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An Invitation

CFRW SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING OF COUNTIES



Wednesday, June 3, 2009

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JUDGE KENNETH STARR

**POMONA VALLEY MINING CO.,
1771 Gillette Road, Pomona**

\$20.00 includes business meeting, networking, luncheon and keynote speaker
10:00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nancy Eisenhart, President, LACFRW

Dear Friends,

Wow – we had a great April meeting with close to 100 attending, and packed more in than we had a right to. Thanks, everyone, for your cooperation in fitting in the tight schedule. And thanks, **Austin Smith**, for helping the Club Presidents with their New Media problems. Austin is, among other positions, the political director for the San Fernando Valley Republican Club.

I just wish **Vivien Ho**, our scholarship chairman, could have been with us, but her flying schedule – she is an airline attendant – couldn't be switched. A big thanks to you, Vivien, for overseeing the scholarship applications and giving us 3 such worthy winners. **Mary Lou Terranova** capably filled in for Vivien and made the presentations to our winners, **Andrew Clement** (Walnut RWF), **John Campbell** (Palos Verdes Peninsula RWF) and **Melinda West** (South Bay RWF). (See a separate article for the details.) We will be printing their winning essays in subsequent newsletters.

It was also the day **Joy Bliss**, our Membership VP, has been waiting for – a day to hand out money to our Renewal Winners (as of April 10). She along with **Marianne Raia**, who provides the data from the per capita reports, handed out money to the presidents of the winning clubs (see Joy's report), and then she handed out bags of BLISS chocolate to the Membership Chairs! She made the whole presentation such a delight! I guess I should say a JOY!

Linda Toomajian - our Campaign & Precinct leader – gave out the pre-packed Registration Boxes to Area Representatives for distribution upon request. These boxes have everything one needs to register Republicans, including how-to books, new style registration forms, and check lists. I am certain her setup will be a model we will follow for years to come.

It goes without saying the Proposition Workshop was complete and informative. With the expertise of **Dr. Barbara Stone**, **Pat Myers** and **Colleen Hinman**, and the guidance of **Elaine Klock**, we all voted our preference knowing we were acting on solid information. Well, there was a little emotional response as we feel we can't believe anything that comes out of Sacramento, so therefore don't trust the descriptions. The closest vote was on Prop 1F, but the "nays" prevailed and all Propositions, from 1A to 1F were voted down. The trick now will be to get all those Republicans sitting at home to the polls. Whatever will it take? Maybe the Tea Parties will stir things up.

I want to thank **Irene Mills** for her help in arranging the strong panel of political leaders who offered their opinions, thoughts and ideas for solutions to some of the difficulties we as members of our beloved political party and the Republican Party itself as an entity is facing today.

Gary Aminoff, president San Fernando Valley Republican Club (www.sfvrc.org), **Hector Barajas**, Communication Director of the CRP (hbarajas@cagop.org), **Austin Dragon**, president of Majority Next (austin@majoritynext.org) and **Teresa Hernandez**, businesswoman and candidate for Congress in the 32nd CD, all generously offered to speak to our clubs, so don't hesitate to ask. It was a big surprise and an honor to have two unexpected guests at our meeting: **Glen Forsch**, chairman of the Republican Party of Los Angeles County, and **Matt Robbins**, the new Political Director of the CRP. They, too, are willing and anxious to speak before any and all groups, especially our RWF clubs.

Please put **July 1** on your calendar. LACFRW is having this mid-year Fundraiser at the historic American Legion Hollywood Post 43 and we promise you a fabulous time. The seating will be limited so look for and act on the sign-up as soon as we have it out, especially those clubs in Areas 1, 2 and 3.

Bless our Military and their families, and protect them from the stupidities and maliciousness of our current administration. Have a Merry Month of May, everyone.



MEMBERSHIP

By Joy Bliss, 2nd Vice-President

Here they are, the winners of Los Angeles County FRW Membership Renewal Contest of 2009!!

Category A (10 to 50 members)

El Monte is our winner with a score of 97%

Category B (51 to 120 members)

LaCrescenta Valley is our winner with a score of 90%

Category C (121 to 200 members)

South Bay is our winner with a score of 79%

Category D (201+ members)

Palos Verdes Peninsula is our winner with a score of 73%

Congratulations to these clubs who won \$50 for their club and a sweet and special reward for their Membership Chairmen.

