

Saturday, January 8th 2011

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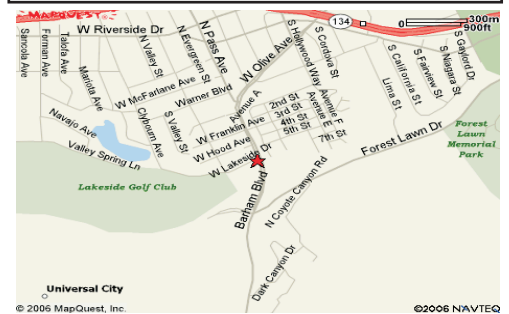
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SCRW&M Begins Its 76th Year.

Quo Vadis SCRW&M?

In spite of having some of the best Los Angeles County Republican Party leadership we have had in decades, the Republican candidates did so poorly in the last election, that we, as Republicans, must take stock of where we are going, and how we are planning to get there.

Instead of having a Guest Speaker for this January 8 Luncheon we are going to have a planning meeting in which we will be looking at our goals, our wants and our needs. We did this last January and we felt the meeting was very productive.

Recently I mailed, or emailed to the membership a copy of Tom Del Beccaro's series of articles which were a sort of 'manifesto' for the California Republican Party. I hope many of you had the time to read it. It was, I know, quiet long, and if you are like me, I tend to loose interest after about 5 paragraphs. Never-the-less his articles contained, I thought, an accurate analysis of the causes for the poor showing of Republican Candidates in California in an election year when Republicans did quite well East of the Colorado River. His articles, if you remember blamed our poor showing on a failure of Republicans in California to create a "brand" for themselves that is attractive to other than the most dedicated in the Party. Our fault was not in what we stood for, but in our inability to communicate what we stood for to those who would agree with us if only they knew us. As Strother Martin says in the movie "Cool Hand Luke," "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

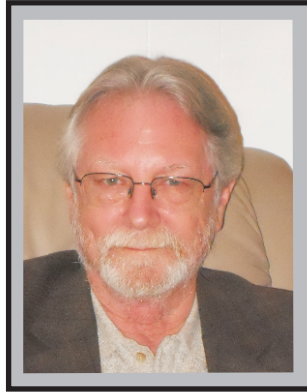
While I feel he is accurate in identifying the problem, he is, I feel, weak in outlining how to over come it. That puts the ball in our court. What should we do with it? We are not, as some have observed, 'spring chickens' with lots of time and money at our disposal. If we choose to play, we will have to be specific about what we want to do, and how we can do it.

Here are some of the questions we will be considering at the Saturday Luncheon: "Why should a club like ours exist?" "What do you want from the time you spend at the SCRW&M Luncheon?" "Should we be more active in Republican Party affairs, if so what can we do?" "What can we as individuals, or as a club do to improve the Republican Brand?"

**Reminder: Membership Dues for the 2011 year are now due.
Check page 7; if your name is not on the membership list, you have not
paid your 2011 dues.**

From the President's Desk---

There is, if I remember correctly, an old Chinese curse which wishes ones adversary, "May you live in interesting times." Well we certainly did have an 'interesting' year. We had a very interesting parade of speakers, ranging from Candidates - Navraj Singh, Mark Reed, to Economics - Howard Hyde, to Students of Islam - Captain Mano Bakh, and John Steinreich, an Author, - Burt Prelutsky, and a Tea Party Organizer, - Tony Katz, plus very informative speakers from the Justice Branch, - Alan Jackson, and Judge Marlene Kristovich. We also had a number of Luncheon Guests who were running for office and made their pitch for support during our Luncheons. For a group as small as we are, I think we did very well. As I have mentioned in meetings, any one who has a recommendation for a speaker, please contact a Board Member with your suggestion.

*Eldon Quick*

This years Forums were more intense and energetic than any in my memory. We are as a group, I believe, becoming even more Conservative. There was a consensus in the group on a number of issues.

On the threat from certain parts of the Muslim world to engage in 'jihad' till the whole world is Muslim we strongly feel that threat must be stood up to forcefully. It is real and must be defeated no matter how long it takes. Islam is a totalitarian ethos that turns its followers into brainwashed slaves. It must be defeated.

