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THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

Featuring

MARY ERVIN



CFRW 3RD VICE PRESIDENT & IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT

Learn about the CFRW Program – GET THE SCOOP!

***** BLUE PHEASANT *****

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino CA

11:30am - Check In

12:00pm - Call to Order

***** Cost of Program: \$32 *****

*Includes a delicious lunch, coffee or iced tea
(tax & gratuity also included)*

MENU OPTIONS:

CHICKEN CARSAR SALAD

*Hearts of Romaine, pecorino & Romano cheese & garlic croutons,
topped w/grilled chicken*

SHROOMS & CHEESEBURGER

*A classic topping of sauteed mushrooms & swiss cheese
w/all the trimmings; served w/Fries*

FILET OF SOLE

*Sauteed in pomodoro sauce, served w/rice &
fresh vegetables*

Must RSVP by Monday, April 8th!

Lunches must be pre-ordered.

Call Grace, 408-499-1695

A check can be mailed to:

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No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!

Please contact President Robin McCarthy if you would like more information on serving on any of our committees!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President

National Gardening Month

Wild Pigs vs. The McCarthys on Holiday

I was thinking about April and all the things it brings to us. Spring is here! And with that, April happens to be National Gardening Month, among many other things (i.e., National Stress Awareness month, National Pet Month, National Soft Pretzel Month - I could go on and on). But I love gardening and I love to watch beautiful things grow. My cousin gave me a shirt that reads "Into the garden I go, to lose my mind and find my soul" and that's exactly how I feel about all things growing.

I share this passion for growing things with my husband. He starts seedlings under grow lights (in my office!) in late winter. Along with the fresh scent of earth, my office is brightly lit and quite warm during this germinating season. We then carefully move these little signs of life out to the garden as soon as we can. This has been our practice since we moved to our home in Morgan Hill. We were so proud of our beautiful green lawns and flora. But you know what happens when you become proud? Yes, life has a way of making sure you stay humble.

It started one night in the middle of the night when we had a house full of guests. Our dogs started barking relentlessly. In our haste to keep our dogs quiet so as not to disturb our company, my husband picked up his phone to check the cameras. And there it was, right in front of the camera, a small wild pig leaving a big pile of bad news as if it was some sort of gift. The chickens! Oh no, the chickens! We sleepily scrambled to our feet to check on the chickens.

Not having any experience with wild pigs, we didn't know what that awful little fellow was after. We crept downstairs and made our way to the garage where my husband picked up a very large crowbar. I'm thinking "what on earth is he going to do with that?" It's too heavy to lift!

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President's Message, continued...

I stayed right behind him, glued to him, afraid of what the wild pig might do. Well, I wasn't the only one afraid, apparently that baby pig was equally afraid of us. So, my husband had the bright idea to open one of the gates and try to persuade him out of the yard. I was given the task of providing a play-by-play of the pig's whereabouts. I shined the flashlight in the direction of the pig, and he started charging straight for my husband. I screamed, and then the pig screamed and turned the other way and rammed the fence hard. I heard wood cracking and then, oh no! He's coming again! I yelled for my husband to lift that crazy crowbar and get ready - but that scared the pig again and he turned again, and this time crashed right through the wood and iron fence! Whew! By now, the entire house was awake. Needless to say, sleep eluded us the rest of the night.

And that was just the beginning of my relationship with these awful creatures. Not long after that incident I woke up one morning to find my beautiful grass lawns completely uprooted by these "devil-creatures". I believed I could save it. I got down on my hands and knees and pieced the lawns back together as best I could. My neighbors thought I had absolutely lost my mind; I must have looked like the Tasmanian Devil in a twirl of panic. I invested small fortunes in pig repellent. I set up motion lights to scare the pigs away. Nothing worked. More and more pigs began to show up and I had to give up on the beauty of my landscaping.

Now all my gardening is secured inside a fence where I can assure the safety of my precious vegetation. So, into my garden I go, to lose my mind and find my soul. Happy National Gardening Month!

