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**2024 INCOMING BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

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**APPOINTED
OFFICERS**

*(President will appoint in
January)*

**Corresponding
Secretary**

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Director**

Kelly Radetich
kelly@kellyradetich.com

**NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2024**

Featuring



**Anthony Santos, Educator
Westmont High School**

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

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino CA

11:30am - Check In

12:00pm - Call to Order

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

*Includes program and a delicious lunch. Lunch includes a starter
salad, entrée w/fresh vegetables, French bread, coffee or tea
(taxes & gratuities also included)*

MENU OPTIONS:

COBB SALAD

*Bleu cheese crumbles bacon, tomatoes and eggs;
served with ranch style dressing*

BUNKER CHEESE BURGER

*Topped w/bacon, grilled onion, lettuce & tomatoes on sesame seed
bun; served w/Fries*

BREAST OF CHICKEN JERUSALEM

*Boneless breast of chicken lightly sauteed in white wine, fresh
squeezed lemon and artichoke hearts*

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 11th !

Lunches must be pre-ordered.

Call Grace, 408-499-1695

**A check can be mailed to: Grace Russo,
2393 Karen Dr. #3 - Santa Clara, CA 95050
Make Check payable to "West Valley RWF".**

**Cancellations can only refunded if
received by Thursday, January 11th.**

**STANDING
COMMITTEES**

From our West Valley
RWF Bylaws...

ARTICLE IX

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

*Sec. 1. THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS shall
consist of the elected
officers, appointed
officers, standing
committee chairs and
immediate past President.*

*Sec.2.a. THE STANDING
COMMITTEES shall be:*

Americanism

Budget

Bylaws

Campaign

Activities/Central Cmte.

Caring for

America/Armed Services

Financial Review

Historian

Hospitality

Legislation

Membership Growth

Newsletter

Phone Tree

*Publicity/Social Media &
Website*

Voter Registration

*Sec.2.b. STANDING
COMMITTEE CHAIRS
shall be appointed by the
President for the same
term as the President*

*Sec.2.c. STANDING
COMMITTEE CHAIRS
shall have a voice and
vote*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President

Hello and Happy New Year to my sister West Valley Republican Women! I am so honored and grateful to be part of such a wonderful group of patriotic women that love this great state of California as much as I do. It will not be easy to step into Shannon's shoes, but we have a wonderful board of very knowledgeable women, and I will work hard to serve you well.

For those of you that don't know me well yet, I am an Arizona native, but I came to this great state when I married my husband. We live in Morgan Hill and like all of you, we love this beautiful state and all it has to offer. Now it is up to all of us to bring back the values and leadership we once enjoyed.

We face many challenges as we head into 2024, but it is an exciting time as well. Changes are happening all around us, and while we face many unwanted challenges, we know this is also a time of opportunity and hope. We have a lot of work ahead, especially in this critical election year.

Women have been strong leaders and breaking barriers since time began, and as a result, we are inspiring future generations. Let us be the water carriers and transfer our knowledge and inspiration to our fellow women and cultivate a culture of wise change. We can do this!

I am really looking forward to working with all of you and thank you for believing in me.

-Robin



MEET OUR SPEAKER



ANTHONY J. SANTOS III
Educator
Westmont High School

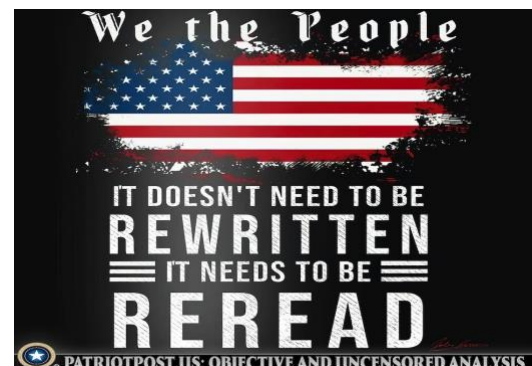
A graduate of Bellarmine College Prep, West Valley College, Sacramento State, San Jose State and St. Mary's College of Moraga, Mr. Santos has been teaching for decades! (*16 years teaching Physical Education/ Kinesiology at De Anza College and Foothill, 23 years at Westmont HS and 11 years in Correctional Education*)

In addition to teaching, Anthony has 33 years under his belt coaching football, 3 years coaching baseball and 3 years coaching Track & Field. He is a 3-time Coach of the Year winner with the California Community College Region II.

