

THE ELEPHANT

OVER 200 MEMBERS STRONG

Malibu/Bel-Air RWF

Annual Christmas Party

****Address Provided upon RSVP**



*Malibu/Bel-Air Republican Women Federated
invite you to our annual members' potluck*

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 16th • 11 a.m.
Malibu

*Please bring either an unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots
or raffle items to benefit MBA-RWF and a dish to share*

RSVP to Gigi (310) 480-5832 or mbarwf@gmail.com

Address will be provided upon RSVP. Carpooling is highly encouraged

Food Assignments are as follows based on last name:

A-D: Dessert; E-R: Salad; S-Z: Side Dish

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16th : Christmas Party
Private Residence in Malibu

We would like to have a preliminary count by December 14th.
Please RSVP to Gigi at 310-480.5832 or mbarwf@gmail.com

Carpooling is highly encouraged!

FOOD ASSIGNMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS BASED ON LAST NAME:

A-D Dessert

E-R Salad

S-Z Side Dish

Musical accompaniment provided by
Beverly Craveiro

Time: 11 AM

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

President's Message

Dear Members and Associates,



It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by, and now my time has come to an end being the president of this fine club. It seems like only yesterday when I was first introduced by a former president to become active in a group that would stand up for many of the same principles I believed in. I first started attending the lectures several years ago, and it gave me hope that we can make a difference. Many of the women in this organization have been very active from the early days, and they continue to promote the values that MBARWF strive towards.

Over the last two years much has happened in the political arena. With the active participation of the Republican Party, we managed to obtain majorities in both houses. There is still much to do going forward, but it is necessary to continue to move towards finding solutions to the obstacles that continue to plague our great nation - fighting against Common Core, preserving the second amendment, helping improve conditions for our veterans, and educating people about the real issues regarding the threats against this country which might be more dire than global warming.

These past two years would have been much more difficult without the assistance of some of the members who have been there throughout this term. The two people who were my pillars of support were Rosemarie Ihde and Marta Enstrom. Their contributions were boundless and contributed greatly to the smooth transitions of leadership. And what club would be successful if it wasn't supported by a strong executive committee. Special thanks needs to be given to the following - Laura Borda, our Membership Vice President. She was always working at keeping our membership count up to date, engaged and prepares our per capita report. Nathalie Koplín, our Treasurer, who handles our finances, which are so important for running the club. Another shout out goes out to our Vice President of Americanism Cindy Linke and Ruth Loeb, and our Vice President, Ways & Means, Mari Stanley. These women are always there for our moral support and provide us with necessary contributions for our raffles. A very special thanks needs to go out to our tireless Recording Secretary and newsletter editor, Dianelle Lacy who has done a brilliant job getting the newsletters out in a timely manner and keeping up with our monthly minutes. This is definitely time consuming, but she never seems to mind. Thanks again to all of your support.

Finally, I feel grateful for all the support that I have received from the past president, Susanne Reyto, and the future president, Gigi Becker. Both have been exceptional leaders in their own way. Susanne and I have worked together for several years, not only with MBARWF, but also with City of Hope. She has been very inspirational and taught me the importance of being involved and staying true to one's principles. Gigi and I have been working as co-presidents over the last year, and I have appreciated all the great organizational skills and computer knowledge that she brings to the table. I feel confident that our club will be in good hands with Gigi at the helm.

Again, I look forward to watching this club continue to grow and feel that with our dedication to the cause of the Republican ideals, we can continue to turn this country back towards what we remember it was established as and will be again one day.

May God bless our nation and us all.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

Warmly,
Victoria Davis
Co-President
Malibu/Bel-Air RWF

Membership News

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time to be a Republican! There are so many terrific presidential candidates (and some not so terrific!). Amazing that so few have dropped out; I'm starting to wonder if we'll have a brokered convention.

In any event, change is in the air. Are you ready to be optimistic about the future? We've been discouraged for a long time, but it's time for hope to emerge. To start, I would suggest inviting a friend to our annual Christmas party – it's a fabulous and fun event, the perfect time to show someone new why joining Malibu/Bel-Air Republican Women Federated is a great idea. We all need some holiday cheer and an energized sense of purpose for 2016!

