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Cordially invites you to hear**

Michael Reagan
Political Commentator, Author, Talk Show Host

Malibu/Bel-Air RWF is very pleased to welcome renowned radio host, author, and philanthropist Michael Reagan to an afternoon Luncheon and Lecture at Pepperdine University on January 20.

With a media career spanning thirty years, Ronald Reagan's eldest son has been untiring in his sharp and often witty analysis of substantive issues. Michael Reagan has found success hosting a nationally syndicated talk radio show, heard daily by over 5 million listeners and provides reliable conservative political commentary for television news channels such as Fox News Channel.



Early on, Michael distinguished himself racing speedboats. He set many world records before parlaying that success into philanthropic efforts that raised more than \$1.5 million dollars for many charities. Michael is currently the founder and President of The Reagan Legacy Foundation (www.reaganlegacyfoundation.org). The foundation establishes educational opportunities to learn about the principles of Ronald Reagan through scholarships and Reagan Museum exhibits all over the world that educate visitors on the principles of "peace through strength," "trust but verify," lower taxes, and smaller governments.

Michael is the author of many successful books, including his best-selling autobiography, *On the Outside Looking In* and *The Common Sense of An Uncommon Man: The Wit, Wisdom and Eternal Optimism of Ronald Reagan*. His latest book *Twice Adopted* is based on his personal story.

Come enjoy this exciting opportunity to hear Michael Reagan speak at the beautiful Drescher Graduate Campus of Pepperdine University. Reservations are limited, so make yours by January 15.

JANUARY EVENT

**AUTHOR
Michael
Reagan**

Date: January 20, 2010

Time: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Location: Pepperdine University's
Villa Graziadio
24255 Pacific Coast Highway,
Malibu, CA

Directions: From PCH, take John Tyler Dr. entrance to Pepperdine and stop at guard gate. Proceed ½ mile up hill, turn left at stop sign onto Via Pacifica. Go 4/10 mile and turn right into Parking Lot S. Follow signs to Executive Dining Room.

Cost: \$38 per person
Mail in your reservation today
(Call 310-457-3530 for info)

**RSVP by January 15 to Sally Zamarin at 310-457-3530 or ronssal@verizon.net
\$38/person**

Reply Form for Michael Reagan Luncheon on January 20 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Name: _____ Guests: _____

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President's Message

by Patti Adair

Ariana and I felt that *health care* should continue to be the focus of our message. Our group needs to continue to concentrate on several issues regarding the possibility of almost three thousand pages of new health care legislation passing in 2010. The new health plan may have over a hundred new bureaucracies. This should remind us why we must continue to FAX and call our country's officials.



Over twenty-two billion dollars in debt this year, California will have new Medicaid costs that are projected to impact our state by two to four billion dollars. Do not forget that Nebraska has the sweetheart deal. Their Medicaid fees are forgiven forever. They are to be paid by all of US. Our state attorney general needs to hear from us too.

Most Americans do consider doctors ethical individuals. There is a reason that they have given up at least another TWELVE years of higher education in order to help their fellow man. Our President earlier this year stated that in order to make more money a pediatrician would perform a tonsillectomy. An ENT surgeon performs that surgery. Starting at the top and working down in this wordy health care legislation, clearly indicates that we have people writing bills who do not understand the basics of medicine. We can expect thousands of unintended consequences. Tort reform is still missing.

We need to contact those "conservative" Democrats who were elected in McCain districts in order to influence the direction and passage of the health care bill. These elected officials are getting nervous as most Americans are not happy with the way that the Democrats are handling health care. Taxing for three years is just a beginning. Twenty-eight blue dog votes have increased to forty-eight blue dogs voting AGAINST the recent stimulus. These Congressmen realize they have a BIG problem with spending.

You can make a difference. One Southern Congressman just switched parties. This new Republican happens to be a physician. Please pick up the phone and/or send a fax.

Warmest regards,

Patti Adair

Membership

***It's time to renew your membership for 2010.
For a membership application, go to
www.MalibuBelAirRWF.org
or contact Laurine at
310-506-8557, Laurine.Cihak@pepperdine.edu***

***Please send your membership form
& dues payable to
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PO Box 164, Malibu, CA 90265.***

December Luncheon

by Val Cigler

Our December potluck luncheon was held on December 10, 2009 at the home of Val Cigler. Members brought unwrapped toys and food, and care packages and letters were made for our troops both abroad and at the USO. Val Cigler collected and donated a total of 158 Dopp kits for the USO, and a separate donor gave 36 more to our women soldiers! Americanism Chair Cindy Linke had a letter-writing table and organized 130 care packages that were mailed to Iraq. Crossword puzzles and letters from a kindergarten class also went in the packages which were mailed shortly thereafter to arrive by Christmas. An employee at the post office had a daughter who had just deployed to Afghanistan and asked Cindy Linke to send her a care package, which was done.

General Michael R. S. Teilmann from the USO spoke about the importance of showing our servicemen and -women support while traveling, and encouraged both donations and volunteer support at our local Bob Hope USO at LAX airport. To inquire about these opportunities, please reach him at bobhopeusolax@aol.com A.J. Fay from Toys for Tots collected donations on behalf of the US Marine Corps that will be given to children this holiday season. A representative from the Union Rescue Mission spoke of the increased need for donations to support their work with the needy of Los Angeles. The Mission is trying to raise funding for Hope Gardens, a home for Skid Row's women and children. For more information please call (213) 673-4819. Alice Starr presented checks for each representative on behalf of the club.

