



# Republicans of River City

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Republicans of River City meeting is **CANCELLED**.

We urge all our members to join us for the April 19 Rancho Cordova lunch featuring Senator Jim Nielsen.

Due to the monthly Rancho Cordova lunch featuring Senator Jim Nielsen on April 19, the regularly scheduled Republicans of River City meeting is CANCELLED. .

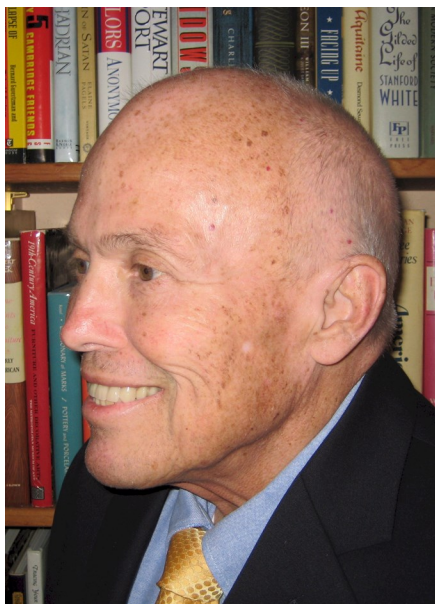
Jim represents a big part of Sacramento County. Lunch is \$12 for CCC or RC Chamber members WITH RESERVATIONS or \$20 for non-members and MEMBERS WITHOUT RESERVATIONS. Time:

11:30am - 1:30pm;

Members \$12, Non

Members \$20. Location: Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Call 916-273-6588 to reserve your seat. We look forward to seeing you at our May 21 meeting at Mimi's Cafe.



## WHO OWNS THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL DEBT?

By Robert Evans

We have all seen and heard that China owns our national debt. Is that true? Here are the facts:

At the end of 2011, when our gross public debt stood at \$14.3 trillion, China owned \$1.2 trillion, or 8.4 percent.

Foreign holdings, excluding China, stood at 22.4 percent, and domestic holdings at 27.3 percent.

The largest piece of debt was held by the Social Security Trust Fund and the Federal Reserve: 39.9 percent or \$5.7 trillion. The Federal Reserve in fiscal 2011 was the largest buyer of new U.S. Treasury debt, acquiring 77 percent.

## **GOP GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY PRIJECT**

**By Carl Burton**

After reading the recent GOP 100 page outreach plan (go to <http://growthopp.gop.com/default.aspx>) that recommended spending \$10 million to send workers to minority communities, I don't care if you produce a 500 page report and spend \$100 million, it will do no good if we don't go into the neighborhoods.

We have to be involved year round, not just at election time. Like the Sacramento Republican Women's Club that spends time each month at the Sacramento Receiving Home for Children. Or the America River Republican Womens club who visit each month with sick military personal at the Mather Veterans Hospital.

If we aren't in the minority communities, we don't know the issues they face. The vast majority of Asians, Blacks and Hispanics are law-abiding, church going people.

Trust is also necessary. If you don't first establish trust, you can't talk about politics. And you can't build trust unless you show people that you truly care – care about their issues, their problems. And you can't do that unless you are in the neighborhoods.

As Republicans we need to spend time in minority communities, not just going to political events, but giving of our time and money to various community concerns.

All Republicans - especially our elected officials, need to venture out of their comfort zones and into neighborhoods that they perceive as scary but in reality are just comprised of fellow citizens if they want to win future elections..

## **A GIANT DIED ON APRIL 8**

**By Carl Burton**

Margaret Thatcher's bluntness, strong character, sharpness and sternness were reflected in the words that helped earn her the nickname the Iron Lady, and many quotes from Britain's former prime minister, who died on April 8 at age 87, will go down in history.

Here are just a few of them:

1. "If you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman." (1965 speech.)
2. "Where there is discord, may we bring harmony. Where there is error, may we bring truth. Where there is doubt, may we bring faith. And where there is despair, may we bring hope." (May 4, 1979, after becoming PM.)
3. "Pennies don't fall from heaven — they have to be earned here on Earth." (Nov. 1979 at a banquet.)
4. "To those waiting with bated breath for that favorite media catchphrase, the U-turn, I have only one thing to say: You turn if you want to. The lady's not for turning." (Oct. 1980, Conservative Party conference.)
5. "My policies are based not on some economics theory, but on things I and millions like me were brought up with: an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, live within your means, put by a nest egg for a rainy day, pay your bills on time, support the police." (September 1981 interview.)
6. "Defeat? I do not recognize the meaning of the word." (April 1982, start of the Falklands War.)
7. "I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end." (April 4, 1989, in the Observer.)

More than 2,000 politicians, dignitaries and celebrities – from Hillary Clinton to former British Prime Mister Tony Blair - have been invited to attend the funeral of Lady Thatcher at St Paul's Cathedral on April 17. The guest list, includes all surviving former US presidents and a representative of the former South African president Nelson Mandela.

Neither the former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, famously described by Thatcher as a man "we could do business with", nor Nancy Reagan, widow of the later prime minister's adored US ally President Ronald Reagan, will be there, for health reasons.

