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in the media, including regular appearances on such popular radio stations as San Francisco's KSFO, San Diego's KCBQ, and Los Angeles' KKLA.

Mr. Greenfield is a native Californian, and earned his BA in political science from the University of California at Berkeley, graduating in three years as Class Speaker. He earned his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He is honorably discharged from the U.S. Naval Intelligence (Res.). Mr. Greenfield is also the Claremont Institute's Fellow in American Studies. He currently serves on the Advisory Board



of the Endowment for Middle East Truth, and on the Board of the Israel-Christian Nexus. A popular speaker, Larry focuses on national security issues, including the West's response to the rise of radical Islam, and such domestic issues as energy, economy, education, and mass culture.

**October Reservations — Menu — Location**

**Luncheon Schedule**

**Mission Hills CC Oct 21**  
**Desert Horizons CC Nov 18**  
**Thunderbird CC Dec 16**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON THE PREVIOUS FRIDAY. YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION TO ATTEND!!**

11:00 am Social Hour  
11:30 am Meeting Convened  
12:00 pm Lunch served  
12:20 Larry Greenfield to speak

**RSVP: 837-7100 x 1 by Friday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> by noon,**  
**Carole Zaffino; or email to:**  
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*Thai Beef Tenderloin Salad*  
Heirloom Tomato, Garden Aromatics, and Toasted Peanuts  
*Dessert*  
White & Dark Chocolate Mousse Cake  
Rich Belgian Chocolate Sauce  
French Macaroon Garnish  
Rolls and Butter  
Coffee & Tea

**Substitution:** Chicken breast if reservation is made on time

*Date & Location*

Wednesday October 21, 2009  
Mission Hills Country Club  
34-600 Mission Hills Dr  
Between Davall & Bob Hope

Valet on Duty

Members \$30 / Guests \$35

**Please write your check ahead of time to speed up registration!**

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Hello to all!

We began our new season with a wonderful luncheon meeting at Indian Wells Country Club with Morrie Beschloss as our esteemed guest speaker. Morrie is always full of factual information and is quick to dispel, through his insightful intuitiveness that which is said by those rumor mongers of the left in their continued attempts to “tweak” information to suit their own selfish purposes. As always, his wit and humor help soften the cold, hard truths that we are all facing in these trying times and, dare I say, needlessly expensive proposals being foisted upon us. Thank you, Lise McGouran and your hospitality crew for your seemingly “effortless” task of venue, food and more that make our meetings so enjoyable! We appreciate your hard work! A big thank you, also, to Darlene Casella, VP Programs, for the excellent speakers you have lined up for our new season!



State Senator John Benoit, 37<sup>th</sup> District and Barry Nestande, attending on behalf of Brian Nestande, Assemblyman, 64<sup>th</sup> District, were there to honor Morrie with two impressive, framed commendations for his extraordinary dedication to our Republican ideals, beliefs and tenets. We are very proud to have him as one of our very own Associates! Congratulations, Morrie!



There is a “new kid in town” in the form of Cheryl Bisco, Field Representative for Assemblyman Brian Nestande’s 64<sup>th</sup> District for she is also President of the Riverside County Young Republicans (RCYR)! This absolutely brilliant organization is for the 40 and younger crowd that are making their voices heard loud and clear! They are having a Desert Membership Kickoff featuring Sen. Benoit and Assemblyman Nestande on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Roc’s Fireside Grill, 36-891 Cook St., Palm Desert and it is free! Appetizers will be served. Please contact Cheryl to RSVP at 619-952-5078 or e-mail [cheryll\\_bisco@hotmail.com](mailto:cheryll_bisco@hotmail.com) (that space in her name is a \_ so please make sure you include it!)– let’s show up to show our support for these younger, enthusiastic Republicans!



I had the privilege of attending our CRP Convention at our esteemed Esmeralda Hotel this past week-end. Among the many attending, the stand out meetings were with Steve Poizner, Tom Campbell, and Meg Whitman, gubernatorial candidates all.

Wow, I’m running out of space but I have so much more! Look forward to seeing you at our October 21 meeting at Mission Hills Country Club. Granted, there are a very few that are unable to attend at the last minute due to illness or emergency, but no shows will be billed. With all due respect to our members that make timely reservations, we are sorry but we can no longer accommodate those that attempt to make reservations the day before, or just walk in; you will not be accommodated.

For those of you that have not yet renewed, NOW IS THE TIME TO DO SO!

