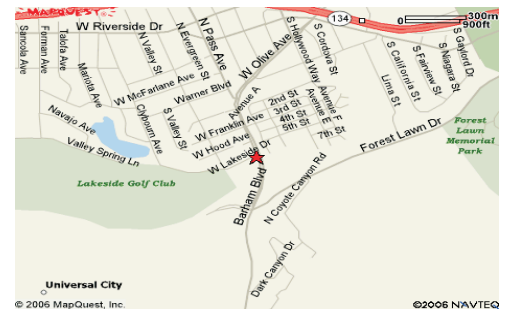
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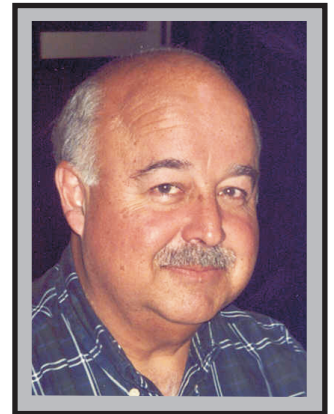


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What is the Future of the Republican Party in Los Angeles County, and What Can We Do About it?

Those of us who are frequenters to our monthly political Forum preceding our Luncheon are familiar with the wisdom, the perception, the wit, articulateness and passion of our December Speaker William Saracino. We could hardly have a speaker more knowledgeable about California and Los Angeles County Republican politics than he. And none more qualified to answer the above question.

William's involvement in California politics goes back to his days as a "Young Republican" in the 70s, but his first big political assignment began in 1984 when he was Assembly Republican Caucus - Chief of Staff, where he supervised operations of a caucus staff of 50 with budget of \$8.5 million, and Chief liaison for the Assembly Republican leader with the Governor's office and other Republican legislators. He had oversight responsibility on budgets of all Republican Assembly members, organized analysis of all legislation for Assembly Republicans, and directed media and constituent outreach efforts for the caucus.



William Saracino

In 1987 he was appointed by Governor George Deukmejian as Deputy Director of the California Department of Commerce where he oversaw general operations of a 135 member staff with budget of \$45 million. He also served as liaison with Governor's office on developing legislative initiatives and guiding those initiatives through the legislative process. He served as a member of the board of directors of the Prison Industries Administration, which is designed to bring private enterprise jobs into state prisons. He also served as member of the Rural Economic Development Infrastructure Panel, which administered state and federal transportation grants to rural areas.

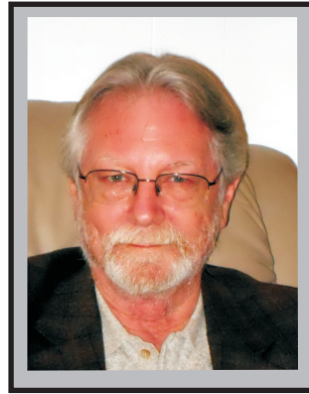
In the 1995 - 1996 Republican Presidential Primary campaign, he was Western States Director for the Steve Forbes for President Campaign. Responsible for assembling state organizations and on-site operations for 15 western states. Duties included recruiting delegate slates, supervising caucus and convention operations, making tactical recommendations for media message and delivery vehicles as well as local fund raising functions. Among the western states Forbes won Alaska and Arizona outright and had a plurality of delegates in Colorado and Washington.

A number of other assignments and projects have followed till today he is Owner and sole proprietor of Saracino Associates a multi-purpose political and public relations consulting firm, with emphasis on directing legislative and congressional races and conducting "independent expenditure" campaigns, both in California and other states. He has run over 75 legislative and congressional campaigns, and directed more than \$15 million in independent expenditure efforts. Also directed and consulted for multiple non-profit groups, creating and implementing business plans, member outreach, fund-raising, etc. He is a member of the editorial board and regular contributor to the California Political Review. He is also a weekly columnist for the website of the California Public Policy Foundation and The Political Vanguard.

