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OUR NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

11:30 a.m.

at

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

Featuring

SUE CARO
CA GOP REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR, BAY AREA

Cost: $24.00 (includes lunch)

Checks must be payable to "West Valley RWF"

MENU CHOICES
Sandwich & Hot Entrees include a small Salad;
Salad Entrée includes a cup of Soup.

Chinese Chicken Salad
Iceberg lettuce, Cabbage Chicken, Peanuts,Rice noodles, Snow eas, Cilantro, Sweet & Spicy dressing

or

Grilled BLT
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato on Griled Sourdough Bread

or

Hot Turkey Sandwich
Open faced on Sourdough Bread w/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, Oct. 16th !

Questions? Call Grace at 408-499-1695

"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"

SUE CARO

CA GOP Regional Vice Chair, Bay Area

"Our Republican Brand in California"

Sue Caro attended Kent State University, and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland, graduating with honors in Business and Finance. She was a Certified Financial Planner with the accounting firm Touche Ross & Company, now Deloitte & Touche, and the portfolio management firm, Jurika & Voyles. Motherhood piqued her interest in education and she served on the Board of Trustees for her children's school, Redwood Day School, for six years. In 1995 her educational interests sparked a career change, and she became the Director of Business Operations at The Seven Hills School in Walnut Creek. Sue left the school in 2002 and in 2003 became a residential real estate agent in Oakland and Piedmont with Bay Sotheby's International Realty, listing and selling homes in the very active markets before the financial crash of 2008 and after.

Sue is a life-long Republican with early experiences as a teenager working on local election campaigns. These early experiences showed her how grass roots campaigns are organized and she has had an active and engaged interest in politics and elections ever since. She has been an active participant in Alameda County Republican politics, leading her county party in 2012-2015, and was recently elected again as Chairman for the current term.

Sue was active in the campaign to elect Catharine Baker to Assembly in 2014 and on the Duf Sundheim for U.S. Senate campaign in 2015-16. She led her local RWF club in 2011 and is a member of Lincoln Club of Northern California, serving on the Non-Partisan Affairs Committee. She was elected to CRP Regional Vice Chairman, Bay Area in February 2017. She lives in Oakland with her husband Jim McPhee. They have two grown children, son James and daughter Kate, who live and work in the East Bay.

RESERVE EARLY – AND BRING A FRIEND!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Doesn't it seem like time speeds up once we head into October? And now that November has come we move into a time of year I love and yet keeps me rushing to try and stay ahead of the holiday's that are quickly approaching.

I have been concerned lately with a move that seems to be promoted by various groups that basically seek to curtail our religious liberty and our freedom of speech. Both of these freedoms, which are defined in our Constitution, are important in order for our nation to endure as a land where freedom flourishes.

What some groups don't understand is that civil liberty - if separated for very long from religious liberty - will eventually destroy both freedoms. As one man wrote, "political freedom goes hand in hand with religious freedom. And wherever religion is free men can no longer be kept in chains."

As we approach this season of "Thanks and Giving" may we remember to offer our thanks for those who have given their lives in support of the freedoms we hold dear.

And may we be vigilant in support of those who strive to keep us as a nation that honors its constitutional liberties.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting. Have a lovely Thanksgiving.

-Kathie Topham

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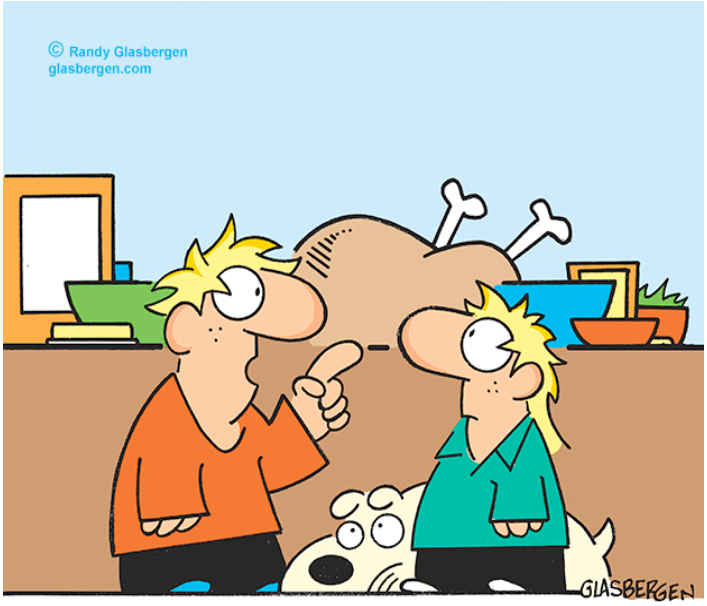
AND THE NOMINEES ARE…

Our Nominating Committee worked hard to bring us an excellent Slate of Officers for 2018-19! Thank you to all of our outgoing and incoming officers for your service to our Club!

