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Trending: Why Voting for Donald Trump is a Morally Good Choice

By Wayne Grudem



Some of my Christian friends tell me they can't in good conscience vote for Donald Trump because, when faced with a choice between "the lesser of two evils," the morally right thing is to choose neither one. They recommend voting for a third-party or write-in candidate.

As a professor who has taught Christian ethics for 39 years, I think their analysis is incorrect. Now that Trump has won the GOP nomination, I think voting for Trump is a morally good choice.

American citizens need patience with each other in this difficult political season. Close friends are inevitably going to make different decisions about the election. We still need to respect each other and thank God that we live in a democracy with freedom to differ about politics. And we need to keep talking with each other – because democracies function best when thoughtful citizens can calmly and patiently dialog about the reasons for their differences. This is my contribution to that discussion.

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SAVE THE DATE

September 21, 2016

Phil Haney

DHS Whistleblower & Fox News Contributor

October 19, 2016

Pete Peterson

Pepperdine Dean of Public Policy

November

Thanksgiving Holiday

No meeting

December

Annual Christmas Party

Date to be advised

January, 18, 2017

Eric Golub

Politically Incorrect Author & Commentator

February 15, 2017

John Hancock

Best Selling Author & Historian

March 15, 2017

Howard Hyde

Radio host & President of SoCal Rep Men & Women Club

President's Message

Dear Members and Associates,



GOP in Turmoil! Room for a Third Party? Can Trump Turn Blue States Red?

No one can say this hasn't been an interesting election year. Now, a billionaire New York real estate mogul and reality TV host married to a supermodel is the GOP nominee.

Some Republicans are even hoping the GOP completely flames out, "My hope is that Trump will lose by (sic) a landslide, and the party will come to its senses," writes Max Boot in the LA Times (5/4/2016). In his July 31st column, he asks the question, "It's hard to know exactly when the Republican Party assumed the mantle of the "stupid party."

And now, George Will has left the building.

There goes the Supreme Court. Oh well, at least we'll have Hillary to entertain us for 4-8 years as sharia law becomes official.

But Boot may be onto something. Unless something dramatic occurs in the next 100 days, the party of Ted Kennedy may win 253 electoral votes to the Republican's 191.

I have tried to be a beacon of hope for you for months now, but it's a time to face the music. Have a Come to Jesus moment. Unless you vote, it's President Hillary Rodham (cough! cough! cough!) Clinton. Unless you convince your fence-sitting friends to vote Trump, It's President Enabler. Unless you convince your morally convicted family members that staying home is a vote for Hillary, it's President Benghazi.

And if it's President Clinton 2.0, well....and I didn't want to say this... but there will be so many presidential trips to Hollywood, we'll never to be able to drive across town again!

Best regards,

Gigi Becker
President
Malibu/Bel-Air RWF

Don't forget the ways you can help. Join MBA-RWF and call local residents. We will provide the precinct sheets. Contact us at mbawrf@gmail.com. Know any 18-year old's that have not registered, yet? Get them registered.

Steve Fazio, Dr. Kenneth Wright, Rafael Dagnesses are running in many of our member's districts. Do we want to win these races? Here are their Web Sites. Offer your help and make a difference this election season.

Steve Fazio <http://stevefazio.com/support/>

Kenneth Wright <http://drwright4congress.com/support-dr-wright/>

Raphael Dagnesses <http://www.rafaelforcongress.com/>

New Board Members

We are excited to welcome two new board members, Karen Zethraeus - Second Vice President Membership and Jennifer Honda, Recording Secretary. Kate Ogden will be our Newsletter Editor

Saying Good-Bye

On behalf of the entire MBA-RWF board and members, we wish a fond farewell to our Membership chair, Laura Borda. Laura and her family moved to Texas in June.

"Laura interviewed me a few years ago as part of a biography article. That was the beginning of a wonderful Board friendship. I admired her commitment to her family which included a daily commute over a period of years to get from Malibu to school on the Westside of LA. Each position that she held on the Board was always handled with thoroughness. She is gracious, intelligent, dedicated, enthusiastic, funny, full of energy and beautiful. I know we will all miss her; I know I will. I wish her, her husband and her boys the very best in the move to Texas. Their gain most certainly our loss."
~Ruth Loeb

We are also losing our very much appreciated Secretary & Newsletter editor, Danielle Lacy. As Secretary, Dianelle faithfully set our meeting agendas, keep our board meetings on track and summarized everything clearly in the minutes. As Newsletter editor, I think the professionally produced issues speak for themselves.

"I have known Danielle for many years through our Republican Club and her friendship means so much to me. It has been a great joy and privilege to work with her on countless Republican events and projects. No job is too difficult or demanding for her. She is an amazing "multi-tasker," juggling many jobs at one time, all successfully. She takes on the most daunting challenges with ingenuity and ease and good humor. She has always supported the packing parties and events for the troops faithfully and enthusiastically. She has spent hours and hours manning the booths at the Malibu fairs and other activities. (She has the ability to charm even Democrats when she explains and defends our conservative principles). To me, she is a beautiful example of a magnificent Republican woman - strong, courageous, and truly lovely. And I'm proud to say she is my friend."
~Cindy Linke

"Dianelle Lacy, our newsletter editor and recording secretary will resign after many years of serving the club. After she moved to the Sacramento area the board communicated by phone and on-line. MBARWF thanks Dianelle for her many years of dedicated service. When asked to help, Dianelle always said: sure I can do this. A big thank you again. Dianelle joined MRWF in 2000, the year I met Dianelle at the election headquarter in Malibu. Republicans won and we got GW Bush."
~Rosemarie Ihde

Editorial

Let's Not Give Up!

