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↑ Peter M. Friedman in the cockpit of a Navy A4 fighter

Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2011
The Lodge at Sonoma,
1325 Broadway

11 AM Registration, Speaker 11:30 AM,
 Lunch to follow

Special Guest: Peter Friedman
"ISLAM AND SHARIA LAW—
THE TREAT TO AMERICA"

We are delighted to have **Peter Friedman** back to speak with us.

Koranic student and author **Peter M. Friedman** is our featured speaker February 10th. Friedman's topic is "The Islamic Threat to America ". He last spoke to us in September, 2008.

Friedman's 40-year interest in Islam led to his extensive research of the **Koran and its effect on Western civilization**. He authored an exclusive, easy-to-use "Koran Index" to the hostile portions of the Koran which makes them accessible to the general public, and has been used as a reference by numerous western media. **Friedman** is a regular guest on the **Brian Sussman Show on KSFO-560** in the morning discussing Islam, Sharia, and their effects on America.

Friedman began an aviation career in the Navy during Vietnam. **Friedman** has over **20 years of experience in undercover operations with the FBI and Department of Defense investigating aviation safety problems resulting from fraud, waste and abuse by defense contractors.**

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President — *Willi Vaughn*



Happy 2011! We are starting the New Year with many new members in the House and a few in the Senate. Major changes are being considered with respect to the Health Care Bill as well as other national issues. As we gear up for 2012, **please take the time to contact your representatives** on these important issues, including representatives from the "other side". It was obvious they heard us speak out in November and I hope their hearing is even better in 2012!

Our Club is doing great with new members/associates and we are attempting to start an **evening "Satellite" group**. **Marian Diamond** has graciously offered to Chair this committee and we welcome your feedback as well as input. We are also blessed to have a new associate member, **Dan de la Torre**, who has been and will continue to write articles for the **Sun** from the conservative viewpoint. Who would have thought? In Sonoma yet! Dan plans to interview Board Members in the near future for his article. If you are interested in providing any information, please contact me.

Our **February speaker is Peter Friedman** who will speak on **"Islam and Sharia Law—The Threat to America."** He is a dynamic speaker who spoke to our club several years ago. I have several other interesting speakers scheduled in the coming months, and one you will not want to miss for our May Fundraiser at Cline Cellars. It's not too early to be thinking of items to be donated for our auction.

I will be attending the January 22nd Leadership Conference in Sacramento with Russelle Johnson and Mary Logasa. I will report to you about the conference at our February meeting.

See you in February!

Membership—*Russelle Johnson*



Become a Gold medal winner!

Thank you to all of our **65 Gold medal** members (paid before January 31, 2011) and to our **8 Silver medal** new members (joined since October 2010). We also recognize our



10 Bronze medal associate members for renewing before

the January 31st deadline. We now have **83** renewed/new members for the 2011 year. There are still 55 members who have yet to renew their membership. So, if you have not yet paid your dues, it is now time to do so.



Rosters are now being prepared by Tina Grippi and in order to include you, you must have your dues paid by the end of February (even though our "membership delinquency" deadline is January 31st). For those of you who have not renewed, there is a prepaid envelope for your convenience in this newsletter with which you can send in your renewal. Please note that membership checks should be made out to Sonoma Valley Republican Women, Federated or simply **SVRWF**. If you have any questions, please contact Russelle at 707-935-8658 or rrxjohnsons@gmail.com.

2011 Directory/Roster - *Tina Grippi*




Hello all. Please take a close look at the information in your 2010 Directory and let me know if there are changes or corrections/additions. I will need to know these changes/additions prior to Sunday, February 5th. I would like to get these distributed at the February meeting if possible.

Program Committee - *Willi Vaughn,*

Mary Logasa, Cece Dahl and Tina Grippi

As mentioned above, we have **Peter Friedman** scheduled for our February 10th luncheon. **Sally Zelikovsky** has been invited to be our speaker for our March 10th luncheon. Sally is the founder of the Bay Area Patriots and the coordinator of the San Francisco Tea Party. We are planning on having **August Sebastiani** as a speaker for one of our luncheons once we work out the calendars. **Eric Golub**, has confirmed to be our speaker for our **May Fundraiser at Cline Cellars**. Eric is a very outspoken Republican, who happens to be of the Jewish Faith. He blogs (the Tygrrr Express) about politics Monday through Friday and about football and other human-interest items on weekends. We have several more interesting speakers to whom we have extended invitations. As we confirm them, we will keep you apprised.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of our recently deceased members

 **Lorene Ragan**
Elvera Adams

And to **Merikay Wisely** and her family for the **loss of her mother.**

RENEW AND REVIEW....