No matter what you call them, 'illegal immigrants,' or 'undocumented workers,' the invasion of our Country by those crossing our Southern Boarder is doing us great harm and must be stopped. Until the fence is built and is 95% effective, there is no need to discuss immigration reform or amnesty. The view that there is an Hispanic voting block that will not support any candidate who is not for amnesty is not supported by personal experience. Many of Hispanic heritage, whose ancestors were legal U.S. citizens are threatened by and harmed by illegals taking jobs, keeping wages low, and degrading the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Obama's Health Care Plan, the Primary Elections between Carly Fiorina and Chuck DeVore and Meg Whitman and Steve Poizner, then the General Election between the Republicans and the Democrats, the future of the State under Democrat leadership and Jerry Brown were subjects that inspired much discussion.

The Tea Party movement, and the schism between the old guard establishment and the Conservative wings of the Republican Party also drew a lot of comment. I don't think we are yet of one mind about the Tea Party movement.

Well here's to 2011 it may not be as interesting as 2010, but should be almost as busy. There will be work to do to defeat Jerry's tax increases or as he calls them extensions. We have important Municipal elections, and the ever important chore of getting the message out.

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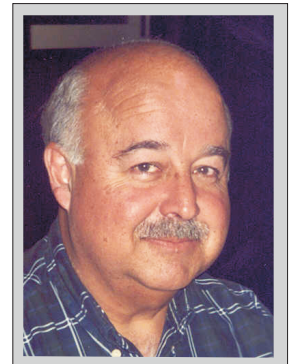
Deadline for February 12th Newsletter

SUBMISSIONS:
February 2nd, 2011

Bill's Bills

Don't let the door hit you in the gluteus maximus on the way out, Governor

By the time you read this the worst Governor in California history will be out of office. Arnold Schwarzenegger, whom I voted for twice, has been a bizarre mixture of action movie braggadocio, "finger in the air" political switches, capitulation to Democrat "tax and spend" addictions and slavish devotion to the fever-swamp left's most extreme beliefs about "global warming".



William Saracino

He has by any objective measure been a total failure at keeping the promises that got him elected in the 2003 recall. In fact after about 18 months in office he dropped all pretence of even trying to implement his recall campaign platform. Remember "cut up the state's credit cards" and "blow up the boxes" and "make a clean sweep of Sacramento"? Neither does Arnold Schwarzenegger and in fact he spent his entire last term running away from those promises as fast as he could.

Giving credit where due, he did try at first with a series of ballot propositions on a special election ballot in 2005. The propositions were mis-managed and badly beaten at the polls. Eschewing the example of Churchill, Reagan and other great leaders who persevere in the face of adversity, the defeat caused Ahnold to put his manhood in a blind trust, jointly controlled by Al Gore and wifey Maria.

For all the damage he did to the state, the devastation he caused the California Republican Party is even worse. For 7 years the face of the state GOP was a posturing blowhard who broke his most basic campaign promises. For 7 years the Republican most familiar to California voters was someone who ran on an anti-tax platform then rammed through the biggest state tax increase in American history. Hardworking, eloquent conservatives in the legislature could never gain any traction or attention because of the steroid-filled presence in the Governor's office.

Is it any wonder the voters of California turned thumbs down on the GOP this past November? Meg Whitman promised them more of – believe it or not – Arnold Schwarzenegger! It's amazing she got 40% of the vote. Arnold's mini-me, Lt. Governor Able Maldonado, one of the architects of Arnold's record breaking tax increase, received fewer votes than any Republican on the statewide ballot.

You could not say "Republican" to a California voter without having them think of the pusillanimous hunk of political jello in the Governor's office. That, more than any of the other causes, pre-ordained a GOP wipeout at the polls. Senate nominee Carly Fiorina held fast to basic Republican principals, and while she too was swamped by the Democrat tide, she received more votes than any other Republican. Could there be a lesson there?

There is much rebuilding to do for the California GOP. The absence of the Austrian poseur in the Governor's office will make that job a lot easier.

Forum Highlights, a report by Michael Lerew

In the December Forum discussion of current significant political issues, we focused on some of the possible consequences of the election of Jerry Brown and other Democrats to statewide office. Starting off, we discussed the hard-fought State Attorney General election, which Steve Cooley lost very narrowly, putting the firmly liberal Kamala Harris of San Francisco into the post.

Susan Quick commented that the Harris platform is rather frightening, and **Susan** remarked that she was very disappointed at this result. **Bill Saracino** confirmed our worst fears when he noted that Harris is an absolute, committed leftist. **Bill** went on to say that her winning is by far the most damaging of the state election results. **Brad Smith** said that he had never heard of her before this election, and pointed out that with her in office, California would not join the anti-Obama care lawsuit. In a preview of horrors perhaps to come, **Ron Scibilia** stated that she is being groomed to run for governor. (And you thought nobody could be worse than Jerry Brown?!). **Beverly Ziegler's** view was that Cooley made mistakes late in the campaign.

