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OUR NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

11:30am – 1:30pm

at

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

Featuring

BARRY FEELEY!

Program Cost: \$21.00
(includes lunch, tax & gratuity!)

MENU OPTIONS

Apple Harvest Salad; *or*

Beef French Dip Sandwich w/Fries; *or*

Roast Turkey w/Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable

Make checks payable to 'West Valley RWF'

and mail to:

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

Checks must be received by Monday, November 17th.

Questions? Call Grace at 408-244-0280

"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"



BARRY FEELEY

**"Conquering The
Resource Crisis Before It
Conquers US!"**

Graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree, and with post-grad studies in Computer Science System Engineering, International Business and Program Management, Barry went on to spend 41 years as an Aerospace Engineer. He worked on the Titan Missile. At Ford Aerospace was Program management Engineer for the Defense Systems Program, Program Office Chief Engineer on the International Space Station, Energy Power System, and later with Loral, Director of New Business Development.

In retirement, Barry has served as Consultant for startup companies and angel investors, and has been the featured guest speaker for various organizations. With an "almost perfect" attendance record at our monthly lunch meetings as an Associate Member, many of you already know Barry, the husband to our Treasurer, Norma Feeley.

Barry's talk will ask "can we continue to extend our golden years in the face of huge population growth and an aging population with declining and unaffordable resources, a struggling job market, and leaders who think they know the answers but are clueless?" Barry will describe how to work our way around these obstacles to return to a growing economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, all are welcome to join us - you'll want to **reserve early, and bring a friend!**



WEST VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

~ President's Message ~

As I write this, Halloween is just a few days away and, with that, the holiday season is just around the corner. Where did the time go this year? We still have a couple of exciting special club events coming up in the remaining days of 2014.

On Monday, November 3rd, we'll be gathering for a private showing of the movie "Blue", a documentary that challenges "green" philosophies! (See "Special Event" article on page 3 for details.) If you haven't already, please call me with your RSVP's as there are just a few seats left!

Additionally, on Thursday, December 11th, we'll have our Annual Member Appreciation Christmas party. This event is a well-attended, fun, social gathering to enjoy and get to know your fellow Club members. Your invitation to this event is on page 8 and, remember, if you send in your 2015 membership renewal before December 5th, your name will be entered in a prize drawing at the party.

Don't forget, it's important that we all vote in the general election on November 4th! As a courtesy to our readers, we've shared some ballot recommendations on page 4 for your information and consideration. We CAN eliminate the super-majority in our California Legislature, we CAN maintain our majority in the U.S. House and gain a majority in the U.S. Senate, but **ONLY** if we each **Get Out and Vote Republican!**

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 20th.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Shannon Wagner



Articles for our Newsletter will be due on the 20th of the month preceding the month of issue. You can send articles of interest to Bunny by e-mail or by using the return address on this mailing. Articles may or may not be used, and cannot be returned. Questions? Please call Bunny at 408-483-2311.

West Valley Republican Women Federated is affiliated with the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), Northern Division, Santa Clara County Region. CFRW President, Roseann Slonsky-Breault; affiliated with the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Nov. 2 **Fall Back!** Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 3 **Movie "BLUE"** at home of Shannon Wagner, 1:00pm
- Nov. 4 ***VOTE!***
- Nov. 7-8 **CFRW-Northern Division** Fall Conference, San Rafael
- Nov. 10 **Board Meeting** at the home of Shannon Wagner @ 10:00am.
- Nov. 11 **Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 20 **West Valley RWF** General Meeting w/**BARRY FEELEY** on "Conquering The Resource Crisis"
- Nov. 27 **THANKSGIVING!**
- Dec. 11 **West Valley RWF CHRISTMAS PARTY** at the home of Shannon Wagner!

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~COMMITTEE CHAIRS~

Our **Committee Chairs** are members of the **Board** of Directors and are welcomed and encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings.

- Achievement Awards: Bunny Hacker
- Americanism: Betty Faultner
- Caring for America: Mary Frazier
- Central Committee: Kay Young
- Historian: Christine Austin-Walker
- Hospitality/Luncheon: Grace Russo
- Newsletter/Legislation: Bunny Hacker
- Parliamentarian: Julie Eckroat/Sue Moley
- Phone Committee: Angie Fredrick
- Voter Registration: WE NEED YOU!
- Website & Facebook: Bunny Hacker

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CFRW Northern Division:
www.cfrwnd.org

National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW): www.nfrw.org

***** SPECIAL EVENT *****

You are cordially invited to attend a viewing of the documentary film "**BLUE**" at the home of Shannon Wagner on Monday, November 3rd at 1:00pm. Admission is **FREE** and includes soft drinks, munchies & movie candy! (*Optional donations will be accepted to help fund our Club's participation in the CFRW Track Chair Project.*)

One of the most prominent ideas of our time today is *the Green Movement*, which says that the Earth is threatened by the activity, even the existence, of mankind, and that the noble response is to restrict our freedom in order to save the planet. *The movie BLUE challenges that idea.* **BLUE** is an independently funded and beautifully filmed documentary by director, Jeffrey D. King.