President: Mayme Abbott
1st VP/Programs: Lorene Milligan
2nd VP/Membership: JoAnn Destro
3rd VP/Ways & Means: Shirley Keller/Kay Young
Recording Secretary: Jan Davis
Treasurer: Mary Goodman
Corresponding Secretary: Kris Saba
Director-at-Large: Kathie Topham

The election and installation will take place at our November meeting. In the event that these nominees run unopposed, the election will be by simple voice vote at the meeting.



"On Thanksgiving the Four Basic Food Groups are 'more', 'a little more', 'a lot more' and 'too much'."

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  408-246-6600 Phone 408-246-1443 Fax
  www.svgop.com
- **California Republican Party:**
  818-841-5210 Phone 818-841-6668 Fax
  www.cagop.org
- **California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW):**
  www.cfrw.org
  Advocacy Office Phone: 916-442-4084
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- **CFRW Northern Division:**
  (CFRW-ND): www.cfrwnd.org
- **National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW):** www.nfrw.org
- **Republican National Committee:** 202-863-8500
  310 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20003
  https://www.gop.com

CLUB OBJECTIVES

- ***To promote an informed public through political education and activity.***
- ***To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.***
- ***To promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party.***
- ***To encourage active citizenship.***
- ***To cooperate with the Republican State and County Central Committees for the election of Republican nominees.***
- ***To facilitate cooperation among Republican Women's Clubs.***
- ***To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote it's principles and candidates in all elections including nonpartisan elections.***

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Membership Information

2018 RENEWALS ARE UNDER WAY!

Regular Members who join or renew for 2018 **before December 7th,** will be entered into the "raffle-tunity" drawing for one of the many nice prizes – one of which is a FREE LUNCH - at our Member Appreciation Christmas Luncheon! Early renewal is a tremendous help to our record keeping and is greatly appreciated. If you wish, you may include your Christmas Luncheon cost of $15 on the same check. All checks **must be received before December 7th** for your name to be on our RSVP list and entered into the drawing. For convenience, you may use the membership form at the bottom of this page.

Three Memberships in One! Members of West Valley RWF are also Members of the California Federation of Republican women and the National Federation of Republican Women – the largest all-women political volunteer organization in the country!

Take advantage of EARLY RENEWAL and mail in your 2018 Dues today!

Please note that the CFRW-ND dues are likely increasing by $2 for 2018. However, West Valley RWF is pleased to inform you that we will NOT be increasing our Member dues this year.

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 women who are already registered members of another Federated club or for Republican Gentlemen)
- **Student membership: No Charge!** (for High School students with parental permission)
- **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!

To join…

Please fill in the following information, and enclose with your check made **payable to "West Valley RWF"**.
Before December 7th, mail to: **Bunny Hacker – 55 Church St. Unit #1301 – Los Gatos, CA 95030**
After December 7th: All dues will be sent to our 2018 Membership Chair, JoAnn Destro.

Print Name: _____

[_] *Renewal* $40 [_] *New Member* $40 [_] *Sustaining* $50 [_] *Associate* $15 [_] *College* $18 [_] *Donation* as you wish

Please give us your current contact information:

Address:_____ City_____Zip:_____

Phone: _____ E-mail:_____ Birth Month/Day:_____

[We do not use your e-mail for anything other than important Federation communications!]

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

Please indicate here if you have included $15 on your check as your RSVP to our Christmas Lunch! [ ]

You are cordially invited to

West Valley
Republican Women Federated

Christmas Luncheon

Your lunch includes: Assorted Wines & Other Beverages – Assorted Hors d'oeuvres – Hot entree – Salads Buffet – Rolls & Butter– And An Amazing Dessert Assortment!

Thursday, December 14th, 2017
at Noon at the home of
Lorene Milligan - 1755 Clarence Ct. - San Jose, CA 95124 - 408-996-1367

$15.00/Person
Payable to West Valley RWF

RSVP by December 7, 2017

There will be a **"Raffle-tunity" drawing*** for many great items, including a **FREE LUNCH** at one of our regular meetings!

***To have your name in the drawing, you must have paid your 2018 West Valley RWF dues before the luncheon!**

Once again, in keeping with our **'Caring For America'** program, we will be supporting **"Next Door Solutions"**, a local women's shelter, and **"Young Life Capernaum"**, an organization that helps teenagers & young adults with special needs. Details will be in our December Newsletter. Checks should be made payable to "Next Door Solutions" and/or the "Young Life Capernaum", and will be collected at the party.

Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated!

Please return this tear-off with your check, **payable to West Valley RWF,** to be received by December 7, 2017.
Mail to: Bunny Hacker – 55 Church St. Unit 1301 – Los Gatos, CA 95030

Name_____ **Guest Name****:_____
(**potential new member)

Phone_____ **Email**_____

Total Enclosed for Lunch ($15/person):_____

Check here if your 2018 dues are Included:_____

****Our Christmas Luncheon is a great time to introduce potential new members to our group. Please remember to bring a friend and invite them to join!**

****Remember to include your 2018 Dues if you wish to be included in the "raffletunity" drawing!***

The 6 Big Ways Liberals Are Destroying America's Culture

John Hawkins – 10/29/17 – townhall.com

There was a time when we used to be a nation that pushed freedom, responsibility, decency, patriotism and hard work. Some of us still believe in those things, but because of liberalism, much more destructive values have seeped into our culture like toxic waste. There are many ways that liberals have degraded our culture, but these are the worst of the worst.

1) The Politicization Of Everything: Want to watch football? There are players protesting the flag. Turn on a Hollywood awards ceremony? There are actors making political statements. Want to go to the bathroom in peace? Well, first, we need to know if you're okay with sharing it with someone who feels like the opposite gender today. You're just a regular person telling an off-color joke you heard? Better be careful; that could turn into a front page scandal if the wrong group gets offended. Want to buy a Halloween costume for your kid? Well, you better make sure it's someone of the same race or people will be upset. Want to go on a date? If you date someone of the same race, you may be racist. Ready to marry your honey? Then you better support gay marriage or you're a homophobe. I can remember a time in America where you could just live your life without paying attention to politics at all if you wanted and that was a good thing. Remember that old saying? Never discuss race, religion or politics in polite company? Well, because of liberals, you don't have a choice anymore.

2) Political Correctness: I hate the idea that some normal person can tell a joke on Twitter and have his life destroyed for it by the liberal fun police. I think it's disgusting to see that liberals have embraced fascism to such an extent that they can't tolerate a contrary idea on their college campus. It's like the whole country is in a relationship with someone who has borderline personality disorder. Everyone's walking on eggshells because some buttercup might get horribly upset at, well….just about anything. Whatever happened to the idea that if some ordinary thing triggers you, YOU have the problem and it's something YOU need to work on? Oh, yeah, liberals happened to it.

3) Victimhood: Only in America do people get so excited about the idea of being a victim that they will even fake hate crimes against themselves to get that status. Only in America are there women publicly crying that they were sexually assaulted and traumatized because a 93 year old, wheelchair-bound President pinched their butt. Only in America do we have to come up with things like white privilege and institutional racism because there's not enough real racism happening to allow liberal minorities to feel like victims. There was a time in America when people wanted to feel strong, capable and able to handle their own problems instead of being victims. There still are people like that today and they're called conservatives.

4) Liberal Feminism: The original "Women should have the same rights as men" feminism has been so widely accepted in society that it made feminism irrelevant. So, liberal feminists reinvented feminism as a combination of man-hating and victimization. Look out, it's the patriarchy and rape culture! Don't you dare hold the door for me! Stop mansplaining! Stop saying, "Not all men!" You just sit there in silence thinking about how you've oppressed women! Liberal feminism falsely makes women think they could have it all if those awful men weren't getting in their way and it makes many guys unsure of what reaction they'll get from women when they behave like men. Forget about the old "Women should be women and men should be men" philosophy; liberal feminism is about women being men and the men being shamed.

5) Tribalism: Liberals work incessantly to split Americans in ever smaller groups that are at each other's throats. If you want to get a sense of how bad it has gotten, we're having ferocious public debates about transsexuals who, depending on how you define it, make up less than .25% to .75% of the population. Increasingly, the attitude is moving from the annoying, "You just can't understand because of your race/color/gender" to "You HATE ME and I HATE YOU" because of differences that are often unchangeable. This is incredibly dangerous to our future as a country because you can't hold any group of people including a nation together long term when people no longer believe they share the same goals and values as their neighbors. Our nation's motto is E pluribus unum (Out of many, one), but what happens when liberals insist that the many never become one?

