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**NEXT MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

*Featuring*  
**GLORIA HOM, EdD**  
*2024 Ballot Measures Discussion*



**\*\*\* 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 potato or rice (depending on the entrée of choice) fresh vegetables, French bread, coffee or tea (taxes & gratuities also included)*

**MENU OPTIONS:**

**COBB SALAD**

*Greens, bleu cheese crumbles bacon, tomatoes and eggs served with ranch style dressing*

**PASTA PRIMAVERA**

*Pasta w/fresh vegetable medley tossed w/garlic, a light alfredo sauce and pecorino romano*

**LONDON BROIL**

*Strips of London broil served au jus with fresh mushrooms, potato & fresh vegetables*

**Please RSVP by Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>!**

*Lunches must be pre-ordered.*

**Call Grace, 408-499-1695**

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**Make Check payable to West Valley RWF.**

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**Special Committees:**  
Membership Growth:  
Volunteer to serve with our 2nd VP JoAnn Destro to help with her efforts to recruit new members with outreach, mailings, etc.

Legislation:  
Mayme Abbott follows and reports at our meetings on the legislative items that are followed by our CFRW, and many of which are printed in our newsletters.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**SHANNON WAGNER**  
*West Valley RWF President*

We had a wonderful attendance for our August meeting with Francis Drouillard and his team from the Marin County Election Integrity (“MEIC”). Election Integrity is definitely a hot topic with voters which was evident in the level of interest and discussion at the meeting. MEIC was so pleased with the engagement of the audience that they sent us a thank you message. You can find it reprinted here on the bottom right side of this page!

Since losing our long-standing venue, Holder’s Country Inn on De Anza Blvd., it has been a challenge finding a venue that checks all the boxes for our meeting requirements. We value the feedback we have received from our members as we navigate this challenge. We love and appreciate the on-going support and cooperation that we have received from the team at Holder’s in their new location on Wolfe Road in Cupertino. They have worked very hard to try and accommodate our needs in their new space but, regretfully, without a private room and the ability to accommodate digital presentations, the space will not work for us 100% of the time. For our August meeting, we found ourselves in need of a location that could fulfill these missing requirements and had our first meeting at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino. As with any transition, we found a few kinks to iron out, but the presentation went well. We appreciate your continued patience, feedback and suggestions.

This month, our featured speaker is our dear friend Gloria Hom, Educator, Economist, Civic Leader, who is always there to give us great insight ahead of our upcoming elections. Be sure to get your RSVP’s in early! **Please note that our September meeting will again be held at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino.**

Enjoy these last days of summer as the fall season draws near!

-Shannon

Questions about West Valley Republican Women Federated? Ask at [westvalleyrwf@gmail.com!](mailto:westvalleyrwf@gmail.com)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024-2025 OFFICERS

The job of the Nominating Committee is to come up with the slate of Executive officers for 2024-2025 for the elected positions of President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Secretary, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Fundraising, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. **Bunny Hacker** will Chair our Nominating Committee and is joined by **JoAnn Destro, Julie Eckroat, Diana Mandarino and Lorene Milligan.**

To date, we have applicants for President, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, and Treasurer. We are looking for members to fill the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Programs and Recording Secretary. **Both positions have a very easy learning curve and all positions have the support of the entire team!** Please consider stepping up to work with our Executive Committee to help lead our Club. We all assist each other to be our best, and have fun in the process!

To qualify for office, you must be a Primary member in good standing for 60+ days, be committed to attending monthly BOD meetings and monthly General meetings.

You can refer to our Bylaws for the job descriptions for each office, and call on any one of us if you are interested in serving on the Executive board or have any questions. If you are called upon to serve, please say YES! Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting in November.

# ***WE NEED YOU!***

## **WE IMPRESSED OUR SPEAKERS!**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP Robin McCarthy received this note from our 8/17/23 guest speaker at the Blue Pheasant; **CLICK ON THE BLUE LINK IN THE NOTE AND READ MORE!**

**“I’m writing to say how pleased we were to give our presentation to your group last Thursday. They were one of the most engaged we have ever faced. Their questions were challenging and kept us on our toes!**

**We are especially grateful for the discussions we had and suggestions we received from several of your members after the meeting. We plan to use it all to improve our future presentations.**

**I want the world to know how great you guys were:**  
<https://ourmarin.org/2023/08/19/wvrwf-presentation-a-success/>

**Again, thank you so much for inviting us.  
Sincerely, Frank  
Francis Drouillard, Chair”**



## California Federation of Republican Women's 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention October 13-14, 2023.