Outgoing president, Alice Starr, honored all those on the Board for their hard work in the past year and gave special thanks to Erika Barbaric and Lorraine Stalberg for their nearly 4 years of service on the Board. Judge Marta Enstrom installed the new officers on the Board and presented them with orchids. On behalf of all the members, Val Cigler presented a clock engraved to Alice Starr for her leadership and dedication to the Club, bringing it forward to where it is today: over 225 members and growing! Alice Starr energized and organized our club in an astounding way. Her leadership will be missed this year.

It turned out to be a beautiful day with everyone enjoying mingling with one another and spreading the Holiday Cheer!

For more pictures of our event, please see our Facebook site: search for "Malibu/Bel-Air Republican Women Federated."



Alice Starr presents Union Rescue Mission representative with a donation from MBA-RWF



War Against the Wannabe Rich

By Victor Davis Hanson

There is class warfare going on in this country — but it's not against the established rich. It's against those who are trying to become wealthy. President Obama has declared that those who make over \$200,000 will pay higher income taxes. Caps on payroll taxes are supposed to come off as well for the upper class. Envisioned estate taxes will take 45 percent of individual inheritances valued over \$3.5 million. Many states have also hiked their income taxes on the upper brackets.

Again, most of those targeted are not the already rich — a Warren Buffett or Bill Gates — but millions of the wannabe rich. They may have achieved larger-than-average annual incomes, but they're not the multimillionaire speculators on Wall Street who nearly wrecked the American economy in search of huge bonuses and payoffs. Most are instead professionals and small-business owners who take enormous risks in hopes of being well-off and passing their wealth on to their children.

Oddly, much of the populist rhetoric about the need to gouge the newly affluent is voiced by the entrenched wealthy, who don't have to care how high taxes go, given their own vast fortunes...A combined tax bite of 60 percent of his annual income would still leave Warren Buffett each year with millions. Yet the same rate could cripple a business owner making \$300,000 in annual income. Often those in government claim that their tax-increase proposals are simply targeting the affluent like themselves — proof of their own selflessness. President Obama, for example, has complained that the well-off like himself could afford to pay more. But unlike politicians in Washington, most upscale Americans in private enterprise do not receive free government perks and lavish pensions. Nor are they guaranteed lucrative post-political lobbying and speaking careers.

Focusing tax hikes on those who in some years make between \$200,000 and \$500,000 makes no sense in a recession for a variety of reasons. They are neither the speculators who caused the panic of 2008 nor the Washington politicians who are bankrupting the country. Instead, most are small-business owners who hire the majority of the nation's employees. But faced with the talk of higher taxes, more regulations, and hostile rhetoric, they will remain confused, and so retrench rather than expand. With the proposed new income, payroll, and health-care tax rates, along with increased state and local taxes, many business owners fear that 60 percent to 70 percent of their income will go to the government. That does not seem a good way to convince small businesses to hire more workers in hopes of greater rewards. Income is also not the only barometer of affluence. Two-hundred thousand dollars is quite a lot of annual money in Kansas, but does not always go so far in San Jose, where modest houses often cost well over half a million dollars. For those whose children do not qualify for need-based scholarships, a private liberal-arts education can easily set a parent back \$200,000 per child.

Why the war against the productive classes who want to be rich? Maybe it is because they are not as numerous as the proverbial middle class. Perhaps they do not earn our empathy that is properly accorded to the poor. They surely lack the status and insider connections that accrue to the very rich. Yet continue to punish and demonize them, and the country will grind to a halt — as we are seeing now.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 7

Luncheon and Meeting

Woodland Hills RWF

Afternoon Speaker is Larry Greenfield, Vice President & Fellow in American Studies at The Claremont Institute for the Studies of Statesmanship & Political Philosophy. Mr. Greenfield's topic will be: "Obama's Year of Failure and the Republican Comeback."

Place: Calabasas Golf and Country Club,

4515 Park Entrada, Calabasas

Time: 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$22.00

Contact: Carol Wall, WoodlandHillsRWF@cfw.org

January 14

Conversation with the Starrs

Westlake Village RWF, West Valley RWF

An informal discussion with former Federal Judge and current Dean of Pepperdine Law School, Ken Starr, and his wife Alice Starr, past President of Malibu/Bel-Air RWF.

Wine and appetizers will be served.

Place: 1351 Kingsboro Ct., Westlake Village

Time: 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$10

Contact: Ellen Burson (805) 497-0383

January 20

Michael Reagan Luncheon

Malibu/Bel-Air RWF

Hear author Michael Reagan speak at a luncheon at Pepperdine University's Villa Graziadio

Place: Villa Graziadio, Pepperdine University

24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost: \$38

Contact: Sally Zamarin (310) 457-3530

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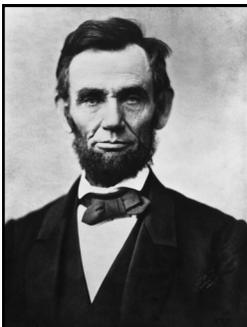
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Abraham Lincoln