We are honored and privileged to have William (Bill) Saracino as our speaker and regular contributor to our newsletter with "Bill's Bills"

From the President's Desk----

Ahhh, at last, my last "From the President's Desk" missive. Last month my thoughts were of the two years of my presidency. This month I would like to look to the future. I think you have nominated and elected some excellent competent members to be on your Board of Directors. We all know Michael as our moderator of the Forum to be a thoughtful, knowledgeable person with proven leadership abilities. I plan to, and beg you to, support him by being active in the management of the Club. He will have to ask some of you to take on duties that will take a little of your time each month but without which the club can't function.

*Eldon Quick*

We have some new people on the Board who have shown themselves to be eager responsible Republicans and should be able to open new paths to the growth of the Southern California Republican Women and Men. I'm looking forward to see which member of the Board Michael assigns to which task or committee chairmanship. There are some traditional duties of each vice-president, but they are not assigned by the by-laws and each Board can divvy up the duties as it sees fit. If the Board decides in its wisdom to replace Michael as our Forum Moderator, that person will have some very large shoes to fill. But then, sometimes I wonder who is having more fun, the moderator, or the participants.

This coming year is going to be an interesting one for we Republicans. The Presidential Primary will probably consume most of our attention, but there will be a number of other candidates and issues that will deserve our attention. It looks like the Primary will be between Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich. My personal opinion is that Mitt Romney will make a fine, maybe even an excellent President, but Newt Gingrich may possibly be the third greatest President we have ever had. George Washington and Ronald Reagan being first and second.

I hope we will be able to book every candidate or their representative that is running for office within the greater Los Angeles area. And I hope SCRW&M will make public its endorsements early, and often. And I hope we will see how awful this open primary idea is. It will lead immediately to one party rule that will lead inevitable to one party tyranny and the loss of true representative governance. Separate party primaries are the only way to insure electoral choice and free elections and they must be restored. But I digress.

Lets make 2012 a year of renewed growth and effective promotion of our Conservative Republican world view. We have opponents whose crusade is to eliminate our idea of individual freedom from the public discourse. We must not let this happen.

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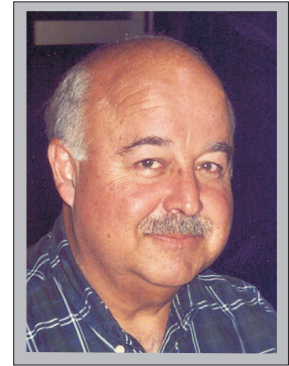
Bill's Bills

Addicts Must Hit Bottom Before They Can Recover

By William Saracino

In the realm of addiction treatment, it is a given that the addict must “hit bottom” before he or she will be able to take necessary corrective steps. The once golden state is getting close, according to this piece in the Sacramento Bee:

“In what seems appropriate for a month that ended in Halloween, the state of California just released a scary October Statement of General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements indicating annual revenue will plummet by \$3.6 billion and spending will spike up by \$10.2 billion this year. **California has already drawn down 85 percent of its credit lines and only has \$4 billion remaining to fund a \$13.8 billion deficit. With the same sovereign credit rating as basket-case Portugal, California's debt is at maximum risk of being downgraded to “junk” bonds.**”



William Saracino

The State added \$3 billion in October to the deficit Trust Funds have been drained by Amateur Arnold and Moonbeam Jerry. We will not need a “trigger” next month to cut spending, we will have run out pockets to pick and forced to cut. That is the good news—California may finally be hitting bottom.

A Liberal Lets The Mask Drop

Every once in awhile a liberal in an unguarded moment will let loose with their unvarnished opinions. Such was the fate recently of California Federation of Teachers Communications Director Fred Glass. Commenting on the chronic California budget deficits, he let fly this chilling quote: "I think there's a growing recognition that it's not that California's broke. We have plenty of money in this state; it's just in other pockets." According to the left, every dollar you earn belongs to them.