Please **renew** your membership and **review** your 2010 directory information to see if it is correct. Please direct any changes to Russelle Johnson (rxrjohnsons@gmail.com) and Tina Grippi (tigrippi@sbcglobal.net).

Directories will (hopefully) be distributed at the February luncheon!



YAY!!!!

We now have 83 renewals/new members

New Member

Paula Robles

Changes

Russ and Russelle Johnson

Email only: rxrjohnsons@gmail.com

If any of your information has changed or if the information in the 2010 roster needs correcting, please call or email Russelle Johnson, Membership Secretary 707-935-8658 or rxrjohnsons@gmail.com

2011 Renewals and New Members = 83
(includes Assoc. and Lifetime Members)

Scholarship Award to be presented at the SVHS Awards ceremony in May 2011

Please tell all high school seniors who you know, in the Sonoma Valley school system, about this opportunity.

- Essay Contest:** \$1000 Scholarship Award
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Deadline to SVRWF: Friday, March 18, 2011
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 Questions: 707-938-3139



TIME TO RENEW!!!!

Per our Bylaws: "Dues shall be considered delinquent after January 31 and, if not paid by February 15, membership shall be forfeited." **Even more importantly**, if you would like to be listed in our **directory/roster**, you **MUST** have your info to Russelle Johnson **by 2/5/11 at the very latest!!!!**

Helpful Hint: Clip the application form below and carry it in your purse. Share it with someone you know!

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Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance

by Red Skelton

Submitted by MaryAnn Honn

As a schoolboy, one of Red Skelton's teachers explained the words and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to his class. Skelton later wrote down, and eventually recorded his recollection of this lecture. It is followed by an observation of his own.

- **I** - - Me; an individual; a committee of one.
- **Pledge** - - Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.
- **Allegiance** - - My love and my devotion.
- **To the Flag** - - Our standard; *Old Glory*; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.
- **United** - - That means that we have all come together.
- **States** - - Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose and that is love for country.
- **And to the Republic** - - Republic – a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.
- **For which it stands**
- **One Nation** - - One Nation – meaning, so blessed by God.
- **Indivisible** - - Incapable of being divided.
- **With Liberty** - - Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.
- **And Justice** - - The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.
- **For All** - - For All – which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

"Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: **Under God**. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools, too?" **Red Skelton**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Contributed by Betsy Dillon

"We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. -- That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- ..." ⁽¹⁾

The consent of the governed. This theme runs through our American history. Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers of Britain who greeted Rome's missionary party in the seventh century already believed that their clan chiefs governed with the consent of the governed. If you go to Edinburgh castle, you learn that the Scots believed the king governed with the consent of his people. The American colonial pastors taught that God is our king and he has given us the duty to govern ourselves, and we delegate this power to elected representatives who do the necessary work of government for us. These colonial churches taught people to be self governed in the one hundred and fifty years preceding the Declaration of Independence. They definitely did **not** believe in the old monarchical idea of the divine right of earthly kings.

We Americans consciously created a government structure that allows individuals to be self-governing and self directed. The founders knew that government can easily become a tool of bureaucrats who want to control others. The Constitution is a thoughtful, intentional document with the purpose of insuring that elected representatives fulfill the necessary functions of government through the consent of the people.

(1) *The Declaration of Independence*

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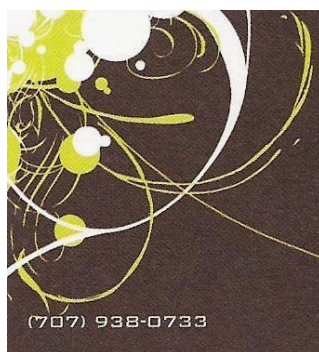
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Capitol Update

Friday, January 14, 2011

California Federation of
Republican Women

Mariann Hedstrom, President

Allison Olson, Legislative Advocate

The Budget Issue

Governor Brown issued his first budget proposal early this week, hoping to fill a \$26.4 billion deficit. To explain it easily, the Governor proposed about \$12 billion in cuts and \$12 billion in taxes. He also proposed another \$2 billion in internal borrowing schemes and “non-tax” revenues. Unfortunately the Governor’s \$12 billion in “cuts” really accounts for approximately \$4.5 billion in shifting of funds which are not actually cuts at all. And much like the spending “cuts”, the \$12 billion dollars in taxes will actually come out to about \$14 billion in new taxes, including higher income, vehicle and sales taxes.