This contest is over, but another one is started! In October we will reward those clubs with the largest percentage of members from last year in their categories. We will also reward those clubs with the largest percentage of members at our Awards Banquet in December.

Remember, now is the time for all good women to come to the aid of their party and the best and the sweetest way to do that is to be a member of a Republican Women Federated club!

APRIL 2009 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Marianne Raia, Membership Secretary

I am pleased to report that 33 of our current 34 clubs have submitted at least one per capita report and I thank you. We did exceptionally well with membership last year, and I am confident we can exceed our efforts this year.

The figures for my 4th report are down by 91 members for April from this time last year. Last year's 4th report was 462

members this year we are at 371. Our total membership is down by 11 members. April 2008 we counted 2610; this year total membership is 2599. Our numbers are below last year but with your continued efforts, and your enthusiasm I know we can finish the year strong.

Congratulations to these hardworking clubs!

CAMPAIGN AND PRECINCT

By Linda Toomajian, 3rd Vice-President, E-mail: toomaj@aol.com

The current schedule of Naturalization Ceremonies has dates through June for clubs to represent the Republican Party and register voters. Although new citizens are encouraged to register inside, immediately following their ceremony, some like to exit and register with the party of their choice or just drop by for information. If the Republicans aren't represented, they think we don't care about them. The democrats are always there! Stipends are being offered to LACFRW clubs working at a new citizens' ceremony.

Some Federated ladies in other southern CA counties (without naturalization ceremonies) are interested in registering new citizens with us. There is strength in numbers!

Voter Registration Kits of essential items for registration, as well as Federation and Republican information have been given to all six area chairmen. You are encouraged to borrow one of these light-weight kits anytime to register voters. Clubs wanting to make up their own kits may find the contents list in each box helpful. Please note that no party organization has stepped forward to provide us with supplies, personnel or bounty at this time, but may do so in the future. We must be self-reliant, Republican advocates, depending on ourselves to bring voter registration supplies along with a card table and chairs.

Please contact me with questions or to sign up to register at a new citizens' ceremony. I'm here to help!

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Los Angeles, CA 90037

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Montebello, CA 90640
www.quietcannon.com

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY SCHEDULE April 2009 - June 2009 (Dates are subject to change.)

Ceremony Day and Date	Location	No. of Applicants Scheduled	Ceremony Time
May 14, 2009 (Thu.)	Quiet Cannon**	900	9:00 a.m.
May 14, 2009 (Thu.)	Quiet Cannon**	900	11:00 a.m.
May 14, 2009 (Thu.)	Quiet Cannon**	900	2:00 p.m.
May 28, 2009 (Thu.)	Fairplex***	3,500	9:00 a.m.
May 28, 2009 (Thu.)	Fairplex***	3,500	1:30 p.m.
June 11, 2009 (Thu.)	U.S.D.C. (L.A.)*	75	1:30 p.m.
June 26, 2009 (Fri.)	LASA****	6,000	9:00 a.m.
June 26, 2009 (Fri.)	LASA****	6,000	2:00 p.m.

THE RWF-COLLEGE REPUBLICAN CONNECTION

By Selma Alpert, LACFRW Education Chair

Letter addressed to Selma Alpert, College Republicans chairperson

Dear Ms. Alpert and the Republican Women's Federation of Reseda and Tarzana,

On behalf of the USC College Republicans, I would like to thank you for your generous and thoughtful donation. The USC College Republicans plan on using your donation to assist with the many expenses we encounter while promoting Conservatism on Campus. The USC College Republicans would absolutely love for you to attend our meetings as well as our various upcoming events! Thank you so much again!

*Very truly yours,
Steven R. Hagemann
Chairman, USC College Republicans
USC College Republicans
<usc.collegerepublicans@gmail.com>*

Ladies – what do you think about emailing Steve Hagemann and ask to be put on his e-mail list to receive notice of their events? We need to get out of our comfort zones to increase our visibility as a Federation and to connect with our youth, and going to a college Republican Club meeting would surely qualify for this effort. Please let us know of your experiences with local college Republican Clubs.

