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May 15, 2025

Featuring



Santa Clara County Republican Party

CHAIR, DAVE JOHNSON

*Dave is a lifelong Santa Clara County resident, a former business owner, a
Constitutionalist – and a father of triplets!*

Blue Pheasant

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino CA

11:30 Check-In

12:00 Call to Order

Cost of Program: \$34.00

Includes the program, lunch, coffee & iced tea, taxes & gratuity!

Menu Options

- Chicken Caesar Salad, or
- Turkey Club Sandwich & Fries or
- Roasted Loin of Pork

Must RSVP by Monday May 5th!

Lunches must be pre-ordered. Call Grace, 408-499-1695

Checks payable to “West Valley RWF” can be mailed to:
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*Food is ordered in advance; no refunds will be issued for
cancellations received after Monday, May 5th.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President



MOTHER'S DAY

Yesterday, on my morning walk I saw two adorable new little fawns. They were just born, even struggling a bit to stand up. They were so adorable! These precious babies always begin to show up this time of year, as if nature also knows, it's time to celebrate Mothers everywhere.

Indeed, in this season I can't help but take a trip down memory lane and enjoy thoughts of my mom. She was a very beautiful woman, but it was her kind heart and her love for God and humanity that drew people to her. I am so fortunate that God chose her for me, and me for her. Through much patience, she lovingly, tenderly, and humorously shaped me into the woman I am today. When I was very young, one day of each week was dedicated to ironing. She would set up the ironing board and iron and bring that big basket of clean laundry out. She would pick a Tom Jones album and turn on the record player and to work she would go, ironing out all those wrinkles. I would sit down at her feet and watch and listen. We would sing as she worked, and I know every single Tom Jones song by heart because of her.

My mom was firm, there was no "wait until your father gets home" from her. Nope, she handled every situation right then and there. The yardstick was her favorite form of correction, much to my chagrin. But I must say, the message was clear, you do not mess with Mom.

My mom was also very proud of this country. As my Girl scout leader, she took very seriously the activities like flag ceremonies, veteran support, citizenship badges and the importance of community service. She worked hard to empower her troop of girls to be active citizens aligning with patriotism. It was important to her that her troops left a lasting impact in a positive way. I'm so grateful for those lessons.

Of course, I was a not-so-perfect daughter in my teenage years. Sometimes I look back and I'm appalled at my own behavior. But she loved me through it, despite my sometimes-poor attitude and prickly personality. When I became an adult out there in the working world she was always there, whenever I needed encouragement or to share a laugh, I could always count on my mom. We often shared early morning phone calls over a cup of coffee. Even though she was very busy, she always had time for me. I traveled most of the time for my work and I would begin to lose a sense of connection, and when I needed it the most, she would call, and I would hear the love in her voice and know that all would be right with the world.

In the later years of her life, as her memory faded our roles begin to change. She became the child, and I became her strength. We'd come full circle, my mother and me, and while I struggled with the change, I will always remember fondly the love we still shared. I miss her so.

And so, for all you mothers out there, just remember, even if it is never spoken, there will always be a special place in the hearts of those souls you have shaped. Happy Mother's Day to you all.



On behalf of our Board of Directors, I wish to express our many thanks to those who participated in our "Count Your Blessings Tax" fundraiser! We received donations from Julie Eckroat, Donna Giammona, Bunny Hacker, Sue Moley, Roger Riffenburgh, Sondra Serenka and Kay Young. Your contributions are appreciated and rest assured they are put to good use supporting the business and activities of our Club!



As mentioned during our general meeting in March, West Valley RWF needs your help! We have some Executive Committee/Standing Chair positions that must be filled. Analogies featuring hands come to mind – idle hands are the devil’s workshop, lend a hand, many hands make light work, working hand in hand – you get the picture! Please read these job descriptions and see where YOU fit in.

Open Executive Committee positions...

1st Vice President: This is the person who sends out invitations to prospective guest speakers, introduces them at our meeting, and thanks them with small token gift. She also fills in for the President at meetings when the president cannot be there. This position receives a lot of help and support from the rest of the Board! We have an invitation template, we send her speaker ideas as we come across them, etc. Like every other position on the Board, the 1st VP gets a lot of help from the rest of us.

