

# NEWPORT HARBOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Luncheon with Guest Speaker

**Ann McElhinney**

## WHAT THE GOSNELL STORY HAS TAUGHT ME

***The Gosnell case shows not only the lengths to which the mainstream media will go to hide stories they don't agree with; it also shows how taxpayer funded government agencies collude with them***



Ann McElhinney is an inspiring and entertaining public speaker. She was voted the most popular speaker after Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter at CPAC. McElhinney produces and directs with her husband, Phelim McAleer. Their work examining the real life costs of environmental policies has outraged many in the environmentalist movement and they've received several death threats.

Her most recent success is a massive crowdfunding campaign for a movie about Kermit Gosnell. Gosnell is a ripped-from-the-headlines story about a respected doctor who ran a medical clinic in an impoverished Philadelphia neighborhood. But behind the doors of his clinic the smiling, avuncular Kermit Gosnell was also America's most prolific serial killer.

Ann has directed and produced *FrackNation – A Journalist's Search for the Fracking Truth*, a documentary on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and the natural gas boom in the US and abroad; *Not Evil Just Wrong*, which examines the devastating consequences of Al Gore's global warming hysteria; *Mine Your Own Business*, the first documentary that asks difficult questions of the environmental movement, and others. She has worked as a journalist and filmmaker in many countries.

McElhinney appears on a number of media organizations including Fox News, ABC (US), ABC (Australia), and the Hugh Hewitt, Dennis Miller and Randi Rhodes radio shows, and is a contributor to Breitbart's Big Hollywood site. She has written for *The Sunday Times* (UK), *The Irish Times*, and many other periodicals. She speaks at conferences and campuses across the US on the dangers of environmental extremists and the scam of sustainability.

### Luncheon

Thursday, April 23, 2015

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Pacific Club  
4110 MacArthur Blvd.  
Newport Beach 92660

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## *President's Message by Bonnie O'Neil*



What is a Patriot?

People have different answers to that question. My teenage grandson thinks a Patriot is a football player. My granddaughter says it is someone who lived a long time ago and fought for our independence. The dictionary defines a patriot as "A person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion."

All three answers are correct, but there is nothing that defines a patriot quite as accurately as one you observe; someone who spends his time, effort, and actions tirelessly devoted to keeping our nation strong and safe for future generations. Most often a soldier comes to mind, but a civilian can make sacrifices as well.

Our March luncheon speaker, Dr. Pesta, is an example of a true patriot. His presentation was exceedingly informative, delivered with passion and power. You can read the summary of his speech in Anita's article within this newsletter.

What makes Dr. Pesta special is his determination and willingness to devote himself to what he considers a serious problem in America. While it is not unusual for speakers to be passionate about the subject they address, it is unusual for a speaker to have a full-time job and use all of his discretionary time to travel around the country speaking to as many people as possible about the issue of concern. After finishing teaching his classes at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, he boards a plane to fly to his next audience, where he presents his "Case Against Common Core" to all who will listen. He does this without asking for any fees. He is willing to speak day and night at each stop: Speaking at the NHRW luncheon was just one of six engagements during his short visit to Orange County, before he returned to his obligation in the classroom.

Kudos must also be given to patriots throughout America who organize the venues where he speaks. The group who helped Dr. Pesta in Orange County call themselves "Faithful Christian Servants." It is comprised of moms and dads, who also have jobs, families, and obligations, but they too worked tirelessly to organize venues for Dr. Pesta to speak.

There was a time we could have trusted our media to thoroughly investigate legislation and programs, and use the "power of the press" to warn citizens of serious problems in our government. Today, we must rely on citizens like Dr. Pesta for the information.

Dr. Pesta taught us about more than just the glaring problems with Common Core. His amazing example of what just one man is willing and able to do should be the catalyst for each of us to sacrifice our own time to make positive differences in our communities. Working together in the year leading up to the 2016 election, I hope each of us can proudly claim the title of being an American patriot!

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## DR. DUKE PESTA, "A CASE AGAINST COMMON CORE" BY ANITA MEISTER-BOYD

What is Common Core? Who is responsible for Common Core? What are the reasons Common Core should not be adopted?

These are just some of the big picture questions our speaker, Dr. Duke Pesta, answered for us at our March luncheon. He spoke without a microphone, roaming the room, to a completely captive audience. If you missed the luncheon, the entire PowerPoint presentation is available online at the Web site, "FreedomProject Education" or [www.fpeusa.org](http://www.fpeusa.org).

Exerpt from the site:

### What is Common Core?

The answer to this question has been a carefully guarded secret by those who created the Common Core Standards. The Common Core Standards came about when Bill and Melinda Gates first began funding their vision for national educational standards with a grant to the James B. Hunt Institute. To date, the contribution of the Gates' to this project is estimated at 27 million dollars and counting. This seed money led to the development of the Common Core Standards State Initiative by the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (NCSSO), two Washington, D.C. based trade organizations, working in conjunction with Achieve, Incorporated, a D.C. based contractor, and the James B. Hunt Institute, a private lobbying group. Despite the participation of the

NGA and NCSSO, the Common Core standards are NOT state-led initiatives, as proponents of Common Core would have you believe.

