



Newsletter
September 2022

NOTICE: The November 8, 2022, General Election may be the most important election in our lifetime. America is in decline—we must be informed and VOTE!! Watch for a series of “Know the Candidates” which will come to you via email from our Editor, Tom Zades. Mail-in ballots will be arriving in early October. Be prepared! Thank you!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Republicans,

We are now approaching the November elections. Many good candidates for office are out on the campaign trail. We have hosted several meetings for multiple conservative candidates to address our body. It is now time for us to pick those or all the people whom we wish to represent us and our values. All candidates can use a little financial push as they rush to the finish line. I would hope that many of you send some small amount to your choices.

I have expressed my feelings toward the bad things that are happening in our country. These descend from the Executive branch to congress/senate and even our local state. I could talk myself into a real funk if I focused only on the bad. But.....I have chosen to look on the bright side.

Now it appears that many people are beginning to see the downfall of the progressive agenda (e.g., crime, open borders, drugs, fruitless taxation.) This awakening will show itself on November 8th. Many common folks are beginning to understand what my father always said: "There ain't no free lunch." They are beginning to see that loan forgiveness and other giveaways are coming out of THEIR pockets.

I feel that we, as Republicans and good conservatives, are here for all the people, not just the select few. We have an obligation to teach and show the way for those who have bought the progressive garbage hook, line and sinker.

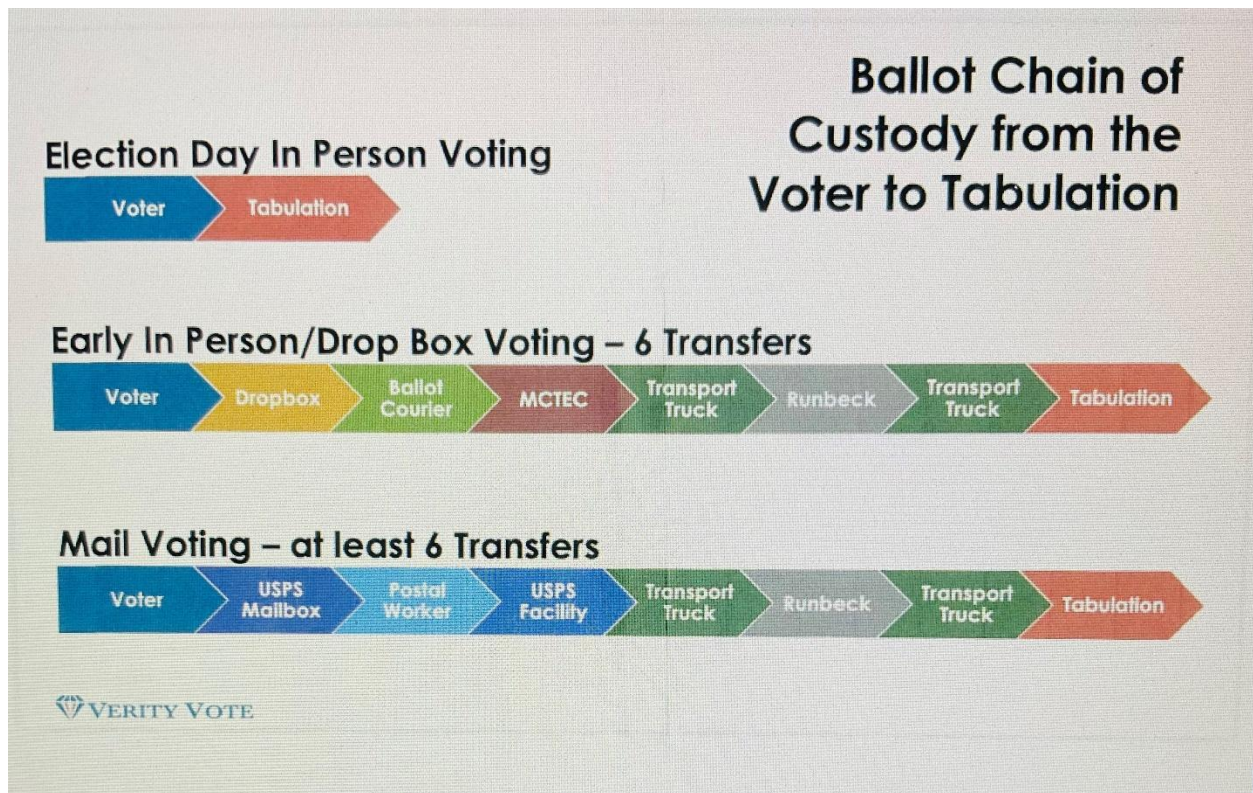
Let's all look to the bright side. Talk with your family, friends, and neighbors. We can turn things around on November 8th, but we must do our part. We must turn out in numbers larger than ever before. And we must VOTE!!