Recording Secretary: Using the meeting agenda as her guide, this person records what is done at each of our Board meetings and General meetings – only what is done, not everything that is said! It is a lot easier than it sounds, and here again we have templates/examples for you to help you get started.

Corresponding Secretary: FILLED! We are happy to announce that Julie Eckroat and Sue Moley have teamed up to co-Chair this position! Thanks for stepping up once again, Julie & Sue!

Open Standing Chair positions...

Americanism: This person inspires respect for the American Flag and our country. Traditionally, the Chair leads the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America at all regular meetings or asks someone to assume that responsibility in her absence. She is responsible for the proper display of the flag at all functions of the organization. Where the venue permits, the Flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he, or she, faces the audience. On occasion, she may wish to present a brief story, quote or reminder that inspires respect for the American Flag and our country.

Caring for America/Armed Forces: We are pleased to announce that Sondra Serenka has stepped up to Chair this important Committee for us! Soon you will hear from Sondra with information on our club campaign to help support our Troops through Operation Care & Comfort! Welcome to the team, Sondra!

Newsletter: The December issue of The Elephant’s Trumpet will be the last issue produced by Bunny Hacker! We are urgently seeking a new Editor/Publisher who will choose their own method of production, whether using Word, Canva or publishing online on our new website (coming soon!). Please contact either Robin McCarthy or Bunny Hacker if you are interested in this position.

Phone Tree: This one is easy – we have 5 members on this committee already, and we need just one of them to step into the position of Chair of this committee. She will keep the call list current and make sure each member of the committee has the updated list. And adding another caller to the Team would be great!

Publicity/Social Media: Our club has a Facebook and Instagram pages, we need to be on X. We need someone to take photos at our events and frequently post appropriate photos, memes & news links on these platforms for us.

We should mention that Executive Committee members are required, and Standing Chairs are welcome, to attend monthly Board meetings as well as General meetings. When we can’t, we can’t, but the effort is always appreciated – and we really have a good time at our Board meetings, enjoying lunch together as we meet! Please contact President Robin McCarthy to let her know of your interest in any of our open positions!

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CFRW 2025 SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & CONFERENCE
June 6-7, 2025

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Registration Includes
Friday Lunch
Friday Afternoon Workshop
by The Leadership Institute
Friday Reception
Saturday Breakfast provided by Hotel
Board of Directors Meeting
Business Meeting
Saturday Lunch
Conference
Education
Sharing of Ideas
Informative Speakers
Saturday Dinner
Keynote Speaker
Sunday Breakfast provided by Hotel

Celebrating 100 Years

Official CALL for the CFRW 2025 Summer Board of Directors Meeting and Conference

ATTENTION ALL CFRW Members, CFRW Board of Directors and CFRW Executive Committee, CFRW invites you to attend the 2025 Summer Board of Directors Meeting and Conference in Atascadero, California:

June 6-7, 2025, Friday and Saturday

SpringHill Suites

900 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422

Early Registration, April 7- May 7 = \$349

Registration, May 8- May 14 = \$399

Republican Guests - Dinner and Reception Only = \$125

*** *Platinum and Centennial Ambassadors receive a \$50 discount*

Early Registration = \$299 Registration = \$349

(Discount Code will be emailed to you)

*** If Club is a Platinum or Centennial Ambassador, Club President or her representative receives discount. Sign up to become an Ambassador here: <https://cafrw.org/member-dashboard/ambassador-program/>

No refunds after May 14 at midnight

REGISTER HERE FOR CONFERENCE:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/CFRW1/CFRWSUMMERBOARDOFDIRECTORSMEETINGANDCONFERENCEJUNE2025>

REGISTER HERE FOR CFRW GROUP RATE HOTEL ROOM:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1740693520817&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

*On all things Chinese Communist Party, the Epoch Times' Mr. Nan Su is unequalled in the wealth of knowledge he shares with us. Photos are from our General Meeting in April.
Photo credit: Robin McCarthy*



EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

Patriotpost.us – April 21, 2025

Florida State University shooting, blind judges scrutinize deportations, AP loses bid to reclaim special access, & more.

