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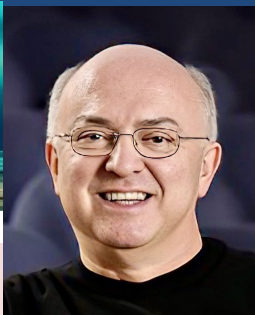
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## PROFESSOR BENJAMIN GINSBERG, AUTHOR OF *THE NEW AMERICAN ANTI-SEMITISM*, WILL SPEAK AT OUR OCTOBER 20 CLUB DINNER

Professor Benjamin Ginsberg, author of *The New American Anti-Semitism*, will speak at our October dinner regarding the rising tide of antisemitism emerging from the American left. Our Republican Club dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 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 Professor Ginsberg's very enlightening talk.

Professor Benjamin Ginsberg is a Research Fellow at the Independent Institute and is the David Bernstein Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Center for Advanced Governmental Studies at Johns Hopkins University. He is the author, co-author or editor of more than 30 books, including the *New American Anti-Semitism*, *The Fall of the Faculty*, *Presidential Government*, *Downsizing Democracy*, *The Captive Public*, *Politics By Other Means*, and *The Value of Violence*. His college text, *We the People*, now in its 14th edition, has been one of the nation's most frequently used American government texts for the past three decades. Professor Ginsberg received his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1973 and was Professor of Government at Cornell until 1992, when he came to John Hopkins.

Cal Thomas, writing in the *Washington Times*, said regarding *The New American Anti-Semitism*: "Mr. Ginsberg's book should be required reading for those who are unclear about the roots of antisemitism and how Jewish-hatred continues to poison the politics and culture of many countries, including our own."

Join us October 20 for dinner catered by Il Pavone restaurant. Dinner will be a choice of chicken piccata or eggplant parmigiana (vegetarian option); broccoli with olive oil, pumpkin ravioli with sauce, Caesar salad, bread and butter, limoncello cake, and coffee.

A signup sheet for our October 20 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, OCTOBER 13. If you are planning to mail your dinner reservation, please contact Florence McConnell at [florenceconnell@comcast.net](mailto:florenceconnell@comcast.net) (preferred) or (925) 954-8787 BEFORE OCTOBER 13, so Florence can save a place for you and your guests.** Persons wishing to come at 6:50 p.m. just hear the speaker may register in advance or at the door.

## OCTOBER DINNER EVENT

Please Join Us for Our Dinner Event on Tuesday, October 20, Featuring Professor Benjamin Ginsberg



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

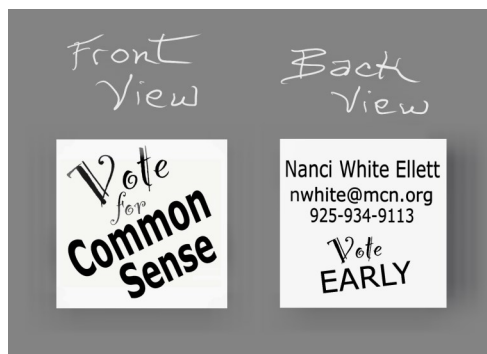
Contra Costa Taxpayers Association President

Marc Joffe will speak at our October Meet & Greet to go over the local ballot measures which 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 the Reason Foundation. Marc earned his MBA at New York University and his 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.

## A LITTLE HANDOUT FOR YOU TO SHARE!



Republican Club member Nanci White has volunteered to personalize these little 2" x 2" handouts for you to share with others. All you need do is email her at [nwhite@mcn.org](mailto:nwhite@mcn.org) or text her at 925-934-9113 and give her your name, email address, and phone number. She will mail 10 of these to you right away!

Here's a good way for you to volunteer to help out. We need to win this election!

