

Republicans of River City

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Deborah Johns

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- Age: 42.
- Hometown: Roseville.
- Appearances: supports U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Affiliations: "You Don't Speak For Me, Cindy" and the "Support the Troops and Their Mission" bus tour to Washington, D.C.
- Connection: Son William, 21, served two tours with the Marines in Iraq and heads back for a third tour in the spring.



Joseph Williams

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Joseph Williams, father of Jason Williams who died in combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom, resides in

Vacaville, California – the same hometown of anti-war protestor, Cindy Sheehan.

Deborah Johns, the leader of Move America Forward's "You Don't Speak for Me, Cindy" Tour, issued the following statement regarding the caravan of military families and their supporters that headed to Crawford, Texas for a major pro-troop rally ("We Support Our Troops AND Their Mission") on Saturday, August 27th.

"As the proud mother of a U.S. Marine who has served two tours of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom, I have been saddened by the hurtful comments made by Cindy Sheehan in regards to the men and women of the United States military and our Commander in Chief.

For three weeks Cindy Sheehan has made inflammatory and untrue statements about the mission our troops have been serving. It was these non-stop attacks and hateful words that compelled me to take action. That is why I joined with Move America Forward to organize the 'You Don't Speak for Me, Cindy' Tour."



ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

December 2, 1863 - Phillip Reid, a former slave set free by Republicans' 1862 Emancipation Act, watches his statue Freedom as it is placed atop the U. S. Capitol.

December 6, 1865 - Republican Party's 13th Amendment, banning slavery, is ratified.

December 8, 1953 - Eisenhower administration Assistant Attorney General Lee Rankin argued for the plaintiffs in Brown v. Board of Education landmark case while 1924 Democrat presidential candidate John W. Davis argued in favor of "separate but equal" schools.

December 10, 1869 - Republican Governor John Campbell of Wyoming Territory signs first in the nation law granting women right to vote and to hold public office.

December 15, 2000 - President-elect George W. Bush nominates Colin Powell as the first African-American Secretary of State.

December 17, 2000 - Republican Alberto Gonzales named as first Hispanic to serve as White House Counsel by President George W. Bush.

December 31, 1898 - Republican Theodore Roosevelt becomes Governor of New York; in 1900 he outlawed racial segregation in New York public schools.

**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
DUF SUNDHEIM, CHAIR,
CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN
PARTY**



Chairman Duf Sundheim

I want to personally thank you for all your hard work these many months.

You are my inspiration.

When the people of California recalled Governor Davis, they said they wanted change. After that historic event and the passage of 13 initiatives, it would have been easy for Governor Schwarzenegger to lean on his high poll numbers and ignore the serious, long-term problems our state faces. But that is not the type of person our Governor is, it is not who we are. Instead, in his State of the State address this January, the Governor had the courage to clearly identify the state's problem when he said, "To solve the budget's continuing structural deficit, we must reform the way the government spends its money. And to restore the trust of the people, we must reform the way the government operates."

As of today, those problems still exist. And as of today, our commitment to address those problems is stronger than ever. We understand the battle to take power from the special interests and return it to the people of California, is not won or lost in any one election. It is

derived from a commitment to stay the course.

In this election we have continued to build a statewide political organization that will make a difference for our candidates in 2006 and beyond.

This election cycle the California Republican Party:
Contacted approximately 2,000,000 households in person;

Recorded over 270,000 phone calls with Governor Schwarzenegger and our county chairs to recruit new volunteers;

Distributed 2 million door hangers to volunteers;

Mailed 4.5 million Voter Guides to voters;

Mailed 4.5 million absentee ballot applications;

Emailed 1.5 million Republican voters to return their absentee applications;

Called 5.2 million Republican votes, through four different waves, to return their absentee ballot applications;

Provided over half a million dollars in direct financial support to our county parties to help them be successful with special election staff, headquarters and election materials;

Called EVERY NEW REPUBLICAN who registered to vote since January 1, 2005, in targeted counties.

