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CONTRA COSTA GOP CHAIR JEFF BURNS WILL PRESENT "A WALK THROUGH THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT" AT OUR SEPTEMBER 15 CLUB DINNER

At our September club dinner Jeff Burns, Chair of the Contra Costa Republican Party, will guide us through the issues which will appear on our November General Election ballot. Our Republican Club dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 15, in the Event Center. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for guests. Speaker-only attendees arriving at 6:50 p.m. will be admitted for **FREE** (no reservations required) just to hear Jeff's timely and very important talk.

In addition to all the statewide candidates, there are 14 state ballot propositions, including the Wealth Tax and Reform California's Voter ID Initiative, on California's November Ballot, so you may want to take notes on what Jeff has to say about these often complex issues.

Jeff was elected Chair of the Contra Costa Republican Party in 2024. Jeff has served on the Republican Contra Costa Central Committee since 2018 and previously held the roles of both First and Second Vice Chair. A native of Massachusetts, he began his political journey at 14, working as a volunteer for the Joe Malone for U.S. Senate campaign, attempting to defeat Senator Ted Kennedy.

While in high school, Jeff co-founded the Conservative Coalition that organized trips to New Hampshire to knock on doors for presidential candidate Jack Kemp in 1988. Jeff currently serves on the Executive Committee of the California Republican Party and has served on the Rules and Budget Committees. He also is a current investor with the Republican National Committee. Jeff and his wife live in Danville with their two high school-aged children.

Join us September 15 for dinner catered by Wilma Lott Catering. Dinner will be a choice of pot roast and gravy or stuffed zucchini (vegetarian option); Yukon gold mashed potatoes; carrots and green beans, spring mix salad with candied walnuts, red onion, dried cranberries, Gorgonzola cheese and honey balsamic vinaigrette dressing; homemade dinner rolls; brownies dusted with powdered sugar; and coffee.

A signup sheet for our September 15 dinner accompanies this Newsletter. Signup sheets may also be picked up in our Republican Club box in the Gateway Clubhouse or downloaded from our website at: <http://rossmoor-republicans.us>. **DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12 NOON, SEPTEMBER 8. If you are planning to mail your dinner reservation, please contact Susie White at swhite1451@outlook.com (preferred) or 925-954-8282 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8, so she can save a place for you and your guests.** Persons who wish to come at 6:50 p.m. to just hear the speaker may register in advance or at the door.

SEPTEMBER DINNER EVENT

Please Join Us for Our Dinner
Event on Tuesday,
September 15, Featuring Jeff
Burns, Chair of the Contra
Costa GOP.

REPUBLICAN CLUB WILL HOST REFORM CALIFORNIA “BARBECUE, BEER & BALLOTS” EVENT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



Republican Club members and other conservative-minded people who would like to work to make California **RED** again are invited to participate in our club's Reform California inspired special event aimed at getting out the Republican vote for the November General Election. We are following through on an idea advanced by California Assemblyman Carl DeMaio during his recent talk at our July Republican Club dinner event. Congressional candidate Jeff Frese and California Assembly candidate Joe Rubay are both planning to be at our event.

This special BBQ dinner is only \$10 in appreciation

for attendees' help in this effort. Donors who have contributed over \$50 for this event are free to attend, but must complete a reservation signup form. Back 40 Texas BBQ will be catering this dinner, which will be held at the Dollar Clubhouse on Thursday, September 10 from 5 to 7 pm.



This BBQ dinner will support Republicans in the November California election and focus on electing Steve Hilton as our next Governor, Jeff Frese for Congress, and Joe Rubay for California Assembly, as well as supporting Reform California's ballot initiatives, including Proposition 39 (Voter ID) and Proposition 43 (making it harder for politicians to raise our taxes).

A signup sheet for this special event accompanies this Newsletter. Signup sheets may also be picked up in our Republican Club box in the Gateway Clubhouse or downloaded from our website at: <http://rossmoor-republicans.us>. You can complete the signup form and put it in the Republican Club box at Gateway with your payment for this dinner. Or if you choose to mail it to the Republican Club at 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94595, please contact Susie White at swhite1451@outlook.com (preferred) or 925-954-8282, so she can hold your reservation. Reservations are limited, so act quickly to guarantee a place!

OUR FRIEND PROFESSOR PHILLIP MAGNESS HAS BEEN BUSY!



