



# Update

## NEWPORT HARBOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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**Luncheon ~ Friday, November 13, 2009**

Guest Speaker

**Chuck DeVore**

Assemblyman, 70<sup>th</sup> District  
of the State of California

### **The Political State of Affairs in California**

Assemblyman Chuck DeVore currently represents almost 500,000 people in Orange County. His legislative committee assignments are: Vice Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, the Veterans Affairs Committee, and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Chuck was elected in 2004, and reelected in 2006 and in 2008.

He served as a Reagan White House appointee in the Pentagon from 1986 to 1988. As Special Assistant for Foreign Affairs, his duties included working with Congress to advance the President's foreign and military policies. Chuck worked in the aerospace industry for 13 years and was vice president of research prior to serving as an elected official. In 1988, Chuck was Director of Public Liaison for former Congressman Chris Cox's first campaign for public office. Through 1990, he served as the Congressman's Senior Assistant. From 1991 to 1996, Chuck served as a City Commissioner for the City of Irvine.

In 1983, Chuck enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve. He earned an ROTC scholarship and attended Claremont McKenna College, where he graduated with honors with a degree in Strategic Studies in 1985 and was commissioned an officer. He also studied overseas at the American University in Cairo. After more than 24 years of service, Chuck retired from the Army National Guard with the rank of Lt. Colonel. A graduate of the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, his awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster.

Chuck's opinion pieces have appeared in *Investor's Business Daily*, *Human Events*, *Orange County Register*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Taipei Times*, the *Jamestown Review*, the U.S. Army's *Red Thrust Star*, and many others. In 2008, he authored a scholarly piece entitled, "Relative Risk: Global Warming and Imported Fossil Fuels vs. Nuclear Power" for UC Berkeley School of Law's inaugural edition of *Ecology Law Currents*. He is also the author of the internationally acclaimed novel, "China Attacks." Chuck resides in Irvine with his wife, Diane, and two daughters. He has been honored as Legislator of the Year by seven prominent groups.

The Assemblyman is a conservative candidate for United States Senate in 2010 against Barbara Boxer.

*Please invite friends and join us!*

**\$26 Check payable to NHRW must be received by Monday, November 9th.**

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You may call Sheila with questions at (949) 720-1726.

# President's Message...

~Becky Karns

## GRATITUDE. THANKSGIVING.

Gratitude is such an important quality. Thanksgiving is a perfect time to reflect a little bit on it, especially in the current economic climate. Attitude is everything.

*A warmly or deeply appreciative attitude for kindnesses or benefits received.* Gratitude has the capacity to enhance the sense of well-being and goodwill among individuals, families, and groups. It may, in turn, influence other key outcomes. If only all children were taught this. When we can take the time to focus on counting our blessings, can want what we already have, and communicate our gratitude to others, what a difference it will make. Truly a beneficial quality. I have learned quite a bit about gratitude from my friend, Tana Sherwood (also an NHRW member), who, in a book she recently co-authored, "Discover Your Inner Strength," said that the character strength she valued the most was having the attitude of gratitude. It shows in her life.



Our nation has inherited a long, rich tradition of thanking God for His blessings, as Bill Bennett points out in *The American Patriot's Almanac*. In 1541, Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and his men conducted a service of thanksgiving for the abundant food and water they found along the Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle. In 1564 French Huguenot colonists settled in the area of Jacksonville, Florida, and "sang a psalm of Thanksgiving unto God."

In 1607, when the Jamestown colonists arrived in Virginia, they immediately erected a wooden cross and gave thanks for their safe passage across the ocean. In 1619, English colonists at Berkeley Hundred in Virginia decreed that the day of their arrival, December 4, "shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God."

In the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts, held a feast to celebrate the harvest and thank the Lord for His goodness—the feast we now remember as the "First Thanksgiving."

In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress designated December 18 of that year a day "for solemn Thanksgiving and praise" for the Patriot army's victory at Saratoga—the first national day of thanksgiving.

In 1789, President George Washington proclaimed November 26 to be a day of thanksgiving for God's blessings and for the new United States Constitution.

It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that the country got a regular national Thanksgiving Day. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." Succeeding presidents followed Lincoln's example. In 1941, Congress passed a law officially declaring the fourth Thursday in November as America's Thanksgiving Day.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*We are so thankful for our servicemen and women who have selflessly fought so hard in order that we might have the ability to exercise the freedoms we often take for granted.*

## VETERANS DAY

For many years, November 11 was known as Armistice Day to honor those who fought in World War I. In 1954 Congress changed the name to Veterans Day to recognize all American veterans.

Every November 11 at 11:00 a.m., the nation pays tribute to its war dead with the laying of a presidential wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C.

But Veterans Day honors more than the dead. Memorial Day, observed in May, is for remembering soldiers who lost their lives in the service of their country. Veterans Day is set aside to honor and thank all who have served in the U.S. armed forces—particularly our 23 million living veterans. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all those who have served and to their families who have also sacrificed so much.