VERY FEW SEATS LEFT...PLEASE CONTACT SHANNON A.S.A.P. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND. 408-356-3408 or SWAG97@AOL.COM.

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News & Information

• **Our Nominating Committee has presented the following nominated Slate of Officers for 2015:**

- President: Shannon Wagner
- 1st VP/Programs: Shirley Keller
- 2nd VP/Membership: Betty Kaye Miller
- 3rd VP/Fundraising: Lorene Milligan
- Recording Secretary: Kathie Topham
- Corresponding Secretary: Kris Saba
- Treasurer: Norma Feeley
- Director-At-Large: Bunny Hacker

Special thanks to our Nominating Committee: Kay Young, Bunny Hacker, Grace Russo, Helen Springer, and Christine Austin-Walker.

In the event that nominees for each elected office run unopposed, election will be held by a simple voice vote at the November meeting.

• **WEBSITES OF INTEREST:** Keep yourself up-to-date - check out some of these websites for great information.

- <http://patriotpost.us>
- www.nationalreview.com
- www.rushlimbaugh.com
- www.newsbusters.org
- <http://online.wsj.com>
- www.foxnews.com
- www.heritage.org
- www.carerepublic.com (Tom McClintock)
- www.fdfc.org (Frederick Douglas Foundation)
- www.breitbart.com
- www.bayareagop.com (for calendar of events)
- pacificlegal.org

And of course, remember to check our own site from time to time - **www.westvalleyrwf.org!**

• **BOOKS OF INTEREST:**

- Mitchell Zuckoff's "13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened In Benghazi"
- Bill O'Reilly's "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot"
- Bill O'Reilly's "Killing Patton: The Strange Death of WWII's Most Audacious General"
- Rush Limbaugh's "Rush Revere and The Brave Pilgrims"
- Rush Limbaugh's "Rush Revere and The First Patriots"

Ballot recommendations of the CFRW and the Silicon Valley GOP are printed here as a courtesy to our readers. The recommendations herein do not come from the West Valley RWF Club, and no endorsements are made or implied.



CFRW BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Prop 1: Water Bond. Funding for Water Quality, Supply, Treatment, and Storage Projects: **Yes**
- Prop 2: State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account. Legislative Constitutional Amendment: **Yes**
- Prop 45: Approval of Healthcare Insurance Rate Changes. Initiative Statute: **No**
- Prop 46: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits. Initiative Statute: **No**
- Prop 47: Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties. Initiative Statute: **No**
- Prop 48: Referendum to Overturn Indian Gaming Compacts: **Neutral or No Position**



SVGOP 2014 General Election Recommendations

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| Governor: Neel Kashkari | Congressional District 18: Dr. Richard Fox Jr |
| Lt. Governor: Ron Nehring | State Senate District 10: Peter Kuo |
| Secretary of State: Pete Peterson | Assembly District 24: Diane Gabl |
| State Controller: Ashley Swarengin | Assembly District 25: Bob Brunton |
| State Treasurer: Greg Conlon | Assembly District 27: Burt Lancaster |
| Attorney General: Ron Gold | Assembly District 28: Chuck Page |
| Insurance Commissioner: Ted Gaines | Assembly District 29: Palmer Kain |
| State Board of Equalization District 2: James Theis | Assembly District 30: Mark Starritt |
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| Campbell City Council: Phil Reynolds, Paul Resnikoff, Jeff Cristina | Gilroy City Council: Roland Velasco |
| Cupertino City Council: Dr. Angy Huang | Los Gatos Town Council: James Russell |
| Milpitas Mayor: Jose Esteves | Santa Clara City Council Seat #2: Pat Kolstad |
| Morgan Hill City Council: Donna Brusaschetti | West Valley College District TA#3: Pete Constant |
| Luther Burbank District Trustee: Meghan Francis | Morgan Hill Unified District: Gino Borgioli |
| East Side Union High District: Van Le | Saratoga Fire Protection District: David Moyles |
| Gavilan Community College District TA #2: Laura Perry | |
| Campbell Union School District Trustee: Julie Constant and Thomas Gemetti | |
| Milpitas Unified District Trustee: Robert Nunez and William Foulk | |
| Evergreen Union School District Trustee: James Zito | |
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| San Jose City Council D-1: Charles 'Chappie' Jones | San Jose Mayor: Sam Liccardo |
| San Jose City Council D-3: Don Gagliardi | Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge #24:
Matthew Harris |

