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# **HOW TO TALK TO A LIBERAL**

### With MICHAEL WALSH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
SOCIAL 11:30 AM LUNCH 12:00 PM
RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB
1250 DRIVE CAPRI, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272



Michael Walsh, will cover key talking points on issues that are relevant in our current political climate. He will educate us on how to effectively communicate and debate our philosophy with liberals.

With, six critically acclaimed novels, six non-fiction books and a hit TV movie, journalist, author and screenwriter Michael Walsh has achieved the writer's trifecta: the author of two *New York Times* bestsellers, a major literary award winner and the co-writer of the Disney Channel's then-highest-rated show.

Walsh, a pianist who graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a degree in musicology, has worked as a reporter and music critic for the Rochester *Democrat & Chronicle*, the *San Francisco Examiner* and, from 1981 to 1997, TIME Magazine. He has lectured in universities around the country and abroad, including Tokyo and Munich. In addition to the American Book Award, he has won the ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for distinguished music criticism, first prize for reporting by the New York State Publishers Association, and the Arlington Symphony piano competition. He is listed in the *International Who's Who in Music*, twelfth edition.

From 2009-2010, Walsh was Editor-in-Chief of Andrew Breitbart's web site, <a href="www.bigjournalism.com">www.bigjournalism.com</a>, as well as its founding editor.

# www.MalibuBelAirRWF.org



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 20th: Michael Walsh

Topic: How to Talk to a Liberal Palisades Rivera Country Club Cost: \$30

Please RSVP to Rosemarie as soon as possible. We would like to have a preliminary count by February 14<sup>th</sup>

RSVP: 310.456.3190 or reservations@maliburwf.org

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Rebecca Grossman & Wendy Borcherdt Palisades Rivera Country Club Cost: \$30



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# President's Message

Dear Members and Associates,

Well, we are now into the 2014 election year, and there are many transitions already occurring. First, Henry Waxman has decided to retire after serving twenty terms in The House of Representatives. This is a major development for Los Angeles. Hopefully, the GOP will take this opportunity to educate the public about the benefits of looking and voting for a Republican candidate, especially with the incredible problems from the roll out of Obamacare.

Our packing party in January was an incredible success. Cindy Linke, shared with all the volunteers that this year set the highest record of 3,000 packages. It was a great job well done by all who came and participated in this wonderful event. Sadly, Cindy will be retiring as the chairperson, and we will all miss her incredible energy and organizational skills. It was her leadership that truly made this event so successful over the years.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Los Angeles County Republican Women's Federated held their Leadership conference. There was an excellent turnout. We were fortunate to have three students from Pepperdine's College Republicans and one student form Mount Saint Mary's College join us.

The conference provided beneficial information on social media techniques, membership, methods on recruiting dynamic speakers, and raising funds for our clubs. LACWRF's President, Patti Adair,

arranged for several of our representatives to also speak and share their accomplishments over the last year. I hope you will join us for next year's conference.

We are facing a tremendous headwind going forward when it comes to the value of our vote. Nancy Eisenhart is working hard to secure Guard our Vote. Please try to sign her petitions so we can get this on our ballot and vote for it. This is an important proposition by the people that requires voter identification when going to vote.

Staying active in our communities is so important. At times we might feel others are not interested in our message and will only tune us out. Sadly, isn't this what happened in countries like Germany? Saul Alinsky's methods will only work if we let the minority opinion dominate the majority. Most Americans are kind, generous, and conservative.



Our co-Presidents with 3students from Pepperdine College Republicans and 1 student from Mount Saint Mary's College.

But we, the Republicans, have allowed the Democrats to frame every issue, thus controlling the narrative. It is now time for us to set the stage and stand strong with sound, factual narratives that hold true to our beliefs. Try to stay clear of social issues this year, as it is an easy target to change the subject and derail our core message. Thanks again for being a part of our organization. It is your support and energy that will make the difference going forward.

Cheers,

Victoria Davis Co-President

Member

# **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Dear friends,

Many thanks to everyone who has joined or renewed their 2014 membership. If you haven't yet done so, please mail a check to our post office box or use PayPal via web site. While you're at it, please also make sure your contact information and preferences are up-to-date for the directory, e-mail and telephone communication.

