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Larry Greenfield

Featured Speaker

Once again, Southern California Republican Women and Men are honored to invite Larry Greenfield, the California Regional Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, as our speaker. Overseeing strong growth in 10 chapters throughout the Golden State, he is broadening the Jewish political conversation.

Larry grew up in the Valley, and earned his BA in political science from UC Berkeley, graduating in 3 years as class speaker.

He picked up his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, where he worked on an arrest warrant for PLO chief Yasir Arafat, which helped to deter his appearance before the United Nations.

Larry lectures widely on American foreign policy, and he served in the Armed Forces of the United States in Naval Intelligence.

Political Forum—September 8, 2007

— By Mary Morris

As always, the Forum covered a range of topics, from the inflation rate to the war in Iraq. Led by Michael Lerew, members had an opportunity to have their say on the issues of the day. Regarding inflation, the question was whether the government should adjust for inflation when collecting taxes—and it was noted that the original intent when the income tax was instituted in 1913 was to collect 1 percent of the income of wealthy Americans (how times have

changed...). It was also noted that low interest rates favor borrowers and debtors over savers, and that more debt has become acceptable in today's "I want it now" mentality. Michael noted that the national debt, while large in terms of dollars, is small as a percent of the total value of the country – 4 percent—and that national wealth has expanded faster than debt.

Conversation turned to the housing market and the sub-prime mortgage problem. Some members believed that people have been misled by confusing terms and confusing loan structures, while others felt that people utilizing sub-prime loans were aware that they couldn't afford the properties they were buying in the first place.

One member questioned whether Americans still know how to handle hard times; the general feeling was "no." Some felt that rural America would survive a long-term crisis better, but that cities would have a hard time, and that changes in American culture are a concern, with a larger percentage of people thinking they can get away with bad or illegal behavior.

The presidential candidacy of Fred Thompson was briefly discussed, and it was believed that he has gotten a generally good reaction. One member said that the country tends to vote for the candidate who plays the role best, which may give actor Thompson an edge. Others felt that he needs a strong backer—like Oprah for Obama—to make him truly competitive.

Discussion ensued on the recent passing of the state budget after the GOP held up passage, primarily to contain Jerry Brown and his position on environmental standards for business. Most members felt that the holdup wasn't the fault of Republicans, and that it was the Democrats' responsibility. Jerry Brown's possible gubernatorial hopes were brought up, and the question was asked: can the California economy survive the possible return of Jerry Brown? Overwhelmingly, the feeling was "yes."

A brief discussion on the immigration



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From the President's Desk—

"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself."

Andy Warhol (1928 - 1987)

We of Southern California Republican Women & Men are gathering ourselves in preparation for the 2008 election year. At our monthly forum, we cover topics logically as well as emotionally. Moderated by Michael Lerew, we scrutinize state-wide, national and international issues. SCRW&M membership is so well-informed in a variety of fields that we always adjourn the forum having learned valuable bits to add to our inventory of knowledge.

In preparation for 2008 activities, the Executive Board of SCRW&M is interviewing candidates for the oversight of this organization. Richard Montaine is chair of the Nominating Committee. Elissa Jackson and Michael Jackson join Rick in reviewing all members who wish to participate in the management. If you are interested in being considered for a position on the Executive Board, please contact Rick at montaine@pacbell.net at your earliest opportunity.

Wishing you all a lovely Fall season, and I look forward to spending time with you at The Smoke House in Burbank on Saturday, October 13, when our speaker will be Larry Greenfield. As usual, our forum commences at 11:30 a.m. with our monthly luncheon and guest speaker at 1:00 p.m.

SCRW&M will select its Executive Board for the 2008 calendar year at our November 10, 2007 luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Evan Sayet. The Installation of Officers will be celebrated December 8, 2007, and the 2008 Board will immediately take the reins of the organization. Good luck and thank you to all who have volunteered to serve.