## **ABDICATING DUTY - THE FAILURE TO DEFEND LAWS**

**By Christopher Angle**

Now that the justices have heard the oral arguments over Pro 8 and the Defense Of Marriage Act (DOMA), the punditry is flooding the airwaves and editorial pages with predictions of what the Court will do and what it should do. For most folks, their view of what the Court should do is based entirely on whether or not they support same-sex marriage (SSM). While many are touting the historical nature of the Court's decisions, their view remains largely fixated on the question "Same-Sex Marriage: Yes or No". However, there is one issue that needs to be resolved in this case that could have a far greater impact on the future of this country than the narrow question of same-sex marriage.

Specifically, the issue focuses on the question of whether those defending the laws have the standing to do so. In the case of Proposition 8, the arguments against the defendants having

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standing appear to be strong in that they don't seem able to show that they have suffered any injury over Prop 8 being overturned. The case for members of Congress having the standing to defend DOMA is stronger based on Congress' right to defend federal laws. However, a finding of standing for these folks, as well for the Prop 8 folks, could open the door through precedent to a variety of busybodies challenging countless court decisions that overturned laws that they like. However, it must be noted that in both cases, the defense teams have only jumped in because the State of California and the Obama Administration have abdicated their duty to defend the laws.

While the contention of the State of California and the Obama Administration that the laws are unconstitutional may yet be borne out by the Court, they still have a duty to defend the law. One of the unspoken rules that underpin our entire political system is the belief that you must support the system, even when it does things that you disagree with. Both DOMA and Prop 8 were duly enacted. In the case of Prop 8, if the Supreme Court doesn't allow standing, the Court will be ruling that the people must essentially ask permission from the elected

officials before amending their state constitutions (in the states where amendments are allowed by referendum). By denying standing, what the Court will effectively be saying is that the people can vote, but if the elected officials (such as the Governor) opposed the measure, they can effectively overturn it at any time in the future by refusing to defend it. This means that many voter-approved initiatives/amendments will simply be overturned the next time a Governor of the opposed political party gets into office. Opponents of the law will simply wait until their guy gets into office, file a lawsuit, Governor Goodguy will refuse to defend the law, and presto, the law will be eliminated.

By refusing to defend a law that they don't like, both the State of California and the Obama Administration have undermined the trust that laws will be defended (and enforced) regardless of whether or not the Administration in power agrees with them or not. Any peaceful society is based on trust, and if you don't have that you don't really have a society (at least not a stable one). Societies without social trust look like Iraq, Afghanistan, and Somalia.



MILLIONAIRES GOT \$80 MILLION IN JOBLESS AID

By Robert Evans

The U.S. government paid almost \$80 million in unemployment benefits during the worst of the economic downturn to households that made more than \$1 million, including a record \$29.9 million in 2010, tax records show.

Almost 3,200 households — about 20 percent of them from New York — that reported adjusted gross income of more than \$1 million received unemployment insurance payments averaging \$12,600 in 2010, the latest year for which figures are available, according to IRS data compiled by Bloomberg. Those payments outpaced the total incomes for about 25 million U.S. households.

The unemployment aid to millionaire households underscores the lack of means-testing in some federal aid programs.

Lawmakers have repeatedly tried to end or limit benefits to high-income households. The House of Representatives passed legislation in December 2011 as part of a jobs bill that would have taxed unemployment benefits at 100 percent for single filers with adjusted gross incomes

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exceeding \$1 million or married filers reporting \$2 million in income. The provision wasn't included in the bill signed by President Barack Obama.

The Internal Revenue Service doesn't release information about individual income tax filers, so it's impossible to identify specific millionaires who received unemployment benefits. However, the average millionaire New York household collected \$13,590 in unemployment benefits during 2010, or a maximum of 33 weeks of benefits.

This is nothing new. A friend of mine who worked for years in the Hollywood office of the Unemployment Office told me the office had the signatures of all the biggest Hollywood movie stars. He told me that one day, a limousine pulled up in front of the

office. A footman got out, opened the back door and out stepped Claudette Colbert. Ms. colbert came in the office and signed up as she had finished a picture.

## NEW CITIZENS

By Carl Burton

Once again we will celebrate with our newest citizens as they become citizens on April 24 in the morning (8:30) at Raily Field in West Sacramento.

As always with some the road to citizenship took months and/or years. I am sure that it takes a lot of courage and commitment to leave a home country and start over in the new country.

New citizens like these have been a great blessing to our country year after year. If you should have the opportunity to talk to one of our newest citizens' maybe they

will share with you about their journey to citizenship.

At one recent ceremony 12 year old Sebastian came to the podium and led his father and the other new Americans in the Pledge of Allegiance, "This is good, my dad can vote now," he said. Sebastian's father was able to register to vote right after the ceremony and you can help us if you volunteer at our Republican booth this month.

For me it's a heartwarming experience and sometime I even get a little teary-eyed even though I have been going to the ceremony for over 8 years.

After the ceremony this month all of the Republican volunteers will enjoy lunch—courtesy of the Sacramento County Republican Party.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a monthly newsletter, speakers, and an outstanding opportunity to meet your elected officials and California's finest political strategists. River City is also a great way to network and make new friends.

I am a registered Republican and would like to join Republicans of River City.

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Yearly Membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Membership: enclosed is my check for \$25  
(Young Professionals 18-25 \$15 per person)

\_\_\_\_\_ Couples Membership: enclosed is our check for \$40

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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