ON THE BLACKBOARD

By Selma Alpert

Skewed Stimulus - CA is slated to receive almost \$8.6 Billion to support Dept. of Education programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. CA and N.Y. are big winners, due to federal formulas that send extra money to states that spend the most per pupil, have higher populations and the largest concentrations of poor students. It takes little account of which states need help the most. Thus, needy states like Utah will get \$400 less per student than Wyoming, rich with oil and gas money. The money is welcome, but will it increase federal control of education? Los Angeles expects to get about \$1 Billion. Teachers, administrators and some maintenance personnel have been warned about layoffs. If we go by past experience with LAUSD, most of the job cuts will be achieved not through firing but through attrition, retirements and transfers.

UC News - Applications for 2009 UC undergraduate admission increased to 127,000 from last year's 121,000. Transfer applicants rose 11% to 29,000. Most of these (80%) came from community college students. Because of budget cuts, UC was preparing to cut freshman enrollment by 2,300. Also, college endowments nationwide dropped 3% this year. However, the Stimulus Act increased the money for college Pell grants which may change their plans.

Darwin Theory - The Texas Board of Education has voted to bar discussions of any "weaknesses" in the theory of evolution. The world just celebrated the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin

in February. U.S. billboards carried messages like: "Praise Darwin –Evolve Beyond Belief." Signs on English buses declared: "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life." Theories are meant to be tested. Why do the supporters of Darwin's theory fear debate? Some believe it would open the door to a study of creationism. Political correctness again.

Cesar Chavez - The L.A. Board of Education voted to make Cesar Chavez Day a school holiday. They instructed Superintendent Cortines to cut a present school holiday to make room for Chavez Day. Can you guess which holiday will be cut? We'll see.

Consultant Pay - In the midst of budget shortages, the Daily News reveals that pay for outside consultants at LAUSD has skyrocketed. In 2006-07, 1,277 consultants earned an average of \$145,000 each, for a total of \$186 million. In 2007-08, the number of consultants was 849, but each earned an average of \$215,000, totaling \$182,000.

It's interesting to note the number of consultants decreased but their pay increased. What's the matter with District staff people? Weren't they hired to do whatever had to be done? So many consultants raise doubts as to the competency of school personnel.

Do other school districts pay such enormous sums for outside experts?

WAYS AND MEANS

By Victoria Wilson, 4th Vice-President, email yayav@hotmail.com

In this financial crisis that is concerning most Americans all Ways and Means 4th Vice Presidents have to strive to be even more effective in our fundraising endeavors.

Don't be afraid to ask for support from your club. You must appeal to your members with enthusiasm.

Make contributors feel integrated in your event and recognized for their loyalty and generosity.

Add a relations category to your list of volunteers. The club

relations person should keep accurate records of receipts for your event, send thank you letters to all of your contributors, and maintain a good name, address, and phone number database of all attendees and contributors.

Good luck with your events, and don't hesitate to email or call me with any questions or ideas I may be able to help you with.

LACFRW PROPOSITION RECOMMENDATIONS – MAY 19, 2009 ELECTION

By Elaine Klock, Chair, Proposition Workshop

PROPOSITION 1A – State Budget. Changes California Budget Process. Limits State Spending. Increases “Rainy Day” Budget Stabilization Fund. This measure makes major changes to the way the state sets aside money in one of its “rainy day” reserve accounts and how the money is spent. If passed, would extend several tax increases by one to two years. Limits amount of tax revenues that the state can spend each year.

OPPOSE – RATIONALE: Supported rainy day fund, but did not like backroom deal and the extension of temporary tax increases. Concerned that Sacramento would once again find a way around the spending limitations.

PROPOSITION 1B – Education Funding. Payment Plan. Requires supplemental payments to local school districts and community colleges, annual payments to begin in 2011-12. Payments would become part of the base budget with the Legislature and Governor having discretion regarding how payments would be distributed. 1A must be passed to implement this proposition.

OPPOSE – RATIONALE: It prioritizes education above all other worthy programs, increases the baseline for education funding and guarantees, which further limits legislators’ ability to make the necessary budgeting choices.

PROPOSITION 1C – Lottery Modernization Act. Makes major changes to the original creation of the lottery by taking the lottery profits away from education and giving them to the state. Changes state lottery operations intended to increase its profitability and allows the state to issue \$5 billion in bonds that are secured by future lottery profits. The lottery would no longer be a source of revenue for education. Replaces the dollars lost by schools with annual payments from the General Fund to make up for the loss of the lottery profits.

OPPOSE – RATIONALE: More borrowing to cover today at the expense of the future.