JUDGEVOTERGUIDE.COM RECOMMENDATIONS – Judicial Seats, Santa Clara County

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Liu – NO | Cuellar - NO |
| Werdegar – YES | Bamattre-Manoukian - YES |
| Premo – YES | Marquez - NO |
| Grover – NO | Elia - YES |

HOLDER'S LEGACY OF RACIAL POLITICS

By Edwin Meese III and J. Kenneth Blackwell

Wall Street Journal, Sept. 28, 2014

Submitted by Kathie Topham

Attorney General Eric Holder , who announced his resignation on Thursday [September 25th], leaves a dismal legacy at the Justice Department, but one of his legal innovations was especially pernicious: the demonizing of state attempts to ensure honest elections.

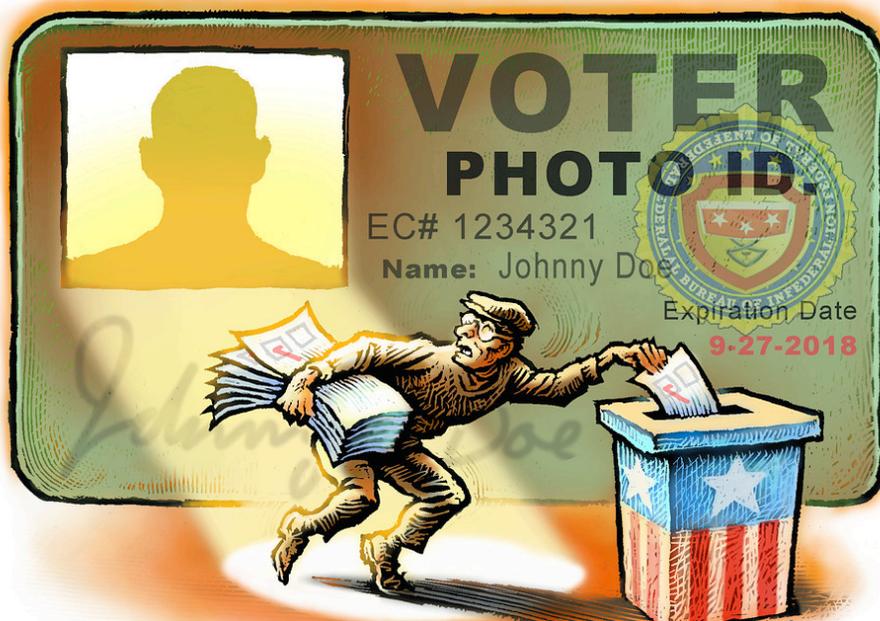
As a former U.S. attorney general under President Reagan, and a former Ohio secretary of state, we would like to say something that might strike some as obvious: Those who oppose photo voter-ID laws and other election-integrity reforms are intent on making it easier to commit vote fraud.

That conclusion is inescapable, given the well-established evidence that voter-ID laws don't disenfranchise minorities or reduce minority voting, and in many instances enhance it, despite claims to the contrary by Mr. Holder and his allies. As more states adopt such laws, the left has railed against them with increasing fury, even invoking the specter of the Jim Crow era to describe electoral safeguards common to most nations, including in the Third World.

Ascribing racial animus to people who are trying to safeguard democratic integrity is a crude yet effective political tactic that obscures the truth. But there's something even worse than name-calling: legal interference from Washington with valid laws.

Attorney General Holder has sued Texas and North Carolina since the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last year in *Shelby County v. Holder*. That decision invalidated Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which made inoperable Section 5, a provision requiring the Justice Department or a D.C.-based federal court panel to pre-clear all election-law changes in nine states and multiple jurisdictions. The court rightly noted that the data on which the law was based are no longer valid, and that times have changed.

What has been lost in media coverage is that the court rightly left untouched Sections 2 and 3, which together give the federal government ample power to enforce a national ban on racial discrimination in voting. Section 2 bars intentional discrimination as well as racially discernible "results" based on a court review. Section 3 empowers a court to pre-clear any changes if the court finds intentional discrimination. Following the *Shelby* ruling, Mr. Holder proved the point by invoking Section 2 to sue Texas and North Carolina.



