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## **FEBRUARY EVENT** **HealthScare** **Panel**

**Date:** February 19, 2010

**Time:** 11:30 AM Reception  
12:00PM Luncheon

**Location:**  
BelAir Country Club  
10768 Bellagio Road  
Los Angeles, CA  
(Across Sunset from UCLA at the  
West Gate of Bel-Air)

## **Malibu/Bel-Air RWF** **Cordially invites you to hear** **HealthScare Panel** *by Alexandra Wolter*

This month, Malibu/Bel-Air RWF presents a comprehensive **HealthScare Panel at Bel-Air Country Club on February 19**. Our four panelists will attack the most controversial implications of the Democrats' legislation, drawing on their experiences as leaders in medicine, law, and business. Our panelists will attack this issue from all angles and ensure that no question goes unanswered. Join us and please bring your guests.

**Dr. Robert Adair** is an otolaryngologist with his own practice in Santa Monica for three decades. Dr. Adair did his residency and is now a full Surgical Professor at University of Southern California School of Medicine. A distinguished fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery as well as the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Adair provides health care to his 30 employees and will provide us an account first-hand of how this proposed legislation will impact his small business.

**Dr. Richard Corlin** was President of the American Medical Association (AMA) from 2001-2002 and will discuss the AMA's controversial move to endorse the health care bill. Now a gastroenterologist with a practice in Santa Monica, Dr. Corlin has decades of experience at the intersection of medicine and government, having been appointed by the governor to the Board of Medical Quality Assurance and elected to serve four years on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C.

**Craig Dummit** is a founding partner at Dummit, Buchholz & Trapp, one of California's most successful law firms in areas including medical malpractice and hospital law. In *Frustaci v. Jaroslav Marik, M.D., Tyler Medical Clinic*, Mr. Dummit's firm represented the defendants in a landmark malpractice case that nationally on Court TV. Mr. Dummit has almost 40 years experience defending health care professionals against the frivolous lawsuits that are paralyzing our health care system. He will speak with authority on the need for tort reform if health care has any hope of being positively reformed.

**Dr. Richard Johnson** is a family physician with Pacific Palisades Medical Group and a clinical professor at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine. Over the past two decades, more than 150 residents in family medicine have passed through Dr. Johnson's residency program at UCLA, where he also served as Vice Chair of the Department of Family Medicine as well as Director of Clinical Services. Dr. Johnson's presents on this topic across the country to local, regional, and national groups, and we are thrilled to have him share his expertise with us this month.

## **MARCH EVENT** **Mark Levin**

**Date:** March 6, 2010

**Time:** 10AM-12PM

**Location:**  
Four Seasons, Westlake Village  
**Cost:** \$25

This event has limited tickets and WILL sell out. Please send in your money now to reserve your ticket. You must pay in advance. Please RSVP by email or call, E-mail: [mimifrankart@yahoo.com](mailto:mimifrankart@yahoo.com), Tel: (310) 651-4610

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## President's Message

by Patti Adair

It is thirty days since Christmas Day when we almost lost a Delta airplane landing in Detroit with almost three hundred people in it. Due to guardian angels and quick acting individuals, the underpants bomber was unable to carry out his plan. But we know that the reason this young man was on the plane was due to anti-terror failures that we do not want repeated. In contrast, Israel's national carrier El-Al has not had a hijacking since 1968.



The possible horror of this event brings up several issues. First of all, a person has much greater odds of being struck by lightning ( 1 in 500,000) than killed by terrorists. But this does not make us feel any safer.

Does not it seem appropriate that the TSA marshals hired to fly on the plane first of all should be one of the screeners for the plane occupants? They can do some of the screening that is so necessary. Would not you be happier knowing that all fliers were looked in the eye and profiled?

The teacher for Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was a U.S. born cleric, Anwar Al Awlaki. He is currently hiding in Yemen and the Yemeni government is negotiating terms for his surrender. Britain yesterday raised their level of terror alert. They have suspended direct flights to the U.K. from Yemen.

Mr. Abdulmutallab was only interrogated by the FBI for fifty minutes before someone from Washington intervened by instructing that he must be read his Miranda Rights. The terrorist stopped talking. There was so much our intelligence community could have learned and we lost the opportunity. Congress last week tried to find the source of this decision. In case you are wondering, it was not a Detroit FBI agent's decision.

Mr. Abdulmutallab's father, a highly respected leader in Nigeria, had gone to the U.S. Embassy there to warn our country of the dangerous directions he was aware that his son was taking. Somehow this information was on someone's desk in Langley with the confusion of a "spelling issue". But Umar's visa status was not immediately changed. Please remember that the U.K. would not allow him into their country.

Several sources have stated that more canines are a welcome addition to our airport security procedures. Fortunately, these well-trained dogs do not talk on cell phones and love their jobs. Do we add the body scanning machines, panic every time a cardboard box is unidentified and even stop flying to Europe as one friend suggested? I would prefer profiling plus insisting that every well-trained TSA employee look fliers in the eye. We have a serious situation that is not going away and we must continue raising our standards.