-Robin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

In the first quarter of 2024 we were pleased to welcome six (6) new members! The next time you see them, please give a warm welcome to **Deborah Clarke, Jayne Ham, Constance Hodgins, Vi Charlotte Juarez, Melissa McDonald, and Frances Watson!**



Ditch the Select Committee on Happiness and Public Policy Outcomes, and Get Out of Our Way

By Jon Coupal – March 22, 2024

The annual World Happiness Report was released last week, and it shockingly found that the United States failed to rank in the top 20 happiest countries.

Perhaps in response, former Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon has created a first-in-the-nation group to study the issue, called the Select Committee on Happiness and Public Policy Outcomes. The committee recently had its first hearing. “Because if we have everybody clothed, everybody housed, everybody has a job and they’re miserable, then we’ve failed at what we’re trying to do,” he said, adding that lawmakers should make happiness a priority for policy makers.

But while Rendon’s concern is appreciated, and the state already involves itself in a great many aspects of our lives, happiness is not the government’s to give. So, what is a government to do when its populace, as Rendon claims, is miserable?

Well, our Founding Fathers gave us the right to pursue happiness and, in that regard, the state, as a guardian of our rights, has something it can do: Get out of the way!

California is one of the highest taxed states in the country, we are at the top or near the top in every major tax category besides property taxes. Even then, with Proposition 13’s protections, we are not a low property tax state, we’re somewhere in the middle.

When it comes to starting a business, California is one of the worst. Recently, the nonpartisan Tax Foundation ranked California 48th in its 2024 State Business Tax Climate Index. California is number three in Americans for Tax Reform’s “judicial hellhole” list because the state’s “novel theories of liability” are burdening small businesses and bogging down the state’s economy.

Pile all the extra mandates, rules, regulations, permits and fees and you see why many California businesses are choosing to relocate or expand to other states.

It could also explain why a U-Haul from Sacramento to Boise costs \$2,409 but only costs \$467 the other way around.

If the state Legislature was truly concerned about the happiness of its citizens, they would lower taxes and give those struggling to get by in this state the peace of mind of a little more money in their pockets.

If that’s too much to ask amid the current budget uncertainty, it could simply investigate how it spends the money it already has before asking us for more. With examples like the rampant fraud at the Employment Development Department, the boondoggle of the bullet train to nowhere and the billions that have gone to homelessness while the problem only gets worse, the state isn’t without places to look when it comes to finding cost savings.

The Legislature could also end its lawsuit against the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (TPA). TPA would close court-created loopholes in Prop. 13 as well as providing additional taxpayer safeguards like giving Californians the right to vote on all new state and local taxes. It is especially needed now because the urge for new taxes has never been greater as the state goes from a \$100 billion surplus to a more than \$60 billion deficit, with multiple years of projected shortfalls on the horizon.

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California voters should have the right to vote on future taxes to ensure their voice is heard on when and how new revenue is raised and spent. The governor, legislative leadership and public employee unions oppose the voters having this right, and instead want the power to raise unlimited taxes for unlimited spending, without any say from the voters who are paying those taxes – and they are suing to keep it off the ballot.

People are the happiest when they feel in control of their lives. The Legislature’s Select Committee on Happiness and Public Policy Outcomes would be wise to find more ways to stay out of our business and remember that government is responsible to us, not the other way around.

Jon Coupal is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. Visit <https://www.hjta.org> for info.

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MEET OUR SPEAKER



Mary Ervin served as CFRW President 2022-2023. Prior to her term as President, Mary has served the CFRW as the Region 2 Director, and President of the Gold Nugget RWF. She currently serves as our CFRW

3rd Vice President – Political Activities.

In her role as CFRW 3rd VP, she is rolling out the **Get The Scoop Challenge**, which you will hear all about at our April 18th meeting. She is also responsible for facilitation of members’ report of their Volunteer Hours to the CFRW, and has created an easy reporting option on our cafrw.org website. I’m sure she will enlighten us on that as well when we hear from her on April 18th!

GET THE SCOOP CHALLENGE

Mix & Mingle
Ballot Measures
City Council

APRIL - NOV

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

We the People

HAVE HAD ENOUGH

PATRIOTPOST.US: ANALYSIS FROM OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY

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SAFE SPACE

FOMMA OUT!