Professor Phillip Magness of the Independent Institute, who spoke about his outstanding book *The 1619 Project Myth* at our Republican Club June dinner event, has recently been interviewed by John Popola, CEO and founder of the Emergent Order Foundation. Check out these enlightening videos at:

“Marx Died a Loser. Lenin Made Him a Legend.”—with Prof. Phil Magness.

https://www.dadsavesamerica.com/p/marx-died-a-loser-lenin-made-him?utm_source=podcast-email%2Csubstack&publication_id=1583204&post_id=207338880&r=1ju0zh&utm_campaign=email-play-on-substack&utm_medium=email&utm_content=play_card_post_title&triedRedirect=true

“The 1619 Project Wasn’t About Race. It Was an Attack on Capitalism.”—with Prof. Phil Magness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycjNLJ7bhKw>

And while you're at it, you may want to learn more about the Emergent Order Foundation at:

<https://www.eo.foundation/>



MARC JOFFE, PRESIDENT OF CONTRA COSTA TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, WILL REVIEW LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES AT OCTOBER 4 MEET & GREET

Contra Costa Taxpayers Association President Marc Joffe will speak at our October Meet & Greet to go over the local ballot measures that will appear on our November General Election ballot. Our Meet & Greet will be held on Sunday, October 4, from 4 to 6 pm, in the Fairway Room in the Creekside Complex.

Marc is President of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, where he advocates for "Good Government at Affordable Cost." After a long career in the financial industry, Marc moved into the public policy arena in 2011. Since then, he has worked for three think-tanks and contributed op-eds to the Mercury News, Orange County Register, Wall Street Journal, and other publications. His research has been published by the California State Treasurer's Office, U.C. Berkeley, the Mercatus Center, and Reason Foundation. Marc earned his MBA at New York University and MPA at San Francisco State University.

Attendees are invited to bring something to share, such as an appetizer or snack. You may also bring your own (BYO) wine or beer to enjoy. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by our club. Our monthly Meet & Greets are held for club members and their guests at no charge. This is an ideal opportunity for people interested in learning more about the Republican Club to come and check us out. Information about joining our club is available by calling Joyce Ellis at (925) 943-2126.

REPUBLICAN CLUB TO PARTICIPATE IN ROSSMOOR MURAL PROJECT

The Republican Club Board has voted for our club to participate in the Rossmoor Ceramics Club Community Mural Project. This an exciting collaborative public art installation that will bring together residents, clubs, organizations, artists, and supporters to create a lasting work of art celebrating the creativity, connection, and spirit of the Rossmoor community. Our club's ceramic tile will be placed in the upper left corner of the completed mural. Republican Club Past President Chris Bratton is spearheading this project on behalf of our club.



Further details about the Mural Project can be found here:
<http://www.rossmoorceramics.com/muralproject.html>

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President's Message: DEMOCRATS VOW TO DESTROY AMERICA IF ELECTED

Unfortunately, that title above is no joke or hyperbole. It's a reality. The Democrat Socialists of America of America ("DSA") are now calling the tune and the rest of the Democrat Party is dancing along.

Fox News Host Shannon Bream recently asked DSA Co-Chair Megan Romer a rapid series of true or false questions—including whether the DSA platform includes "abolishing the Senate," to which Romer replied, "True." Bream then asked: "Replace the presidency and Supreme Court as we now know them?" "Yep," Romer replied chirpily.

Romer then went on to say a DSA government would "absolutely" abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). When asked if a DSA government would abolish borders and give amnesty to anyone who is in the U.S. illegally, Romer replied, "As a long-term plan, yep."

Romer also said the DSA platform would "absolutely" defund the Pentagon and would abolish prisons "as part of a long-term program."

And these kind of crazy ideas are not confined to the leftist fringe of the Democrat Party. In May 2026, former Democrat vice president and presidential nominee Kamala Harris put forth a "no bad ideas brainstorm" in which she advocated abolishing the Electoral College, packing the Supreme Court with four additional left-wing justices, and granting statehood to Puerto Rico and Washington D.C.—effectively giving the Democrats four more Senate seats, six extra Congressional seats, and ten more Electoral College votes in future presidential elections.

In April 2026, Democrat Congressional Leader Hakeem Jeffries railed against the U.S. Supreme Court, calling the six Republican-appointed justices "a disgrace" and vowing if the Democrats seized power: "We're going to have to do something about this Supreme Court. And let me be very clear: everything is on the table." Indeed, what is clearly "on the table," as far as Democrats are concerned, is the future existence of America as a free constitutional republic. And they are hovering above it with a drawn dagger.

If the Democrats take over the presidency and both houses of congress in 2028 their agenda is clear and they have made no attempt to hide it. They plan to eliminate the filibuster, immediately pack the Supreme Court with at least four brand new hard left justices, and create two additional reliably Democrat states. Then they will continue with defunding the police, eliminating any immigration enforcement, and returning full bore DEI and antisemitism to our colleges and schools. And then they will begin socializing our economy and dismantling what is left of our constitutional structure and safeguards. We will effectively devolve into a one-party banana republic.