Mr. Santos has an A.A. in Liberal Studies, B.S. in Business Administration and Management, and an M.A. in Physical Education. His professional Affiliations include: Phi Kappa Alpha, American Alliance for Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance, California Teachers Association, National Education Association, Campbell Union High School Teachers Association, American Football Coaches Association, United States Concealed Carry Association and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Anthony Santos is retired from the U. S. Marine Corp, is a 5th-generation San Jose resident, and he and his wife Lisa are parents to 8 children. He is referred to us by our 2nd VP Kristina Jansons whose son is a student at Westmont High School.

We've all heard the rumors and gossip about what's going on in our local schools – now let's hear the truth from someone who is there! **Reserve now by calling Grace at 408-499-1695.**



OUR STANDING COMMITTEES

And What They Do

AMERICANISM: This person would lead the club meetings in Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance, and may occasionally present projects or historical information that foster patriotism.

BUDGET: Budget Committee works with the Treasurer to review the budget and propose amendments, to be voted on by the Board of Directors for approval each year.

BYLAWS: The Bylaws Committee reviews the bylaws each biennial to propose amendments and to ensure all CFRW/NFRW amendments have been incorporated. Amendments not mandatory from CFRW/NFRW will be voted on by the Board of Directors for approval each biennial.

CAMPAIGN/CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

The Campaign/Central Committee Chairman shall keep the Club informed of activities of our County Central Committee and of opportunities for participation in candidate campaigns, voter registration campaigns and other community activities in keeping with our mission.

CARING FOR AMERICA/ARMED FORCES: This program is based on the belief that problems can be solved most effectively through the generosity and combined energies of individual citizens. The Caring for America/Armed Forces Committee Chair shall develop a project or projects which assist our communities to flourish. Recently, for example, we have the NextDoor Solutions women's shelter, encouraged donations for the CFRW's Young Americas Foundation that sends young Republicans for education at the Reagan Ranch.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: This committee reviews the West Valley RWF treasury books twice annually to ensure all is in order.

HISTORIAN: The Historian shall gather and assemble information, such as event photos, newsletters, etc. covering each year to be included in the Club's History display (via scrapbooks, storyboards, etc.) The Club History Book or boards shall be displayed occasionally during the year and at events.

HOSPITALITY: The Hospitality Chairman shall be responsible for setting monthly lunch menu options, accepting RSVPs and checks, and greeting members and guests at meetings and events. She shall perform other tasks as requested by the President.

LEGISLATION: Follow CFRW Legislation Updates and report at club meetings on any Action Alerts to our members so that they can participate in promoting or stopping legislation.

MEMBERSHIP: This committee works with our 2nd VP to help grow our club through outreach via calls, letters and/or publicity.

NEWSLETTER: The Chairman shall be responsible for the publication of the Club's newsletter with input from the President and/or designated Board members. Complimentary copies shall be sent at the direction of the President.

PHONE TREE: The Chairman shall establish and maintain a telephone/e-mail committee for contacting the entire membership as may be required, at the direction of the President, to advise on General Meetings, Action Alerts or Emergency notices.

PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE: The Chairman shall be responsible for publicizing activities of the Club via news releases to newspapers, Facebook or Twitter and via our Club newsletter.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Help our Club & County register voters!



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

WINTER 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING and CONFERENCE

“ENGAGING IN POLITICS”

**CFRW invites all Members to attend the 2024
Winter Board of Directors Meeting and
Conference.**

When: Friday through Saturday, February 16-17,
2024

Where: The Atrium Hotel, 18700 MacArthur
Blvd., Irvine CA 92612

Cost: **Early Bird Registration** (December 18,
2023 – January 15, 2024 = **\$295**

Regular Registration (January 16 –
January 25, 2024 = **\$355**

Registration is ALL INCLUSIVE. Fee includes:

Friday Lunch

Friday Workshops

Friday Reception

Saturday BOD Meeting & Conference

Dynamic Speakers

Saturday Lunch

Saturday Dinner

***No Refunds for Cancellations**

After January 25th at Midnight*

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/CFRW1/CFRWWINTERBOARDIRECTORSMEETINGANDCONFERENCE2024>

HOTEL INFORMATION:

The Atrium Hotel, located directly across from the
Orange County John Wayne Airport (SNA)

BOOK YOUR GROUP RATE HERE:

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?hotelID=10271&lang=en-us&group=CAFRW&hgID=0&currID=1&dt1=8811&nights=3&rooms=1&adults=1&child1=0&child2=0&child3=0&child4=0>

Use code “CFRW” for special rate (rooms will go
quickly at group rate – book now!):

\$150.00/night for Single Room (plus tax & fees)

\$160.00/night for Double Room (plus tax & fees)

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED
WITH HOTEL ROOM**

HEADLINES

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Click on the blue links to read more of the story....

