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OUR NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

11:30 a.m.

at

Holder's Country Inn
998 So. De Anza Blvd.
San Jose, CA 95129

Featuring
ALLISON OLSON!

Cost: \$24.00 (includes lunch)

Checks must be payable to "West Valley RWF"

MENU CHOICES

Chicken Caesar Salad

*Chicken breast on a bed of romaine w/cROUTONS & Caesar dressing
or*

Reuben Sandwich

Corned beef, sourkraut and swiss on grilled rye; served with Fries

or

Hamburger Steak

*Ground Angus beef steak, mushrooms, and gravy with
mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables*

Please note your menu choice(s) on your check & mail to:

**Grace Russo
2393 Karen Dr., #3
Santa Clara, CA 95050**

Checks must be received by Monday, Jan. 14th!

Questions? Call Grace at 408-499-1695

"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"



ALLISON OLSON

CFRW Legislative Advocate

Allison Olson joined the California Federation of Republican Women as Legislative Advocate in 2009. She tracks and analyzes California state legislation, lobbies on behalf of the CFRW, and keeps the members of the Federation educated and informed on what is happening in Sacramento.

Before coming to work for the CFRW, Allison was the Deputy Finance Director for the McClintock for Congress campaign. No stranger to Republican volunteer organizations, she chaired the Davis College Republicans while at UC Davis. She was also awarded a fellowship with the Foundation for Defense of Democracies from April of 2007 to May of 2008. During that time, Allison studied in Israel and Washington, D. C., with counter-terror experts. She remains actively involved in defending Israel here through Stand With Us, a non-profit organization that supports Israel through international education.

Allison will update us on what's happening in our California Legislature – good information to have in an election year! **Reserve now, and bring a friend!**

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man." ~Benjamin Franklin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to address you this first time as President of the West Valley Republican Women Federated. With your help and Divine Benevolence I am looking forward to furthering our Republican values in our State and our Country in partnership with our "beloved" President. I admit I was a kicking and screaming vote for Donald Trump. Now I am a committed vote for our duly elected president. However, we have an uncomfortable reality. Our President delivers effective policies, good results, tangible improvements, a greatly improving economy and terrible PR. He's loaded with good ideas and terrible delivery. Ronald Reagan gave both great messages and great policies. Obama gave great messages and horrible policies. He and his administration knowingly convinced us of huge lies. The winning odds go to the best messenger.

I watched a very interesting special on Fox Christmas Day titled "An American Journey" hosted by Jon Scott. I understand President Trump watches a lot of Fox News. It would be very helpful if he saw the segment about FDR and his use of his Fireside Chats on radio to encourage and inspire the United States to enter and decisively win a horrific war. President Trump has Twitter which is not necessarily a bad thing. He could make so much better use of it than he has been doing. So often it is not what one does but how one does things that succeeds and wins the day. We ladies need to put on our thinking hats and figure out how to convince this hugely talented man to think before he tweets and tweet after he decides what he wants to achieve. The entire Republican Women Federated firing off our own emails and tweets telling him to wise up and quit shooting himself in the foot? I do believe he has tremendous respect for smart women.

A new year always lends itself to looking back at the previous year. After an unfortunately rocky start January 2017, we finally saw good things happening from Congress and the Trump Administration. At times it was quite painful to watch Republicans unable to work together. So it is with hope for the best we keep our fingers crossed for the future of our amazing beloved country.

I wish all of you and your families Love, Joy and especially Peace for 2018.

-Mayme Abbott

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Congratulations to our 2018-19 Officers

President – Mayme Abbott

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2nd VP/Membership – JoAnne Destro

3rd VP/Ways & Means – Shirley Keller/Kay Young

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www.svgorp.com

- **California Republican Party:**

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www.cagop.org

- **California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW):**

www.cfrw.org

Advocacy Office - E-mail: advocate@cfrw.org

- **CFRW Northern Division (CFRW-ND):**

www.cfrwnd.org

- **National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW):**

www.nfrw.org

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**January 15:
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Archenemies of Liberty — Soros, Steyer, Bezos and Bloomberg

The Patriot Post®

By Mark Alexander · Nov. 29, 2017 · <https://patriotpost.us/alexander/52653>

“Our country is in danger, but not to be despaired of. Our enemies are numerous and powerful; but we have many friends, determining to be free, and heaven and earth will aid the resolution. On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question, on which rest the happiness and liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of yourselves.” —Joseph Warren (1775)

On Monday, one of our political editors, Thomas Gallatin, wrote [about a legal restraining order¹](#) filed on behalf of a [Barack Obama²](#) deep-state leftover. Richard Cordray, former director of the [Consumer Finance Protection Bureau³](#), attempted to name his deputy, Leandra English, as his successor — clearly an end-run around the executive branch.