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In April, Eastern Wisconsin U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman, a Clinton appointee, put a stay on the Badger State's new photo voter-ID law, but on Sept. 12 a Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals panel lifted it, clearing the way for the law to apply to November's election. Judge Adelman had justified his ruling with a questionable finding that 300,000 minority citizens might lose the right to vote if required to show an ID.

One common assertion is that low-income Wisconsinites, or poor people anywhere, cannot afford to obtain a birth certificate or other proof of identity or easily find their way to government offices that issue such documents. You could apply that reasoning to almost any interaction with government or business and claim discrimination. Judge Adelman was among those concerned about the poor being capable of obtaining a valid ID, an inability "traceable to the effects of discrimination in areas such as education, employment, and housing."

Let's consider the facts. For starters, voter-ID laws include measures for people who fail to produce identification on Election Day, such as provisional ballots, and many states go to great lengths to see that anyone who wants an ID but cannot afford one can get it free of charge.

In November last year under its new photo-ID law, Texas held off-year primary elections without incident. Although the state set up offices issuing free voter IDs to those who lacked them, only 121 were issued statewide by Election Day. For those who say voter-ID laws suppress the vote: Overall turnout in Texas rose to 1,144,844 in 2013, from 690,052 votes cast in 2011. In several counties dominated by minorities, turnout increased even more significantly.

In 2008 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Indiana's photo voter-ID law, which has become a model for many states. The court found no evidence that such laws disproportionately affect minorities. Minority participation in the Hoosier State rose in subsequent statewide elections, including in the nonpresidential election year of 2010.

Minority voting in Georgia also increased significantly under its photo-ID law, which took effect statewide in 2008. As noted by Hans von Spakovsky and John Fund in their 2012 book "Who's Counting?," the law didn't exactly discourage turnout, with 65% of the black voting-age population casting ballots in 2008, compared with 54.4% in 2004. Even without Barack Obama on the ballot, the pattern held, the authors noted: "While only 42.9 percent of registered black Georgians voted in 2006, 50.4 percent voted in 2010."

One of the most often-cited factoids—something that sounds authoritative but is not fact-based—is the NAACP's claim that 25% of black American adults lack a government-issued photo ID. Think about that for a moment. This would mean that millions of African-American men and women are unable to legally drive, cash a check, board an airliner or participate in everyday activities of modern life enabled by a photo ID such as a driver's license.

One final point: The validity of laws does not hinge on popular surveys—except for laws approved directly by voters at the ballot box. Public opinion can wax and wane. Nonetheless, it is instructive to note that a majority of Americans in all demographic categories, including political party, consistently support voter photo-ID laws. In a national Fox News poll released in May, 70% overall approved of voter-ID laws, including majorities in all age groups and by race, sex and party affiliation.

When the Senate holds confirmation hearings for Mr. Holder's replacement, Republicans should make a point of exploring the nominee's thinking about voter-ID laws. After the Holder Justice Department sued North Carolina over its new photo-ID law, Republican Gov. Pat McCrory said: "I believe if showing a voter ID is good enough and fair enough for our own president in Illinois, then it's good enough for the people in North Carolina." We think so, too. v

Mr. Meese, a former U.S. attorney general, and Mr. Blackwell, a former mayor of Cincinnati and Ohio secretary of state, serves on the policy board of the American Civil Rights Union.

DEMOCRATS VS. THE FIRST AMENDMENT

National Review, October 6, 2014

-Submitted by Kay Young

The secret prosecution of conservative activists in Wisconsin through a process straight out of Franz Kafka's "The Trial", the indictment of Texas governor Rick Perry for the so-called crime of using his constitutional authority to veto a bill, the previous prosecutions of Tom DeLay and Kay Bailey Hutchison on similarly trumped-up charges, the attempts to ban conservative political groups' advertisements in Ohio and Minnesota, left-wing activists' proposal to literally imprison people for holding unpopular views about global warming, the ongoing scandal of the IRS's persecution of conservative organizations: The sum of these episodes points to a deeply illiberal, authoritarian tendency ascendant within the Left, and not just among the loopy campus-radical Left but among mainstream Democratic officials from Austin to Madison to Washington.

Against that background, Senate Democrats' unanimous vote to effectively repeal the First Amendment—the bedrock constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech and freedom of the press—is a truly ghastly expression of how low our national politics has sunk. Only a Republican filibuster threat prevented Harry Reid and his gang of vandals from doing violence to the Bill of Rights and our democratic political culture.