6) "Non-Judgmentalism": We've heard so many liberals talk about how important it is to be non-judgmental that it has seeped into the culture at large. When there's a choice between what's best for society and best for a particular individual who has done something wrong, we always default to protecting that individual. How's that working out for us? Since the stigma around getting a divorce, having a child out of wedlock or having an abortion has faded, are we better or worse off? Are the kids who are aborted or who get raised by a single parent instead of a family better off? Are the guys who are extremely hesitant to get married because they fear divorce better off? Are we better off because people no longer wonder whether doing something horrible in public will hurt their good name or ruin their family's reputation? The very fact that we are so unwilling to draw a line in the sand and say "That's right" or "That's wrong" has mired our culture in degeneracy. Maybe if there were more people who feel bad when they do things that "wouldn't make their mothers proud," there would be a lot more decent human beings. ❖

CFRW – CAPITOL UPDATE

Allison Olson, Legislative Advocate

October 12, 2017

Caring for America

Northern California is currently experiencing its greatest fire emergency in 80 years. Across Napa, Sonoma, Yuba, Placer, Solano, and Mendocino counties our Republican Women Federated sisters are diplaced, in danger, and some have lost everything. Our newly elected Vice President North, Gaylon Kastner, is working with the National Federation of Republican Women to organize a gift card drive for those affected communities. Please send gift cards of $25 or more from Target, Wal-Mart, Visa, etc. to Kastner Honda, Attention: Gaylon Kastner, 480 Soscol Ave, Napa, CA 94559. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by these terrible fires. Keep our Republican sisters, and everyone else, in yours!

SB 231 Signed

As if Californians aren't taxed enough, Governor Brown signed SB 231 (Hertzberg, D) last week. As you will recall, SB 231 **redefines "sewer" to include stormwater** to be able to increase property taxes on ratepayers. How sneaky. Luckily, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is already on top of it. Prop 13 and 218 were passed by voters to make sure legislators didn't try to subversely pass taxes like this. A similar measure was recently defeated in the courts by HJTA, and we hope the same will be true for SB 231. Go to www.hjta.org for more information.

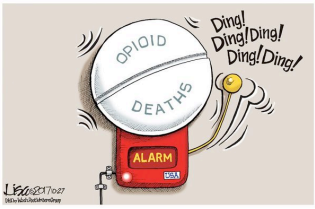
Congratulations CFRW Officer 2018-19!

At our 40th Biennial Convention last weekend, our members voted in a brand, new CFRW Officers to our Executive Board! Below is the list of ladies and we are so excited! Congratulations!

CFRW President: Nam-Yong Horn
Vice President North: Gaylon Kastner
Vice President Central: Betty Schiedt
Vice President South: Sue Blaire
Recording Secretary: Sandy Pope
Treasurer: Lori Noble
Membership Secretary: Ann Verwey

TRUMP, THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC, AND NATIONAL EMERGENCY

He won't declare a national emergency because he recognizes the proper manner in wh



President Donald Trump refuses to declare a "national emergency" on the opioid epidemic plaguing the nation, but that's a good thing. Instead he has asked the Department of Health and Human Services to declare it a "public-health emergency," thereby sending the all-important question of funding to Congress, where, according to the Constitution, it belongs in the first place.

While some have suggested that Trump has the authority to declare a national emergency via the Stafford Act, a law designed to give the president the authority to spend on national emergencies, the opioid epidemic doesn't fit into that generally recognized category. The Stafford Act was meant for dealing with sudden catastrophic events, not slow-growing crises. The opioid epidemic has been slowly building over the years, only recently reaching crisis levels witnessed today.

By requesting that HHS declare it a "public-health emergency," the HHS secretary can then "take such action as may be appropriate to respond to the public health emergency, including making grants, providing awards for expenses and entering into contracts and conducting and supporting investigations into the cause, treatment or prevention." In other words, Trump recognizes the crisis level the opioid epidemic has reached and has made exactly the right decision for taking the problem seriously and seeking to develop a solution.

SOURCE: https://patriotpost.us/articles/52109

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Don't sit on the sidelines…get involved!

Nov.10-12 **CFRW-ND BIENNIAL CONVENTION, Redding**

Nov. 13 **Board Meeting, 10:00am** at the home of Kathie Topham

Nov. 16 **West Valley RWF** General Meeting, w/**Sue Caro, CA-GOP Regional Vice Chair, Bay Area** and Chair of the Alameda County Republican Party.

Dec. 11 **Board Meeting, 10:00am** at the home of Kathie Topham

Dec. 14 **West Valley RWF Member Appreciation Christmas Luncheon!**

Jan. 18 **West Valley RWF** General Meeting, w/**Allison Olson, CFRW Legislative Analyst**

Jan. 27 **CFRW-ND Leadership Forum,** Rancho Cordova

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