Make a difference,

Laura Borda

Membership Vice President

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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: dnlacy78@gmail.com or 310.592.9905

Would you like a nametag?



To order, please see the membership application. Complementary name tags are available upon request to Platinum and Diamond sponsors.

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING FOR 2015 AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH!

NEW SPONSOR

Silver Sponsors

Lelia Lee-Weston

NEW MEMBERS

Donee Chabot
Elka Harms

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

RENEWALS

Bonnie Coleman

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Warren Weston

ASSOCIATE RENEWALS

Diane Tindall

DECEMBER BOOK RECOMMENDATION by Dr. Laura Trice

In the Spirit, We're Equal: If you are interested in the dynamic and courageous roles of women in church history, The Bible and America, you will really enjoy this wonderful book by Susan Hyatt, Ph.D. Dr. Hyatt has advanced degrees in Church history, Theology and the Bible. Dr. Hyatt's book, **In the Spirit, We're Equal**, documents the diverse and important religious and political roles that women have played throughout thousands of years of religious history. It also reveals how certain people and groups tried to subvert or change what was really taught in the Bible about women. Women were even hung for preaching what the Bible truly said. It explains how American prisons went from holding cells to penitentiaries, aiming to reform criminals and give them a chance at betterment. It uncovers how the pagan backgrounds in some Bible scholars, church leaders and translators resulted in key mistranslations and misguided interpretations that have had far reaching implications. It's a wonderful and inspiring book that will open your eyes. It is a delight to learn what the original Greek and Hebrew authors intended and to experience it being explained in an accessible and engaging time-line. Right now, the book is being revised for a second edition and printing to be available in print in 2016. However, I couldn't wait and bought the pdf download. A wonderful Christmas gift.

Click Here to purchase and read reviews: [In The Spirit We Are Equal](#)
To read additional articles on these topics, go to www.godstowomen.org

Board Meeting Prayer by Ruth Loeb

1 Thessalonians 5:5-8, 15-17; 19, 21 and Romans 12:21; 13:11

- 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- 7 For they that sleep, sleep in the night;...
- 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- 16 Rejoice evermore.
- 17 Pray without ceasing
- 19 Quench not the Spirit
- 21 Prove all things; hold fast to which is good
- 21 Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- 11 ... now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than we believed.



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.

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.

Membership opportunities:

- _____ **\$500 Diamond Elephant Sponsorship** *(includes annual membership dues, name badge and special directory listing)*
- _____ **\$250 Platinum Elephant Sponsorship** *(includes annual membership dues, name badge and special directory listing)*
- _____ **\$100 Gold Elephant Sponsorship** *(includes annual membership dues and special directory listing)*
- _____ **\$50 Silver Elephant Sponsorship** *(includes annual membership dues and special directory listing)*
- _____ **\$35 Annual Membership Dues** *(basic annual membership dues with voting privileges)*
- _____ **\$25 Associate Membership Dues** *(for men and members of other RWF clubs who are registered Republicans)*
- _____ **\$20 Student Membership Dues** *(for students currently enrolled at educational institutions)*
- _____ **\$20 Name Badge** *(optional)* _____ *(Please print name as it should appear)*
- _____ **Total Paid** *(Payments can be made by check to MBA-RWF or by credit card via PayPal at www.MalibuBelAirRWF.org. Send checks and forms to P.O. Box 164, Malibu, CA 90265.)*

Directory listing:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cellular Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

Do you want your name and contact information included in the membership directory? *(The directory will not be shared with non-members and cannot be used for commercial purposes.)* _____ Yes _____ No

How would you prefer to receive newsletters and other communication? _____ Mail _____ E-mail

Are you a registered Republican? *(Required for membership)* _____ Yes _____ No

Volunteer opportunities:

I would be interested in serving on the following committees:

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| ___ Americanism | ___ Fundraising | ___ Military Support | ___ Programs |
| ___ Budget | ___ Hospitality | ___ Newsletter | ___ Publicity |
| ___ Campaigns | ___ Legislation | ___ Nominations | ___ Telephone |
| ___ Chaplain | ___ Membership | ___ Photography | ___ Voter Registration |

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

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We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his/her actions.

— **Ronald Reagan**