**Your Fellow Republican,
G. Burt Lancaster**

DON'T LET 'EM CHEAT!!

VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY!!

If you receive a mail-in ballot, bring it with you on election day and watch them destroy it as you vote in person.



This visual is in use among Conservatives in Arizona. The MCTEC stands for Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center. Runbeck is an "Election Services" company.

All-American Picnic a Huge Success!!

On August 25, 2022, seventy-six Villagers had an opportunity to meet and listen to each of the candidates in attendance. The day was filled with great music, food, and friendship. Kudos to our wonderful volunteers who graciously worked so hard on a very warm, beautiful summer day at Gazebo Park. We are so blessed to live free in America, and especially at The Villages Golf and Country Club!!

Candidates in attendance included:

Matt Mahan, running for Mayor of San Jose

Kevin Jensen, running for Sheriff of Santa Clara County

Johnny Khamis, running for Board of Supervisors, District 1

Ted Stroll, running for California State Assembly, District 25

Peter Coe Verbica, running for State Board of Equalization, District 2

Jeff Gorman, running for U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 19

Peter Hernandez, running for the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 18. Thank you all!

Just Sayin'

"I remember reading about how presidents in trouble might start wars, but no one ever explained to below average Joe that he's not supposed to do it within our country. But then again, after seeing how he did in Kabul you'd understand why he might want to have a home game instead of going on the road." — **Greg Gutfeld**

Fox News' **Tucker Carlson** began his monologue the other day at the "40,000-foot level," as they say, with his universal symptoms of societal decay. Not surprisingly, they sound a lot like what we are seeing in the United States today: "The men become weak; the leaders become decadent; law enforcement becomes politicized; the currency gets devalued, and then things begin to come apart."

"It's never wrong to be on the side of freedom...never." — **Victor Davis Hanson**

Those Days are Gone

By Tom Zades

This fellow's experience parallels my own in some respects. Robert W Malone MD grew up in Santa Barbara County and benefited greatly from California's junior college system. "Having a young wife and hoping to build a family," he says, "I decided to try to get 'an education.' With no inheritance or savings, the only option open to me was *what was then* the amazing community college system that the State of California provided." He graduated from Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) in 1982.

I graduated from junior college (College of San Mateo) in 1969 under similar circumstances: "having a young wife and hoping to build a family," as he put it. (In fact, we were expecting our first child when I graduated.) Junior college opened the door for this fellow to earn his MD. I didn't go that far, earning a bachelor's degree in Economics from Stanford University and an MBA from Cal Berkeley. California's junior college system in those days was indeed amazing.

What has the state of California allowed to happen to education opportunities since those wonderful days? Essentially the same thing that has happened to the state's water supplies, forest floors, highways and roads, homeless population, crime rates and on and on.

In Dr Malone's own words:

"Fast forward to February of 2022. A SBCC student contacted me in 2021 and asked if I would come and speak to the students at SBCC about my role in the creation of the mRNA vaccines, the COVID-19 policies, mandates, etc. I happily agreed and decided not to charge a fee. I then suggested that they add a VIP dinner, where the funds raised could go back to the college - and in particular I requested that the money go to the Santa Barbara Foundation.

"Planning proceeded. Until this: SBCC foundation President said they were hesitant to put their name on it because you are "far right" and a "pariah" ...In the end, the SBCC Foundation refused donations from the event. Then Santa Barbara City College didn't want a student event with someone as controversial as me using their stadium. I think the SBCC leaders also

used some pretty strong words to describe me -but as I don't have the exact quote, I won't write it here.