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- Migrants are being released on U.S. streets at the border as shelters see record numbers ([NBC News](#))
- Rudy Giuliani seeks bankruptcy after \$148 million judgment in defamation case ([Reuters](#))
- Gadi Haggai confirmed as first American to die in Hamas captivity; wife remains held by terrorists ([New York Post](#))
- Billionaire Harvard donor pulls back donations over president's anti-Semitism testimony ([Fox Business](#))
- Rep. Anna Paulina Luna and husband sue DOD over conditions around COVID vaccine requirement ([Washington Examiner](#))
- Feds give Pornhub deferred prosecution agreement in criminal sex-trafficking case ([Washington Examiner](#))
- New York lost nearly 102,000 residents in a year — most in the nation — while Texas saw biggest population gain ([New York Post](#))
- Virginia drops remaining criminal charge against Loudoun superintendent who lied about rape ([Daily Wire](#))
- Catholic women's college in Indiana reverses policy change allowing applicants who "identify as women" ([Fox News](#))
- **Humor:** Menu anxiety and 13 other very real anxieties Gen Z faces ([Babylon Bee](#))

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PRESIDENT TRUMP WILL BE ON THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT!

Ballots for the Presidential Primary will be mailed in about 30 days.

Please note that you WILL NOT have Republican Presidential candidates on your ballot if you are not registered Republican. **Check your voter registration status [here](#). Update your voter registration [here](#).**

If you have friends who are not registered Republican, but do vote Republican, please advise them to register as a Republican for this election cycle!

This is a critical election! Please contact our Santa Clara County GOP and find out how you can help the efforts to elect Republicans in California! There is something for everyone – no job is too small!

Volunteers are needed to walk precincts, register voters, make phone calls, help out at Headquarters, work an upcoming event...check it out at <https://www.svgop.com/volunteer/> and see what YOU can do! Financial donations are always welcome, as well.

When Federated Women work, we WIN! Grab a friend – or two – and see what you can do to help save California!



DUES ARE DUE!

FOLLOW THE MONEY...YOUR ANNUAL DUES AT WORK

Have you ever wondered where your 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. **You get 3 memberships in one!**

From your annual **West Valley RWF** dues, \$27.00 is sent to **California Federation of Republican Women**. They disburse that money as follows:

\$20.00 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.

\$7.00 is allocated to the General Account of the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), where you join thousands of California women in over 100 clubs in one of the **largest State Federations in the Country!**

\$18.00 remains for West Valley RWF's use to fund the many activities of our Club:

- Support our NFRW scholarship programs
- Support our participation in the CFRW campaign to help the Young Americas Foundation, educating & training Conservative youth
- Support publicity efforts to share our message
- Provide additional support to CFRW for a Club Ambassadorship
- Pay expenses for our monthly newsletters, sent to all members, associates & guests
- Pay registration, hotel & meal expenses for our club President to attend Federated conferences & conventions
- Sponsor a portion of registration for members to attend California Federated Women conferences & conventions
- Lunch, honoraria and/or travel expenses for monthly Speakers, as required
- Provide printing and postage for our outreach efforts to invite new members to join us

We need you to be part of the Federation team that will help enlighten others about our Republican values. And we need each of you to recruit your sister Republicans so that our message goes out to an ever-broadening audience!

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

Mail to: Kristina Jansons – 1484 Pollard Rd, Suite 413 – Los Gatos CA 95032

Cut here: - - - - -

Print Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

☐ I am registered as Republican

[We do not share your email outside of Republican Women Federated!]

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

☐ Renewal \$45

☐ New Member \$45

☐ Sustaining \$60

☐ Associate* \$20

☐ College Student \$27

☐ +Donation _____

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

***Associate men:** Republican Gentlemen are welcome to attend our General Meetings, and we invite you to join us in a supporting role as Associates!

WEST VALLEY RWF

c/o Bunny Hacker
55 Church St., #1301
Los Gatos, CA 95030-6922



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

<i>January 1</i>	<i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i>
<i>January 10</i>	<i>WVRWF BOD Meeting at Holder's in Cupertino, 10:00am</i>
<i>January 15</i>	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
<i>January 18</i>	<i>West Valley RWF General Meeting, featuring Anthony Santos, Educator from Westmont HS</i>
<i>February 12</i>	<i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>
<i>February 14</i>	<i>Valentine's Day</i>
<i>February 15</i>	<i>West Valley RWF General Meeting</i>
<i>February 16-17</i>	<i>CFRW 2024 Winter Board of Directors Meeting & Member Conference, Atrium Hotel in Orange County (see pg. 3)</i>
<i>February 19</i>	<i>President's Day</i>

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