So, now what? Well, first the non-partisan Legislative Analyst’s Office has their say. The LAO stated this week that the Governor’s proposal was a “good starting point”, but cites many risks. The biggest problem that the LAO foresees is the intricate shifting of funds within the budget, especially shifting services to

local governments. Of note, the LAO believes that vehicle taxes should be higher and business tax breaks should be reduced, but argue that higher income and sales taxes would “be difficult issues” to tackle.

Now the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees will meet. They already had their first sessions this week, but there will be many more in the weeks and months to come. Governor Brown will have to argue for his budget proposal, especially for his recommended special election in June to put the issue before the voters of extending for five more years tax hikes set to expire in 2011. Republicans are already promising to vote against this and thanks to Prop 26, a two-thirds approval will most likely be necessary for this proposal.

Governor Brown has asked the Legislature to come to a budget conclusion by March 1st. Although both houses have promised to put the budget on the “fast-track”, speculators say it is highly unlikely that the budget will be resolved by then. The Governor wants the budget done by his timeline so that he can place his tax extension vote on a June ballot. This would require a two-thirds vote from the Legislature, including Republican support. March is an ambitious deadline for the Governor to suggest and the Legislature isn’t known for meeting deadlines... Stay tuned to the Capitol Update during this very important budget battle!



Morning Bell: The Start of the Debate

Posted January 20th, 2011 at 9:01am

Fellow conservatives,

Last night, the House of Representatives, the legislative chamber of Congress closest to American popular opinion, voted to repeal Obamacare—the increasingly unpopular law which led directly to a change in the control of Congress just three months ago.

Many will tell you that yesterday’s bipartisan vote of 245 to 189 was an exercise in futility—an empty, symbolic measure. Liberals in Congress, the White House and their echo chamber in the media all insist, as NPR has duly reported, that “this measure will go no further.”

Don’t believe this for a single minute. The vote last night was an important step in the democratic process of protecting and conserving our constitutional freedoms.

Our country, it is increasingly clear, has arrived at a pivotal moment – perhaps the pivotal moment – in its history. Together, we face a choice between two futures. One is a collectivist future where the federal government claims ever increasing shares of our income and grants itself the authority to make

decisions affecting virtually every aspect of our daily lives. The other future is built upon the idea that individual freedom trumps government authority, and that in those rare cases when solving a problem requires government, the government that governs best is the one that is smallest and closest to the people. That is the future that we should seek – reaffirming our individual liberty, strengthening private markets, shrinking the size of governments, and making decisions wherever possible at the local level rather than in Washington.

No issue joins this debate more dramatically than the question of Obamacare, and what to do about it. It’s not just about health care. The law redefines our centuries-old understanding of the reach of federal authority, indeed whether there are any limits at all to the government’s ability to intrude upon individuals, families, business owners, physicians and other health providers, and state and local governments. Little or nothing will be allowed outside the new regulatory scheme – no alternative state programs, no individuals or businesses that choose not to participate, no truly private market alternatives.

The debate boils down to one big question: Shall we govern ourselves, or let unelected bureaucrats rule us?

Behind this question are the many other specific ones about health care:

- Should the federal government control America’s \$2.5 trillion health

sector, fully one sixth of our economy?

- Should government bureaucrats decide what form of health coverage is “acceptable”?

- Should these bureaucrats be given the legal authority to require all Americans to purchase government-designed health plans and levy penalties on those who don’t comply?

- Should the federal government require the States to devote scarce resources to the creation of federally designed health exchanges that State lawmakers may feel inadequately address the unique needs of state residents?

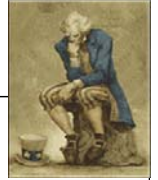
- Should the federal government expand the Medicaid program so dramatically that States face a Hobson’s choice – either shoulder billions in new fiscal commitments (on top of an already unsustainable budget mess) or withdraw from the program entirely?

What about employers who want to continue to provide their employees with health coverage but learn that federal bureaucrats deem the coverage they can afford to provide insufficiently generous?

And these are but the most obvious concerns raised by last year’s law.

But what comes next, you ask?

**To read the rest of the story,
please go to www.heritage.org**



Why the Left Hates Sarah Palin

By Robin of Berkeley

When I was ten years old, I participated in an act of unadulterated group evil. It happened at a sleep-away camp in the Catskill Mountains.

