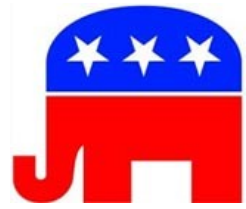


Republicans of River City



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Membership Expires:

THIS IS A FREE MEETING; YOU MAY PAY YOUR DUES AT THE DOOR!

**RICK D. REDDING, JR, CANDIDATE FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 9,
SPEAKS TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY**

**February 16, 2010 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE
2030 West El Camino Drive
Sacramento, 95833**

The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.



Rick D. Redding Jr., a candidate running for the 9th Assembly District, will come and speak at our next meeting on February 16.

Rick, who was born and raised in Sacramento, is a veteran and a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Marines. He fought in Operation Desert Storm-Shield. Currently, Rick is a public school head

football coach and is a member of the Sacramento City Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the California Teachers Association, the American Football Coaches Association, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the National Rifle Association and a council member of the Playmakers Organization. Rick graduated from Sacramento City public schools and Appalachian State University. He is also the proud husband of Jill Redding, who is a public school educator and the proud father of four children.



REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT OF STEVE POIZNER FOR GOVERNOR.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Republicans of River City on February 2, the board voted to endorse Steve Poizner for Governor.

This action brings to the members of RRC the opportunity to second the endorsement of Steve Poizner, which if successful will bind our delegates at the upcoming endorsing convention of the California Congress of Republicans to vote to endorse Steve.

For this reason, we have asked Steve to attend our meeting on February 16 to tell our members why he is the best candidate for Governor and to ask our members to vote to endorse him.

We look forward to your attendance at this meeting.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY VOLUNTEER CLUB

by Robert Evans

As the treasurer of Republicans of River City and as the newsletter editor, I know that some of our members are in arrears in their membership.

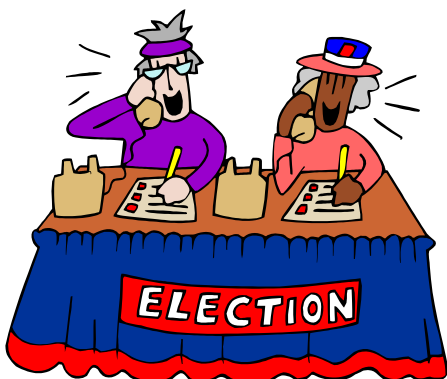
It's my fault; I should be much more forceful in notifying those people who haven't paid.

But the time has come. I've been told by our club President, Carl Burton, that I have to tell our members that they either pay their dues or I stop sending the newsletter.

Without the newsletter you will not know what the club is doing to try and promote Republican candidates for elective office, both here in Sacramento and across the state.

So I'm asking—pleading with those of you who haven't renewed your membership to take a few minutes to fill out the form you will find enclosed with this newsletter, make your check for the correct amount, and send it in.

Thank you in advance for your renewed membership and your support of the Republicans of River City volunteer club.



LOCAL BUSINESSES ASKED TO SPEAK OUT ON OVER-REGULATION

Senator Dave Cox and Assemblyman Roger Niello are asking area businesses to attend a legislative hearing on the impact of regulations on local businesses. The hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 23 in the Rancho Cordova City Council Chambers from 8 am to 9:30 am.

“With our unemployment rate at unacceptable levels, we need to hear from employers to find out what lawmakers can do to encourage businesses to hire workers again,” said Senator Dave Cox.

Assemblyman Niello added, “It is small businesses that will spark a robust economic recovery. We need to hear from those who are directly impacted by the government’s regulations.”

In the wake of a study released earlier this year that concluded that the cost of regulation on California businesses is nearly \$500 billion annually, and with unemployment at record high levels, the overregulation of businesses is likely one primary cause of the state’s lagging economy and high unemployment rates.

Employers are invited to offer their testimony of how they are being impacted by specific regulations. Business owners and representatives should be able to talk specifically about regulations that are preventing their business from growing or allowing them to hire additional employees.

This is the fifth hearing hosted by Cox and Niello to involve the business community. Previous hearings were held in the State

Capitol, Citrus Heights, Roseville and Folsom.

Businesses owners or representatives who wish to testify at the hearing should contact Senator Cox’s district office at (916) 783-8232 in advance. State and local government elected representatives have also been invited.

For those interested in attending, the Rancho Cordova City Council Chambers is located on 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.



Election of 2010-2011 Officers

At our January meeting, the following board was elected for the year:

- Carl Burton-President
- Betty Axup-1st Vice President
- Al Rogel-2nd Vice President
- TBA-Membership Secretary
- Robert Evans-Treasurer
- Chris Angle-Director
- Richard Eigenheer-Director
- Colleen Fitzpatrick-Director
- Fred Hildebrand-Director
- Patty Hildebrand-Director
- Lynn MacLean-Director

The members of your board thank our members for the trust and confidence you have shown in your board by your votes.

Thank you.

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

What Scott Brown's Victory Means—And What It Doesn't.