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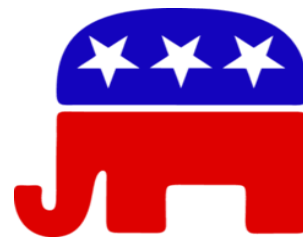
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## REPUBLICAN CLUB OF ROSSMOOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Fellow Republicans and Conservatives,

If you know of any relatives, friends, or neighbors who might be interested in joining our Republican Club, please encourage them to **JOIN NOW!** Any **NEW** member who joins during October, November or December of this year will also have their membership dues paid for all of upcoming year 2027. This is a really good deal because next year's membership fee will increase by five dollars to help support our club's many projects and events.



Our club holds monthly dinner meetings featuring exciting speakers and monthly Meet & Greets where members can socialize and meet a variety of community leaders. Other activities include our Ambassadors group, currently 30-strong, who assist in planning our monthly dinners, a Republican Bridge Club, and other functions. The club also hears from local and state conservative candidates. Our club provides occasions for members to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow well-informed, fun-loving people who love their country. We also send out a monthly newsletter to our members containing information on upcoming club events as well as thought-provoking articles.

Annual dues to join today for **brand new members** for the rest of 2026 and all of 2027 are \$25 for an individual or \$40 for a couple. Add \$30 if you want a paper copy of the Rossmoor Republican newsletter mailed to your home each month (rather than receiving your monthly newsletter via email). Send your check to:

**Republican Club Membership  
1001 Golden Rain Road  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595**

For further information visit our club's website at: <https://www.rossmoor-republicans.us>. Or call Joyce Ellis, Republican Club Membership Chair, at 925-943-2126.

### REPUBLICAN CLUB DUES TO INCREASE BY \$5 PER YEAR

Membership dues for our Republican Club will be going up by \$5 for next year. Dues for calendar year 2027 will be \$30 for an individual membership and \$50 for a couple. Unfortunately, inflation has caused many of the expenses paid by our club to go up. The Republican Club Board realizes that many of our members have limited incomes and the Board does its best to keep expenses in check. Moreover, as you can see from reading the article directly above this one, our Republican Club offers a lot of value for your money! We hope you will agree with that sentiment and join us for the exciting year which lies ahead!





**Richard L. Rubin**  
**Co-President**  
**2026**

## **President's Message:**

# **END OF THE ROAD FOR THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER?**

In April 2026, the U.S. Department of Justice announced a grand jury indictment against the Southern Poverty Law Center ("SPLC") on 11 counts of wire fraud, false statements made to a federally insured bank, and conspiracy to commit money laundering relating to the use of paid informants. The indictment asserts that the SPLC defrauded donors by maintaining a program which secretly paid more than \$3 million to informants affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), the Unite the Right rally, Aryan Nations, the National Alliance, and other extremist groups from 2014 to 2023. The SPLC admits using paid informants who were members of such groups, but claims that it did so only to spy and obtain information. However, prosecutors assert that the SPLC informants were not merely observing extremist groups, but were actually activist dues-paying, race-baiting participants. The SPLC has pled not guilty to the charges.

In a connected case filed in August 2026, Heidi Beirich, a former director at the Southern Poverty Law Center, was arrested for making secret payments to informants from white supremacist groups. The indictment states Beirich was in a romantic relationship with an informant who received \$140,000 between 2015 and 2021 via joint accounts the two shared.

The SPLC was founded in 1971 by activist lawyers Morris Dees and Joe Levin and black politician Julian Bond. In its early years, the SPLC primarily acted as a public-interest law firm engaged in advancing civil rights, challenging racial discrimination, and representing the poor and disenfranchised in the Deep South. Early litigation targeted institutional discrimination, such as desegregating local recreational facilities and recreational spaces like the Montgomery YMCA, and racially integrating the Alabama State Troopers.

Beginning in 1979, under Dees' leadership, the SPLC radically shifted its direction to focus on monitoring so-called "hate groups." After this transition, monitoring and suing white supremacist organizations for crimes perpetrated by their members became a major hallmark of the SPLC's work alongside traditional civil rights advocacy. In early 2019, the SPLC abruptly fired Morris Dees, who served as its central leader and chief trial counsel for nearly 50 years. The firing occurred within days of news accounts that Dees had acted inappropriately toward female workers and made offensive remarks to employees. Nonetheless, the SPLC continued in the direction that Dees had charted for it and prospered by doing so.