All the best,

... *Louise Clarke Stone*

*"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow.
The shadow is what we think of it;
the tree is the real thing."*

*"Nearly all men can stand adversity,
but if you want to test a man's character,
give him power."*

Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

Bill's Bills

The legislature is not in session — thank GOD!

..... *Bill Saracino*



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Members are encouraged to submit articles and political material for publication in the SCRW&M newsletter.

SCRW&M reserves the right to accept, reject and edit letters and other editorial material.

Letters and editorial material must include the name, telephone number and address of the person making the submission.

SCRW&M does not return letters, photos, editorial material or other submissions.

Letters and editorial material may be mailed to: SCRW&M, Post Office Box 8609, Long Beach, CA 90808, or email to: meem.jackson@charter.net

All letters, photos and editorial material submitted shall become the property of SCRW&M and may be published in any format.



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**DEADLINE FOR
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OCTOBER 20, 2007.**



Letter to all Potential Republican Candidates in LA County

— By *Eldon Quick*

While winning is important in politics as in sports. Today, (in Los Angeles County anyway,) winning may be, no more than just getting the message out; the message that Republicans stand for the values that every freedom loving individual from the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli has yearned for. That the individual should be subject to a rule of law, not to the whim of a powerful politician or police chief or corporate executive, or a religious leader.

That the individual should decide how much to pay for the goods, or labor he wishes to purchase, that the individual should decide to whom and how much he wishes to give, as charity, to those less fortunate than himself. That the individual shall decide which church he wishes to go to, or to go to none at all. That the value of the individual is based on his or her talents and abilities, not on the color of skin or gender, or religion, or political affiliation.

The message that the principles of the Republican party are the same principles that have given every nation, every country, every city that has ever tried them, prosperity, improved quality of life, and the chance for each individual to pursue his own personal dream.

Getting this message out in an environment controlled by liberal news media, liberal entertainment media, liberal education, is as important as picking up a gun and serving in Iraq, or making a healthy fortune for yourself and your family in this great capitalist society we know as the United States of America.

If you, each of you, can get this message out, you will win this contest. Whether you are elected to office or not: you will have moved the ball forward down the field. And moving the ball down the field is how humanity has advanced. From ignorance to enlightenment, from slavery to freedom, from a Monarchy to a Republic, God bless you and may the best man win.

42,746 Republicans Abandoned

— By *Elissa Jackson*

On December 11th a **special election** will be held to fill the 55th Assembly District seat vacated by Laura Richardson's election to Congress in the special election to fill Congress woman Juanita Millender-McDonald's seat in the 37th CD.

The 55th AD includes Carson, Wilmington, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, Lakewood and approximately half of Long Beach. There are 172,719 registered voters in the 55th AD. Yes, democrat registration is 52.78%, or 91,168*. But there are 42,746 (24.75%) registered republicans! The district also has 31,931 registered decline to states.

Two leading democrats have already declared their intention to seek the seat, Carson City Councilman Mike Gipson and Los Angeles Community College Trustee Warren Furutani. It also looks like Charlotte Gibson will be running to represent the 3,010 (1.74%) registered American Independents and Herb Peters will be representing the 749 registered Libertarians (.43%). But who will represent the 42,746 registered republicans? So far – No one!

This is a very sad situation. We just had a special election in the 37th Congressional district with a low voter turnout. We let that race slip through our fingers because we were unprepared and couldn't get our act together. Now in this special election, we don't even make an effort to show up. Granted, this is a seat unlikely to be won, but, what kind of incentive are we giving those 42,746 registered republicans in the 55th AD to come out and vote in any election, when every vote counts?

The likely front runner in the race is Furutani. He has gained several key endorsements including Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally, Carson Mayor Jim Dear, the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs. And, Furutani is a consultant to Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, need I say more?

Councilman Mike Gipson does have Laura Richardson's endorsement, so it will be an interesting, though very disappointing race. If no candidate gets a majority vote, a runoff will be held between the top vote-getters in each party as part of the Feb. 5 presidential primary.