We should be proud of what we have achieved, and we must build on what we have accomplished. We cannot deceive ourselves about the difficulties that lie ahead. But we

will continue the fight for reform because nothing less than the future of California is at stake.

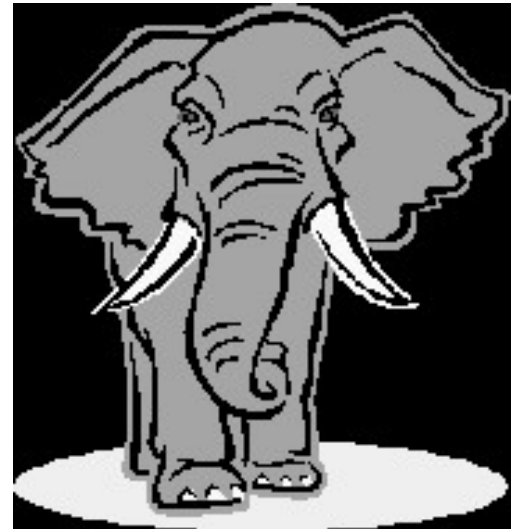
The people of this state believe that things are on the wrong track. The people are right.

We have a leader in Governor Schwarzenegger who is committed, heart and soul, to this effort to make our state great once again. As a party, we stand with him in this quest. We stand with him today, tomorrow, and in the weeks and months to come. We stand with him because as he says - and for the sake of our state, our party and our families - failure is not an option.

It is an honor to serve as your chair.

Duf Sundheim

Chairman, California Republican Party



A WALK DOEN MEMORY LANE - MEETINGS IN 2005

It has been a very busy year for the members of Republicans of River City. On this and following pages we present some of the events from this year.

In January, while in Washington for the inauguration of President Bush, Carl Burton was elected president of RRC.

In February, RRC heard from the 5 candidates for the open fifth Congressional District seat created by the death of Bob Matsui.

In March, John R. Kabateck, the Director of External Affairs for Governor Schwarzenegger (and long time RRC member) was our speaker.

Here we see John in action:



We can always count on John; from when he was a member of former Governor Pete Wilson's administration to now. Thank you John for all your help and support.

In April, Tom Ross, a partner at Meridian Pacific, Inc. addressed RRC members. Tom filled us in on the upcoming Proposition 75



(Paycheck Protection) and why it is important for members of RRC to support the proposition.

Also in April, RRC took the lead in supporting Governor Schwarzenegger's year of reform. Here we are taking abuse from union members while helping the Governor deliver petitions to the Sacramento Registrar of Voters office.



Standing behind the Governor is Fred Hildebrand and Florin Ciuriuc who headed the RRC rapid response team for the Governor.



RRC members endured the yelling from union members that day.

May brought flowers and showers and the wisdom of long time RRC supporter Bob Naylor. Bob gave members insight into the upcoming election and his keen analysis of the importance of the Governor's reform initiatives.

RRC members also registered new (and I do mean new) voters at the May 18 new citizens swearing in ceremonies at the Crest Theater. Here you see members of the RRC registration team.



Our efforts really paid off that day when we registered 65 new citizens. In addition, we met many wonderful people who were so very proud of their new status as citizens of the U. S. We did this again later in the year, as you will see on the next pages.

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In June, Sergeant Christopher Missick came to RRC and told us about his experiences in Iraq. Here are a few pictures from that meeting:



In addition to Sergeant Missick, John Madriz provided members with information about and an overview of "Voter Vault." This useful tool helps the Sacramento Republican Central Committee identify and contact potential voters across our county. Here we see John in action as he provided his overview of the tools available to us:



This valuable training helped our Central Committee recruit precinct workers, who in turn contacted voters in their neighborhood. John is one of the most valuable players.