At some point, it became apparent to Dees and other SPLC leaders that there just weren't enough real-live right-wing hate and extremist groups to supercharge the SPLC's ambitious business model, so the SPLC came up with two creative devices to gin up more purported hate for the SPLC to conspicuously combat. The first of these devices was the employment of paid informants, as described in the recent federal indictment. One SPLC informant helped plan the 2017 Charlottesville, Virginia "Unite the Right" rally, made racist postings online under the SPLC's supervision, and helped coordinate transportation for rally attendees. The SPLC allegedly paid this informant more than \$270,000. Another informant, affiliated with the neo-Nazi National Alliance, was paid more than \$1 million by the SPLC. A third was allegedly paid \$6,000 to take the rap for a theft actually committed by the million-dollar informant. The Justice Department accuses the SPLC of laundering these payments through a web of fictitious shell entities and masking electronic transfers to conceal the true source of the funds. Such legal accusations, if proven true, would be hard to square with the SPLC's defense assertion that its expansive multi-million dollar informant network did nothing more than surreptitiously gather intelligence information.

The SPLC's second innovation was to raise its progressive profile by smearing mainstream conservative figures and organizations with scarlet letters as "right-wing extremists" and "hate groups." In 1990, the SPLC began publishing its highly publicized "hate map" in which it defamed such mainstream conservative groups

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### ***End of the Road for the Southern Poverty Law Center, continued.***

as the late Charlie Kirk's Turning Point USA, Prager University, and the parent rights organization Moms for Liberty as "hate groups"—placing them alongside neo-Nazis and chapters of the KKK. The SPLC falsely labeled libertarian social scientist Charles Murray as a "white nationalist" and Somali-born Ayaan Hirsi Ali—actually a critic of Islamic extremism—as an "anti-Muslim extremist." Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court's 1964 *New York Times v. Sullivan* decision makes it difficult for public figures, such as Murray and Hirsi Ali, to successfully sue for libel or slander even when the statements made are false and highly damaging to their personal reputations.

But the SPLC is by no means legally invincible. In October 2014, the SPLC added neurosurgeon and former Cabinet Secretary Ben Carson to its extremist watch list, citing his association with groups it called extreme, and his "linking of gays with pedophiles." However, following much criticism, the SPLC admitted its profile of Carson was wrong, removed his listing, and publicly apologized to him. In October 2016, the Southern Poverty Law Center accused British activist Maajid Nawaz of being an "anti-Muslim extremist." Following Nawaz's threat to sue the SPLC for libel, the SPLC apologized and paid \$3.375 million as a settlement to Nawaz and his foundation. Hopefully, more conservative organizations and individuals will successfully take on the SPLC's smear machine in the future.

The SPLC aggressively fundraises and maintains its prominence by stoking the perception that white supremacy is far more pervasive and influential than it actually is. Unfortunately, much of the mainstream media takes the SPLC's phony extremist labels at face value. Since the 2000s, the SPLC's classification and listings of "hate groups" and "anti-government extremists" have been widely cited as facts by academic and media sources.

Smearing mainstream Republicans and conservative individuals and organizations as "racists," "white supremacists," "anti-Muslim extremists," and the like has (at least up until now) been very good for the SPLC's business. In 2017, the first year of Trump's presidency, annual donations to the SPLC surged from \$50 million the prior year to \$130 million. Thanks to the generosity and gullibility of left-wing donors—such as actor George Clooney and former Apple CEO Tim Cook—the SPLC's current net worth presently stands at approximately \$886 million. It boasts 250 staffers and offices in four states. Its high-rise headquarters is the most imposing building in downtown Montgomery, Alabama. But much of its success has been built on baseless character assassination, the employment of agent provocateurs, and lies.