As you know, the CFPB is the behemoth unconstitutional regulatory bureaucracy created by the ill-conceived Dodd-Frank legislation. As Gallatin noted, it's “a rogue agency answerable to almost no one and Corday's selection of English was a deliberate attempt to keep it that way.”

[Donald Trump⁴](#) ignored Cordray and English and tapped his current Office of Management and Budget director, Mick Mulvaney, a CFPB critic, to serve as interim director. Mulvaney arrived at CFPB Monday (with donuts!) and advised all employees to “disregard any instructions you receive from Ms. English in her presumed capacity as acting director.”

The Trump administration received a temporary reprieve Tuesday when U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly dismissed the restraining order, noting, “Denying the president's authority to appoint Mr. Mulvaney raises significant constitutional questions.” But it won't end there...

While this high-profile legal dispute for control of their out-of-control statist bureaucracy is a high priority for [Democrats⁵](#), as spun by their [MSM propaganda machine⁶](#), there is something revealing about this case that they *don't* want you to know.

The attorney leading the suit, Deepak Gupta, was asked during an interview who is funding his lawsuit. “Well, uh, it's, it's not, um, Miss, um English, um, ah.” Pressed for an answer, Gupta was asked if his firm was providing its service pro bono. He replied, “No. We're not.” He did say that the dismissal of his suit was not “the final stop for this case.”

So, who is funding this suit and many others to stop the Trump administration from reversing Obama's statist policies?

Former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova warns that reliance on “anonymous donors” for such a lawsuit exposes “the dangers of not having full accountability for the expenditure of funds for this type of litigation.” He added, “The usual suspects like [Tom] Steyer and [George] Soros could well be funding this. From a government accountability point, this is ‘Bad Government 101.’”

And that brings me to [Soros⁷](#), [Steyer⁸](#) and their fellow billionaire socialists, [Michael Bloomberg⁹](#) and [Jeff Bezos¹⁰](#). While “billionaire socialists” seems oxymoronic, it's not. The fact is, politically and financially, Soros, Steyer, Bezos and Bloomberg — the big four archenemies of [Liberty¹¹](#) — share an insatiable narcissistic quest for power, including centralized government power.

Notably, Steyer, whose super PAC donated \$100 million to Democrats in 2016, has now [committed \\$20 million¹²](#) for a national “Impeach Trump” ad campaign.

Let me be clear: The CFPB lawsuit is just the proverbial tip of the iceberg created by this billionaire club of socialists in their quest to sink [Rule of Law¹³](#) and replace it with the [rule of statist bureaucrats¹⁴](#).

If this warning seems too strident, consider that a week ago, a gaggle of these rich socialists gathered for a three-day [secret confab¹⁵](#), the Democracy Alliance, at the posh La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, California.

The gathering of tyrannical wannabes, “Beyond #Resistance: Reclaiming our Progressive Future,” featured presentations by Soros and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and had an admission price of at least \$200,000, though the big four are devoting billions toward their quest for statist power. Recall that just last month [Soros transferred \\$18 billion¹⁶](#) — “the bulk of his wealth” — into his so-called Open Society Foundation. He may get a [tax deduction¹⁷](#) for the transfer, but there's nothing charitable about his abject assault on Liberty.

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The gathering described itself as a “safe place” for donors and activists, which means it was a dangerous place for the [future of Liberty](#)¹¹.

One of the key organizing groups at the La Costa confab was the grotesquely misnamed “Patriotic Millionaires,” which claims membership of more than 200 uber-wealthy leftists, distributed literature to attendees indicating the desire to “fundamentally reset” our nation’s political, economic and cultural course.

The group’s Dear Leader, Morris Pearl, former manager of one of the planet’s largest investment firms, says, “We hope to facilitate a wholesale rejection of modern conservatism, exposing the dogma of ‘free enterprise, limited government, and traditional family values’ for what it truly is: a thin veil concealing rapacious capitalism, social Darwinism, and a profound misunderstanding of — and disinterest in — the human condition.”

Is that strident enough for you?

It’s no small irony that Soros’s socialist soiree comes during the [centennial celebration](#)¹⁸ of communism’s worldwide reign of tyranny and terror. And like previous generations of socialists such as [Stalin, Hitler and Mao](#)⁵, the current generation is completely indifferent to the masses for whom they, ostensibly, advocate. Indeed, why else would they seek to renew the [failed Democrat policies](#)¹⁹ of the past?