"Being called 'far right' and a 'pariah' by the Santa Barbara CC Foundation is laughable. In fact, I am kind of still shaking my head in disbelief – 'far right' - really? I can only imagine what woke politics have infiltrated the SBCC Foundation and SBCC. They would rather turn down thousands of dollars (maybe tens of thousands of dollars) than.. you know, I might taint their reputation by being associated with some greenbacks. Wow!"

I, too, am keenly aware that doors have closed in California. I was a lower income, uneducated California blue-collar worker in 1967 who was able to buy a house, start a family and get an education. Those days are gone.

“UP AND COMERS”

Kevin Kiley for Congress

By Tom Zades, with thanks to Melanie Dougall

Kevin Kiley, a member of the California Assembly, is a candidate for Congress in California's 3rd District. He is hoping his endorsement from President Trump will carry him from Sacramento to Washington D.C.

Speaking with Fox News Digital at CPAC Dallas in early August, Kiley vowed to "return to the policies that have worked." "Before Joe Biden took office," he continued, "we had a record economy, we had safer communities, we had a secure border. And since Joe Biden took office, it has just been a complete trainwreck. So from the beginning, my campaign has been about change. And I think that the policies that we saw that were working during the Trump administration are the policies we need to return to."

Per the report, Kiley said that the top three issues he'd prioritize in Congress are the economy, immigration, and crime; and the latter he put a lot of emphasis on.

He suggests that the tide is turning in favor of Republicans, pointing to the successful recall effort in "the extremely liberal city" of San Francisco that led to the ousting of District Attorney Chesa Boudin. He pointed to the warning that Los Angeles law enforcement has made to its residents, encouraging them not to wear jewelry when they go out.

The latter brought to mind a visit we made to our daughter and her husband in Buenos Aires in 2000. She said that "everybody knows" you don't wear jewelry when you go into town. The thieves would rip necklaces and bracelets right off your body. They might even cut your finger off for a valuable-looking ring.

I was shocked at the lawlessness we saw there and figured that would never happen in the United States. I was sadly mistaken.

From the Sun City Grand Republicans "Food for Thought" series:

"Tulsi Gabbard" by Tom Zades

Tulsi Gabbard is a very compelling public figure, at least for me. I knew that she was a combat veteran and a U.S. Army Reserve officer, but I learned the specifics via Wikipedia: She served in a field medical unit of the Hawaii Army National Guard while deployed to Iraq from 2004 to 2005 and was stationed in Kuwait from 2008 to 2009 as an Army Military Police platoon leader. That itself gave me pause – a field medical unit and an MP platoon leader! Quite a versatile person!

She later joined the Army Reserves with a California-based unit where she holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. Meanwhile, she served in the U.S. House of Representatives for eight years (2013 – 2021.) She was the first Hindu member of Congress and also the first Samoan-American voting member of Congress. She was a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 2020 United States presidential election.

And she's only 41 years old!

Gabbard still has the “D” next to her name, but she has appeared on Fox News numerous times and is “middle of the road - to conservative” on many issues. On Truth Social she recently said: “The greatest threat to our democracy is not Trump voters or parents protesting at school board meetings, but the permanent Washington elite which has weaponized the govt and teamed up with corporate media to intimidate and silence those who dare to disagree with them.”

As Wikipedia says (and they probably meant it to be a negative,) “Gabbard has taken conservative positions on culture war issues, including abortion and transgender rights. She endorsed Florida's controversial Parental Rights in Education Act and in 2022 was a featured speaker at the Conservative Political Action (CPAC) Conference.”

- And that she has frequently appeared on Fox News to criticize the Barack Obama administration for refusing to say that the "real enemy" of the United States is "radical Islam" or "Islamic extremism."
- And that “During her presidential campaign, she highlighted an opposition to military interventionism, although she has called herself a ‘hawk’ on terrorism.”