Democrats Aren't The Only Idiots In Sacramento

Looking for proof that idiocy is bipartisan? Consider this:

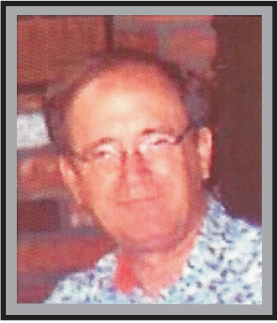
We have a real deficit of \$40 billion. When we start the new fiscal year in five days, the new deficit will be \$20 billion. Under Ahnolt and His Beamness we have had a total of over \$200 billion in deficits. We are the 47th worst State for business. Our “official” state budget is pure science fiction in its revenue and spending projections.

But before adjourning recently the 120 members were able to pass a meaningful and far-reaching resolution--every Sunday is “eat local food day” in California.

“When we buy California products, we're supporting California's economy. And when California's economy grows, we all benefit,” says Agriculture Committee Chairman Anthony Cannella, R-

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Forum Highlights, a report by Michael Lerew



Michael Lerew

We had an extended session of the SCRWM forum at the last meeting, and our attendees appeared to enjoy this chance for a more thorough airing of the political issues of the day. I certainly found it interesting; so much so that I did not make notes of people's comments, as I was concentrating on listening. So the Forum Report for last month will be shorter than usual! And this time it will be a record of Cain in those topics which we discussed.

We had a good discussion about the latest news of Iran and its quest for a nuclear weapon, and the possible consequences. Continuing in the foreign policy sphere, we talked about the economic problems in Greece and Italy, and how they might affect our politics in the United States

Probably no gathering of Republicans recently could escape a discussion of the travails of Herman Cain, and we aired that topic, too. And that was before this latest allegation of a 13-year-long affair by a woman who said that Cain put her up at Ritz Carltons and took her out to dine at fine restaurants. It did cross my mind when I heard her comments, "it's too bad that Herman Cain isn't running for President of France! They don't seem to mind that sort of thing!" And, of course, Cain had denied this woman's allegations. I also thought, how is it that the media had zero interest, in 1992, in following up on the accusations of Gennifer Flowers against Bill Clinton, accusing him of a years-long affair, versus all this scrutiny of a similar charge against Herman Cain? Whatever ultimately occurs with Cain's candidacy, I think his presence in the race added a lot of zest and energy. I'm sure people will have plenty to say about the latest possible derailment of the "Cain Train" at our next meeting!

We took note of the fact that California's budget, for just the first four months of the fiscal year, shows 1.4 billion dollars less coming in than had been projected, while spending has been 1.7 billion more than was projected. Testifying to the general high level of intelligence among SCRWM members, no one expressed surprise at these dreadful numbers.

Continuing in the economic area, we talked about Obama's delay--until after the election--of any decision on the big Keystone XL oil pipeline project, that would create tens of thousands of jobs and bring oil from Canada down to the U.S. Gulf coast refineries. As with the anti-growth California results, no one was surprised by Obama's delay.

On yet another economic issue, we discussed the truly crazy idea of building the California "bullet train to nowhere" which the high-speed-train-loving, automobile-hating environmentalists insist on pushing on us.

We took on the question of whether recent election results around the country show that the Tea Party is a fading force. Most seemed to think the answer was no.

We hit on the issue of these (now dying out!) "Occupy" protests, and what it says about elected officials who expressed support for these hooligans. Suffice it to say, the members of SCRWM were not swept up in the euphoric admiration of those dirty denizens of "Occupy Whatever" which we saw in the media!

Finally, we had a good conversation about what people thought were the most persuasive reasons Republicans could give independents to vote for a Republican for President in 2012. As always, the Forum was fun and informative, thanks to those who came and spoke up.

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Ceres, sponsor. So remember – next Sunday – fill your plates with Glendale green beans, Burbank broccoli, Pacoima peas, Arleta anjous, Monrovia mangoes, Sylmar steaks and Anaheim peppers!

Hope On The Redistricting Front

The California Republican Party recently submitted petitions to the Secretary of State containing more than the required number of signatures to referend the recently passed State Senate redistricting lines. If enough signatures are found to be valid, the referendum would automatically put on hold implementation of the new lines until they were voted on in the June primary. If that comes to pass it is likely that the courts will appoint a truly independent panel of “masters” to draw new lines for this year's elections, as was previously done in 1971 and 1991.

