



# NEWPORT HARBOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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## UPDATE

April 2011

### Don't Miss Our April Guest Speaker



## Michael Reagan

Best Selling Author  
Political Consultant

Son of President Ronald Reagan

### **SPECIAL LOCATION AND DATE**

**Thursday, April 21, 2011**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**\$40.00**

**Balboa Bay Club**  
**1221 W. Coast Highway**  
**Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
*Valet Parking available, \$8.00*

Book signing following the lunch.  
His latest book will be available  
for purchase at the luncheon or  
bring your own copy.

### April Guest Speaker: Michael Reagan

Michael Reagan is the son of former President Ronald Reagan and Academy Award Winning Actress Jane Wyman. He has authored many successful books including his best-selling autobiography, "On the Outside Looking In," "The Common Sense of An Uncommon Man: The Wit, Wisdom and Eternal Optimism of Ronald Reagan," and "Twice Adopted." His latest book is "The New Reagan Revolution, How Ronald Reagan's Principles Can Restore America's Greatness." He is a popular national speaker on issues related to conservative politics, adoption, and the life lessons he learned from his parents. Michael hosted a live radio show for over 26 years, which was the first nationally syndicated long form political talk show presented by Premiere Radio Networks. Michael is also the founder and chairman of The Reagan Group. All of his activities are brought together at [www.reagan.com](http://www.reagan.com).

Throughout his career, Michael has taken time to support numerous charitable organizations. In addition to his role as president of The Reagan Legacy Foundation, he serves on the board of The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation.

In 2005, he established the Michael Reagan Center for Advocacy and Research in partnership with Arrow Child and Family Ministries. The center operates from a Christian world view and conducts research in order to effectively advocate for public policies that benefit the safety, stability and well-being of children and families, particularly those served by public and private child welfare systems.

*For more information about Michael Reagan, please visit [www.nhrw.org](http://www.nhrw.org).*

**Make your reservations today! Bring a friend!**

**\$40 check payable to NHRW**

must be received by Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
RSVP early – Please include phone number.

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## SAVE THE DATES!

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### **The Pacific Club Luncheons**

Thursday, May 26th

### **Christine Engelbrecht,**

Founding member of King Street Patriots

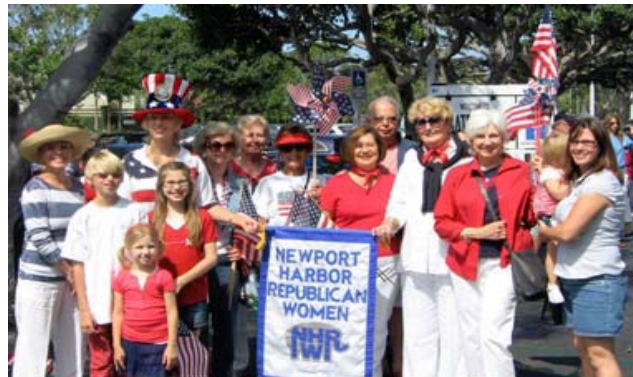
No luncheon meeting June, July or August

Dates and speakers for the fall will be announced on our Web site and September newsletter

### **Balboa Island Parade**

Sunday, June 5th - 11:00-2:00 p.m. (Meet 9:30 a.m., parking lot by Union Bank, Bayside at Jamboree)

Join in the great family fun & march in the parade! Dress in red, white & blue. Theme: "Balboa Island...Spirit of America"  
Decorated Golf Carts & Floats, Vintage Cars, Keystone Cops, Drill Teams, Marching Bands, Local Dignitaries & Much More!  
Call Marie Deremiah for more information – (949) 760-0549



## **NHRW BOOK CLUB MEETING**

Our first book club meeting was held on March 17th and we reviewed Sally Pipes' book, "The Truth About Obamacare." Joining the discussion at Tana Sherwood's home were: Nancy Weinstein, Monica Mitchell, Colleen Brady, Donna Loren and Kathy Taylor.

