

# THE ELEPHANT

## *MALIBU/BEL-AIR RWF WELCOMES* SUSANNE AND ROBERT REYTO

Malibu/Bel-Air Republican Women Federated will host Susanne and Robert Reyto on Wednesday, Sept. 14. The couple will share their experiences and expertise with totalitarian regimes, both in the past and with a look at troubling current trends.

Susanne is an author and speaker on the turbulent years in her native Hungary, from the brutal Nazis to the corrupt Communists. She wrote *Pursuit of Freedom*, described as a true story of the enduring power of hope and dreams. She will parallel her background with the current rise of Islamism.



Following Susanne, Robert will make a presentation and talk about the myths and realities of the Koran.

Among other endeavors, MBA-RWF member Susanne founded a travel agency, worked as a corporate consultant and was featured in newspapers and television shows in the United States and Canada. Robert is a dentist in Beverly Hills. Both are active in various charitable and religious organizations.

The event will take place at the Pacific Palisades home of Shirley Scheid. The cost is \$25 and includes Patty's Gourmet Pizza provided by MBA-RWF member Patty Phillips. The reservation deadline is Monday, Sept. 12.

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### SUSANNE AND ROBERT REYTO

DATE	Wednesday, Sept. 14
TIME	6:30 p.m.
COST	\$25, includes dinner
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### 9/11 WAVES OF FLAGS

DATE	Friday, Sept. 9
TIME	11 a.m.
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## 9/11 VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

*Volunteers are needed Friday, Sept. 9 to assemble the Waves of Flags display at Pepperdine University's Alumni Park. Each flag represents one of the nearly 3,000 lives lost in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Information on the public events taking place Sunday, Sept. 11 can be found at [www.pepperdine.edu/911-heroes](http://www.pepperdine.edu/911-heroes).*





**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
*By Patti Adair*

Greetings,

We have a very busy fall planned for our members. We want to invite the entire club to Pepperdine University on Sept. 9 to help put up the flags that will honor those who died on Sept. 11, 2001. This is a Friday event and I am hoping you can fit it into your busy schedule to stop by. Several events are taking place on Sunday, Sept. 11 that you will want to attend, too.

Our autumn speaker's schedule will include Tim Groseclose, author of "Left Turn: How Liberal Media Bias Distorts the American Mind." Tim is a tenured UCLA professor. Fortunately he did receive his tenure before he finished his book. You may have seen him on Fox News. Please grab his book now and test yourself regarding your political positions.

We are also looking forward to hearing from Susanne and Robert Reyto. Their story will remind you why we must win the presidential election in 2012. They came to America from Hungary to leave European socialism. You will not want to miss this meeting on Sept. 14.

On a critical local level, please attend the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Our club will be manning the Republican booth 3-6 p.m. on Sept. 28. We would love your support. There are other times you can volunteer to help this cause. Please let me know if you are interested and available.

I am sure that you are looking forward to the president's new "Jobs Plan" to be released in September. Perhaps our government could use generally accepted accounting principles and spend our money wisely. Rumor has it that the White House is still talking about pushing for more taxes on the wealthy American.

Make a difference.

Best,

*Patti Adair*

P.S. In case you are wondering, we will be having our Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 16 so please mark your calendars now.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

Continuing a 50-year tradition, Los Angeles County Federation of Republican Women will host a "Republicans Register Here" booth at the annual county fair in Pomona.

The effort is aimed at laying the groundwork to register new voters and prepare for the 2012 presidential elections. The California Republican Party offers a \$3 bounty for each verified Republican registration.

MBA-RWF will work the 3-6 p.m. shift on Wednesday, Sept. 28. For more information, contact Patti Adair at (310) 924-1846 or [malibustudio@aol.com](mailto:malibustudio@aol.com).

Volunteers are needed to staff the booth at other times Sept. 3-Oct. 2. Please contact Susan Silvestri at (626) 855-5528 or [susans@myvvs.com](mailto:susans@myvvs.com) to sign up and receive a free admission.



Above, MBA-RWF member Heidi Bernard (third from left) welcomes officers from the USS John Paul Jones, a 505-foot Navy destroyer that docked in Malibu in June. Also pictured are Malibu Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Rebekah Evans (second from left), the Navy League's John Payne (center) and Malibu Mayor John Sibert (second from right). The crew enjoyed a weekend shore leave with events hosted and organized by Cindy Linke, Mari Stanley and Sharon Gee, among many others. Left, a proud attendee shows off his thank-you card, which was included in Operation Interdependence care packages distributed to the 270 sailors and crew members.





# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Listed below are additional directory corrections for new and renewing members and associate members. We are planning to start our 2012 drive in the November newsletter.

Anyone who renews before Oct. 1 is a 2011 member; anyone renewing after Oct. 1 is a member for 2011 and 2012. Thank you for your continued support.

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## WE REMEMBER ...

### Christopher Bridgeman

Christopher Bridgeman died in a February skiing accident in Sun Valley, Idaho. He was the son of MBA-RWF member Jacqueline Bridgeman and the late Bill Bridgeman.

Bridgeman, 49, grew up in Malibu. He attended St. Aidan's School, Our Lady of Malibu School, Harvard-Westlake and the University of Utah. He had relocated to Ketchum, Idaho about 10 years ago.

He is survived by his wife Luci Marie and son Alex.



Above, Cindy Linke runs the MBA-RWF booth at the Malibu Arts Festival in July.

Over the weekend, hundreds of cards and letters were written and donations collected for Operation Interdependence, which supports U.S. troops with care packages. "A special thank you to our dedicated volunteers for their hard work, as many woman-hours are necessary to make efforts such as this successful," said MBA-RWF Co-President Ariana Anderson, who organized the event.

## CALENDAR



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### Friday, Dec. 16

- Time and location to be announced
- Annual MBA-RWF potluck Christmas luncheon and meeting

### Tuesday, Jan. 24

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Troop packing party to send valentines, treats, encouragement and support to U.S. armed forces
- Point Dume Clubhouse, 29500 Heathercliff Road
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# A NEW STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

*GROWTH IS NOT JUST ABOUT ECONOMICS, GROWTH UNLEASHES HUMAN POTENTIAL*

*By Kevin Warsh and Jeb Bush*

As the economy continues to struggle, we are reminded of a course offered at Yale University titled "Grand Strategy." Drawing on a weighty curriculum of history and philosophy, the course seeks to train future policy makers to tackle the complex challenges of statecraft in a comprehensive, systematic way. Clearly, U.S. economic policy is sorely lacking an effective grand strategy, and we are likely to endure high unemployment, weak economic performance and trying financial markets until such a strategy is articulated and pursued.

Policy makers should cease the barrage of ad hoc, short-term policy initiatives. Is increased federal spending across government agencies a grand strategy? How about checks in the mail to spur spending? Cash for clunkers to move auto inventories? Fast trains and faster Internet? Mortgage modification programs and fleeting tax credits to re-stoke home ownership?

Inducing consumers to do today what they would otherwise do tomorrow is hardly a grand strategy. Hundreds of billions in "stimulus" spending has stimulated little but more debt. Forty-eight months have passed since the onset of the financial crisis, 26 months since the recession technically ended. Yet job creation remains remarkably weak, and markets deeply uneasy. We can't go on like this.

The debt-limit debate caused policy makers to recognize what citizens already knew: We must put our fiscal house in order. Cutting spending is essential. But we will never cut our way to prosperity.

So, what should be the economic grand strategy? In a word: growth.

Stability has replaced growth as the foremost objective of economic policy. But growth over the next 10 years is more consequential to our well-being than any new regulations promulgated by the Financial Stability Oversight Council or cost-cutting considered by the new congressional super committee. Absent strong growth, any projected improvements in the country's fiscal position won't materialize.

The grand strategy is sector-neutral. It doesn't have favored industries or political parties. It does not seek to curry favor with special interests. The grand strategy fights statism everywhere.

The grand strategy goes out of its way to ensure that big companies are not advantaged at the expense of smaller, entrepreneurial competitors. If banks are "too big to fail," they are too big. They must be allowed to succeed or fail on their own merit, without any hint of government support. The failed behemoths at the core of housing finance, Fannie Mae and Freddie

Mac, should be wound down. Robust, dynamic competition is a far better way to allocate credit.

The grand strategy need not – and should not – be grandiose. It should avoid overpromising. Fiscal and monetary policies can help mitigate the effects of shocks to the economy, but they run grave risks if their goal is to target asset prices. When investors' perceptions of Treasury securities change rapidly, they tend to be far less sure about the price of riskier assets, like stocks. The resulting volatility in financial markets harms growth.

A pro-growth strategy is decidedly long term in orientation. It aims for higher standards of living five, 10 and 20 years out, long past the next election cycle. It replaces the false promise made to the next generation of entitlement-program recipients with a solvent, dependable model that encourages work and savings. Reforming Social Security before costs multiply and uncertainties spread is both fairer and more growth-oriented. And enacting consumer-driven health-care policies represents the best way to control costs and improve patient care.

