



December Event

Christmas Party!

Featured Guests:

Brig. Gen. Michael Teilmann

Herbert Cihak presents:

"White House Christmas Memories"

Date: Friday, December 12

Time: 11:30 – 1:00 pm

**Location: Home of Becky Keller
7132 Dume Drive**

Cost: Free - Potluck:

Bring any dish of your choice,
ready to put on the buffet,
~AND A NEW STUFFED ANIMAL~

You must RSVP by December 9

MALIBU ELECTION RESULTS

71.2% of Malibu registered
voters actually voted

Obama	4697	65%
McCain	2487	35%

Proposition 8

Against	4840	68%
For	2301	32%

Other winners:

Henry Waxman – 30th
Congressional District
Fran Pavley – 23rd State
Assembly District
Julia Brownley D – 41st State
Assembly District

(Final tallies not in yet)



*You are cordially invited to the
MRWF Christmas Party
-In honor of our brave military-*



Friday, December 12, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

*At the lovely Malibu home of
Becky and Dick Keller ~ 7132 Dume Drive*



Cost: Free - Potluck:

*Please bring your favorite holiday specialty!
Also, please bring a new stuffed animal for the
My Stuff Bags for abused and neglected children.*



RSVP to Sally Zamarin by Dec. 9

310-457-3530 or ronssal@verizon.net



Special Honored Guests and Program:

*General Teilmann of the USO presiding
Herbert Cihak's "White House Memories" presentation
Guitar and carols by Army Col. Gil Lafferty
Special Raffle and Installation of Officers
Santori Pearls Boutique to offer great gift shopping*



Directions and shuttle information:

*Take Pacific Coast Highway north. Turn left on Heathercliff Rd.
Turn left on Dume Drive and go about 1 mile.
Follow signs for shuttle if no parking on street.
~Please carpool~*

President's Message

by *Alice M. Starr*



Hope springs eternal!

Despite our valiant efforts, Republicans were not victorious on November 4. Looking back, with the credit crisis looming, there was no way John McCain and Sarah Palin could have won the election of 2008. However, we do wish President-elect Obama well, and hope that his policies will quickly strengthen our nation at this time of economic uncertainty.

It may take several years to recover, but Republicans who are committed to free markets, reducing the size and scope of government, tax reduction and a strong national defense will prevail once again, just as Ronald Reagan did after four years of Jimmy Carter and a largely Democratic Congress.

Conservatism that ignores reality will not work. We need to encourage Republicans to be more inclusive without ignoring our core values of Faith, Family, Free Markets, Fiscal Responsibility and Freedom.

Now it is time to put the election behind us and enjoy the holidays. We invite you to honor our military heroes at our December 12 Christmas luncheon at the Malibu home of Becky Keller near Zuma Beach. With everyone bringing a favorite holiday casserole, salad, vegetable or dessert, the feast will be fabulous. Guitarist Gil Lafferty will lead us in Christmas carols and Herbert Cihak, an election-law and presidential memorabilia expert, will present "White House Christmas Memories."

We look forward to welcoming the Bel-Air Club members as they join us in January. Together we will forge ahead, developing interesting programs and speakers and working to expand the Republican Party here in Southern California. We especially want to encourage good conservative candidates to run for office and to bring more young Republicans into the fold.

As we say farewell to 2008, we are grateful for our loyal members who worked so hard in the election and care so deeply about this wonderful country.

God bless each and every one of you. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah,

Alice

Membership Report

By *Mari Stanley and Noel Paasch*

Welcome, New Members!

Laura Borda (Silver Elephant Sponsor)
Carol Bowen (Silver Elephant Sponsor)
Elise Cooper
Pat Fournay
Dianelle Lacy (Associate)
Lorraine Mabbett
Mary Ann Otte (Gold Elephant Sponsor)
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**For Membership Application, go to
www.MalibuRWF.org or call 310-457-9646**

Put on a Happy Face: The Republican Challenge

by *Fred Barnes*

Excerpts from a Weekly Standard article



The Obama honeymoon. He's going to have one, big time. It will probably linger into the early months of his presidency. Americans desperately want to feel good about a new president even if they didn't vote for him. This is especially true in Obama's case since he's our first African-American president....

The temptation to zing Obama should be resisted. The smarter tactic, given the inevitability of an extravagant Obama coronation, is to grin and bear it. Still... offering alternatives to Democratic legislation is wise. Republicans will look high-minded.

Throwing around blame will only strengthen Obama's hand. He'll look like the true adult in Washington. ...The idea is to hold their fire until Democrats unleash the liberal agenda on Congress...unforced errors will come soon enough. The most egregious parts of the liberal agenda are unforced errors all by themselves: card check, the Fairness Doctrine, the Freedom of Choice Act removing all limits on abortion on demand, tax hikes and spending excesses, reimposing the ban on offshore drilling for oil and gas, and much, much more....

Republicans don't need to jettison conservative principles....they need only to apply these principles to the new political era.



Election Party Highlights *by Lorraine Stalberg*

November 4 was a fun evening, despite the returns coming in on the big screen. Gathered in good cheer at Val Cigler's lovely home, with great Mexican food from Lily's, we warmly welcomed many Bel-Air RWF members. We had our own election that night, and overwhelmingly, Malibu members voted to join with the Bel-Air club. Then, consoled by good fellowship, we accepted McCain's loss with hope for the future and for better luck next time.

More than 85 guests gathered to watch the returns



Listen. Adapt. Be Positive.

Excerpts from a WSJ column
by Michael Steele

Over time, our principals morphed into baser motives. Continued political dominance grew more important to those who led us than the noble vision most of us originally signed on for. And to maintain power we turned to the controls of government – we behaved like Democrats.....

We must articulate a positive vision for America's future that speaks to America's hopes, concerns and needs. It's time to stop defending ourselves by what we are not, and tell voters what we believe, how we'll lead, and where we'll go; how we Republicans will make America better; how we'll make their families more prosperous, their children better educated, their parents more secure, and all of us healthier, safer and stronger....

Our challenge lies not in beating Democrats, but in uniting around a message that solidifies our ranks and attracts new people to our cause. We have to listen to what Americans are telling us about their hopes, desires and needs, and then translate that message into proposals for meaningful action squarely grounded on the values we Republicans have always stood for....

Our faith in the power and ingenuity of the individual to build a nation through hard work, personal responsibility and self-discipline is our uniting principle. That is the sacred ground upon which our Republican Party was built. For the sake of all Americans, it is the ground we must reclaim.



Mark Your Calendars!

**December 3 LACFRW 16th
Biennial Convention**

**December 3 Westlake Village RWF
Holiday Luncheon**

**December 4 Woodland Hills RWF
Holiday Luncheon**

**December 10 Thousand Oaks RWF
Holiday Gala**

**December 12 Malibu RWF
Christmas Party!**

December 22-29 Happy Chanukah!

December 25 Merry Christmas!

January 1 Happy New Year!

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I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-Winston Churchill