* As of 1/10/07, according to the California Secretary of State website

How far should Congress go to protect people faced with foreclosure?

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D—Lakewood, thinks it is up to taxpayers to protect hundreds of thousands of homeowners from possible foreclosure.

Send your comments to meem.jackson@charter.net.

Legislative Links

Federal Legislative Web Sites

US Senate: www.senate.gov
 US House of Representatives www.house.gov/
 Library of Congress www.loc.gov/

State Government Web Sites

State Institutions:

State of Alabama www.state.al.us
 State of Alaska www.state.ak.us
 State of Arizona www.state.az.us
 State of Arkansas www.state.ar.us
 State of California www.state.ca.us
 State of Colorado www.state.co.us
 State of Connecticut www.state.ct.us
 State of Delaware www.state.de.us
 State of Florida www.state.fl.us
 State of Georgia www.state.ga.us
 State of Hawaii www.state.hi.us
 State of Idaho www.state.id.us
 State of Illinois www.state.il.us
 State of Indiana www.state.in.us
 State of Iowa www.state.ia.us
 State of Kansas www.state.ks.us
 State of Kentucky www.state.ky.us
 State of Louisiana www.state.la.us
 State of Maine www.state.me.us
 State of Maryland www.state.md.us
 State of Massachusetts www.state.ma.us
 State of Michigan www.state.mi.us

State of Minnesota www.state.mn.us
 State of Mississippi www.state.ms.us
 State of Missouri www.state.mo.us
 State of Montana www.state.mt.us
 State of Nebraska www.state.ne.us
 State of Nevada www.state.nv.us
 State of New Hampshire www.state.nh.us
 State of New Jersey www.state.nj.us
 State of New Mexico www.state.nm.us
 State of New York www.state.ny.us
 State of North Carolina www.state.nc.us
 State of North Dakota www.state.nd.us
 State of Ohio www.state.oh.us
 State of Oklahoma www.state.ok.us
 State of Oregon www.state.or.us
 State of Pennsylvania www.state.pa.us
 State of South Carolina www.state.sc.us
 State of South Dakota www.state.sd.us
 State of Tennessee www.state.tn.us
 State of Texas www.state.tx.us
 State of Utah www.state.ut.us
 State of Vermont www.state.vt.us
 State of Virginia www.state.va.us
 State of Washington www.state.wa.us
 State of West Virginia www.state.wv.us
 State of Wisconsin www.state.wi.us
 State of Wyoming www.state.wy.us
 District of Columbia www.dc.gov

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Political Forum

issue centered on the failure of the government to pursue programs that would match Social Security numbers with employees. Several members stated that the government should either enforce the laws we have now or change them.

The Forum concluded with a short but intense discussion of the war in Iraq, and of the media's coverage of it. One member noted that there seems to be a change in coverage, with emphasis on all sides on ways to get out.

Don't let another month go by without joining the Forum to discuss current events and exchange views with other members of the Club.

The Political Forum, a round table discussion of current topics, sets SCRW&M apart from other Republican organizations. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussion and debate of current issues.

Forum begins at 11:30am, prior to the monthly luncheon and adjourns at 12:55 pm.

Come Join the Fun!

Sign up as a SCRW&M member on "Meetup.com"

The number of members we have will make us more interesting to prospective members. Also you will receive automatic reminders of an approaching meeting and be able to RSVP.

Get on the Internet and search for or go to "Meetup.com". Click on "Meetings by topic" then on the Left hand side click on "Politics & Activism". Then on Right hand side click on "Republican Party".

Enter your zip code and look for "Southern California Republican Women and Men (SCRWM)

Follow directions to sign up.

If you are already a member of SCRWM, we can guarantee your acceptance in the Meet up group.