July and RRC members had an old fashioned a red, white and blue bar-b-q and here we see Supervisor Susan Peters and Bob Waters enjoying some of the wonderful food:



which was provided by George Bradshaw and Richard LaFontaine, who worked their magic at the bar-b-q pit:

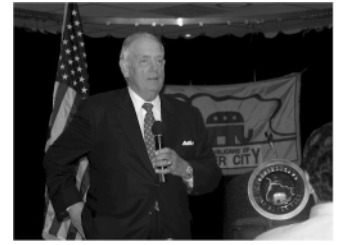


Here we see Patty Hildebrand, Rebecca Singleton and Joan Chan, members of RRC enjoying the bar-b-q:



Senator Dave Cox was our speaker at this meeting and he gave our members an insightful look at the workings of the State legislature and also spoke of the importance of the special election. Senator Cox told us he was not a fan of Proposition 77 (Redistricting), but spoke approvingly of the remainder of the Governor's reforms.

Here we see Senator Cox speaking to our members and meeting them:



At the July meeting we started collecting items to send to our brave men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have collected a wide and useful variety of items to send. Here are some of them:



Last, but by no means least, Theresa Alvillar-Speake, Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U. S. Department of Energy, spoke to us and informed us about how we can help her in her efforts to reach out to minority and under represented communities across the nation. July was, indeed, a busy and informative and fun month.

A WALK DOEN MEMORY LANE - MEETINGS IN 2005 (Cont)

August was a busy month for members of RRC. Our principle speaker was John P. McGinness, the Undersheriff for Sacramento County - second in command for the Department.

During the course of the meeting, the members were so impressed by John that we voted unanimously to indorse him for sheriff if Sheriff Lou Blanas decides to retire.

Here are some pictures from our August meeting, starting with Undersheriff John McGinness:



The August meeting was also a luau and was a fun time. Here are a couple of pictures:



Carl Burton, Mary Pearson and Kevin Smith in their luau finery and Mary Pearson with Senator Cox.



September was a blockbuster of a meeting for RRC. Former Congressman Doug Ose was the guest speaker and it was a time for all of us to thank Doug for his outstanding public service and to present him with a token of our appreciation. Here are some pictures from that meeting:



Doug liked his gifts, I think. Here



Senator Dave Cox presented Doug with a well deserved Senate Resolution and Eric Schalansky,



standing in for Donna. presented Doug with a colorful elephant.

Doug also gave us an in depth analysis of the political situation, including background on how the Republican Party agreed to the current redistricting that made safe seats for incumbents. The idea behind this was protection for the Republicans but Doug now says he thinks the deal was a bad one.

October was another powerhouse meeting. We celebrated Oktoberfest, a house party for Arnold, to help him in his efforts to reform Sacramento, with Kevin Spillane, veteran GOP consultant, speaking. In addition, Fred Aguiar (Secretary, State and Consumer Services Agency) spoke to us about the upcoming special election and State Senator Charles Poochigian visited with us. Senator Poochigian received the unanimous endorsement of RRC for his upcoming race for Attorney General. Here are a few pictures from that meeting:



Carl and Kevin Spillane



Carl and Fred Aguiar



Carl and Senator Poochigian



Edward Gorre, BG Don Mattson, Joseph Williams, Richard LaFontaine and George Bradshaw

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November brought us Assemblyman Roger Niello, a long time member of RRC and a good friend. Assemblyman Niello gave us a thumbnail sketch of the outcome of the special election. In addition, he spoke to us about his outlook for the Legislature doing the right thing by the taxpayers of the state. However, Roger indicated he is looking forward to the next session of the Legislature.

In addition to the regular November meeting, RRC members Carl Burton, Mary Pearson, William Chan and Bob Evans once again registered voters at the new citizens swearing in ceremony at the Crest Theater.



Carl Burton and Bob Evans do the honors at the Crest Theater.

And Mary Pearson served members a wonderful Thanksgiving diner. The food was, well, you can see for yourself:



GOVERNOR'S CORNER



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor Schwarzenegger Discusses Trade Mission to China

I have been in China conducting a trade mission, meeting with Chinese government and business leaders and promoting California as a great place to invest, buy products and create jobs.