Under the guise of campaign-finance reform, the Democrats are pushing a constitutional amendment that would disembowel the First Amendment, giving Congress the power to censor every - thing from books and movies to newspapers and television commercials in any case in which there is an expenditure of money intended to influence a political debate. Those expenditures are not campaign donations, which already are covered under a separate body of law, but any outlay of money or other resources in the service of furthering a political opinion. That covers everything from independent political groups of the sort harassed by the IRS—those are the Democrats' main target here—to sympathetic media coverage or newspaper endorsements. If you write "Vote for Donald Duck" on a piece of paper, take that piece of paper to Kinko's, and pay 10 cents to make a copy to tack onto a telephone pole, you will be under Congress's legal authority.



This amendment is a response to the Citizens United decision and similar free-speech cases. In the matter of Citizens United, Democrats howled about the baleful influence of "big money" in politics, but the heart of the matter was the question of whether the federal government should be allowed to clap citizens into prison for showing a film critical of a political figure, in this case Hillary Clinton, who was running for president at the time. The First Amendment clearly says no, the Supreme Court agreed, and so now Democrats are, incredible as it sounds, seeking to void the first provision of the Bill of Rights.

The amendment contains language insisting that nothing in it should be construed as empowering Congress to infringe on the freedom of the press, but there is a great deal of question-begging in that assertion: Who has the power to decide which political voices are part of the press, and thus protected by the First Amendment, and which are not? What this implies is federal licensing of newspapers and other media outlets, which is itself a gross violation of the First Amendment. No amount of rhetorical ballet can change the facts of what Democrats intend to do here: They propose to create a federal censor to suppress criticism of the government, elected officials, and office-seekers.

We doubt very much that this amendment ever will become law. We doubt that a proposal to repeal the Thirteenth Amendment would stand a chance, either—but a unanimous vote in favor of it would tell you something important about the party behind it. So does this vote. v



You are cordially invited to

**West Valley
Republican Women Federated**

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 11th, 2014
at Noon

**At Shannon Wagner's Home
15788 Izorah Way
Los Gatos, CA 95032**

**\$15.00/Person
Payable to West Valley RWF**

RSVP by December 5, 2014

There will be a **prize drawing*** for many **nice** items,
Including a **free lunch** at one of our regular meetings!

*To have your name in the drawing, you must have paid
your 2015 West Valley RWF dues before the luncheon!

Once again, in keeping with our 'Caring For America' program, we will be collecting items for donation to the **Salvation Army's "Adopt-A-Family"** program, as well as items for "**Next Door Solutions**", a local women's shelter! Details will be in our December Newsletter, and available at our November 20th lunch meeting. Financial donations are also welcome; checks made payable to "The Salvation Army", and/or the "Next Door Solutions" will be collected at the party.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Please mail your check, payable to West Valley RWF, with this tear-off by December 5, 2014.
Mail to: Kris Saba - Kris Saba - 1535 Willowdale Dr. - San Jose, CA 95118

Name _____

Guest Name/s _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Dues Amount? _____ (see pg. 9 for membership levels)



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Membership Information

EARLY RENEWALS ARE UNDER WAY!

This month, we begin our campaign for **early membership renewals**. As always, *Regular Members* who join or renew for 2015 **before December 5th** will be entered into the 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. If you have already renewed your membership, you can RSVP to the Christmas Luncheon with the tear-off at the bottom of the invitation flyer in this newsletter (page 8). All checks **must be received before December 5th** 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.

Why wait? Take advantage of EARLY RENEWAL and mail in your 2015 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 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 \$16.00/year!* Members, gift your college daughters & granddaughters with membership in West Valley Republican Women Federated!

To join...

Please fill in the following information, enclose with your check made **payable to “West Valley RWF”**, and mail to: **Kris Saba - 1535 Willowdale Dr. - San Jose, CA 95118**

Print Name: _____

Renewal *New Member* *Sustaining* *Associate* *College* *Student*
\$40 \$40 \$50 \$15 \$16 as you wish

If your contact details have changed since last year, please update your information here:

Address: _____ City _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

[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!

THE ELEPHANT'S TRUMPET

NOVEMBER 2014

All are welcome to join us Thursday, November 20th, to hear from Barry Feeley on Conquering Resources Crisis! Reserve now by calling 'Grace' at 408-244-0280! Program cost is \$21 payable to West Valley RWF and includes your lunch, beverage, tax & gratuity! Ladies & Gentlemen – All are welcome!

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Happy Thanksgiving