In any case, they’re in a very good position to do so...

Fortunately, Donald Trump has largely [revoked the regulatory overreach](#)²⁰ of his socialist predecessor, [Barack Obama](#)², advanced [outstanding nominees](#)²¹, and [historic tax reforms](#)²² now have momentum.

Unfortunately, the greatest obstacle to his conservative policies are sometimes “establishment Republicans” in the House and Senate. Even though the ranks of genuine conservatives have grown in recent election cycles, the Republican Party is still plagued by a relatively small group of “centrists,” who aren’t quite sure with which political party they should caucus. Case in point would be the current [tax reform measure](#)²³. There are some Republicans who want to hold it hostage to *tax increase* triggers to contain the deficit. How about *spending decrease* triggers!

The American people gave Republicans control of the House in 2010, the Senate in 2014 and the presidency in 2016, but a small group of congressional RINOs have blocked efforts to turn that mandate into action — and unless things change dramatically in the coming months, Democrats, with the help of Soros, Steyer, Bezos, Bloomberg, et al., are prepared to obliterate that mandate in the 2018 midterm elections.

Let’s be clear: The above-named billionaire socialists pose a far greater threat to the next election than Russian or Chinese hackers.

That notwithstanding, in the words of Founder Joseph Warren, “Our country is in danger, but not to be despaired of.” We never lose sight of what is “[True, Noble and Just](#)²⁴.” Millions of Patriots are on the front lines defending Liberty, and there we, like you, will remain come hell or high water.

LINKS:

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FOLLOW THE MONEY... YOUR ANNUAL DUES AT WORK

Have you ever wondered where your \$40 annual dues money goes? Republican Women Federated Clubs really know how to stretch a dollar and your annual dues go a lot farther than you may realize.

Of your annual dues, \$18.00 is sent immediately to CFRW. They disburse that money as follows:

\$10.00 is forwarded to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) for your membership in the largest volunteer political women's organization in the United States.

\$1.40 is allocated for your dues in the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), where you join 13,000 California women in 170 clubs, as the largest State Federation in the Country.

\$3.00 goes to support LASOF, our Advocacy program in Sacramento. California is the only State Federation to have a full time Legislative Advocate who interacts with our state legislature and provides weekly updates on current bills!

\$3.60 is collected by our Northern Division.

\$22.00 remains for West Valley RWF's use to fund the many activities of our Club:

- Supporting our NFRW/CFRW college scholarship programs
- Providing additional support to our CFRW Legislative Advocate Office as a "Golden Eagle Ambassador"
- Providing additional support to our Northern Division as "Circle of Honor" member
- Providing food and beverages for our members' appreciation Christmas Luncheon
- Paying for annual maintenance of our www.westvalleyrwf.org website
- Purchasing books for donation to elementary schools
- Printing & distributing of monthly newsletters sent to all members, associates & guests
- Paying registration fees, hotel & meal expenses for our club President to attend Federated conferences & conventions
- Paying registration fees for Club members to attend Federated Women conferences & conventions
- Providing Lunch, honoraria and/or travel expenses for monthly Speakers as required
- Purchasing miscellaneous office supplies, paying bank fees, brochure- or other printing expenses, etc.

Please remember that your dues are on a calendar-year basis and double-check to make sure you have paid them for 2018. The Federated Republican Women who worked so hard to elect President Donald J. Trump will be working hard again this year to be sure our representatives in CA, the U.S. Senate, House and White House are doing the work we all elected them to do. And there's no end to the work needed to help Make California Great Again! **No resting on our laurels!**

We need you to be part of the Federation team that will help communicate our Republican values to our community AND to our legislators! And we need each of you to bring in your sister Republicans so that our message goes out to an ever-broadening audience.

Illegal Immigration Way Down Due to Trump Effect

By Thomas Gallatin – patriotpost.us – 12/06/2017

News is out on illegal immigration statistics this year and it's good. The number of illegal aliens caught crossing the border this year has dropped to a 45-year low, indicating a significant drop in the number of individuals attempting to cross illegally. At the same time, the number of illegal aliens arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers in the nation's interior rose by 40%.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Elaine Duke credited President Donald Trump's [policies](#), declaring, "We have clearly seen the successful results of the president's commitment to supporting the front-line officers and agents of DHS as they enforce the law and secure our borders. We have an obligation to uphold the integrity of our immigration system, but we must do more to step up and close loopholes to protect the American worker, our economy and our communities."