## CAP AND TRADE

On October 27, President Obama's Senate allies launched a three-day push for sweeping legislation to battle so-called climate change, with time running short before a high-stakes global summit in December. Senator Barbara Boxer is committee chairman, and Senator John Kerry is a key sponsor of the legislation. This bill is S. 1733.

Republican members of the Senate committee were in lockstep in their criticism of the "cap and trade" legislation, characterizing it as a huge energy tax on average Americans.

Republicans complained that Boxer, who hopes to have a vote on the bill in early November, is trying to push the bill through without adequate study into its cost. Even some Democrats have serious reservations about the bill.

Besides the disastrous effects this would have on the U.S. economy - destroying jobs, forcing businesses to shut their doors, and lowering living standards for all - there is a further and very disturbing end goal that can only be described as a sharp attack on U.S. sovereignty. It is essential therefore to view cap and trade proposed legislation here in conjunction with the planned international agreement to be signed at Copenhagen later this year. There is a YouTube video burning up the Internet that has people very much concerned, and rightly so. The speaker is Lord Christopher Monckton, a science advisor to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He is warning Americans to oppose the Copenhagen treaty that President Obama will likely sign. The treaty is as bad as Monckton describes. This would be a huge blow to U.S. sovereignty and would transfer power to U.N. bureaucrats. However, a treaty does not become legally binding when a president signs it. It must be submitted to the U.S. Senate for ratification, which requires a two-thirds super-majority vote.

***Please call both Senators Feinstein and Boxer at the Capitol Switchboard, (202) 224-3121, and respectfully but clearly let them know that you oppose the cap and trade bill, S. 1733. Then call back and ask them to oppose S. 4, Health Care Reform 2009.***

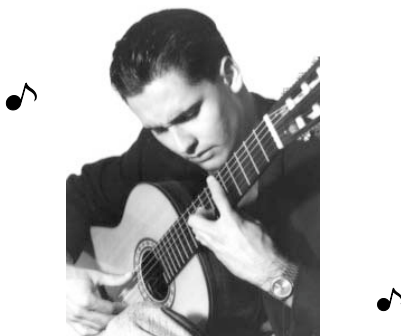
**Onward and upward!**

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Upcoming Luncheons and speakers:

Friday, November 13 ~ Assemblyman Chuck DeVore

Thursday, December 10 ~ Christmas Social Time



With Classical Guitarist, Joseph Yashar

**2010**

Thursday, January 28 ~ Nonie Darwish

Thursday, February 25 ~ Bus Trip to Ronald Reagan Library



### Miscellany that Matters

Please note the date correction for our Christmas luncheon – it's Thursday, December 10th!

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We're going to have something special for sale at our jewelry table on November 13th,  
just in time for the holidays!

Mammoth shelled pecan halves fresh from the trees of Georgia!

Schermer's new crop, in one-pound bags.

So bring your \$10 bills if you'd like to buy some!

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If you're interested in finding out more about Star Parker and CURE, there is a wealth of information on her Web site, [www.urbancure.org](http://www.urbancure.org). You'll find her lively columns, videos of her TV appearances, what CURE is all about, and more.

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FYI: Doctors' Tea Party Rally, Federal Bldg., West LA, Saturday, November 21, at noon, as part of a national effort by Docs 4 Patient Care. Stay informed at [docs4patientcare.org](http://docs4patientcare.org).

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### HELP WANTED!

If you have good computer skills, an eye for layout, good spelling and grammar skills, discernment, and are interested in becoming the editor for this newsletter, we'd love to talk with you.

Please call Becky Karns at (949) 515-4395 or e-mail [beckykarns@yahoo.com](mailto:beckykarns@yahoo.com) to discuss.





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Star Parker

## October Luncheon at The Pacific Club



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# October Luncheon at The Pacific Club



Joanne Potts & Dolores Otting



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Becky Karns



Joan Stevens & Renee West



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Lee Frodsham

# Star Parker

**“We’re not only the party of the right,  
but the party that is right!”**

Star Parker came before us, not just as a new, fresh breeze, but as a strong, principled gale, bringing her conservative message to a large, appreciative audience. Star is the founder and President of CURE, which stands for “Coalition on Urban Renewal & Education.” She also brought her book, *Uncle Sam’s Plantation: How Big Government Enslaves America’s Poor and What We Can Do About It*, which was available for purchase and her autograph.



Star is stalwart in her conservative convictions, a place she has reached after her early years in which she personally experienced poverty, crime, drugs, welfare fraud and abortions. The transformation took place when friends encouraged her to attend church. After receiving Christ, Star returned to college, received a BS degree in marketing and launched a Christian magazine. The 1992 Los Angeles riots (Rodney King) destroyed her business, yet served as a springboard for her focus on faith and market-based alternatives to empower the lives of the poor.