Our next meeting will be held May 17th from 7 to 9 pm at Donna Loren's home in Crystal Cove. We will take up Michael Reagan's new book, "The New Reagan Revolution, How Ronald Reagan's Principles Can Restore America's Greatness."

Please contact Colleen Brady to RSVP if you'd like to join us in May, and she will provide the address and directions. Colleen may be reached at 949-702-7449, or e-mail her at [colleen211@gmail.com](mailto:colleen211@gmail.com).



Please join us  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
in Newport Heights, Newport Beach  
for a  
**CURRENT EVENTS ACTION MEETING**

Come – be educated – take action!

Members will present brief summaries (verbally and in writing) of several current national and state issues of concern, with specific action steps; and you will be given opportunities to send comments, suggestions and requests to your representatives in Washington or Sacramento. We'll provide postcards to write on the spot, and you may choose to take information and guidelines home and send e-mails or faxes, make phone calls – depending on the issue and what you're comfortable with. And it's all *free*. (Small donations are welcome.)

Whatever form of communication you choose, the important thing is to *do it!* And do it respectfully and intelligently! Contacting your elected representatives can bring you that satisfaction of active involvement in the political process. Even if you rarely agree on issues, it is important that they know what you think.

We'll be surrounded by women who share our views in an exchange of ideas and information. This is a great way for interested people to meet and take action.

**RSVPs are required**, as we need a number to have enough postcards and information sheets, as well as to plan for simple refreshments.

It is suggested that you bring 10 return address labels to use on your postcards.

We look forward to working with you to help get our country back on the right track!

**RSVP** to J.T. Geehr at [jt.geehr@gmail.com](mailto:jt.geehr@gmail.com) or (949) 280-5364  
by Saturday, May 7, 2011

Please give your name, phone number and e-mail address (if you have one).

**Meeting will be at J.T. Geehr's home, 703 St. James Place, Newport Beach 92663**

Near Newport Harbor High. From PCH turn onto Dover Dr. Make first Left onto Cliff Dr. Take first Right onto Kings Place and go one block to 15<sup>th</sup> St. Turn Right onto 15<sup>th</sup>, which quickly curves left and becomes St. James Place. 703 will be on your left; a grey house with a red door and a white picket fence.

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## March Current Events Action Meeting

A group of interested and enthusiastic members met on March 15 at the home of J.T. Geehr to enjoy coffee and pastries, and to discuss and learn about several important issues.

The first issue we covered was Obamacare waivers. The Obama administration has handed out over 1040 waivers to various unions and politically favored organizations so far, covering more than 2.6 million people. In fact, the entire state of Maine has been given a three-year reprieve from Obamacare. Now, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New Hampshire and Nevada are awaiting the decision about whether they will have their request for waivers granted. How ironic that Harry Reid's state of Nevada is asking for a waiver from the bill that Reid helped ram through Congress! The action that we took was to write to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, demanding our own health care waivers.

The next issue we took on was Governor Brown's plan to place a measure on the ballot in June to extend "temporary" tax increases and fees. These taxes and fees would be retroactive to January 2011. State Senator Tom Harman has not taken the "no new taxes" pledge and has been negotiating with Governor Brown. If the measure is put before the California voters, the unions will spend tens of millions to ensure its success. We wrote, called and emailed Senator Harman, imploring him to hold the line against placing Governor Brown's tax measure on the ballot.

Last, we addressed the issue of the Continuing Resolution in the House of Representatives. We contacted the Speaker's office to let him know how strongly we felt about not passing any CR that did not include defunding Obamacare, Planned Parenthood, and NPR. Unfortunately, our efforts were not rewarded, and the House did pass the CR. The next vote will be in early April; we must all make the effort to call and email Speaker Boehner and Majority Leader Cantor before then.