Critics of Trump's border wall responded to the news by suggesting that the decrease in illegal crossing indicated there is no need for a wall, calling it a waste of money. However, White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders noted that Trump remains committed to [his campaign promise](#). "The need for the border wall and border security, as well as responsible immigration reform, still stands," she asserted. "And we still need to look at all the ways that we can protect our national security. And we still feel strongly that [the wall] is one of them."

Tom Price, the acting director of ICE, pressed for more action against illegal immigration, highlighting the ongoing problem of "sanctuary" cities. "We need to confront and address misguided policies and loopholes that only serve as a pull factor for illegal immigration," he said. "We must continue to target violent gangs like MS-13, and prevent them from rebuilding what we have begun to dismantle. Finally, we need to find a solution to the dangerous sanctuary city policies and the politicians who needlessly risk innocent lives to protect criminals who are illegally present in the United States." [Kate Steinle's family](#) knows about that.

Overall, the news on the problem of illegal immigration is good, but there is clearly a long way to go for the government to get this decades-long problem under control.

CFRW Northern Division Leadership Forum!

JANUARY 26-27, 2018

Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova - 11211 Point East Drive - Rancho Cordova 95742

Hotel registration special room rate of \$109 single/double Thursday thru Saturday night if reservations are made by January 5, 2018. Make your reservations directly with the hotel at 916-638-1100.

Leadership Forum Registration Deadline: **Early registration is \$50 per person by January 20, 2018.** Registration will be accepted after that at \$70 per person. The registration fee represents the entire cost of Saturday's Leadership Forum!

All attendees are welcome to a Roundtable Discussion on Friday afternoon and a no-host meet & greet on Friday evening. Saturday's training begins at 9:00am and ends at 4:30pm.

West Valley RWF pays the full \$50/person Registration Fee for our Regular Members to attend! The Registration fee includes coffee, tea & morning snack + a hot plated lunch.

AGENDA & REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE AT OUR 1/18/18 MEETING!
To register sooner, call Bunny Hacker, 408-483-2311 for info.

**WEST VALLEY
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Membership Information**

YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

THANK YOU to all of you who have renewed for 2018 - we have already reached 55% of last year's numbers! **Help us reach and exceed our goal of 100% renewal before March!** Your January renewal is a tremendous help to our record keeping and is greatly appreciated. For convenience, you may use the membership form at the bottom of this page.

Don't wait – fill in the form below and mail in your 2018 Dues today!

Membership levels...

- **Regular Membership:** \$40.00/year
- **Sustaining Membership:** \$50.00/year (for members wishing to contribute additional financial support)
- **Associate membership:** \$15/year (for Republican Gentlemen or for *women who are already registered members of another Federated club)
- **College Republican Women:** *Freshman thru Senior year – only \$18.00/year!* Members, gift your college daughters & granddaughters with membership in West Valley Republican Women Federated!
- **Students:** Highschool-age students age 15+ are welcome to courtesy membership with parent's permission.

To join...

Please fill in the following information and enclose with your check made **payable to West Valley RWF**.

Mail to: **JoAnn Destro – 1521 San Andreas Ave. – San Jose, CA 95118**



Print Name: _____

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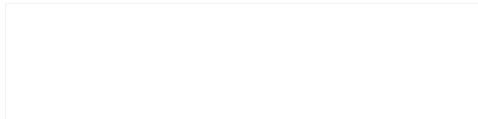
(***Associate women**, please note the name of the Federated club to which you are paying your regular membership dues: _____).

****Republican Gentlemen are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings, and we invite you to join us in a supporting role as Associate Members!**

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c/o Bunny Hacker
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**
Don't sit on the sidelines...get involved!

- Jan. 1 **Happy New Year!**
- Jan. 9 **Board Meeting** at the home of past-President, Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- Jan. 15 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- Jan. 18 **West Valley RWF Lunch Meeting**, 998 So. De Anza Blvd, San Jose, CA 95129
11:30am–1:30pm – featuring **CFRW Legislative Advocate, Allison Olson!**
- Jan. 27 **CFRW Northern Division LEADERSHIP FORUM!** Marriott, Rancho Cordova
AGENDA & REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT OUR 1/18/18 MEETING!
- Feb. 3-5 **CFRW Advocacy Conference**, Marriott Rancho Cordova
- Feb. 4 **Super Bowl Sunday**
- Feb. 13 **Board Meeting** 10:00am
- Feb. 14 **Valentine's Day**