

# NEWPORT HARBOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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## GET "WOWED" WITH OUR SPEAKER CHARLES C JOHNSON



Charles C. Johnson is an independent investigative journalist, author, and new media entrepreneur. He is founder of **Gotnews.com**, a website dedicated to independent research and news.

He is the author of [Why Coolidge Matters: Leadership Lessons from America's Most Underrated President](#) (Encounter Books) and [The Truth About the IRS Scandals](#) (Encounter Books).

He has written for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New Criterion*, *The American Spectator*, *The Claremont Review of Books*, *City Journal*, *Reason.com*, *National Review Online*, *Tablet Magazine*, *The Weekly Standard*, *Powerline*, and *The New York Sun*.

His work has been featured on Real Clear Politics, the Drudge Report, Hotair.com, The Blaze, Breitbart.com, Rush Limbaugh's Show, and the Wall Street Journal's Best of the Web. He has been on Fox News with Megyn Kelly, Sean Hannity, and Lou Dobbs and numerous radio programs, including Rush Limbaugh, Larry Elder, John Batchelor, Rusty Humphries, Dennis Prager, Larry Elder, Mark Levin, and Larry Kudlow.

To date, he is the only person to have won both the Robert F. Bartley Fellowship and the Eric Breindel Collegiate Journalism Award, which came with a

\$10,000 prize and an internship at the Wall Street Journal after he exposed a pro-Hezbollah, pro-Hamas professor at his alma mater. He has also won the Robert F. Novak Special Alumni Fellowship from the Phillips Foundation and the Publius Fellowship at the Claremont Institute.

Charles has worked for Alan M. Dershowitz at Harvard Law School, Seth Lipsky at the New York Sun, Carl Schramm at the Kauffman Foundation, and Charles Kesler at the Claremont Review of Books.

Fluent in French and proficient in Spanish, Charles lives in California with his wife.

### Luncheon

Thursday, February 26, 2015

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Pacific Club  
4110 MacArthur Blvd.  
Newport Beach 92660

**Reservations requested to ensure seating availability**

**\$35 check payable to NHRW must be received by Saturday, February 21st, \$45 if later.**

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**Coming March 26, 2015**

**Dr. Duke Pesta, "A Case Against Common Core"**



## *President's Message*

Newport Harbor Republican Women has a tradition of amazing presidents and talented board members who have dedicated many hours to helping build NHRW through the years. That is a key reason it has become one of the most respected Republican women's clubs in the nation. So I confess it was a bit daunting to accept the position of president, knowing the importance and responsibility of upholding our stellar reputation.

We are all thankful to and for Robin Sanders, our most recent president in that sequence to excel. She proved to be dedicated, creative, and an outstanding president.

My job is made so much easier because of the other members on our board, who are deserving of heartfelt gratitude from all of us. Each one is talented and hardworking, and ready to get going on winning the exceedingly important 2016 election.

We encourage each of you to join with us to make positive differences in our community and our nation. We urge you to keep your membership active, stay informed on the issues, attend the luncheon meetings and Current Events Action meetings – and bring your friends. Please consider getting more involved in volunteering for projects such as voter registration, precincts, or some other area that interests you. Together, we can make a significant impact.

Our children and grandchildren are counting on us to keep for them what generations before preserved for us: our magnificent constitution, freedoms, and a way of life that is the envy of the world. To do that, we must remain vigilant. Thomas Jefferson knew human nature and warned future generations:

*“Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.”*

May this be our entire club's goal in the days ahead, as we continue striving to keep and preserve all that has made America exceptional. I'm looking forward to working with you and getting to know you better.

- Bonnie O'Neil



### **NHRW January Speaker Review featuring Nonie Darwish**

Our January speaker, Nonie Darwish, began with a plea for the West to connect the dots regarding the true nature of radical Islam. She insisted that if we examine the history of Islam, we will come to understand that it is not so much a religion as a political ideology of conquest and subjugation, and that wherever radical Islam goes, terrorism and fear follow. In the seventh century, Christianity was already 600 years old and had penetrated most of the Middle East except for the Arabian Peninsula, due to its geography. There in the Arabian Peninsula, Islam, the Koran, and Sharia were created as a rejection

of Judeo-Christian values. In 639AD, Egypt was 100% Christian with a completely different culture and language from Arabia's. It was conquered by Arabic Muslims in that year, and Egyptian Christians were forced either to convert to Islam or to watch their Muslim conquerors hang their church leaders from church rafters as they cut them limb by limb. The churches were either burned or converted to mosques, as anyone who was not Muslim was deemed an enemy of Allah and, by extension, the Islamic State. Egyptian Christians lost not only their religion but their language as they were absorbed

into Islam, though some Coptic churches remained. In this way, this new political movement pillaged, raped, and established its presence throughout the Middle East, conquering Christian Syria and Turkey, and building its "holiest of holy" mosque atop the Jewish Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Today's Red Sea and Indian Ocean pirates are reminiscent of the eighteenth century Barbary Pirates, current day kidnappings and terrorist attacks reincarnate the Islamic terror that gripped the Middle Ages, and Coptic churches in the Middle East are once again under assault with about 86 destroyed in the last couple of years. Radical Islam continues its brutal conquest through the Middle East, Africa, the Philippines, Malaysia, and India; and regardless of political concessions, its lust for territorial conquest and domination continues as it maneuvers for Kashmir, the Philippines, Chechnya, and Kosovo.