A lot is at stake this year, with mid-term elections coming and the 2016 presidential election on the horizon. As a party, we need to regroup, refresh and respond strategically to the problems we face. It's easy to be discouraged and give up; it takes courage to make a difference. This year, I would like to challenge each of you to invite at least one prospective member to at least one of our events. We need to increase our membership and rebuild our party. Coming together as a group gives us new opportunities to educate ourselves on important topical issues, share ideas, compare notes and learn creative ways to reach others.

Courage, Laura Borda Membership Vice President (310) 589-0850 bordafamily@aol.com

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL OR MAIL ONLY?

In order to save on monthly printing cost, please let us know if you would like to receive the Newsletter by Email or Mail only. Send requests via email or phone to: dnlacy1@yahoo.com or 310.457.1600

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE A NAMETAG?**



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# **THANK YOU FOR RENEWING FOR 2014** AND WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH!

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#### **ASSOCIATE RENEWALS**

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# **2014 Membership Application**

Malibu/Bel-Air Republican Women Federated

P.O. Box 164, Malibu, CA 90265

Membership in the MBA-RWF is open to women (and men) who are registered Republicans and embrace the Republican philosophy of the party of Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. The organization sponsors monthly meetings featuring distinguished speakers. It also offers patriotic activities that raise awareness about initiatives important to the Republican Party and empower men and women in the political process. MBA-RWF educates members on issues and legislation, and promotes grassroots advocacy with the goal of electing Republicans to office.

#### **Membership requirements:**

- Women registered as Republican who support the objectives and policies of the Federation.
- Women from other Republican Federated clubs may apply for Associate Membership.
- Men registered as Republicans, including spouses of members, may apply for Associate Membership.
- Republican students currently enrolled at educational institutions may apply for Student Membership.

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For more information, contact Laura Borda at (310) 589-0850 or bordafamily@aol.com.

Submit this form with your check (made payable to MBA-RWF) to: Malibu/Bel-Air Republican Women Federated, P.O. Box 164, Malibu, CA 90265

#### SEIZING RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS by Jerome Corsi WND.COM

Click here to read the entire Article Seizing Retirement Accounts

NEW YORK - When you hear, "Hello, I'm from the federal government and I want to help you manage your retirement savings," the best advice is to run away, as fast as you can.

In November 2012, <u>WND reported</u> the Obama administration was exploring a creative way to finance continuing trillion-dollar annual federal budget deficits through forcing private citizens holding IRA and 401(k) accounts to purchase Treasury bonds by mandating the placement of government-structured annuities in their retirement accounts. <u>WND reported</u> the U.S. Department of Labor and the Treasury Department held joint hearings on whether government lifetime annuity options funded by U.S. Treasury debt should be required for private retirement accounts, including IRAs and 401(k) plans.

It looks like that day is getting closer.

Packaged as a new retirement-savers plan designed for workers whose employers do not offer IRAs or 401(k), President Obama announced in his State of the Union address Tuesday an initiative that allows first-time savers to start building up their savings in Treasury bonds that could eventually be converted into traditional IRAs or 401(k) plans.

While it is not as onerous as an Obama administration directive demanding a certain percentage of individual retirement savings must be invested in U.S. Treasury bonds, it is a first step in that direction.

California's Covered California (CA Obamacare) Scandal by Jillian Kay Melchior National Review Online.com Click here to read the entire Article California Obamacare Scandal

At least 43 convicted criminals are working as Obamacare navigators in California, including three individuals with records of significant financial crimes.

Although some of the offenses are decades old, and although convicted criminals account for only 1 percent of the 3,729 certified enrollment counselors in the state, Californians still have good cause to be concerned about their privacy.

Even a single crooked navigator could do significant harm to the public. That's because when navigators sign consumers up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, they have access to lots of private information, including Social Security numbers, home addresses, and financial data — basically, everything on the wish list of identity thieves and fraudsters. Navigators also are likely to work with a population that is more vulnerable than average.

Limited statistics released by Covered California — the state's new health-insurance exchange — showed that one navigator has repeat forgery offenses — one in 1982, then another in 1994, with a burglary in between. Another had two forgery convictions in 1988, in addition to a domestic-violence charge a decade later. Another committed welfare fraud in 1999 and had shoplifted on at least two prior occasions. Since 2000, individuals now working as navigators have committed crimes including child abuse, battery, petty theft, and evading a police officer. At least seven navigators have multiple convictions. The information released covered only certified enrollment counselors, one of the three types of navigators working in California.

Last year, California's Republican lawmakers unsuccessfully requested that Covered California establish a policy forbidding anyone with a prior conviction, regardless of the date, to work as a navigator.

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