The Southern Poverty Law Center may have done some good in days past, but over time it has evolved into a high-paying racket that smears good, decent people and actively gins up right-wing hate crimes to fundraise and promote its own relevance and grandiosity. As U.S. Attorney General Todd Blanche noted, the Southern Poverty Law Center is "manufacturing the extremism it purports to oppose by paying sources to stoke racial hatred." The SPLC has gotten away with much too much for far too long. Hopefully, this rogue organization will soon finally face a moral reckoning which is decades overdue.



### **TIME TO RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2027**

Annual dues for the Republican Club of Rossmoor for 2027 are \$30 for a single person and \$50 for a couple. Add \$30 if you want a paper copy of the Rossmoor Republican newsletter mailed to your home each month (rather than receiving your monthly newsletter via email). To join or renew your membership make your check payable to the Republican Club of

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For information call Joyce Ellis, Republican Club Membership Chair, at 925-943-2126.

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## REPUBLICAN CLUB OF ROSSMOOR

### Membership Application

Membership in the Republican Club of Rossmoor is open to anyone who supports the values of the Republican Party, the U.S. Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence.

Make check payable to Republican Club of Rossmoor

- ☐ \$30 Individual (\$25 For Brand New Members)
- ☐ \$50 Couple (\$40 For Brand New Members)
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation
- ☐ Please email the newsletter to my email address at no additional cost.
- ☐ For an additional \$30, mail the paper newsletter via USPS to the address below:

Mail Check and this Application to:

**Republican Club of Rossmoor  
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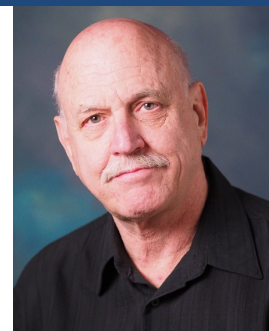
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## THE NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL SCARE: MICROPLASTICS By Mark Fernwood



Scares are highly effective at motivating the public. They also serve to keep “environmentalism” top of mind. The inherent weakness of such scares is they are time-sensitive. The most recent environmental scare was “global warming,” later known as “climate change.” The name change was a brilliant move by the scaremongers given that there has been no warming since 1998. (Google: “Global Warming Pause.”) The promoters of this narrative argue that the warming has not stopped (even though we cannot measure it)—it has simply paused and will come back sooner or later with a vengeance. To “prove” this warming is true the enviros have looked for surrogate indicators, like melting polar ice and declines in polar bear populations—both of which have not actually come to pass. We have been told many times that in 10 years the world will end.

Public scares produce vast funding, public recognition and power. “Global Warming” has produced trillions of dollars in environmental-related funding from solar, windmills, and EVs, as well as “carbon taxes.” Al Gore made 10 million dollars from his movie “An Inconvenient Truth.”

The latest microplastic scare has resulted in such ridiculous things as banning plastic straws and plastic bags. The reality is that the U.S. has long had extremely strict laws outlawing the release of any contaminate, whether solid or liquid, into any waterway. The state of California has also long enforced similar laws.

The reality is that plastic and other waste has long been dumped from Asian barges into the ocean on an ongoing basis. These Asian countries have no environmental concerns. Banning straws will make no difference. What the microplastics scare does accomplish is keeping enviro concerns top of mind.

See also:

[You're Being Lied To About Ocean Plastic | Truth Complex | Business Insider—YouTube](#) (18 minutes)

[Even Greenpeace Says “Most Plastic Simply Cannot Be Recycled.”](#) (7 minutes)

[Plastic Recycling is an Actual Scam | Climate Town—YouTube](#) (9 minutes)

Summary: US Clean Water Act Forbids Dumping any contaminate or pollution into waters

<https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act>



### ***New Members***

**David and Cheryl Tacha**

**Judith Scales   Ligia Norris**

**Sallie Severns**

## 2026 California "MID TERM" Election - Voter Information.

**NOTE DISCLAIMER** - This does not reflect any analysis or suggestions by the Republican Club of Rossmoor. Individuals should use their own reasoning and discretion. A "blank" indicates no position taken by the organizations.