PROPOSITION 1D – Protects Children’s Services Funding. Helps Balance State Budget. Permits the state to redirect the funds for children’s services approved by the voters in 1998 when Prop 10 imposed a 50 cents per pack tax on tobacco. The state could take \$340 million of the unspent state commission dollars for 2009-2010 and an additional \$268 million a year for the following four years thus easing the strain on the General Fund.

OPPOSE – RATIONALE: LACFRW opposes the budget deal recently cut in Sacramento and therefore opposes this measure implementing it. This temporary fix does not remedy California’s structural deficit

PROPOSITION 1E – Mental Health Services Funding. Temporary Reallocation. Helps Balance State Budget. Directs \$227 million from Mental Health Programs in 2009-10 and \$226 Million in 2010-11 to be used to offset a portion of the federally-mandated program for Medi-Cal patients under the age of 21 and free up a corresponding amount to be used by general fund mental health services and would use surplus funds to help alleviate the current budget crisis.

OPPOSE – RATIONALE: LACFRW opposes the budget deal recently cut in Sacramento and therefore opposes this measure implementing it.

PROPOSITION 1F – Elected Officials’ Salaries. Prevents Pay increases During Budget Deficit Years. The measure purports to encourage the balancing of the state budget by preventing legislators and constitutional officers from receiving pay increases in years when the state is running at a deficit and gives the Director of Finance the power to determine whether a given year is a deficit year.

OPPOSE – RATIONALE: LACFRW opposes the Budget Deal recently cut in Sacramento and therefore opposes this measure implementing it.

ADDENDUM

Los Angeles City College Board of Trustees, Seat #2 - LACFRW supports **Tina Park** (www.friendsoftinapark.com)
California 26th Senate District - LACFRW supports Nachum Shifren

The previous page lists Los Angeles County Federation of Republican Women’s official position on the six Propositions appearing on the May 19, 2009 Election Ballot.

For your information the

- CFRW has a position of oppose on all proposition except 1D on which they did not take a position
- California Republican Party has a position of Oppose on all six propositions
- Los Angeles County Republican Party has a position of Oppose on all six propositions

There is much literature being distributed encouraging a “yes” vote on these propositions. The Republican organizations listed above have taken the position of “NO” because it is their desire to signal Sacramento that they do not want more taxes.

They want them to go back to the drawing board and put together a balanced budget, which has reduced and/or eliminates costs and programs. The feeling is that if the electorate signals their disapproval of the current effort to solve the problem, Sacramento will have to go back to the drawing board and cut costs.

Sacramento MUST hear that message, but many well-respected members have taken positions of Support on several of the propositions, including yours truly who will be voting Yes on 1D, 1E and 1F. I certainly want them to go back to the drawing board, which they will have to do if 1A, 1B and 1C do not pass. If you have any questions, you should take a bit of time and study your Voters Guide to better understand the decision you make when you cast your ballot. To not vote at all is to send No message at all.

NO MATTER WHAT – YOU MUST VOTE ON MAY 19TH

MY FAVORITE TEACHER

– and thoughts on the No Child Left Behind policies

*The NFRW “My Favorite Teacher” competition is in full swing. The Los Angeles selection, our representative at the Southern Division level of the competition, is **Jennifer, or Jenny, Ikari**, a young teacher at the Sierra Madre Elementary School. She is sponsored by **Arcadia RWF**. Thank you, Arcadia. Jenny appears to be the kind of teacher every child wishes he or she could have.*

We thought you would be interested in her perspective

of the No Child Left Behind education policy as it affects her school, one of the inquiries on the NFRW application. This request was not on previous application forms, and may have contributed to the paucity of entries. However, her response reminds us to watch that we don’t sip the ‘koolaid’ when it comes to supporting policies we want to embrace, but to think about consequences, and not simply intentions. - NE

AFFECTS OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

By Jennifer Ikari, “My Favorite Teacher” Winner



I wish the men and women who came up with our education policies in California and the United States would spend one week, even one day as a classroom teacher. Maybe then they would see how policies that sound great in theory are not always that great in their implementation. I am not an expert on the education policy in California, but I do know how my school and I as an individual teacher are affected by the decisions made on a state- and nation-wide level. While it is not alone a California state policy, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is the driving force behind many, and I may even say *most* educational policy decisions today. While NCLB sounds like a great idea (using standards based education to work toward the goal of 100% of students testing proficient and above on standardized tests, leveling the playing field for college and beyond) I would argue that the implementation of many parts of NCLB have affected education in a negative way.