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## Ballot Initiative Committee

Our committee has determined that we will not pursue a ballot initiative effort due to time, financial and pragmatic considerations. Instead, the members of our committee have decided to participate in the Election Integrity Project (EIP). Using the True the Vote model adapted to California State Election Law and other California laws, EIP is a citizen-led initiative to protect the virtue of our vote and the integrity of our elections.

As we put our team together, we are looking for leaders and volunteers in the areas of Data Management, Volunteer Management, Research, Legislative, Social Media, and Campus Monitoring. The project will require many volunteers - there are big jobs and little jobs; and we invite you and your friends to join us as we prepare for the 2012 election.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining our cause by emailing your contact information to [aboyd@nhrw.org](mailto:aboyd@nhrw.org). Thank you.

~ Anita Meister-Boyd

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## MARCH LUNCHEON RECAP

By Carol Paulsen & Ginger Modiri

Our guest speaker on March 24th was Sally C. Pipes, President and CEO of Pacific Research Institute and author of "The Trust About Obamacare." Sally's much-anticipated topic was health care reform, better known as Obamacare, which was enacted March 23, 2010, by an historical vote. The "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" passed without a single Republican vote, although it did not win in the "court of public opinion."

Sally's question was how to best achieve the goal of revamping our health care system. Understanding it is like peeling an onion - it has many layers. She does feel we all agree that the key goal for America is affordable, accessible, quality health care for all. There are two competing visions when it comes to health care reform and achieving universal coverage. One vision focuses on patient-centered solutions, empowering doctors and patients, and encouraging innovation in new drugs, biologics, and medical devices. The other focuses on increasing the role of government through more mandates, higher subsidies and taxes and controls on insurance companies.

It is this second focus that was the basis for Obama's vision and what he achieved with the ACA (Affordable Care Act). Fifty percent of health care is already in the government's hands - the highest percentage in history. The U.S. spent 17.6 percent of our GDP on health care in 2009 while Canada spent 10.4 percent. In Canada this results in long waits averaging 18.2 weeks, rationed by age, and a lack of access to the latest equipment. This would be the way we are headed with the passage of the ACA.

The 2011 challenges are that the Republicans need to keep the pressure on. They have already taken back the House and they promise to introduce legislation to repeal the ACA. Under Obamacare, the research and development by the drug manufacturers, medical device companies, insurance companies and ultimately consumers will suffer the costs. The entrepreneur and small businesses will feel the increased financial burden and our children and grandchildren will end up paying for this. Eighty percent of jobs are created by small business and we must not destroy the American entrepreneur.

Obama's ongoing statement is, "If you like your health insurance and you like your doctor, nothing will change" - and we have already seen the fallacy of this. He said the cost would not change, but now he has changed his mind and says the cost will increase. Then there is the mandating issue that everyone has to have insurance by 2014. Sally's questions to us are, "Who do you want to be in charge of your health care? If the government can force us to buy health insurance, what else can they force us to purchase?" These thoughts leave us all worried about the outcome of Obamacare.

In closing Sally reminded us of this quote: "If you think health care is expensive now, just wait until its **FREE!**"

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**Membership Application**  
Newport Harbor Republican Women  
P.O. Box 5561, Newport Beach, CA 92662-5561

*Please Print*  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to receive the newsletter by  E-mail or  U.S. Mail

**Yearly dues of \$26.00 are due January 1st**  
*Please make checks payable to NHRW and mail to the above address.*

Donations welcome: Gift  Scholarship Fund  Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with:  
Current Events  Community Outreach  Hospitality   
Campaign Headquarters  Mailings  Voter Registration

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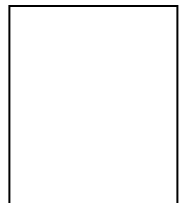
## Welcome New Members

Marilyn Beck  
Colleen Brady  
Judy Dobson  
June Donovan  
Judy Friedman  
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Doris Hope  
Fran Howe  
Donna Loren  
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