Star says she now understands the strategy of the left, but the ideals and ideas are on our side. The rest of the world looks to us for guidance on how to do it because anyone of any ethnic background can come here and succeed. These ideals and ideas are not just for Republicans, they are for all people. When she heard the Republican ideals, she thought these needed to be talked about in minority communities. Most of them have traditional values, just like conservative Republicans. Blacks, previous to the War on Poverty, also had traditional values. Now black family life has split and because of that, they have no commitment to morals. In the 1960s and before, the black family was 78% intact. Now 90% of black families have no father. The War on Poverty and the welfare state created the chaos existing today.

Our Republican Party didn’t vote in force in the last election. We need to fix ourselves and also bring coalitions to the neighborhoods where they are badly needed. The people who depend on us to support traditional values need our help. Star stated that we need to place our focus on education and give poor people a choice by providing vouchers, a neighborhood at a time. The poor are the only segment of our society who don’t have a choice as to which schools they can send their children.

We have to think about how we deliver the message of limited government. Health care may sound good to poor people but the truth is that it is all about control – government control. If the Democrats’ proposed plans for health care become the law, there will be *much* more control by our government. Are we going to live free or by force? We need to diminish the role of government!

We Republicans not only are *the party of the right, but the party that is right* and we need to do all we can to make sure all our elected officials support our principles. We need to be aware of the local people we have elected and be sure they are upholding our ideas and ideals.

**Question: What can we do to be active citizens?**

**Star Parker:** Engage, volunteer in political activities, like voter registration. It’s critical to engage in what interests you, i.e., abortion, education, etc. Work on a candidate’s campaign - Chuck DeVore’s, for example.

**Question: What can we do about Jackson and Sharpton?**

**Star Parker:** They run a “professional race industry” and CURE is the only competition in Washington, D.C., against their groups. Star has a think tank in D.C. to try to solve poverty issues. We need to get more minorities on our side by bringing them the truth, not what they’re hearing from Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton.

**Question: What do you think about Michael Steele?**  
(Chairman of the Republican National Committee)

**Star Parker:** After seeing his interview in Gentlemen’s Quarterly magazine, I called for his resignation. But I can work with him. (Note: He appeared to be pro-choice on abortion in the interview.) Right now our party is getting no respect, which is something we need to strategize on and turn around.

**Question: The government can’t give anything without taking from someone else. Do you agree?**

**Star Parker:** Yes, but poor people like the idea of taking from the rich, and how do you educate people that not everyone else is rich? For Star’s organization, CURE, education is their primary focus.

**Question: What can we do to get passion in our activism?**

**Star Parker:** (Pause) Send CURE a large check!

Star is working at identifying all the black churches in this country to get them on board in the Republican Party because they stand for the very same Traditional Values in which we so earnestly believe. She said that national religious broadcasters have asked her to produce her own TV show. She would do well at presenting the conservative message on TV because she knows that Republicans have the same ideals and ideas as many of the minorities’ values. They just haven’t heard our message yet! As for the TV show, she’d like to run a test budget for a year first, then launch the show.

She said that recently she visited a church in Alaska to speak on protecting teens who are pregnant and have the decision of whether they will have an abortion or not. While in the church, a black woman State Senator came in and complained about Star speaking against abortion in their church. Star answered, “If we can’t talk about it here, we will self-destruct.” She finished her talk by saying, “*We have to become one name, one voice and then we’ll have one strategy.*”

~ Lee Frodsham

# The Statue of Liberty

On October 28, 1886, President Grover Cleveland dedicated the Statue of Liberty on an island in New York Harbor, declaring, “We will not forget that Liberty has here made her home; nor shall her chosen altar be neglected.”



A gift from France, the statue was designed by Frederick Auguste Bartholdi. The people of France raised money to build the statue itself, while the people of the United States raised funds to pay for its giant base. Construction on the statue began at a workshop in Paris in 1875 and took nearly a decade to complete. Lady Liberty was then disassembled into 350 pieces, packed into 214 crates, and sent by ship to America, where she was reassembled on her pedestal.

The statue, whose formal name is *Liberty Enlightening the World*, depicts a woman who has thrown off the chains of tyranny that lie at her feet. Her right hand holds up a torch symbolizing liberty. Her left hand holds a tablet containing the date July 14, 1776, in Roman numerals. The seven rays of her crown represent the light of liberty shining across the seven seas and continents.

Standing 305 feet high from the bottom of its base to the tip of the torch, the statue is one of the largest ever built. French engineer Gustave Eiffel, who built the Eiffel Tower in Paris, devised its iron skeleton. The exterior is sheathed with copper.

Millions of immigrants passed the Statue of Liberty over the years as they entered the harbor en route to the immigration station at Ellis Island. For them, it came to symbolize America’s promise of opportunity. A tablet within the pedestal contains the famous words of poet Emma Lazarus: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

from “The American Patriot’s Almanac”  
by William J. Bennett and John T.E. Cribb



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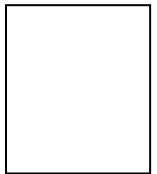


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