This would be good news, as the lines drawn by the “citizens panels” are grotesque, Democrat gerrymanders. Hyper partisan, Democrat Secretary of State Debra Bowen will likely look for ways to throw a monkey wrench in this possibility – it should be an interesting few weeks on this front with much at stake.

You Might Be Poor

No, this is not a prediction of what happens if Barry O. is re-elected President. The federal government recently released its latest study on “poverty” in America, and found that over 40 million Americans – one in 7 – “live in poverty”. A grim statistic unless you look inside the numbers at what constitutes being “poor”.

According to this report, the average “poor” American:

- * Lives in a home that is in good repair, not crowded, and equipped with air conditioning, clothes washer and dryer, and cable or satellite TV service.
 - * Prepares meals in a kitchen with a refrigerator, coffee maker and microwave as well as oven and stove.
 - * Enjoys two color TVs, a DVD player, VCR and — if children are there — an Xbox, PlayStation, or other video game system.
 - * Had enough money in the past year to meet all essential needs, including adequate food and medical care
- Oh, the humanity!

A Final Thought

Hamburger King Ray Kroc had salient advice for everyone...and this these times it is most especially apropos to California Republicans:

“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not; un-rewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

PERSISTENCE AND DEDICATION alone are omnipotent.”

~Ray Kroc, founder of McDonalds

ON TO 2012 AND VICTORY !

2012 EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
By Julie Parr, Nominating Committee Chair

At the November 12th 2011 luncheon, Julieta Parr, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, addressed the membership. The Nominating Committee, again submitted the Nominations for Officers of the Executive Board 2012. Since no additional nominations were made from the floor, the newly nominated Slate of Officers were elected by a voice vote of the members present.

Newly elected Officers of the Executive Board for 2012 are as follows:

President.....	Mr. Michael Lerew
1st Vice-President.....	Mr. Ron Scibilia
2nd Vice-President.....	Mr. William Saracino
3rd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Julieta Parr
Treasurer.....	(To be appointed)
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Susan Quick
Corresponding Secretary.....	(To be appointed)

The President Elect may call members of the membership to be part of the leadership as an appointed officer or as a chairperson of a Standing Committee..

Installation of the Elected officers will be held at tis December Luncheon

I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee: Mrs Barbara Smith and Mrs. Marilyn Bush for their support, joint effort, and commitment to SCRW&M

I would like to thank the nominees for responding to our call with great enthusiasm and great vision for the future.

Re; Irene Stiny

Long time SCRW&M member, and long time active Republican Irene Stiny was taken ill this past month and has been moved to Goleta where she will live with, and be taken care of by, her son Nick Stiny. We will have a "Get Well" card at the luncheon for those who wish to express best wishes to Irene. We do not know how serious her illness is, but all her belongings are being moved to Goleta so it does not look like she has any plans to return to L. A. If you would like to send her your own personal note, her address is Irene Stiny, 7523 San Bergamo Dr. Goleta, CA. 93116

Wise Words

"I am not influenced by the expectation of promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary for the public good, become honorable by being necessary." --Nathan Hale

"Government can do something for the people only in proportion as it can do something to the people." -- Thomas Jefferson

Membership

2011 Membership

SCRW&M wishes to thank the following returning and new members for 2011

If you wish to renew your membership for 2012, or join us a member, fill out the form below and mail it to Bill Saracino at 3625 Angelus Avenue, Glendale, CA. 91208

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Louis Barnett
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Peklar Pilavjian
Peter Ford

Dues for membership as a member of the Southern California Republican Women and Men for the year 2012 are now due.

You may pay by mail to Bill Saracino, 3625 Angelus Ave. Glendale, CA. 91208. Or, bring a check to a meeting and give it to the greeter at the check-in-desk.

SCRW&M Membership Application

The undersigned registered Republican does hereby submit this application for membership in

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