Starting in third grade, I was shipped off to this summer camp for three months at a time. Although I was in no way ready to be so far from home, my parents wanted the summers free and clear -- so I was whisked away, like hundreds of other Camp Tawonga kids.

I lived in a bunk with a gaggle of other girls, with two teenagers to oversee us. Since our counselors were more absorbed in the male staff than in us, we girls had the run of the house.

One day, my bunkmates decided to punish Barbara, a popular and confident child. The masterminds held Barb down while a few others stripped off her clothes. Barbara struggled and screamed as the rest of us watched, transfixed. The details are blessedly murky, but they involve mocking Barbara and grabbing at her body.

Although I wasn't a major player, I also did nothing to stop the madness, which shames me to this day. I even recall feeling a strange, wicked thrill surging through my body. Now that I analyze it, it was the maniacal power of sadism -- and evil.

I've always wondered why Barbara was chosen to be tortured, and not a nerdy girl instead. But after beholding the horrible treatment of Sarah Palin, I finally understand: Barb was a sweet and happy and innocent child. The leaders of the pack wanted to knock her down from her high horse.

My mind flashed to this awful memory after hearing that Palin was being scapegoated for the Tucson Massacre. Palin has been a target of the left's wrath from the moment she was nominated for vice president. Many conservatives have tried to explain why.

Some say it's jealousy, which is true; Palin is a lovely woman with a handsome husband. She's also a self-made woman; Palin has risen to power on her own, without the coattails of husband or father.

Some conservatives believe that the hatred is a result of brainwashing; this is true, as well. Liberals respond robotically, like Pavlov's dogs, whenever Palin's name is uttered.

But there's a darker reason for the abject hatred of Palin, and the clues can be found in that Catskill Mountains bunk. Because evil can manifest when people project their own badness and shame onto another.

People on the left hate Palin for one simple reason: because she is everything they are not. She is their polar opposite because her life journey has diverged from the prescribed liberal path.

Palin was raised to be self-sufficient and independent since "idle hands are the devil's tools." Little Sarah was up at the crack of dawn, hunting with her dad; in sharp contrast, liberal kids like me were still fast asleep.

Palin didn't have life handed to her on a silver platter, like so many in the ruling class. Instead, Sarah balanced school, chores, jobs, and sports. While liberal girls like me were

glued to the boob tube, Sarah had no time for sloth.

Palin attended church with her family on Sundays. On Sunday morning, young liberals like me were recovering from Saturday night.

From her devout Christian upbringing, Sarah learned to be a good girl. In contrast, I learned everything I needed to know about how to be a modern girl from the monthly *Playboy Magazine*, which was conspicuously displayed on our living room table.

Sarah dated and then married her high school sweetheart; I learned that my body was a commodity that I "owned." And I could use my body -- and allow it to be used -- to temporarily still the pangs of loneliness.

There's a lyric from a Matt Maher song that always moves me to tears. It's when he cries out to God: "Where were You when sin stole my innocence?"

When I hear these words, an unspeakable pain cuts through me. I feel the ache of something stolen from me -- something precious, never quite recovered. And there are countless others out there, similarly robbed, though they have no idea what has gone missing.

And then, out of the blue, Sarah Palin, like a majestic bird in flight, swooped onto the scene of a depraved and deprived nation. With her children and grandchild, her religion and her patriotism, Sarah is the antithesis of everything the progressives stand for. Palin is not just pro-life, but she emanates life -- and good, clean living.

And what does the left do? They try to drag her through the mud to sully her. The hardcore among them want to *eliminate* her, even if this means putting her life at risk.

The progressives "joke" about gang-rape, make pornographic movies about her, and leer at her legs. (Would any of this be tolerated against Michelle Obama?)

Palin's church was torched during the primary, a vicious crime that was hushed up by the MSM. And now, with the smears about Tucson, death threats against Palin have soared.

Yes, leftists attack Palin because they envy her beauty; and true, she's a political threat. But the main reason for the hatred is something deeper and darker.

Leftists loathe Palin because she has retained something that was stripped from them years ago: a wholesomeness, a purity of heart. People on the left despise Palin because she shines a bright light on their shame and unworthiness, which they try desperately to deny.

The progressives, like that brutal gang of abandoned girls, want to drag Palin down into the gutter with them; they want to spoil her. Of course, their efforts will be futile; Palin is fueled by a Spirit that isn't simply her own.

The left knows only how to point fingers, and threaten, and menace. Why? They are lost, abandoned children as well; they have shunned the only Force who could wash them clean and bring them home again.

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