The next question was about all the free advice to Republicans which left-wing Democrat columnists and commentators are so generously offering! In response to their reported advice that we give up our opposition to illegal immigration and fall silent on all social issues, **Brad** observed succinctly, "We're not going to fold! That's not who we are." **Eldon Quick** remarked that we are a little too diverse in our objectives. He felt we should narrow our campaigns and pick a fight. On the environment issue, responding to columnists urging Republicans to "go Green," **Eldon** said that Republicans are conservationists--yes; Green--no!

Bill pointed out that Meg Whitman never once mentioned social issues. (And that reticence didn't help her at all, obviously!). Carly Fiorina, **Bill** noted, was the most conservative statewide candidate, and she also got the most votes of any Republican. **Ron** suggested that the most efficient issue would be the transfer of wealth and the destruction of the middle class. **Irene Stiny** asked, what happened to free speech? **Eldon's** view is that we need to rebrand the Republican Party in California. **Ron** wanted to know, what leverage do we have? What is our power base? **Eldon** commented that the Democrats build up "global warming," which is a totally phony issue. **Bill** wrapped up the talk on this question by saying that our most logical target of opportunity is Hispanics. We need to show them, or explain to them, that we are only against illegal immigration, not legal immigration.

We spent some time discussing Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, his record in office, and his impact on the Republican Party. **Brad** put it this way: "He folded." **Bill** said that Arnold deserves a lot of blame for the poor branding of the Republican Party. **Ron** commented that Arnold's legacy is that conservatives refused to fight. He wouldn't take a stand on the big issues. **Frank Graham** pointed out that we didn't have much choice when Arnold ran. **Susan** wittily observed that Arnold became Gray Davis with an accent, after the early defeat of his conservative propositions. **Ron** stated that we need to fight, but we also need to educate. We need to ask ourselves, why are we different from Texas? That state is doing very well, as we once did.

Other topics we discussed were the high unemployment rate, the Federal Reserve, "Wikileaks" founder and bitterly anti-American Julian Assange, Jerry Brown's latest brainstorm--to stick solar panel arrays on each side of the state highways--and we wrapped up with the question of where does the Tea Party movement go from here, nationally? **Ron** thought it depended on what the Republican hierarchy does over the next six months. **Bill** agreed with **Ron**, saying the D.C. Republicans need to refrain from going back to the bad old days. **Susan** said the Tea Party people will have a big effect on who runs for President as a Republican. **Eldon** commented that he sensed the effectiveness of the Tea Party movement by who is against them. And so we wrapped up another fun and lively discussion of the political topics of the month.

Val's Vents by Vladimir Cymbal

The START treaty Empowers Russia

Russia is in no position to get into an arms race with the US. Their economy is not robust enough to sustain a long protracted race. By limiting our defenses we are empowering Russia.

For several years, Russia has been pouring money into expanding their influence around the world. They have made deals with countries that are very hostile to America. They have set up naval bases in South America and Syria. They have supplied our enemies, including Iran, with military equipment, including nuclear capability. All these countries are potential surrogates to battle us both militarily and economically.

Just like the old Soviet Union, Russia will not directly attack us but be the beneficiary of US conflicts with these countries. They are eroding our relationships with our friends. Eastern Europe is becoming more and more energy dependent on Russia which supplies gasoline and natural gas to Eastern Europe. Russia has flexed its power by cutting off supplies, officially for 'technical' reasons. However as soon as their point was made, the 'technical' problems seemed to disappear.

President Reagan called the Soviet Union's bluff and helped to bankrupt them, thereby eliminating the threat they posed to the world. It is ludicrous to think that the US will attack Russia militarily. The world threat is from militant Islamic nations and groups. Russia is working on using them against us. They also know that these same elements are a real danger to them just as they are to us. The START treaty allows Russia to build 'defense systems' but limits the US, including protecting our friends. The Obama administration canceled missile defenses for Eastern Europe based in the Czech Republic and Poland. They even stooped to black mailing those countries by cutting off energy sources making it hard for them to push the system.