Take, for example, this programs’ emphasis on standardized tests. Even my school, which emphasizes the arts and a well-rounded education, has in the past three years started hanging a sign outside the school with its API score. In our weekly bulletin our principal even has a countdown that read this week, “20 instructional days until STAR testing!” I do agree that it is important to be aware of the state standardized test, but for weeks the only thing some of the teachers at my school talk about with their students is “the test.” Even when teachers spend weeks of time preparing students for STAR testing, schools inevitably do not make the increasingly unobtainable percentage of “proficient” to make adequate yearly progress (the goal is 100% of students at proficient and above by 2014). These schools and teachers are then looked down upon and are taken over by the government if they are seen as failing for more than three years. Fortunately my school has a rising API score; the highest in Pasadena Unified ever, but that does not stop teachers from obsessing over the test. Not only do I believe that standardized testing takes away from valuable instruction time, but I also believe it is unfair. All students take the same test. Yes, that may seem right, but in reality it is not at all equitable. Students in East LA take the same test as the students in Arcadia. Students with ADHD, autism and other learning disabilities take the same test as GATE students. English language learners take the same test as native English speakers. They are all graded the same. To me, there is no equity in that situation. I believe it is

unfair for a school filled with ELLs or students with disabilities to be judged on the exact same scale as a privileged school with all English speaking students. Indeed, while I agree with the object of NCLB, I feel that the means used to measure success with a standardized test is unfair to certain children and even their teachers. This measure reflects well on those who are good at taking tests, but leaves behind others who do not or cannot take tests well. I ask, is our objective to educate children or to teach them to take tests? I believe it is admirable that we get all students to proficient and advanced, but it is unrealistic. Instead of focusing on teaching to a test, we should be providing our students with a well-rounded, differentiated curriculum. Should we not help *all* students do the best they can at *all* times to make them the best people they can be?

In addition to NCLB, budget cuts have made being a teacher very difficult, even in the wonderful town of Sierra Madre. Because of budget cuts, reading coaches, counselors, art teachers and librarians are losing their jobs. At my school we pay for our librarian and art teacher out of money we raise for our annual fund, but without our huge parent support base we too would have no library and no great art program. Money is so tight that teachers have to bring their own paper to the copy machine. My school is only able to provide teachers with limited amounts of construction and writing paper and only gives us glue sticks and crayons twice a year. The furniture in my classroom is at least twenty years old. I do not have a white board in my classroom and have to use a small easel instead that not all my students can see. I’ve had to buy my own paint, paint brushes, watercolors, pencils, erasers, scissors, computer paper, construction paper, writing paper, art supplies, rug, games, books and more. The computers in my room are so old that I cannot run the program on them I need to help my English Language Learners and my lowest students. Over the past year, from about January 2008 until now I have spent \$1,132.30 on supplies for my classroom. Instead of continuing to take money away from schools I wish there was a way to better support teachers and programs that are beneficial for students.

In all, I believe that the decisions made at the state and national levels deeply affect each district, school and classroom teacher. In turn, it is the students who lose out. I personally try my best daily to give my kids the best education I can, even when resources are limited. I believe there is a way to inspire students to love learning even during difficult times.

VISITING CLUB ARTICLE—*From Canoga Park-West Hills RWF Newsletter*

“AMERICANISM” - By Jan Roper, Citizen Reporting on the Van Nuys Tea Party



Freedom of Assembly is the individual right to come together with other individuals and collectively express, promote, pursue and defend common interests.

On April 15, over a thousand people (and many CPWHRWF women!) gathered together at the Van Nuys Court House to exercise their right to protest the excessive and reckless spending of Congress and the Obama administration. It was an impassioned evening of friendly, even normal people (or am I supposed to now say “right-wing extremists”) who had come together for a common cause to make our collective voice heard. Before the program began, as folks held their signs high, thousands of cars drove by honking their horns in agreement. What a sight, and how invigorating! The program kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance and an acapella “Star Spangled Banner”, and continued with many inspiring speakers. The evening ended with folks being given an opportunity to voice their feelings in one or two sentences on the microphone before throwing their tea bag on the pile. You can view a clip of that memorable ending here: <http://digg.com/d1oukN>

But Paul Krugman from the New York Times says this: “Republicans have become embarrassing to watch. And it doesn’t feel right to make fun of crazy people.” He also said the

tea parties are not an accurate representation of public sentiment. Okay, I guess he would know.