An effective growth strategy confronts tough challenges before they become intractable. The strategy is a threat to those who take refuge in our burdensome tax code, and it is a great source of encouragement to those who seek higher rates of return on physical and human capital. Hence, fundamental tax reform – dramatically lowering tax rates for individuals and companies while eliminating loopholes, deductions and credits – is critical to economic growth.

Achieving strong growth requires the free flow of capital, goods and ideas. We have world-class products and services to sell to the growing middle class in emerging markets. We must find our voice to resist the rising tide of economic protectionism and recognize the job-creating benefits of our pending free trade

agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama.

The growth strategy also demands an abiding respect for the rule of law, and stable, cost-effective rules of the road from regulators. A constantly changing regulatory regime kills investment and limits economic growth. The strategy also demands investing in our own natural resources, such as shale gas and the commensurate infrastructure to re-industrialize our country, creating jobs here in the U.S. rather than shipping hundreds of billions of dollars abroad.

Finally it means ensuring that the opportunities presented by a growing economy are matched by the skills of the next generation. We need to transform our education system through higher standards, merit-based teacher compensation and school choice. No grand strategy will prevail unless far more of our high-school graduates are college or career ready.

Stronger economic growth is not just about economics. Growth unleashes human potential. It turns personal aspirations into positive achievements. And it lays the predicate for a better, stronger, more prosperous and opportunity-filled America.

Our weak economic recovery has dashed the hopes and dimmed the prospects of too many of our citizens. And it has put America's place in the world at risk.

We should resist the temptation to wrangle with the green eyeshade folks who question our prospects. Instead, we must take actions that demonstrate our resolve and resiliency. We must restore our faith in growth economics and reform our policies accordingly. This will bring strength to our markets and reaffirm our place in the world.

*Warsh, a former Federal Reserve governor, is a distinguished visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. Bush, governor of Florida from 1999-2007, is president of Jeb Bush and Associates LLC.*

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## AN EVENING WITH HOLLYWOOD PRO-LIFER JASON JONES

By Mimi Frank

On June 15 MBA-RWF welcomed Hollywood producer, political activist and humanitarian Jason Jones to Duke's restaurant in Malibu.

More than 70 guests attended the dinner and were moved by Jason's passionate speech and personal testimony.

That evening Jones drove home the point that true blue social conservatives (Reagan, Bush) win more elections than moderate candidates (McCain, Dole).

Jones, who produced the feature film *Bella*, about a woman's wrenching but life-affirming choice, and *The Stoning of Soraya M.*, a condemnation of a fundamentalist culture of brutal misogyny, has done more for the pro-life movement than probably anyone else in Hollywood.

Since 17, he has devoted himself to human rights activism. In addition to producing documentaries promoting human rights, he is the founder of HERO, the Human-Rights Education & Relief Organization, a non-profit group that promotes human dignity in all stages of life through education and relief programs.



Mimi Frank and Jones display the traditional Hawaiian surfer "shaka" greeting at Duke's

His film *Bella* not only won the prestigious *People's Choice Award* at the Toronto International Film Festival, but it spawned *Bella Hero* and *Bella On Campus*, two programs aimed at promoting beauty and truth in culture by featuring free screenings of the movie for college students.

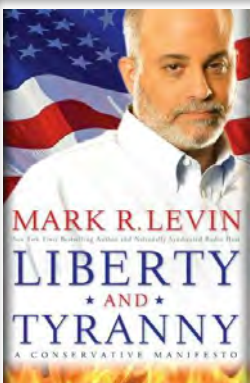
Introducing Jones at the event was special guest Mark Tapson, a Hollywood conservative and writer for Andrew Breitbart's *Big Hollywood*, *FrontPage Magazine*, *Pajamas Media* and *Town Hall*. He is a Shillman Journalism Fellow at the David Horowitz Freedom Center. Tapson also worked as a writer and researcher on *The Stoning of Soraya M.* and *The Path to 9/11*.

Truly, Jones does more than talk the talk, he walks the walk. He has worked on political campaigns from the local level to the White House. He has gone to Sudan's Darfur region as part of the Persecution Project, not only to raise awareness for victims of civil war, genocide and persecution, but also to aid refugees by drilling wells in the region, distributing medicine and other relief efforts.

Jones is out there making a real-world difference. He has appeared on radio and television, and delivers hundreds of speeches nationwide, from coffee shops to stadiums.



Jones (left) with Leith Eaton and Mark Tapson



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