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**WHAT DOES MY YES OR NO VOTE REALLY MEAN?**

**AN EDUCATION ON PROPOSITIONS FOR THE CALIFORNIA JUNE PRIMARY ELECTION**

THURSDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>  
SPECIAL START TIME AT 11:00 AM  
RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB

1250 CAPRI DRIVE, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272



Wendy Borchardt, is a current and longtime member and supporter of the Malibu/Bel-Air Republican Women Federated.

Wendy will provide an in depth education on what it means to vote yes or no on the propositions for the June election. She may provide some insight on some of the candidates too. This will be an interactive discussion with an exhilarating Q&A period so please come with questions. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to this event for sure! Every vote will count.

Mrs. Borchardt served as a special assistant to the President for Public Policy and associate director of Presidential Personnel in the White House under President Reagan. She also served as acting Deputy Under-Secretary of Education in the Reagan administration.

Ms. Borchardt serves on the board of overseers, trustee emeritus, at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University where she has served for over 15 years and she serves on the executive committee of the Parents Television Council. In addition, she serves on the executive committee for the American Civil Rights Union, and she is a board member and executive committee member of the Trinity School for Ministry in Pittsburgh, she also sits on the board for Community Bible Study International in Colorado.

Ms. Borchardt serves as a board member at the School for Public Policy at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and the Reagan Alumni executive committee. Ms. Borchardt holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Stanford University.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17<sup>th</sup>: Wendy Borchardt

Topic: *What does my Yes or NO Vote Really Mean?* An Education on Propositions for the California June Primary Election

Palisades Riviera Country Club  
Cost: \$25 **NEW PRICE!**

Please **NO DENIM** and **RSVP** to Rosemarie as soon as possible. We would like to have a preliminary count by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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*"Dedicated to promoting freedom, equality and justice – the principles on which this country was founded"*

## President's Message

*Dear Members and Associates,*

Our March speaker, Ms. Rebecca Grossman, was inspirational and educational. It is important to thank and encourage people like Ms. Grossman for having the courage and strength to bring to light the abuse and torment suffered by women globally. Ms. Grossman's film regarding the mistreatment of some Muslim women was timely and relevant.

Listening to Megyn Kelly, of Fox News, Kelly File, I heard how films like Ms. Grossman's are being restricted from being shown to college students. Ms. Kelly had two women speaking about the boycotting of a film on this particular topic on college campuses because of groups like CARE. The representative from that organization accused the filmmaker of being bigoted and pressured the college not to show it. The opposing viewpoint shared that CARE was a subsidiary of the Muslim Brotherhood and was created to control any educational information that could possibly shed light on unflattering issues in their culture. I hope more exposure of this assault on the first amendment is halted and the truth will get out.

Last month, I had the opportunity to attend CPAC, where thousands of young, disenfranchised citizens were awakened to the perpetual lies that this administration has been touting over the past several years. Lumbered with huge college debt, lack of decent jobs because of the downturn of the economy, and now the financial obligation to support Obamacare, they are now fully aware that it will be necessary to get involved. Many understand that if they are not involved and active they may lose their opportunity of reaching the American Dream.

The straw poll reflected this sentiment with Rand Paul receiving 37% of the vote, Ted Cruz at 11%, and newcomer Dr. Benjamin Carson at 9%. Other notable speakers were the Honorable Daniel Hannan from the United Kingdom, Former Governor Mike Huckabee, Former Speaker Newt Gingrich and Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, who said that Hillary will have to answer some "tough questions" if she plans on running in 2016. The conference concluded with a rousing speech by Sarah Palin, who is the queen of the sound bites. Even though the evenings were cold, many stayed warm discussing what transpired over the three days, hopefully developing a game plan to win this crucial upcoming midterm election.

Victoria Davis

Co-President

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### **March Book Recommendation** by Dr. Laura Trice

**UP FROM SLAVERY** *it* by Booker T. Washington

I had heard about this book all my life but never read it. It wasn't until Ben Carson, M.D. spoke about how the book, Up From Slavery changed his life as a kid that I ordered a copy. Carson has said he was on a negative, destructive road as a young adult and this book showed him how much positive power he had over his own life. This book was a turning point for him. I assumed it would be more of a history book that wouldn't impact me today. I was wrong. This book is amazing.

Booker T. Washington was born into slavery, he remembered hearing the emancipation proclamation being read at his plantation and then he went on to found a University that still exists today, the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. This book is very moving, inspiring and should be required reading in every high school. This book is about merit, perseverance and determination. Buy the oldest copy you can to avoid "politically correct" intros.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago, in 1964, Ronald Reagan made a prescient speech called "A Time for Choosing." Read it for yourself at my alma mater:

<http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/archives/reference/timechoosing.html>

"The Founding Fathers knew a government can't control the economy without controlling people," he said. "And they knew when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose. So we have come to a time for choosing."

Those words are as true now as they were 50 years ago. And so we find ourselves again at a time for choosing. Are you going to give up or give in?

Frankly, I'm worried about the future of our country and our party. Here in our little club, membership renewals are half what they were last year at this time. We need your support and your dues--to put on our monthly meetings, publish newsletters, pay postage and insurance, and buy office supplies. It's up to us, you and me. No leaving it to others; we all have to do our share!

Now is the time to join or renew your 2014 membership. You can mail a check to our post office box or use PayPal via our 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.

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## George Soros' real crusade: Legalizing marijuana in the U.S.