And ACORN spokesman Charles Jackson said, “This is the first we’ve heard of these ‘tea parties’ and, frankly, a gripe-fest by a bunch of conservatives whose preferred economic policies got us in this mess in the first place is of no interest to us.” I see. I guess that’s why ACORN scheduled their own rallies on April 15 “in support of the priorities outlined in President Obama’s budget”. But of course, it was futile for them to try and steal our thunder. In the end, it was reported that over 250,000 people attended tea party protests throughout the country. The conservative message is finally mobilizing!

Well, dear disgruntled Americans, it appears that the kettle is whistling, and whether the mainstream media wants to acknowledge it or not, there is a groundswell beginning that has the potential for something truly fresh and uplifting to emerge. We are beginning to find our voice and define our message, and that blessed 1st Amendment has never been sweeter.



2009 LACFRW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

By Vivien Ho, Scholarship Chair



Our April meeting was a celebration featuring the 2009 LACFRW Scholarship Award.

The 2009 Scholarship winners are:

Andrew Anzur Clement, 2009 LACFRW merit- scholarship honoree and also Charlotte Moussel Candidate. Andrew attends Walnut High School, was sponsored by Walnut RWF, and has been accepted to USC where he plans to major in Business.

James Thomas Campbell, 2009 LACFRW Marjorie Pope merit- scholarship honoree. James attends Palos Verdes Peninsula RWF.

Melinda Marie West, 2009 LACFRW merit-scholarship honoree. Melinda attends Junipero Serra High School, was sponsored by South Bay RWF and has been accepted by USC where she plans to major in Music and English.

Each of our winners is well-rounded, politically astute, and has academically challenging honors and AP academic courses. I am inspired by their many accomplishments during their short high school careers. These goal-oriented, confident, young adults are our rising stars. We all take pride in playing a small part toward helping them to continue achieving their worthy goals.

I also want to thank all the club scholarship chairs. This program relies on your willingness to distribute our applications, pre-screen the applicants, and encourage your club to participate monetarily. I strongly urge all clubs who currently offer their own scholarships to be sure to have candidates apply for county, division and state opportunities as well. As a Federation, we want to reach and nurture these many rising stars. I know you will be energized to continue your support and participation in all our Federation Scholarships. It has been my pleasure to serve as this year’s scholarship chair.

CHARLOTTE MOUSSEL SCHOLARSHIP

1st Place Winner \$1,000 - Riverside County - Christine Noriega

2nd Place Winner \$500 - Ventura County Steven Page

Honorable Mention:

Daniel Markham - San Diego County

Kathryn Olson - Orange County

Andrew Clement - Los Angeles County \$500, sponsored by Walnut RWF

Alexandra Alvarado - San Bernardino County

Angela Maciel - Santa Barbara County



MY BOOK SHELF

By Trisha Bowler, Diamond Bar RWF

“DO THE RIGHT THING” By Mike Huckabee

In March I had the pleasure of hearing and chatting with Governor Mike Huckabee at the Nixon Library. He gave an excellent talk then signed his book for the overflow crowd. Having been born and partially raised in Arkansas I was especially thrilled to meet him. He told me that he had also lived in two of the places where I had lived as a child. I thanked him for making me proud again to have come from Arkansas. His response to that was “Thank you so much for telling me that. I appreciate it”.

After hearing “Huck” speak, watching his Fox News television show each weekend and now having read his book, I have regrets! I wish I had known more about him during the primaries because I would have definitely supported, worked and voted for this man.

This book tells of many experiences during the campaign. When he decided to run he was the ultimate dark horse. He had almost no money, no consultants and no name recognition outside Arkansas. The so-called experts were highly amused by this small state governor from a blue collar background and who also played bass in a rock band and was a former Baptist minister! They said he wouldn’t have a prayer up against the well connected and financially wired pros like the other Republican candidates. As we all know now, it turned out that he was the last Republican candidate standing in the primaries next to John McCain! Amazing!