Announcements

Reagan Library

**November 10, 2007
thru Monday, November 8, 2008
Nancy Reagan – A First Lady’s Style:**

A new exhibit at The Reagan Library, will illustrate the important roles Mrs. Reagan played in the White House – from hostess and ambassador, to public servant and spokesperson, to loyal and caring wife – by exhibiting over 80 of her dresses, suits and gowns. The dresses displayed span over fifty years – beginning with her March 4, 1952 wedding dress and ending with the skirt suit she wore to President Reagan’s funeral in June Of 2004.

This historic exhibit not only honors Mrs. Reagan, but also pays tribute to the men and women who helped define her style. The exhibit will display designs by Geoffrey Beene, Bill Blass, Valentino Garavani, James Galanos, Carolina Herrera, Adolfo, Yves St. Laurent, Oscar de la Renta, Jean Louis and Chanel.

Annual International Christmas Tree Exhibit
The Christmas Display will open on November 15.

Los Angeles County Lincoln Club Spirit of Lincoln Award Dinner

Tuesday October 30
6:30 Reception
7:30pm Dinner

Casa del Mar Hotel
Santa Monica

*Honoring Former Ambassador John Bolton,
LA City Council members Zine and Smith
with MC LA County Supervisor, Don Knabe.*

\$250 per person;
Reservations 818-905-5420 or 323-215-4500

Membership 2008!

Membership dues provide the main source of funding for the Club’s programs, including this newsletter. By increasing your membership level you can help our club grow. Patron, Golden and Eagle membership dues also help SCRW&M sponsor guests and send newsletters to potential members and other organizations.

Membership in Southern California Republican Women & Men is on a calendar year basis, January 1st through December 31st. **Membership dues received after October 1st of a given year are credited for the balance of that year and as payment in full for the entire following year.** Luncheon and special event tickets are available to members on a first come, first served basis and are subject to availability.

There are four SCRW&M membership classifications, Regular, Patron, Golden and Eagle. All SCRW&M members receive the club’s newsletter.

SCRW&M Membership Application

The undersigned registered Republican does hereby submit this application for membership in
Southern California Republican Women & Men for the Calendar year of **2008** as indicated below—

Name of Applicant as Registered (Please Print or Type) _____ (_____) _____
Area Code Telephone Number

Registered Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature of Applicant _____ E-mail Address _____ Name of Applicant’s Sponsor _____

Date of Application ___/___/___ **New Membership** ___ **Membership Renewal** ___
Membership Level: ___ **Regular (\$25)** ___ **Patron (\$50)** ___ **Golden (\$75)** ___ **Eagle (\$100)**

Make check payable to: **SCRW&M** Mail to: SCRW&M, P. O. Box 7231, Van Nuys, CA 91409

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Larry Greenfield

Featured Speaker

THE SMOKE HOUSE

*Founded in 1946 at the corner of Pass & Riverside in Burbank.
The original restaurant seated 46 people, and was enjoyed by local
luminaries Bob Hope and Bing Crosby (among others) on its opening night.*

4420 West Lakeside Drive
Burbank, California 91505

Political Forum at 11:30am

Luncheon at 1:00pm

Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$40

Reservations by October 10, 2007

For Reservations

Call: Barbara Smith (323)849-7420

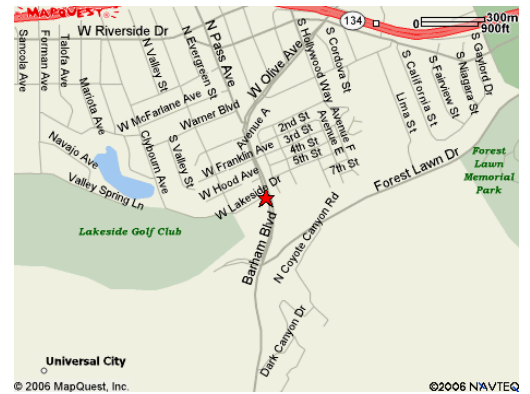
Or E-mail: scrwmreservations@juno.com

Mark Your Calendar for 2007!

November 10th Luncheon
Speaker—Evan Sayet

December 8th Luncheon
Installation of Officers

January Luncheon
Speaker—Gary Aminoff



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