Constitutional amendments will be required to abolish the U.S. Senate and Electoral College, but once Democrats have blown up the senate filibuster much of the rest of their goals, including packing the Supreme Court and creating brand new Democrat states, can be readily accomplished with bare majority votes in the Senate and the House and the sign-off of a Democrat president. There were years when the Democrat party controlled the presidency and both houses of congress during Bill Clinton's and Barack Obama's recent presidencies and that outcome could very well come about again if voters permit it.

But even during the Clinton and Obama presidencies Democrat congressional majorities made no serious effort to pack the Court or add new Democrat-majority states. In the late 1930s Democrat President Franklin Roosevelt advanced a court-packing scheme that would have permitted him to appoint one new Supreme Court justice for every sitting justice over 70 years old—which would have effectively given Roosevelt six

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Democrats Vow to Destroy America If Elected, continued.

new justices of his choosing. But many Americans at the time rightly saw Roosevelt's plan as a dangerous power grab that threatened our constitutional system of checks and balances. Even members of Roosevelt's own Democratic party strongly opposed it, and the Senate killed his proposal. Roosevelt's power grab was halted in its tracks by political norms—but unfortunately this time our country won't be saved by political norms because the modern Democrat Party has no regard for them.

The Marxist DSA insurgents in the Democrat Party are disciplined, well organized, and more than willing to destroy the political careers of any incumbent Democrat politician who stands in their way. Several old-line Democrat congressmen have already been successfully "primaried" by DSA-backed candidates, effectively ending their political careers. Responding to this pressure and wanting above all to keep their jobs, traditional Democrat politicians have mostly fallen in line with DSA positions, such as eliminating the filibuster, packing the Supreme Court, and denouncing Israel. Democratic Socialist leaders are determined to win at all costs to implement their radical agenda and establishment Democrat politicians are willing to do just about anything to hang on to their jobs and privileged lifestyles. This isn't the Roosevelt-era of the 1930s and the Democrat Party of today will do absolutely nothing to protect our country from the dangerous radical socialists in their ranks.

If anything is to be done to save our nation from a Marxist takeover then it will be up to us Republicans to do it. A Republican sweep of the presidency and both legislative houses in 2028 would be best—but, if that is not possible, at the very least Republicans must win control of the presidency or one of the two legislative houses. The stakes cannot be higher and Republicans must implement a multifaceted strategy to maximize their chances of electoral success.

Party leaders must carefully curate potential candidates with a laser focus on candidate quality and appeals to independent swing voters. Republicans must come up with effective ways to counter Democrat gerrymandering of the kind recently pulled off by California Governor Gavin Newsom—which was designed to limit Republicans to 7% of California's Congressional seats notwithstanding their regularly winning 40% of the vote.

The most important victory would be electing a Republican president in 2028. In 21st century America the greatest degree of potential political power resides in the presidency, not in the House or the Senate. A highly capable Republican President elected in 2028 could turn our nation back from the brink just as Lincoln did in the 1860s and Reagan did in the 1980s. What the present moment calls for is a Republican president who is fully committed to confronting the grave threats we face right here at home.

Beyond blocking the radical agenda of the modern Democrat Party, the most urgent priority is to clean up our education system at the K-12 and college levels so that our schools no longer churn out vast quantities of young voters indoctrinated into believing that America is evil and socialism is wonderful. Students should be taught real American history, not woke 1619 Project propaganda. They should be taught about the real history of Communism, including the slaughters of millions of people carried out by Mao, Stalin, and Pol Pot and the economic conditions that exist in places like Cuba, Venezuela, and North Korea. Students should be taught real world economics, not Marxist claptrap. Step must be taken to address the extreme scarcity of conservative and libertarian faculty at our most elite universities where the future political leaders of America are being educated.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has been a particularly effective leader in taking on and working to reform woke left-wing educational institutions in a creative and determined manner—and there are likely other Republican leaders who are capable of spearheading the fight to salvage our American culture and Constitution. But this is a battle that must be won or we will lose our country to this emerging surge of 21st century Marxism.

Former president Ronald Reagan famously stated: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." We now live on the razor's edge of the crisis which Reagan warned us of.

LETTERS FROM REPUBLICAN CLUB MEMBERS



This is a letter that former Republican Club Board member Ralph Hylinski sent to the Commissioner of the Women's National Basketball Association on August 3, 2026.