Huckabee had one big advantage: a common sense message that actually connected with millions of Americans across the country. It was not just his fellow evangelical Christians but people from all walks of life and religions.

Huck shocked the country by winning the all important Iowa caucuses and seven other states! He spent a fraction of what the other candidates spent. It was interesting to read about the less than fancy hotels where they often stayed in questionable parts of a town. They flew commercial airlines much of the time and spent many hours stranded in airports with other passengers. This was a gift from God, I believe, because he was able to talk to these people and made many friends and supporters during these times. At times they chartered small planes and made many trips through storms and felt God was watching over them as they touched down safely. The various media reporters covering their campaign, many times actually kissed the ground when they walked off the plane safely after a rough flight!

His campaign staff was made up mostly of an army of passionate volunteers, family members and a few paid staffers. He received endorsements from many organizations and was thrilled to have Chuck Norris and his wife’s support. Chuck made at least one video commercial for Huck which was a smashing success.

There was one story in particular that touched my heart. It was at a campaign stop where a lady in the crowd reached out to shake Huck’s hand. She placed something in his hand and told him that she had no money to give him but wanted him to have “this” as a donation. *It was her wedding ring.* Huck said “No, no, I can’t take this”! She told him that she and her husband wanted him to take it and sell it and use the money in his campaign. Well, he could not sell that ring but told this story in many places during the campaign stops which brought in an enormous amount of donations from across the country.

That gesture of generosity and selflessness touched the hearts of many and that act itself served as the best donation he could have received. (I know I had tears running down my face when I read that



part and then again when I retold it to my friends.)

I am told that not long ago at Huck’s direction, his staff found that lady and brought her on his television show where Huck returned the wedding ring to her. What a beautiful story of a poor couple who wanted the best person with the best message to become the president of the United States.

Huckabee supports a flat tax which would abolish the IRS. It is the fair way to tax the people. His vision is for a smarter, fairer type of politics, “vertical politics”. It focuses on commonsense solutions for education, health care, the economy and many other issues. It’s not about right versus left but taking America up rather than down. Huckabee also shows how the Republican Party can heal its divisions and how we can become the true majority party again.

I do believe that Mike Huckabee will again run for president. After learning about this man and his principles and values I have decided he will be the candidate for me. Please read this book and see if you agree.



Memorial Day

May 25, 2009

A SOCIALISM TEST

An economics professor at Texas Tech said he had never failed a single student before but had, once, failed an entire class... The class had insisted that socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer. The professor then said ok, we will have an experiment in this class on socialism.

All grades would be averaged and everyone would receive the same grade so no one would fail and no one would receive an A. After the first test the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. But, as the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who

studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too; so they studied little. The second Test average was a D! No one was happy. When the 3rd test rolled around the average was an F.

The scores never increased as bickering, blame, name calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for anyone else. All failed to their great surprise and the professor told them that socialism would ultimately fail because the harder to succeed the greater the reward, but when a government takes all the reward away; no one will try or succeed.

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AN EVENING WITH DICK MORRIS

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Calabasas Country Club
 4515 Park Entrada, Calabasas, CA

Sponsored by
**Woodland Hills, Malibu/Bel-Air
 and Westlake Village RWFs
 \$65 - Cocktail Reception and
 Booksigning, includes his book**

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Checks payable to WHRWF - mail to
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Calendar of Events

May 15, 2009, <i>Fri</i>	IRS filing date for NFRW 990 Tax-exempt Organization Reporting Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(3))
June 1, 2009, <i>Mon</i>	Deadlines—NFRW 2008-2009 Awards National Pathfinder Scholarship applications to CFRW President Betty Rendel Scholarship application to CFRW President
June 3, 2009, <i>Wed</i>	CFRW So. Div. Board of Directors Meeting Pomona Valley Mining Company
July 1, 2009, <i>Wed</i>	LACFRW Patriotic Event Hollywood Post 43 (American Legion)
August 26, 2009, <i>Wed</i>	LACFRW Board of Directors Meeting San Pedro - Ports O'Call Restaurant
September 2, 2009, <i>Wed</i>	CFRW So. Div. Board of Directors Meeting Pomona Valley Mining Company
Sept. 10 – 13, 2009	NFRW Biennial Convention Orland, Florida
Sept. 24—Oct. 3, 2009	CFRW New England Cruise
Sept. 26—28, 2009	CRP State Convention Anaheim Marriott