| Position                               | Candidate & Supporting Org. <sup>1,2</sup> |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Governor                               | Steve Hilton <sup>1,2</sup>                |
| Lt. Governor                           | Gloria Romero <sup>1</sup>                 |
| Secretary of State                     | Donald Wagner <sup>1,2</sup>               |
| Controller                             | Herb Morgan <sup>1,2</sup>                 |
| Treasurer                              | Jennifer Hawks <sup>1</sup>                |
| Attorney General                       | Michael Gates <sup>1,2</sup>               |
| Insur. Commis.                         |                                            |
| Member State Bd. of Equal. -District 2 | John Pimentel <sup>2</sup>                 |
| US Congress 10 <sup>th</sup> District  | Jeff Frese <sup>1,2</sup>                  |
| Member of State Assembly – Dis. 16     | Joe Rubay <sup>1</sup>                     |
| Judge Sup. Court                       |                                            |
| St. Super. of Inst.                    | Sonia Shaw <sup>1,2</sup>                  |

### COUNTY Positions and Local Measures

| Position/Measure                                  | Howard Jarvis & CoCo Tax | OTHER Information /Background                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Acalanes Union HS Governing Bd. (vote for 1 of 2) |                          | Stacey Schweppe <sup>3</sup>                     |
| Walnut Creek School Bd. (vote for 3 of 6)         |                          | Rod Ehsani, <sup>4</sup> Aileen Ong <sup>5</sup> |
| Measure W- Acalanes School Tax                    | Oppose                   | Sr. Exemption avail.                             |
| Measure T- Appoint Treasurer                      | Oppose                   |                                                  |
| Measure U – Gen. Plans-                           | Oppose/Review            | Referred to as Sr. Housing ?                     |

<sup>1</sup> Supported By CoCo GOP, Reform CA, and Cal Fed of Rep. Women (Lamorinda)

<sup>2</sup> Supported By Howard Jarvis and /or CoCo Tax Organizations (see web Link)

<sup>3</sup> The other candidate received heavy Democratic organizational support

<sup>4</sup> Parent, Resident, CPA 25 years – not explicitly endorsed by Democrat Organization

<sup>5</sup> MBA – UCLA – parent , endorsed by teachers – not explicitly endorsed by Democratic Organization

# BALLOTS ARE COMING IN THE MAIL SOON!

## PLEASE VOTE EARLY!



## CALIFORNIA BALLOT MEASURES

| <b>California Ballot Measures/Proposition</b>                    | <b>COCO<br/>GOP<br/>&amp; CA Fed<br/>of Rep<br/>Women<br/>Lamorinda</b> | <b>REFORM<br/>CA</b> | <b>Howard Jarvis<br/>&amp; Contra<br/>Costa Taxpayers</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| County Measure RTM Sales Tax Increase for Transit                | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop.1 – Borrows \$11.25 B for Housing Projects                  | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 2 – Guts State Budget Spending Limits &<br>Cancels Rebates | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop.3- Income Tax Increase                                      | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 4- Tax Dollars for Politicians’ Campaigns                  | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 5- Weakens Citizens Rights to Recall Politicians           | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 37-Borrows \$25 B for Housing Projects                     | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 38 – Public-Private Partnership Bonds for<br>Research      | OPPOSE                                                                  | SUPPORT              | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 39 -Voter ID to Improve Elections                          | SUPPORT                                                                 | SUPPORT              | SUPPORT                                                   |
| Prop. 40 – “Billionaire Tax”                                     | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 41- Audit Special Taxes                                    | SUPPORT                                                                 | SUPPORT              | SUPPORT                                                   |
| Prop. 42 - Stop the Savings Tax                                  | SUPPORT                                                                 | SUPPORT              | SUPPORT                                                   |
| Prop. 43 – Local Taxpayer Protection – Saves Prop 13             | SUPPORT                                                                 | SUPPORT              | SUPPORT                                                   |
| Prop. 44-Imposes Costly mandates on Health Clinics               | OPPOSE                                                                  | OPPOSE               | OPPOSE                                                    |
| Prop. 45 Reduce Housing Costs by Reducing<br>Red Tape            | SUPPORT                                                                 | SUPPORT              | <b>SUPPORT/<br/>NO POSITION</b>                           |