Sincerely,  
Sandra Donia



## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD On HEALTH CARE DEBATE

The following members of the US Congress are directly dealing with the Health Care bill. They sit on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions committees.

Mike Enzi (ranking member) Wyoming	202-224-6770
Judd Gregg - New Hampshire	202-224-3324
Lamar Alexander - Tennessee	202-224-4944
Richard Burr - North Carolina	202-224-3154
Johnny Isakson - Georgia	202-224-3643
John McCain - Arizona	202-224-2235
Orrin Hatch - Utah	202-224-5251
Lisa Murkowski - Alaska	202-224-6665
Tom Colburn - Oklahoma	202- 224-5754
Pat Roberts - Kansas	202-224-4774

California Federation of Republican Women,  
Southern Division Convention  
“SHOWCASE THE FUTURE”  
Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14, 2009

#### CONVENTION FEES

Registration Fee: \$40—required by all attendees  
Friday Workshop Attendees must be registered  
President’s Banquet - \$47.00  
(Registration fee not required if attending dinner only)  
Saturday Lunch - \$35.00

#### Convention Registration Hours

Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 Noon to 5:00 PM  
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 7:30 AM to Noon

For more information visit the web site or see September Newsletter  
[www.cfrwsoutherndivision.org](http://www.cfrwsoutherndivision.org)

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 23, 2009**

Doubletree Guest Suites

2085 So. Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim

Reservations 714-383-7010

Reservations must be made directly to the hotel.

**Inform them that you are with the**

**California Federation of Republican Women,**

**Southern Division**

**Group Code: CFR**

RANCHO MIRAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED  
Minutes of the General Meeting September 16, 2009

**RANCHO MIRAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED**

Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Indian Wells Country Club

**Call to Order:** President Sandra Donia called to order the Rancho Mirage Republican Women Federated regular meeting, at the Indian Wells Country Club, by 11:45am... The invocation was given by Darlene Casella and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandi Goldbeck. President Sandra Donia introduced guests State Senator John Benoit, Barry Nestande representing Assemblyman Brian Nestande and aide, Cheryll Bisco, Feld Representative for Assemblyman Brian Nestande..

**Officer Reports:**

**Minutes:** President Sandra Donia reported the Minutes were approved by a committee of three members, and the reading was waived.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurers Report was prepared by Elaine Henderson who is available to answer any questions.

**Membership:** Deborah Hobbs said we need to turn all of those new people who showed up to the Membership Tea into members. Renewal of your membership until December 31, 2009 is \$17.50. On January 1, 2010 the membership fee for 2010 is returns to \$35.

**Ways and Means:** Debbi Hall had an excused absence.

**Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** President Sandra Donia announced we have kept our Diamond Award status this year.

**Liaison to the Troops:** Joan Titus said we sent 80 Marines, from our Squadron, to Soak City and they had a wonderful time. Joan reminded everyone about purchasing a Wal-Mart gift certificate for the children of our at 29 Palms Base for their Christmas Party. She also told members and guests that SOS is opening up their own quarters at the old Greyhound Terminal in Palm Springs. President Sandra Donia reminded the ladies to donate their evening gowns for the Marine Ball coming up on November 13, 2009 at the Esmeralda Hotel in Indian Wells.

**NFRW convention in Orlando, FL:** Elaine Henderson went on behalf of RMRWF and reported our Federation is gearing up for the upcoming election.

**Special Gift:** Darlene Casella, John Benoit and Cheryll Bisco presented Morrie Beschloss with a special recognition for his outstanding leadership to the community.

**Lunch:** 12:10pm

**CRP Convention:** Pam Williams made a brief remark about the sign up table for volunteering to help at the CRP convention coming up on September 25-27, 2009.

**Speaker:** Darlene Casella introduced our guest speaker, Morrie Beschloss. He spoke on "Victory or Oblivion". He continued by saying, our country is in a \$12.1 trillion dollar debt and a \$1.8 trillion dollar deficit. Mr. Beschloss talked about ACORN, the coming inflation, Van Jones and the Kyoto agreement. He also announced that part of the money from the stimulus package went to the Apollo group and other ACORN associated groups.

**Raffles:** President Sandra Donia and other members conducted a successful raffle.

**Guest:** Lise McGouran introduced guests at each table.

**New Young Republicans Group for the Desert:** Cheryll Bisco, Assemblyman Brian Nestande's aide, announced a Young Republicans group for the Desert and invited all to attend their Membership Kickoff on October 7th.