### Why should Americans be concerned about these standards?

It would take many pages to lay out all of the dangers to our liberty and educational freedoms contained in the Common Core State Standards Initiative. In brief, each of the fifty states has been bribed by the Federal Government to accept the copyrighted and thus unalterable Common Core standards—even though most Americans have no idea what they entail—by offering those states millions in so-called "Race to the Top" money or exemptions from the failed No Child Left Behind program. To date, forty-six states have accepted Common Core money, ceding curricular control to the Federal government and taking it away from parents, teachers, and local school boards. Beyond the educational mediocrity that Common Core standards will further enshrine in public schools, there are elaborate plans to use the required national assessments within the Common Core Standards as a tool to institute massive data collection about American school children that has nothing to do with education, and everything to do about Government intrusion and control.

We urge you watch our Webcasts on the subject and commit to joining our efforts to defeat Common Core.





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March Luncheon  
Pacific Club***



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Catherine Pleasant, Jacquelynn Warren

## Upcoming Luncheon with Ann-Marie Murrell

Ann-Marie Murrell is the CEO/Editor-in-Chief of *PolitiChicks.com*, which was nominated “People’s Choice Blogger of the Year” at CPAC 2013. Ann-Marie is the co-author of the book [What Women Really Want](#), which has been ranked a #1 bestselling book on Amazon in the category of “Women in Politics.” Ann-Marie was the recipient of *FrontPage Magazine’s* Glazov Gang Ronald Reagan Award and she is a contributor for *Townhall Finance*, *Daily Caller*, *FrontPage Magazine*, *The Blaze*, *Jihad Watch*, *WND* and more. In 2014, Ann-Marie was a panelist at the National Security Summit in Washington, D.C. discussing the barbaric treatment of women by Islamists.



A 7th generation Texan, Ann-Marie’s ancestors were some of the first to settle in the newly formed Republic of Texas in the early 1800’s. She moved to California in the early 80’s to pursue an acting career, appearing in small parts in dozens of television shows and movies including ABC’s *Sledge Hammer*, *The A-Team*, *Young and the Restless* and the film *Sunset Strip* starring Tom Eplin (“Another World”).

After 9/11/01 Ann-Marie became “politically awakened” but she didn’t become an activist until

2008. Now she is a featured speaker at rallies across the U.S. and is a frequent guest on radio and television shows, including a 2013 appearance on the *Dr. Phil Show* in which she represented the conservative viewpoint. Other television and radio shows in which Ann-Marie has appeared are: *Fox and Friends*, *Hannity*, *Lou Dobbs*, *Good Day DC*, *C-SPAN*, *Newsmax*, *BlazeTV*, *the Dennis Prager Show*, and the *Janine Turner Show*. Ann-Marie is a regular commentator and guest host on the *Rick Amato Show*, *FrontPage Magazine’s Glazov Gang*, the *Mark Isler Show* on 870/The Answer, and *MidPoint* on Newsmax TV.

Ann-Marie is one of the go-to reporters in the conservative movement. In addition to political events nationwide, she also conducts red carpet interviews in Hollywood. She has interviewed hundreds of conservative leaders including LTC Allen West, Congressional Representative Louie Gohmert, Congressional Representative Michele Bachmann, and she was one of the last reporters to interview Andrew Breitbart before he died.

You can find Ann-Marie Murrell on Facebook and Twitter [\*\*@PolitichickAM\*\*](#). Contact Ann-Marie at: [thepolitichicks@gmail.com](mailto:thepolitichicks@gmail.com)

### 2014 - historic year for the GOP

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#### Republicans now hold:

- **54 U.S. Senate seats, the most since 2006**
- **31 Governorships, the second highest GOP total since the 1920s**
- **4,100+ state legislative seats, the highest GOP total in history**
- **69 of the nation’s 99 state legislative chambers, the highest total in history**
- **More than half of the nation’s Lieutenant Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State and State Treasurers**

### Iran can pretty much write their own deal.

#### Check it out:

Secretary of State John Kerry allegedly responded in a most unusual way to a reporter’s question Friday whether a nuclear arms deal could be reached with Iran before the March 31 deadline.

“Allah willing,” Kerry replied — in Arabic, according to Laura Rozen, a reporter covering the Iran nuclear talks in Lausanne, Switzerland, for the Washington, D.C.-based online publication, *Al-Monitor*.

Reference: <http://conservativebyte.com/2015/03/kerry-on-iran-deal-if-allah-wills-it/>

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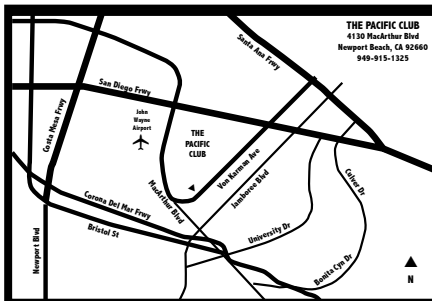
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Entrance is on Von Karman, first driveway on the left off MacArthur, through toll gates, then right - two beige buildings on a lake.

Please have toll gate tickets validated inside club; insert same ticket to open gate when you leave. Free Valet parking (no tipping allowed) or self-park, if you prefer.

No denim, jeans or beach sandals allowed by Pacific Club.

No cell phones in public areas. Please use private phone rooms located in main hallway.

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