Dear Commissioner Cathy Englebert:

In 1963, Communist goals were published in the Congressional Record, things like, “capture one or both of the political parties, get control of the schools, break down cultural standards of morality, present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity, as “normal, natural, healthy,” and more. Look it up.

Communists are destroying America from the inside by selling an alternate reality that opposes U.S. values. They attack law enforcement, Judeo-Christian morals, and Capitalism. They use schools to dumb down students and promote Socialism. Many youths now believe that men can have babies and that one can choose their gender, both of which are patently false.

Do not be confused. “Trans” is an abnormal state of gender dysphoria, not a right to be codified in law. There are only two sexes. Men are inherently bigger and stronger. If women are to enjoy the benefits of competing in contact sports, they must not be forced to compete against men. It is irrational, dangerous, and unfair.

You must protect the WNBA and its players. It is imperative that you say so publicly and confirm that biological men should not compete in women’s sports nor share their locker rooms. Do not be duped by the Communists. Sophie Cunningham deserves your support.

Ralph Hylinski, M.D.



This is a letter that former Republican Club Board member Clair Weenig sent to the Wall Street Journal on July 29, 2026.

Is God Binary or Non-Binary?

Biblically stated, Christ was God's only Begotten Son. The Bible is replete with the terms “begat” and “begotten,” which are usually applied to a male conceiving a child with a female.

If Christ were truly the Begotten Son of God, and if Christ were indeed male, then the male-determining Y Chromosome that passed from a father to a son must have come from God.

This would make God binary and male, not non-binary as Mr. Talerico, the Democrat running for the U.S. Senate from Texas, states.

I cannot explain just how God begat Christ with Christ's mother Mary, but somehow the Y Chromosome got passed to Christ, during the dance of chromosomes that occurs at conception.

**Clair Weenig M.D.,
Professor Emeritus, UCSF Medical Center**

RESERVATIONS COORDINATOR WANTED

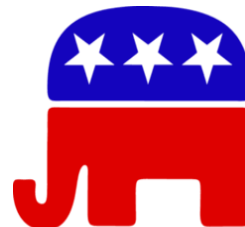
Susie White is retiring as our club's Reservations Coordinator position at the end of this year. As outlined below, that job could be split into two separate functions: Reservations and Communication. Susie will work with anyone interested in either position for the rest of the year. She can provide sample past paperwork and forms to learn from. Anyone interested in either or both of these jobs should contact Susie directly at swhite1451@outlook.com or (925) 954-8282. **If there is no one to take her place, we may not have any dinners next year because we need to communicate the reservation numbers to both the caterer and the room reservations staff!**

Reservations

This individual goes to the Republican mailbox at Gateway to retrieve our dinner reservations each month. Serves as the key contact listed on our monthly dinner sign-up sheets. Knowledge of Excel—including the following functions: copy/paste, sort, and filter—is required. Communications with members inquiring about or signing up for our dinners is an essential part of this job.

Communications

Key requirements are communicating via phone and email with our Newsletter Editor, Rossmoor Room Reservations, and our Ambassadors, planning the dining room layout, and creating each month's dinner sign-up sheet. Knowledge of Word and creating PDF files is essential.



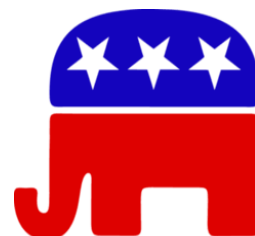
BECOME A REPUBLICAN CLUB AMBASSADOR!



Interested in becoming more involved in the Republican Club, having great fun, and making new friends? Join the Republican Club Ambassadors! The Ambassadors are a great group of volunteers who work as a team to make the Republican Club's events happen. Ambassadors take on various jobs at our monthly dinners, including:

- Reception, greeting our guests, and handing out name tags.
- Bartending, setting up, and serving beverages.
- Providing table decorations and centerpieces created by a special Ambassador team.
- Selling tickets, drawing, and awarding the prizes at our monthly dinners. The money we collect from our drawings go to support military families in need at Semper Fi/America's Fund and Fisher House.

In addition, our Ambassadors help out with Meet & Greets and other Republican Club events. For more info about our Ambassadors call our Ambassador Chair Margie Sparkman at (925) 788-1604.





Dianne Brackin
Club Movie Chair

REPUBLICAN CLUB MOVIE THIS MONTH: "LINCOLN"

The Republican Club will present the movie "Lincoln" in the Peacock Theater at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16. Admission is free and everyone is invited! This is a nonpartisan event. For information contact Dianne Brackin at dbrack925@gmail.com or (925) 300-3144.