**Meeting Adjourned:** By President Sandra Donia at 1:20pm.

**Respectfully Submitted By:** Pam Williams, Recording Secretary

**October , 2009**

*RMRWF General Meeting  
Mission Hills Country club*

Future Meetings

Oct. 21, 2009

Nov. 18, 2009

Dec. 16, 2009



**Service Record – Republican Women’s Awards Committee**

Name of Organization	Date	Political	Community
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>			

**Federated Awards Program**

The Rancho Mirage Republican Women, Federated is proud to have been a Diamond Award Club for many years and we hope to continue to achieve the goals that we have set for ourselves and the Republican Party. We could not have achieved this award without dedicated members like you, so we need your support in sending in your volunteer hours, both political and community.

Political hours consists of any volunteer work for the party, such as voter registration, being on political committees, working headquarters, political phoning, going to political functions, etc.

Community hours consist of volunteering for any nonprofit organizations, such as church, museums, thrift shops such as Angel View, belonging and going to meetings for nonprofit organizations.

Please mail your hours to:  
RMRWF  
P. O. Box 152  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

**ALL OF US NEED TO HELP REGISTER REPUBLICAN VOTERS!**

**If the Republican party wants to win back California, then we need to do our part and volunteer with voter registration. Since 1990, Republican voter registration has fallen from 39% to 31%.**

**Please contact our new Voter Registration Chair, Michelle Rancour, (760) 345-0214 or email michellerancour@aol.com to assist in this most important voter registration drive!!!**



Membership Application:  New  Renewal  Associate (*Associates, please list Primary Club* \_\_\_\_\_)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  
*Last Name, First Name* *Husband's Name*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*I am a registered Republican. I shall support and work for the election of Republican candidates for office and encourage loyalty to the principles and policies of the Republican Party.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in the following committee activities:*  Americanism/Community Scholarships  Audit  Awards  
 Bulletin  Bulletin Mailing  Budget  Chaplain  Evening Group  Headquarters  
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 Sunshine  Telephone/Email Alerts  Venue/Hospitality  Voter Registration  Ways & Means  Youth Outreach  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues: \$35.00 per year (Associate: \$20.00 for men or members of another Federated Republican club) payable to "RMRWF"**

## Battle Lines drawn before war memorial court fight

Excerpt taken from the Press Enterprise

The latest Supreme Court Controversy which ( attacks our constitution and our freedom of Religion) is over a cross standing at a war memorial in the Mojave Desert.



In advance of next month's U.S. Supreme Court Case, The American Civil Liberties Union held a conference in Washington to preview the arguments in the case. The ACLU for years challenged the constitutionality of a religious symbol on public land. Defenders say the cross, which has stood since 1934 as a memorial to soldiers killed in WW I should remain.

Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Redlands, in recent years helped broker a deal in which the government transferred the land on which the cross stands to a private party. However, (activist) judges on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (have decided to ignore the constitution and legislate from the bench) . They ruled twice that the cross must be removed finding that the land transfer does not minimize the impermissible government endorsement of a religious symbol.

Ben Goad —Press Enterprise Reporter

( comments added in by our newsletter editor)

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The courts' liberal, biased, and abusive power to legislate from the bench is an outrage to the brave men who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and our country! “ It is bad enough to say that the veteran's memorial is unconstitutional, but it is outrageous to say that the government cannot give the monument back to the people who spilled their blood and put it there in the first place”, said Kelly Shackelford, an attorney for the veterans group.

The Supreme Court will be hearing arguments from both sides this October before deciding if the land transfer remedied the constitutionality aspects of the case.

## Joan Titus - Liaison to the Troops

As I have said before, it is an honor to be Liaison to the Troops for Rancho Mirage Republican Women.

Because of you, we have been able to accomplish so much over the years to support our adopted Marine Rhino Squadron #374 at 29 Palms!

This past year we made it possible for 80 Marines to spend a day at Knott's Soak City for a day of fun and relaxation.

Because of so many of you, we were able to donate almost 300 gowns, plus shoes, bags, wraps, jewelry, etc. for the spouses of our Squadron to attend the Marine Corps. Birthday Ball on November 13 at the

Esmeralda Hotel.

As most of you know, the Marines date back to 1775 - how wonderful for us to be a part of this legacy!

For many years we have provided \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift cards to the children in our Squadron - let's not let them down in this year of challenge for us all! Their costs go up as with everyone else!

Joan Titus Liaison to the Troops.

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isn't Free**



**Support  
Our Troops**



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