Nonie believes that radical Islam is rotten to the core and seeks to destroy Western Civilization and the human soul. She witnessed firsthand how the political elite keep the masses engaged in this struggle -- the poor and ill-educated are fed heinous lies about Jews and Americans, prayers at mosques make killing Jews and Americans seem like a holy action, American generosity to Islamic countries is not reported in Arab media, fear of government reprisal prevents free speech, and hate is taught to children at a very young age. Sharia says you must slander and lie against the perceived enemies of Allah to advance the cause of Islam and that the only guarantee of going to heaven in Islam is to die in the process of jihad. She added that if a Koranic translation is accurate, it will be found that the Koran encourages murder, beheading and killing enemies in the name of Islam. This includes criticism of Muhammad.

Critiquing Islam, Nonie believes the society it produces is constantly in chaos, with values completely counter to those of Western Civilization. For example, she says the respect and dignity of men in Islamic societies is dependent on the purity of their women. There are thousands of recorded cases of honor killings of girls and women accused of adultery, where father or husband is turned against daughter or wife. If a daughter doesn't want to wear a head cover or has a boyfriend, the father will lose his job and be condemned by his neighbors. Egypt governed itself for 3000 years with female queens,

but after Islam there have been no female rulers. She points to another value difference that Islam does not respect freedom of religion. Christians living in countries under Islamic rule are not allowed to give their children Christian names at birth, and the birth certificate must be stamped with the Muslim religion. The penalty for apostasy, leaving the Muslim religion, is death. In Islamic states, those who murder apostates or adulterers are not prosecuted for murder because Islamic law allows anyone to kill an apostate or an adulterer. To prevent outcries of human rights violations, the police claim no knowledge of what has happened. Parents allow their children to be murdered in the cause of jihad, fracturing the parent/child bond, as the names of the dead jihadists are printed in the newspapers, positioning them as martyrs. Perhaps the most striking difference in values is that in Christianity, we are children of God and bear responsibility for our own individual actions, whereas in Islam, Muslims are the slaves of God and that slavery is transferred to the State. Interestingly, Nonie referenced a statement from a top Muslim cleric who recently said that you cannot permit people to leave Islam or Islam won't exist, suggesting that many do not want to stay in that religion.

It is Nonie's contention that because the West is blind to history, radical Islam is given a lifeline. Europe responds to individuals criticizing the Koran by arresting them. President Obama responds with the following quote in a UN speech, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam." College campuses will not allow authors and experts on Islam and former Muslims to speak on college campuses, labeling them Islamophobes. The media and our politicians look the other way as Islamic terrorists are caught with illegal aliens crossing the border and released onto our streets. These actions only encourage the senseless violence radical Islam is bringing to the civilized world. Nonie suggests it's as if the trauma of 9/11 compromised our nation's very ability to recognize evil, leading the West to sacrifice its honored traditions in appeasement. She insists that appeasement will never work, citing numerous failed examples. As with many of our speakers, she urged us to stand up for the truth; to shame our politicians and media for calling concerned citizens racist, bigoted Islamophobes; and to teach our children to be proud of American values.



Alyson Shepard, Carol Bromby, Mary Bassett



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(standing) Diana Sterling, Susan Mehrtens  
(seated) Marla Patterson, Sara Rumford, Anonymous



Jodi Greenbaum, Missy Schweiger, Larry Thomas



Peg Rollans, Nonie Darwish, Becky Karns



Melisa Varon, Jerry Varon, Anita Meister-Boyd



Michelle Wilson, Sandra Vetter, Karen Stevens, Karla Worsdell



Our Speaker Nonie Darwish



Sheran Marron, Pat Zartler, Keythe Aguilar



Vanessa Silvan, Karen Shadrack, Cindy Boragno



Jo Ann Kenton, Art Osbourne



We would like say a special thank you to Robin Sanders, and Keythe Aguilar.

Robin has just retired after two years as our president. She has been a gift to us for many reasons, among which is her ability to guide our membership from strength to strength. Thank you, Robin, for your organizational skills, your encouragement to our members, and your unending commitment to NHRW.

Keythe has been indefatigable four years running as our treasurer. We are grateful for her steady hand and sound advice regarding our finances. Thank you for all your hard work on our behalf, Keythe.

## IT IS TIME TO RENEW!

**Annual membership is now \$30  
for January 1, 2015 calendar year**

It is only a few months before campaigning begins in earnest for the 2016 elections. We need you in place and ready to roll.

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With thanks,  
Barbara Brawner,  
Membership Chair

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NHRW LUNCHEON featuring “A Case Against Common Core”

Dr. Duke Pesta - Academic Director, FreedomProject Education  
- Professor, University of Wisconsin

Dr. Duke Pesta received his M.A. in Renaissance literature from John Carroll University and his Ph.D. in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature from Purdue University.

He has taught at major research institutions and small liberal arts colleges, and has been active in education reform, developing and implementing an elective Bible course that is currently available for public high school students in Texas.

APR 15

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APR 23

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Robin Sanders, Hon. Claude Parrish, Kate Keating  
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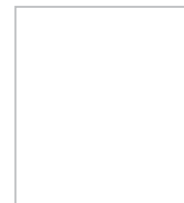
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