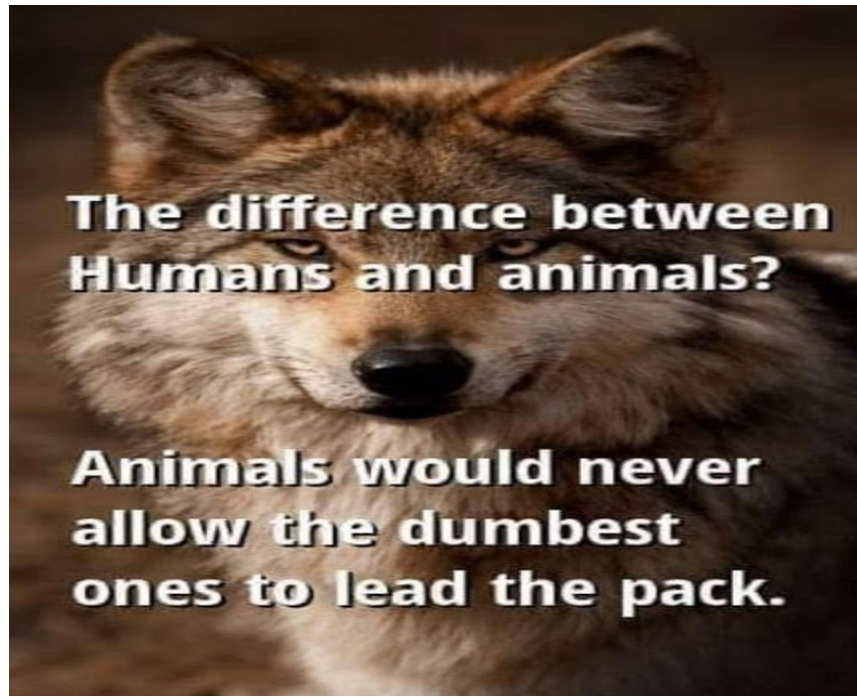
Gabbard posted the following Samuel Adams quote on Truth Social recently: “The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending against all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks.”

I saw her on TV respond to a question by looking straight into the camera – *looking me straight in the eye* - and stating that she absolutely would give her life for her country. She convinced me and humbled me with that one.

It will be interesting to see what she does from here with her career and service to her country. I wonder whether she will want to make it official and switch to ‘R.’ We don’t need another RINO, of course, but I doubt she will return to the House or run for the Senate. With her military experience and interests, I’d like to see her serve in the next presidential administration – *a Republican administration* - as maybe Assistant Secretary of Defense or U.N. Ambassador or something.

She’s certainly an impressive young woman.

CARTOON TIME - **Thank you, Teres!**





MEMBERSHIP and TREASURER REPORT – Laura Swenson

Membership currently stands at 149.

Our cash balance is approximately \$3,695.

Attached is the Membership Application form. Please offer it to anyone who may be interested in joining us. Be sure to ask for spouse/partner name and email address and whether joining as a couple.

NOTE: Beginning with new members now and all members in 2023, the dues have been increased to \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Dues paid after October 1st will carry over for all of calendar year 2023.



Sunshine Corner

Please keep Roger Lasson in your hearts and prayers with the recent passing of his wife, Anne.

Del Herfurth recently underwent knee surgery, and his recovery is going very well. We are thinking of you, Del.

If you know a member who needs a little Sunshine,
please contact Cathy Pope at 408-270-2141 or c2popes@gmail.com

REPUBLICAN CLUB BOARD MEETINGS ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

(Unless otherwise noted)

***NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER**

Monday, September 26, 2022

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Forum Room, Cribari Center

Monday, October 24, 2022, (Third Monday)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Forum Room, Cribari Center

Monday, November 28, 2022

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, *Patio Room, Cribari Center

No December 2022 Board Meeting

All dates are reserved from 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM

NOTE: Exact dates, times, and locations for all 2023 Board Meetings will be available after The Villages' Master Calendar has been completed.

REPUBLICAN CLUB GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

There are no further General Meetings scheduled for 2022.

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RECRUITING BOARD AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

Make a Difference, Join Us, We're Fun!!

Vice President

**Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
Secure speakers for Club General Meetings.**

Recording Secretary

**Responsible for preparing and maintaining accurate minutes
of the Board and General Meetings.
Keep a file of minutes, making them available to all members.**

Publicity Committee

**Responsible for submitting publicity to The Villager
Newspaper, Fast Lane, Resident Portal, Channel 26, and any
other source requested by the Executive Board.**

If you are interested in serving on the Club Executive Board or any of our committees, please contact Burt Lancaster, 408-270-2470, or Cathy Pope, 408-270-2141.

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