Warmest regards,

Patti Adair

## Reagan Luncheon

by Patti Adair

Michael Reagan spoke to 150 enthusiastic members of the Malibu/Bel-Air RWF, professors, and students at Pepperdine last Wednesday. The weather did not stop many from attending and listen to Michael share family moments.

When visiting his Dad after the John Hinkley assassination attempt, Michael shared that his Dad had been so disappointed that when he was shot he was wearing a brand new suit. The doctors cut the suit off of him.

History is being rewritten and Michael is working hard to correct the situation with the Reagan Legacy Foundation. Some Europeans are under the impression that Americans built the Berlin Wall in three days. He works hard to educate high school students with an exchange program. It has been twenty years since the wall came down and he stressed the importance of his father's leadership.

Michael stated that his Dad always paid attention to his heart and how important it is to do the right thing. In 1961 President Reagan spoke against socialized medicine. You might say that speech is still relevant today.

If you want further information on President Reagan, Michael suggested reading books by Ed Meese.

It was an inspiring day as we celebrated Scott Brown's election to the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts. Michael Reagan distinguished his father in a way no one else could. We hope to have Michael return in the future when he finishes his latest book, "Bold Colors".



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## Membership

***The year 2010 promises to be exciting with wonderful speakers, troop packing parties, the elections, and other activities. As Membership chairman I want to thank everyone who has joined or renewed their membership, listed on the attached sheet.***

***Please contact me with any concerns.***

***Thank you,***

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# The Public Has Spoken on ObamaCare

By George Will for The Washington Post

"We are on the precipice of an achievement that's eluded congresses and presidents for generations."

-- President Barack Obama, Dec. 15, on health care legislation.

*Precipice*, 1. a headlong fall or descent, esp. to a great depth.

-- Oxford English Dictionary

WASHINGTON -- Trying to guarantee Americans the thrill of the precipice, the president dashed to Massachusetts on Sunday, thereby conceding that he had already lost Tuesday's Senate election, which had become a referendum on his signature program. By promising to cast the decisive 41st vote against the president's health care legislation, the Republican candidate forced all congressional Democrats to contemplate this: Not even frenzied national mobilization of Democratic manpower and millions of dollars could rescue one of the safest Democratic seats in the national legislature from national dismay about the incontinent government expansion, of which that legislation is symptomatic.

Because the legislation is frightening and unpopular, Democrats have had to resort to serial bribery to advance it. Massachusetts voted immediately after the corruption of exempting, until 2018, union members from the tax on high-value health insurance plans. This tax was supposedly the crucial component of what supposedly was reform's primary goal -- reducing costs.

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With one piece of legislation, Obama and his congressional allies have done in one year what it took President Lyndon Johnson and his allies two years to do in 1965 and 1966 -- revive conservatism. Today conservatism is rising on the stepping-stones of liberal excesses.

Between FDR's reprimand by voters in the 1938 midterm congressional elections (partly because of his anti-constitutional plan to enlarge and pack the Supreme Court) and LBJ's 1964 trouncing of Barry Goldwater, there was no liberal legislating majority in Congress: Republicans and conservative Democrats combined to temper liberalism's itch to overreach. In 1965 and 1966, however, liberalism was rampant. Today, Democrats worrying about a reprise of 1994 should worry more about a rerun of the 1966 midterm elections, which began a Republican resurgence that presaged victories in seven of the next 10 presidential elections.

The 2008 elections gave liberals the curse of opportunity, and they have used it to reveal themselves ruinously. The protracted health care debacle has highlighted this fact: Some liberals consider the legislation's unpopularity a reason to redouble their efforts to inflict it on Americans who, such liberals think, are too benighted to understand that their betters know best. The essence of contemporary liberalism is the illiberal conviction that Americans, in their comprehensive incompetence, need minute supervision by government, which liberals believe exists to spare citizens the torture of thinking and choosing.

Last week, trying to buttress the bovine obedience of most House Democrats, Obama assured them that if the bill becomes law, "the American people will suddenly learn that this bill does things they like." Suddenly?

If the Democrats' congressional leaders are determined to continue their kamikaze flight to incineration, they will ignore Massachusetts' redundant evidence of public disgust. They will leaven their strategy of briberies with procedural cynicism -- delaying certification of Massachusetts' Senate choice, or misusing "reconciliation" to evade Senate rules, or forcing the House to swallow its last shred of pride in order to rush the Senate bill to the president's desk. Surely any such trickery would be one brick over a load for some hitherto servile members of the Democratic House and Senate caucuses, giving them an excuse to halt their party's Gadarene rush toward the precipice.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**February 15**

*Presidents' Day*

**February 19**

*Luncheon and Meeting- HealthScare Panel*

*11:30-1:30, Bel-Air Country Club*

**March 6**

*Mark Levin*

*10-12PM, Four Seasons Westlake Village*

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