With Republicans and Independents celebrating the return of a small amount of Republican influence to Washington, it is important that Republicans not get carried away in concluding that the public is returning to the Party that it removed from power over the course of the 2006 and 2008 election seasons. While the ability to alter or perhaps entirely scuttle the Democrat's health reform efforts is the most important outcome of the election, nobody should be under any illusion that this was a GOP win. Rather it was a Democrat loss.

While a Democrat loss is a GOP win practically speaking, this election did not mean that Massachusetts is about to turn into a red state along the lines of a Georgia or a Texas. All it really means is that Massachusetts voters wanted to send the Democrats a message, the GOP being the only practical alternative with which to do so. Despite victories in this election, along with the races in New Jersey and Virginia in November, the GOP still has a huge image problem among the electorate according to some polls.

Over the last 2 election cycles, voters abandoned the GOP largely because of the fact that the GOP became seen as fiscally irresponsible, tone-deaf, and corrupt. The Democrats were swept into office promising to be the opposite. However, the American people are clearly concluding that perhaps they

have traded a bad problem for a worse one. Scott Brown's victory in a deep blue state is not the result of an electorate deciding that the GOP is "good" and the Democrats are "bad", but rather an electorate deciding that it had better put the brakes on a Party that was in control of the entire government and was pulling it too far in one direction. Many of the words used by voters to describe the Democrats (i.e. arrogant, tone-deaf, etc) were the same words used to describe the GOP congressional majority 4 years ago.

If the GOP wants to build a governing majority capable of bringing needed fiscal and judicial reforms to America, there are some realities that it will have to accept. Firstly, if GOP base expects Scott Brown to govern as a Georgia or Mississippi conservative, then it had better prepare to have that Senate seat return to the Democrats in 2012. Scott Brown was sent to the Senate to represent the voters of Massachusetts, and he will need to stake out positions at least somewhat consistent with those of the voters in his state. By necessity, this makes it likely that he will be closer to the center of the political spectrum than what many in the GOP base are likely to prefer. That being said, Brown was elected as a result of a populist backlash against a government that people are beginning to sense has become too large. Consequently, he is also likely to favor initiatives that reduce the size of government; something which is consistent with conservative governing philosophy.

While the GOP is benefitting from the current political trends, it still has a lot of work to do if it is to repair its brand nationally.

Because attracting independent voters (as Scott Brown did) is the key to a Republican revival, it is imperative that Republicans realize that these voters are often looking for practical solutions to problems rather than ideologically based solutions. While many of these voters hold positions that are consistent with conservatism, many of them also distrust ideology. Consequently, a Republican Party that effectively decides to excommunicate Brown because of a couple of votes that he may cast that go against conservative orthodoxy will likely turn off many independents and not serve to make the Republican Party the majority. On the other hand, a Party that shows that it is big enough to allow someone like Brown to provide the necessary representation to his constituents who may not happen to be as conservative as one might like has a good chance of winning races that would ordinarily be considered out of reach.

RRC MEMBERS ENDORSE KEITH WEBER FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 1.

By Robert Evans

The members of Republicans of River City unanimously endorsed Keith Weber for District 1 member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 19.

In speaking to our members, Keith convinced us that he will make an outstanding and winning candidate for this office.

When Keith joins the board next year, Republicans will enjoy a majority and will then bring good government principles to the board and control runaway big government spending.



February Is Black History Month

by Carl Burton

Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was

created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

On February 12, 2010, the NAACP marks its 101st anniversary. Spurred by growing racial violence in the early twentieth century, and particularly by race riots in Springfield Illinois in 1908, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). February 12, 1909 was chosen because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

The NAACP was formed partly in response to the continuing horrific practice of lynching and the 1908

race riot in Springfield, the capital of Illinois and resting place of President Abraham Lincoln. Appalled at the violence that was committed against blacks, a group of whites that included Mary White Ovington and Oswald Garrison Villard, both the descendants of abolitionists, William English Walling and Dr. Henry Moscowitz issued a call for a meeting to discuss racial justice. Some 60 people, seven of whom were African American (including W. E. B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mary Church Terrell, a Republican leader in her own right), signed the call, which was released on the centennial of Lincoln's birth.

Jane Addams Republican and the second woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize helped found the NAACP along with Republican U.S. Congressman George Henry White from North Carolina (1897 – 1901), who is considered the last African American Congressman of the Reconstruction era.



ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

February 1, 1865 – Chief Justice Salmon Chase, swears in Republican John S. Rock, first African-American to be admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court.

February 3, 1870 – After passing the House with 98% support and 97% Democrat opposition, Republicans' 15th Amendment is ratified, granting the vote to all Americans regardless of race.

February 8, 1894 - Democrat Congress and Democrat President Grover Cleveland join to repeal Republicans' Enforcement Act, which had enabled African-Americans to vote.

February 12, 1809 – Abraham Lincoln's birth. In 1909, African-American Republicans and women's suffragists Ida Wells and Mary Terrell co-found the NAACP.

February 25, 1870 – A former slave, Mississippi Republican Hiram Revels, becomes the first African-American U. S. Senator.

February 27, 1860 – Abraham Lincoln launches his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination with a speech at the Cooper Institute in New York.

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