Selling California is the easiest part of my job because we have the best agriculture, amazing high tech companies, great tourism, the best university system, and so much more. California's economy is increasingly tied to Asia. And China is a huge part of this trend.

China's economic growth has been amazing with a massive explosion in foreign trade, a flood of capital investment and a market of 1.3 billion people that demand more goods and services every day.

All this growth is music to my ears because it means more exports for our state. And more exports means more jobs and more revenues for California.

Last year we sent almost \$7 billion worth of goods to China, an increase of 25 percent over the year 2003.

This is fantastic because so many California jobs are supported by

foreign trade. And these jobs often pay higher-than-average wages.

Now aside from stimulating more trade and job creation, the other key priority of my visit to China is finding ways to work together to solve the challenges we both face. For example, China's growth is having an enormous impact on their energy and water resources, air quality, soil erosion, and much more. And California is a leader in developing and manufacturing the technologies to meet many of these needs.

There are so many opportunities for the both of us and so many ways to partner for the future.

I saw the future in my visit to Tsinghua University in Beijing, one of China's top colleges.

I spoke with the students about a tomorrow without limits, a tomorrow where they can achieve their dreams and do anything they put their minds to.

And with the University of California, Tsinghua University will be part of our new "10 Plus 10 Program" that we launched last month.

The program will bring together the 10 leading colleges in China and our University of California campuses to start a research collaboration.

In other words, the best and brightest young talent from California and China will learn together and work together to begin to shape a future that can be brighter for all our people. This is the kind of leadership I want California to bring in the 21st Century and I am grateful for the opportunity to further that effort.

The President's Corner



Carl Burton, President of RRC

California needs to be fixed!

Elections won or lost, bills passed or failed, initiatives supported or defeated are the battles that we fight in the California political environment.

The California voters in 2003 told the politicians in Sacramento that the government system was broken and recalled Gov. Gray Davis. They elected a reformer when they chose Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him.

This last November the voters again went to the polls and voted on some of the reforms that Governor Schwarzenegger was pushing and they all went down to defeat.

California has problems and they need to be solved and the problems will not go away until reforms become law.

We all know the Educational system in California is failing and part of the problem is illegal immigration; we have people in charge of a system trying to

respond to something they don't control. With our growing population we will never be able solve the problem by just saying that for every 28 kids in a classroom we need a teacher. So we have to rethink the way we teach. The next generation of young people is better equipped to accept technology. Distance learning, used in Alaska and other states, can help our teachers to deliver their message. I have great respect for our teachers and we need to give them the tools to do a better job.

Over 80 percent of California's state budget is predetermined, some of it by ballot-box budgeting by the voters of California putting the state on autopilot. On January 10, 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger will submit to the Legislature a budget that is balanced on paper. Up until March of 2004 there was no requirement that the Legislature pass a balance budget. Proposition 58 says the Legislature may not pass, and the governor may not sign into law, a budget that would appropriate from the general fund more than the general fund revenues estimated as of the date of the budget bill's passage. Last year in order to balance the state budget and avoided bankruptcy the Legislature and governor had to borrow \$15 billion.

When we have another recession, our budget process will drive the state to the brink of bankruptcy again.

Another problem in California is caused by redistricting and having two houses in the state Legislature. Almost all of the districts in the state Legislature are safe and extremely lopsided, so Republicans get elected in heavily Republican districts and never have to worry about a general election, and the same with Democrats. The minute a Democrat or Republican gets elected to the state Assembly they start thinking about the Senate seat they're going to run for (one of the unintended consequence of term limits).

One way to solve California's problems is to have a Unicameral (One

House) state Legislature where reasonable members of both parties can come together and find solutions to the problems that face California on issues like transportation, health care, energy and water.

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will address River City at our Christmas Party on
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The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general
meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

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