By: Kelly Riddell, *Washington Times*

Billionaire philanthropist [George Soros](#) hopes the U.S. goes to pot, and he is using his money to drive it there. With a cadre of like-minded, wealthy donors, [Mr. Soros](#) is dominating the pro-legalization side of the marijuana debate by funding grass-roots initiatives that begin in New York City and end up affecting local politics elsewhere.

Through a network of nonprofit groups, [Mr. Soros](#) has spent at least \$80 million on the legalization effort since 1994, when he diverted a portion of his foundation's funds to organizations exploring alternative drug policies, according to tax filings.

His spending has been supplemented by [Peter B. Lewis](#), the late chairman of [Progressive Insurance Co.](#) and an unabashed pot smoker who channeled more than \$40 million to influence local debates, according to the [National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws](#). The two billionaires' funding has been unmatched by anyone on the other side of the debate.

[Mr. Soros](#) makes his donations through the [Drug Policy Alliance](#), a nonprofit he funds with roughly \$4 million in annual contributions from his Foundation to Promote an [Open Society](#).

[Mr. Soros](#) also donates annually to the [American Civil Liberties Union](#), which in turn funds marijuana legalization efforts, and he has given periodically to the [Marijuana Policy Project](#), which funds state ballot measures. [Lewis](#), who died in November, donated to legalization efforts in his name and through the [ACLU](#) and the [Marijuana Policy Project](#), on which he served as the chairman of the board. [Lewis'](#) estate declined to comment for this article.

"The pro-legalization movement hasn't come from a groundswell of the people. A great deal of its funding and fraud has been perpetrated by [George Soros](#) and then promoted by celebrities," said [John Walters](#), director of the [White House Office](#) of National Drug Control Policy under George W. Bush. "The truth is under attack, and it's an absolutely dangerous direction for this country to be going in."

[Mr. Soros'](#) [Open Society](#) Foundations have annual assets of more than \$3.5 billion, a pool from which he can dole out grants to pet projects, according to 2011 tax returns, the most recent on file for his charitable organizations.

[David](#) and [Charles Koch](#), the billionaire brothers who often are cited for their conservative influence, had \$308 million tied up in their foundation and institute in 2011.



## Mozilla CEO resigns, opposition to gay marriage drew fire

By: Sarah McBride, *Reuters*

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Mozilla Chief Executive Brendan Eich has stepped down, the company said on Thursday, after an online dating service urged a boycott of the company's web browser because of a donation Eich made to opponents of gay marriage.

The software company came under fire for appointing Eich as CEO last month. In 2008, he gave money to oppose the legalization of gay marriage in California, a hot-button issue especially at a company that boasts about its policy of inclusiveness and diversity.

"We didn't act like you'd expect Mozilla to act," wrote Mozilla Executive Chairwoman Mitchell Baker in a blog post. "We didn't move fast enough to engage with people once the controversy started. We're sorry."

The next step for Mozilla's leadership "is still being discussed," she added, with more information to come next week.

While gay activists applauded the move, many in the technology community lamented the departure of Eich, who invented the programming language Javascript and co-founded Mozilla.

"Brendan Eich is a good friend of 20 years, and has made a profound contribution to the Web and to the entire world," venture capitalist Marc Andreessen tweeted.

Eich donated \$1,000 in 2008 in support of California's Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage in the state until it was struck down by the Supreme Court in June.

His resignation came days after OkCupid.com, the popular online dating site, called for a boycott of Mozilla Firefox to protest the world's No. 2 Web browser naming a gay marriage opponent as chief executive.

On Monday, OkCupid sent a message to visitors who accessed the website through Firefox, suggesting they use browsers such as Microsoft Corp's Internet Explorer or Google Inc's Chrome. "Mozilla's new CEO, Brendan Eich, is an opponent of equal rights for gay couples," the message said. "We would therefore prefer that our users not use Mozilla software to access OkCupid."



## CALENDAR OF RWF CLUB EVENTS



**April 6th:** Palos Verdes Peninsula RWF  
 Tim Donnelly  
 Palos Verdes Country Club

**April 9th:** SMRWF  
 Dominic Di-Natale and  
 Robert Lorsch  
 Amici Restaurant  
 Brentwood

**April 9th:** Encino Oaks RWF  
 John Sullivan  
 Sportsmen's Lodge  
 Studio City

**April 12th:** Long Beach RWF  
 Orange County Supervisor  
 Janet Nguyen  
 Long Beach

**April 12th:** Manhattan Beach RWF  
 Mark Burton,  
 MB City Councilmen  
 Cantina Real  
 Manhattan Beach

**April 25th:** East San Gabriel RWF  
 Orange County Supervisor  
 Janet Nguyen  
 Long Beach

**May 17th:** Manhattan Beach RWF  
 Actor Ned Vaughn of film  
 "Atlas Shrugged"

***A fashion event not be missed, not for any reason! Not attending just isn't an option!***

WOODLAND HILLS RWF is hosting their annual luncheon at the Woodland Hills Country Club.

What makes this year so incredibly special is that we will be showing pieces from one of fashion's most iconic designers. The DKNY 2012 Spring/Summer Fashion Line will be on our very own catwalk for our guests to enjoy and admire.

So come and celebrate with us, this will be fun!

Cost \$55.00 per person

The funds support the Thomas Paine Merit Scholarship. The WHRWF has a program providing an essay competition which is sent to the three local Woodland Hills High Schools. The winners receive a scholarship toward college.

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-Barry Goldwater

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