### LINKS:

<https://www.cocorepublicans.com/endorsements>

<https://cocotax.org/ballot-positions/>

<https://www.reformcalifornia.org/voter-guides/contra-costa>

<https://www.hjta.org/2026votingguide/>



**Dianne Brackin**  
Club Movie Chair

## REPUBLICAN CLUB MOVIE THIS MONTH: "J. EDGAR"

The Republican Club will present the movie "J. Edgar" in the Peacock Theater at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21. Admission is free and everyone is invited! This is a nonpartisan event. For information contact Dianne Brackin at [dbrack925@gmail.com](mailto:dbrack925@gmail.com) or (925) 300-3144.

Based on the real life story of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, "J. Edgar" is directed by Clint Eastwood and stars Leonardo DiCaprio as Hoover. In the film, Hoover looks back at his life while dictating his memoirs as the powerful head of the FBI. The movie shows his rise to power, his creation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and his strong grip on American politics. It also explores his secret personal struggles, including his deep bond with his close partner Clyde Tolson.

Noted film critic Roger Ebert described "J. Edgar" as "fascinating" and "masterful" and praised DiCaprio's "fully-realized, subtle and persuasive performance, hinting at more than Hoover ever revealed, perhaps even to himself."

"J. Edgar" is rated R and runs for 137 minutes.



**Maddie Moore & John Den Dulk at Our  
Republican Club Farmers' Market Table**

## 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 October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. 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](mailto: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.





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# RESERVATIONS COORDINATOR WANTED

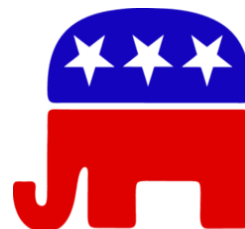
Susie White is retiring as our club's Reservations Coordinator position at the end of this year. As outlined below, that job could be split into two separate functions: Reservations and Communication. Susie will work with anyone interested in either position for the rest of the year. She can provide 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](mailto: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.



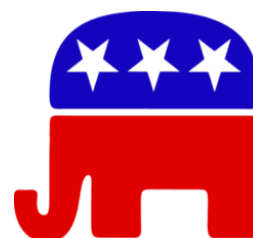
# BECOME A REPUBLICAN CLUB AMBASSADOR!



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.



# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## OCTOBER 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



Susan Day is our October Volunteer of the Month! Susan has volunteered to take charge of the bar at our monthly dinner events. She oversees the bar set-up, beverage service, and cleanup. Susan is always smiling and gracious and we are fortunate to have her on our team!

Thanks Susan, for all you do for us!

## PHOTOS FROM RECENT REPUBLICAN CLUB EVENTS



Past President Susie White Recognizes Mary Piscitelli as Our September Volunteer of the Month!



September Guest Speaker Contra Costa GOP Chair Jeff Burns Takes Us on “A Walk Through the November Ballot”



Our September 15 Republican Club Dinner



Our August 20 Special Event Featuring Congressman Kevin Kiley

## REPUBLICAN CLUB of ROSSMOOR

Gateway Complex Mail Box

1001 Golden Rain Road

Walnut Creek, CA 94595

### Meet & Greet

Ambassadors  
Dinner Event  
Film: "J. Edgar"  
Board Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 4, 4:00 pm, Fairway Room, Creekside:  
*featuring Contra Costa Taxpayers Association*  
*President Marc Joffe reviewing local ballot measures*  
Monday, Oct. 19, 11:30 am, Bunker Room, Creekside  
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5:15 pm, Event Center  
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 4:00 pm, Peacock Theater  
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1:00 pm, 1:00 pm, Bunker Room



## REPUBLICAN CLUB MEET & GREETINGS

Our Meet & Greet events 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](mailto: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

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

**No Meet & Greet in November**

**Sunday, December 6** Fairway Room, Creekside Clubhouse **4 to 6 p.m.**