Click on blue underlined text to read more online!

- **The FSU campus assailant:** Two people were killed and six others injured on Thursday when a 20-year-old student at Florida State University opened fire on the Tallahassee campus. The perpetrator used his stepmother's handgun in the commission of his attack, which ended when police confronted, shot, and injured him. His stepmother is a sheriff's deputy with the Leon County Sheriff's Office. A motive for the attack has yet to be established, though there are reports that he held alt-right and white supremacist views. Furthermore, his upbringing appears to have been [quite chaotic](#), as his divorced parents fought for years over custody rights, with his mother at one point kidnapping him and taking him to her home country of Norway. Attorney General Pam Bondi noted that the FBI was on the scene, [adding](#), "We will keep updating as we learn more. Praying for all."
- **Judges blind to Biden's border invasion scrutinize Trump's deportations:** The Supreme Court [paused more of Donald Trump's deportations](#) on Saturday. After Trump-appointed Judge James Hendrix denied the ACLU's temporary restraining order that would have kept two Venezuelan aliens from being deported, the ACLU escalated its case to every court it could find. Late Thursday, the Trump administration refused to assure the ACLU that Venezuelan aliens not named in court cases would remain in the U.S. Early Friday, the ACLU refiled with Judge Hendrix for a new temporary restraining order; after a few hours with no response, it appealed to the Fifth Circuit. Meanwhile, the ACLU asked SCOTUS to pause deportations while the Fifth Circuit appeal is pending. Early Saturday, [SCOTUS granted](#) that pause in a 7-2 decision.
- **Garcia, Bukele, and Maduro:** ~~Maryland man~~ Illegal alien [Kilmar Abrego Garcia](#), whom the Trump administration deported to El Salvador as a member of the designated terrorist group and violent criminal gang MS-13, has been [transferred](#) out of the notorious CECOT mega prison to another detention facility. No word on whether El Salvador will return him to the U.S. Meanwhile, Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele on Sunday [proposed a prisoner swap](#) with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, as El Salvador currently holds 252 members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua who were recently deported from the U.S. Bukele's proposal is for Maduro to swap with El Salvador the same number of Venezuelan political prisoners the Maduro regime currently has imprisoned.
- **Birthright citizenship hearing at SCOTUS May 15:** Does the 14th Amendment confer birthright citizenship onto the children of foreigners illegally in the country? Donald Trump has challenged that it does not, [issuing an executive order](#) ending the practice of unquestioningly granting U.S. citizenship to the children of illegal aliens born in America. Three federal judges have issued orders prohibiting the federal government from enforcing it. Rather than allow the cases to work through the lower courts, the Supreme Court on Thursday [announced that it would take up the case](#) and scheduled oral arguments for May 15. This move indicates that the justices see this case as significant enough that they need to [bypass the lower courts](#). Does this mean the justices want to weigh in on birthright citizenship, or are they more concerned about the scope of the lower courts' stays?

Read more at: <https://patriotpost.us/articles/116652-thursday-below-the-fold-2025-04-24>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 11	Mother's Day
May 15	West Valley RWF General Meeting featuring Dave Johnson, Santa Clara County GOP Chair
May 26	Memorial Day – We honor and mourn those who gave their lives serving to protect the USA.!
June 6-7	CFRW Summer Board Meeting & Conference , Marriott SpringHill Suites, Atascadero. Visit https://cafrw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/FINAL-CALL-2025-SUMMER-CONF-FOR-WEBSITE.pdf to read the Call to Conference. See page 5 in this newsletter for registration link and conference speaker line-up!
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Father's Day
June 19	West Valley RWF General Meeting featuring Sadie Foster, CA Director, Leadership Institute
July 17	West Valley RWF General Meeting featuring Dr Richard Fox, MD, JD
August 21	West Valley RWF General Meeting featuring Tim Anaya, Pacific Research Institute
September 18	West Valley RWF General Meeting featuring Valerie Navarrette, Real Options Obria Medical

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