1. When Trump responds at all to Khazir Khan, a Clinton puppet who just happened to have a copy of the constitution in his pocket at the Democratic convention.
2. When Trump responds at all to Obama's egregious criticism of Trump in his speech on Monday in the presence of Singapore's leader.
3. When Trump responds at all that he isn't ready to endorse Paul Ryan and John McCain for re-election.
4. When Trump responds at all to Ted Cruz's unbelievably bad behavior (after accepting Trump's offer to speak at the convention), by re-litigating the Heidi/Melania/father Cruz/Lee Harvey Oswald sagas on national television while Mike Pence visibly squirmed.

Let's Appreciate!

5. When Trump responds graciously to the veteran who presented him with his Purple Heart.
6. When Trump responds to Hillary's lies and drops the "crooked" lingo.
7. When Trump responds with the same horror as we do to Obama's sending a cargo plane in the dead of night carrying \$400 million to Iran as ransom for the hostages.
8. When Trump re-focuses on winning the election by ignoring the distractions and going after Hillary as if his life depended on it, because, FYI Mr. Trump, OUR lives do.

Very unfortunately, this "mixed bag" has become a roller coaster ride, dampening the spirits of the Trump longtime supporters and serving as validation for his enemies that they were right all along. BUT THEN THERE'S HILLARY.

~Kate Ogden

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This year's Presidential Election is sure to be an exciting one. Do you have questions regarding this upcoming election? All the more reason for you to be an active member! Our meetings this Fall will be laser focused on the State and Presidential election to answer any questions you have and keep you informed so that you can vote with confidence in your District. Renew and recruit your friends to join us this Fall. Go to the Polls Informed!

For years, we've kept our basic dues at \$35 annually, but consider a sponsorship at the \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500 level. Half of the basic membership fee goes to fund the county, state and national federated organizations. That leaves little for our club to publish and mail newsletters and directories, host programs and speakers, and sponsor military support and other community events.

Renewing your membership is easy. You can fill out the application and mail it with your check (made out to MBA-RWF) to P.O. Box 164, Malibu, CA 90265. Or use a credit card via PayPal on our website: www.MalibuBelAirRWF.org.

Thank you for your continued support of our club, we really appreciate it!

Karen Zethraeus

Membership Vice President

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: mbarwf@gmail.com

WOULD YOU LIKE A NAMETAG?



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

Save Your State!

It's no secret California has gone to the left. However, this issue is very pressing this election year. I cringe when I hear Republicans say they are not going to vote in the November election! What about saving California?!

Twenty State Senate seats are on the ballot this November, 15 of which have a Republican or Independent opposing a Democratic candidate. Our State needs EVERY one of those seats as Republican seats to avert a super majority of power in California. In the case of an Independent candidate versus a Democratic candidate, vote for the Independent! This philosophy holds true for State Congress as well. Let's move the balance of power so that conservative values and economics have a chance to help our State. Keeping your friends and family aware of what is at stake is very helpful.

~Karen Zethraeus

Volunteers Needed to Serve

If you would like to get more involved with the Malibu Bel-Air RWF, there are some great opportunities available:

- Hospitality Chair (1) - Coordinate our RSVPs for our monthly General Meetings and check-in at the door
- Hospitality Committee (2) - Help greet members and guests at the door and assist with check-in
- Vice President, Membership Chair - Encourage and attract members to join and provide per capita report to National RWF, track monthly membership registration
- Vice President, Programs - assist with obtaining our monthly speakers. Great opportunity to network and people individuals who are active in our cause on the local, regional and national levels.
- Publicity Chair - Advertise our meetings in the Calendar section in the local newspapers and online sources, i.e. Malibu Times and Pacific Palisades Patch

Please contact Gigi Becker, 310-480-5832 or mbarwf@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these positions.

AUGUST BOOK RECOMMENDATION

By Dr. Laura Trice, M.D.

Pursuing Power, How the Historic Quest for Apostolic Authority and Control Has Divided and Damaged the Church - by Dr. Eddie Hyatt

Ever wonder how a faith that started out with the leader washing the feet of his followers in service and humility evolved into one of hierarchy where acquiring money, power and using force to get it became the goal? This book chronicles how the Christian church moved from a focus on service to a focus on power and the roles various influences, from Rome to institutionalization, participated in this shift away from the original principles. From monarchies to the Catholic church, there were Christians condemned to death for practicing the Quaker or Anabaptist faith. "The pursuit of power has led to the darkest periods of the church's history, resulting in heresy trials with imprisonments, torture, beheadings and burnings." Much of this power was also used to keep the Bible in the hands of royalty and church officials only. There was punishment for owning an copy of a Bible in English as a regular person. Knowing how intoxicated people can become with power, it makes even more sense why our founders wanted to protect free religious and political speech since they had seen how destructive it was to allow governments and authorities to oppress it. Short, 145 pages and an eye opener. Available on Kindle.



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 |

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CONDI RICE SUMS UP THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN 75 WORDS



"IF YOU ARE TAUGHT BITTERNESS AND ANGER, THEN YOU WILL BELIEVE YOU ARE A VICTIM. YOU WILL FEEL AGGRIEVED AND THE TWIN BROTHER OF AGGRIEVED IS ENTITLEMENT. SO NOW YOU THINK YOU ARE OWED SOMETHING AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK FOR IT AND NOW YOU'RE ON A REALLY BAD ROAD TO NOWHERE BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL PLAY TO THAT SENSE OF VICTIMHOOD, AGGRIEVEDMENT AND ENTITLEMENT, AND YOU STILL WON'T HAVE A JOB."
- CONDALEEZA RICE