"Lincoln" is a 2012 historical movie directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Daniel Day-Lewis as President Abraham Lincoln. This critically acclaimed film focuses on how Lincoln employed his political power during the final months of the Civil War to pass the 13th Amendment, which put an end to slavery. Lincoln worked tirelessly to get sufficient votes in the House of Representatives before the war ended. He was concerned that possible peace talks with the Confederacy might thwart his efforts to end slavery once and for all. After the historic vote on the 13th Amendment succeeded, the tragic assassination of Lincoln took place just as peace finally came to the nation. "Lincoln" is rated PG-13 and runs for 150 minutes.

Noted film critic Roger Ebert gave "Lincoln" four stars and said: "The hallmark of the man, performed so powerfully by Daniel Day-Lewis in 'Lincoln,' is calm self-confidence, patience and a willingness to play politics in a realistic way."



Our Republican Club Table in 2022

ROSSMOOR FARMERS' MARKET REPUBLICAN CLUB TABLE

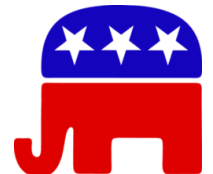
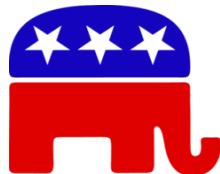
Rossmoor's Farmers' Market is now located in Peacock Plaza and open on Fridays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Republican Club will be there with our information table on September 4, 11, 18 and 25. We hope to have local political figures and candidates visit our table from time to time.

We encourage all of you to stop by on those days to visit with us, obtain information about local elections, and register to vote if you are new in Rossmoor. If you are interested in helping man the table, please contact Mary Beth at marybeth238@comcast.net.



CALLING ALL REPUBLICAN BRIDGE PLAYERS

If you'd like to join a Republican Bridge Group where you can relax and not feel uncomfortable when politics comes up, please call Jill Reiner at the number below. We meet the First Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. This is a friendly comfy bridge group. You do not need to have Master Points to join. If you are interested in joining, or being a substitute, call Jill Reiner at (925) 876-6383.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Volunteering
*is the ultimate
exercise in democracy.
You vote in elections once
a year, but when you
volunteer,
you vote every day about
the kind of community
you want to live in.*
— Author Unknown



Mary Piscitelli is our September Volunteer of the Month. Mary has tremendous energy and helps our club in so many ways. For our Farmers' Market table Mary makes posters, helps set up our table, hands out literature, and provides information to people who come by. Mary is also the point person for the Get Out the Vote drives for our Republican Club and the Contra Costa Republican Central Committee. She is also a tireless member of our Voter Education Training effort. Mary brings her high energy and boundless enthusiasm to everything she does!

Thank you Mary, for all you do for us!



Our August Speaker Caroline Downey Talks About:
“Why Gen Z Is Failing For Socialism”



Congressman Kevin Kiley Addresses
Our Club on August 20



Congressman Kevin Kiley Visits
Paul Parkhurst at the Bar



Approximately 40 Speaker-Only Attendees
Hear Caroline Downey at Our August Dinner

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BBQ, Beer & Ballots
Ambassadors
Dinner Event
Film: "Lincoln"
Board Meeting
Meet & Greet

Thursday, Sept. 10, 4:00 pm, Dollar Clubhouse
Monday, Sept. 14, 11:30 am, Bunker Room, Creekside
Tuesday, Sept. 15, 5:15 pm, Event Center
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 4:00 pm, Peacock Theater
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1:00 pm, 1:00 pm, Bunker Room
Sunday, Oct. 4, 4:00 pm, Fairway Room, Creekside:
featuring Contra Costa Taxpayers Association President Marc Joffe



REPUBLICAN CLUB MEET & GREETINGS

Our Meet & Greet are usually held in the Fairway Room in the Creekside Clubhouse. Admission is free. All Republican Club members and their guests are invited to attend our monthly Meet & Greet, held the first Sunday of each month (usually!). Non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Please bring something to share—an appetizer or nuts, chips, etc. You may also bring your own (BYO) wine or beer to enjoy. Dress is casual, and there is no formal program, just an opportunity to gather with like-minded people.

If you have a friend who is interested in joining the club, this is a perfect opportunity for your friend to get to know us! **Guests who aren't Republican Club members or Rossmoor residents should email us at rossmoorrepublicans@gmail.com, preferably 7 days before an event, in order for us to provide their names to be admitted at the Rossmoor front gate.**

MEET & GREET SCHEDULE

No Meet & Greet in September

Sunday, October 4 Fairway Room, Creekside Clubhouse: 4 to 6 p.m.
featuring Contra Costa Taxpayers Association President Marc Joffe

Sunday, November 1 Fairway Room, Creekside Clubhouse 4 to 6 p.m