We do not need the START treaty but Russia does. Russia is not our friend, so why should we empower a country that is hostile to us. There is nothing in the treaty about real live threats to us from terrorist regimes and groups. START is bad for America and we must not ratify it.

Wise Words

"With hearts fortified with these animating reflections, we most solemnly, before God and the world, declare, that, exerting the utmost energy of those powers, which our beneficent Creator hath graciously bestowed upon us, the arms we have compelled by our enemies to assume, we will, in defiance of every hazard, with unabating firmness and perseverance employ for the preservation of our liberties; being with one mind resolved to die freemen rather than to live as slaves." --Declaration of the Cause and Necessity of Taking up Arms, July 6, 1775

"The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered as the palladium of the liberties of a republic." --Joseph Story

Notes from the Board

Not much to report from this month's Board Meeting. Much of the meeting was devoted to the membership meeting coming up on the January 8th Luncheon meeting, and which is covered on the first page of the Newsletter. Weather and slippery pavement were responsible for some absences at the Board meeting, Beverly was not feeling well and didn't want to go out in the rain, and Rochele slipped on wet pavement and injured her arm and was in too much pain to make the meeting. We'll look forward to the February Board Meeting to get things in gear.

Every Man a King

by Victor Davis Hanson

As the year in politics closed, Congress and President Obama were arguing over maintaining the Bush-era income tax rates. Conservatives insisted that the top 5 percent of households already accounted for nearly 60 percent of the aggregate tax revenue and that it was suicidal to hike taxes on the job-creating classes.

Liberals countered that the wages of the middle class have become stagnant over the last decade, and it is time for the wealthy to pay more for others. Meanwhile, both sides talked of American decline and assumed that the federal government was either the problem or the solution.

These debates were predicated on ossified notions of relative wealth and poverty as calibrated in money, and ignored that such methods of measurement are now archaic in our brave new world. Imagine if just 30 years ago we had dreamed that soon most Americans would have small mobile phones that let users talk or send text messages and photos to anyone in the world for mere pennies per minute -- a veritable revolution in daily life brought about without the aid of a massive Manhattan Project-like federal effort. We have gone from "a chicken in every pot" to a "cell phone in every hand."

Could yesteryear's Great Society have ever promised to nearly all Americans that they would soon have instant information at their fingertips on almost any topic imaginable, from treating migraines to wiring a house to a crash course in Dante's "Inferno"? Surely the kings, corporate magnates and fat cats of the old Wall Street would have paid millions for such knowledge that is now accorded to almost anyone with a computer at home, work, school or a library, without the need of expensive specialists, scholars or books.

Today, Americans have cheap GPS navigation systems superior to what jet pilots used 30 years ago. Secret agent James Bond's gadgets seem passé in comparison to the accessories available on today's iPhones -- all made available to us without a government program.

The country tore itself apart over health care in 2010. What was rarely mentioned is that dozens of cancers that were not long ago tantamount to death sentences are now treatable. For all the talk of an epidemic of obesity and couch-potato sloth, today's 80-year-olds -- thanks to new life-saving drugs, and rapid advances in correcting chronic bone, joint, hearing, vision and dental problems -- often resemble yesterday's 60-year-olds.

As gas exceeds \$3 a gallon in many parts of the country this Christmas, we rail about the rising cost, forgetting that in inflation-adjusted dollars, gas prices are not much more than what we paid three decades ago. Our far more cleanly burning cars get almost twice as many miles per gallon as their predecessors in 1975 -- cutting our real price of gas in half.

Three-bedroom, two-bathroom suburban houses of the 21st century are warmer in winter, cooler in summer, with far more appliances and comforts than was true of the vast mansions of the old rich of the mid-20th century.

In sum, Americans are richer, healthier and have more options than at any time in their history -- and in ways that do not usually register in our outdated metrics of what constitutes being wealthy or poor.

Yes, there is poverty still, and tension over relative status and influence. In addition, the good life cannot always be measured by materialism alone, but by peace of mind, security and opportunities as well. In the last three decades, the United States -- through technological breakthroughs, improved worker productivity and the importation of globalized production from abroad -- has achieved a level of material prosperity for its 300 million citizens unmatched at any time in the history of civilization.

Quite simply, yesterday's royalty would not make it into today's middle class.

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2011 Membership

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

If you wish to renew your membership for 2011, fill out the form below and mail it to Bill Saracino at 3625 Angelus Avenue, Glendale, CA. 91208

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Dues for membership as a member of the Southern California Republican Women and Men for the year 2011 are now due.

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