YOU CAN COME OUT NOW. THE BIG, BAD REPUBLICAN IS GONE.

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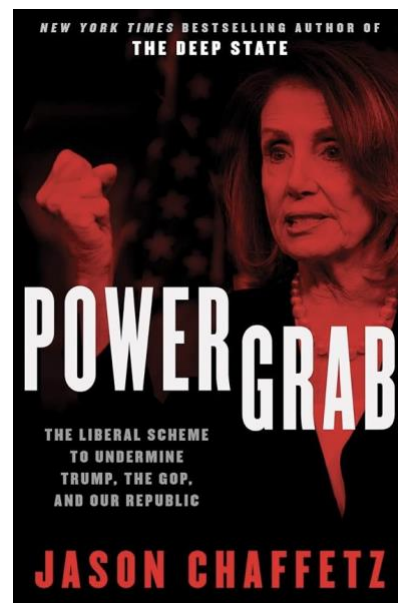
COMING IN JUNE – BOOK REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Get ready for our book review in June, where we'll be discussing former Congressman and FOX News contributor Jason Chaffetz's book "Power Grab". Jason is a Republican who lived in Los Gatos when he was a young boy and represented the 3rd Congressional District of Utah from 2008 until 2017. This book promises to be an eye-opener and will give us a lot to talk about!

Here's a fun quiz question that you'll be able to answer when you read the book (see page 164):

In 2018, Nancy Pelosi's H.R. 1 would have mandated that voting rights be restored to all felons upon release. According to a 2013 study, what percent of convicted felons in New York registered as Democrat?

- a) 25%
- b) 42%
- c) 61.5%



In the years he served on and eventually chaired the United States House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Jason Chaffetz gained crucial insight into the inner workings of D.C. Things were bad then, but during the Trump administration, liberals have reached a new level of hysteria and misconduct.

In "Power Grab", Chaffetz pulls back the curtain on the world of hypocrisy, political intrigue, and procedural malfeasance that is Washington D.C.

The book is available on Amazon.com in four formats – hardcover, kindle, audio book and audio CD. Get your copy soon by using this convenient link - <https://www.amazon.com/Power-Grab> - and join us in a fun and informative discussion over lunch on June 20th!

COMING IN JULY – MOVIE: “WHAT IS A WOMAN?”

“What Is A Woman?”, the Daily Wire’s explosive new movie, gives viewers a jaw-dropping look at:

- Issues of gender dysphoria confusion that activists use to encourage sex-change operations on children not old enough to vote or drink.
- Transgender (biologically male) athletes’ destruction of girls’ sports and the denial of opportunities for elite female athletes — particularly the case of NCAA women’s swimming champion Lia Thomas.
- The Pronoun Police and the Left’s attempts to use character assassination and censorship to advance a radical agenda.
- Absurd claims about “birthing persons” and that “having a penis doesn’t make one male” — along with other lies and doublespeak used to mainstream radical gender theory.
- The disturbing case of male-registered sex offender Darren Merager, who claims to be female and who is accused of terrorizing under-aged girls by walking around the women’s locker room in a Los Angeles spa with an erection.
- The three great casualties of this radical movement:
 1. Women, whose identities are being appropriated and erased by activists who shun science and biology.
 2. Children, who are, at best, being indoctrinated to believe lies about basic facts and, at worst, guided into harmful, irreversible medical “transition” procedures.
 3. And ultimately, the truth.

Join our watch party on July 18th! Details coming soon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All lunch meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm

- April 3 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- April 18 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**CFRW 3rd VP Mary Ervin**
- April 22 Passover
- May 1 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 12 Mother’s Day
- May 16 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Libby Casperson**, Estate Planning Atty.
- June 5 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- June 6-7 SAVE THE DATE – CFRW in SACRAMENTO – details soon!
- June 20 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/review of **“Power Grab”** by Jason Chaffetz!
- July 3 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- July 18 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/presentation of the movie **“What Is A Woman”**
- August 7 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 10:00am, Holder’s Cupertino
- August 15 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Brad Dacus**, Founder, Pacific Justice Institute

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