### INCLUDED:

- FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
- FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME RECEPTION W/AUTHOR CHRIS ENSS, w/APPETIZERS & NO-HOST BAR



### INCLUDED:

- U.S. CONGRESSMAN KEVIN KILEY
- MESSAGE FROM NFRW PRESIDENT EILEEN SOBJACK
- PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING POLITICAL CARTOONIST MICHAEL

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### Room Reservations:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1691539276393&key=GRP>

### Convention Registration:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/CFRW1/CaliforniaFederationOfRepublicanWomen43rdBiennialConvention>

**West Valley RWF will sponsor 15% of the Early Bird registration fee for our Primary Members who attend Convention!**



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## CFRW'S NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

The new website has just been activated and is up and running. Please go to <https://cafrw.org> to get to the new website. Once there, you will need to log in and obtain a new password. Please make sure that when you log in, you use the same email address that you used to sign up as a member of your club. That email is the one that will be recognized on the website when you log in. You will then be asked to create a password and be ready to peruse the forms and information.

In the Member section you will find the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures, among other CFRW forms and information.

Club per capita reporters will also be able to log in and file your per capita reports.

Events and News will be added as we go along, so please visit the site on a regular basis to keep up with what's going on in CFRW.

Please fill out the Contact Us form and let us know if you have any questions or difficulties with the website. The other alternative is to send an email to [InfoCFRW@gmail.com](mailto:InfoCFRW@gmail.com).

Thank you so much for what you do for the Federation!

*Editor's note: Please know the difference between legitimate CFRW emails and those coming from the website "cfrw.org" w/Janet Price byline/photo. That website, logo and the CFRW distribution list has been hijacked by our former webmaster and continues to put out information that DOES NOT come from CFRW.*

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*Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/cfrwomen/>*

## PLEASE NOTE MEETING VENUE FOR SEPTEMBER...

**We will return to the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino for our September 21st !** We are not committed to this as a permanent location, but are continuing to work toward finding a permanent venue that will work for our meeting needs regarding ample space, privacy, WiFi & A/V capability, affordability and member accessibility. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate the loss of our beloved Holder's de Anza Blvd. location.

*A timely quote from a brilliant man:*

**"However (political parties) may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."**

**- George Washington (Farewell Address, Sep. 17, 1796)**

## **In California This Weekend, We Saw, Again, How Easy It Is to Panic Americans**

*By Dennis Prager - August 22, 2023 - townhall.com*

I am writing this column on a beautiful sunny day in Southern California. It is a Monday in mid-August, so it is not a national holiday, yet in Los Angeles County, where I live, all the schools and all government offices are closed.

Why? Because, for the past week, the National Weather Service, state and local authorities, and national and local media have been ceaselessly warning that a tropical storm would hit Southern California on Sunday night and Monday with a "life-threatening" intensity not seen since the last tropical storm hit California in 1939, 84 years ago.

On Saturday, CNN reported, "California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Saturday proclaimed a state of emergency Saturday for a large portion of Southern California, as the state prepares for a historic hurricane expected to cause extreme rain and flooding."

Time magazine headlined, "Tropical Storm Hilary Could Cause Life Threatening Flooding."

The National Weather Service warned that residents in the Southwest are bracing for "catastrophic and life-threatening flooding ... with the harshest impacts expected on Sunday into Monday."

On Sunday, The Los Angeles Times headlined, "L.A. Unified closes schools Monday to ensure campuses are safe after Hilary."

And Sunday afternoon and evening, every cellphone received this message about every two hours:

"!Emergency alert: Severe" "National Weather Service: A FLASH FLOOD WARNING in effect for this area until 3:00 am PDT." "This is a dangerous and life-threatening situation. Do not attempt to travel unless you are fleeing an area subject to flooding or under an evacuation order."

Sunday night, when the worst of the "life-threatening" storm was supposed to hit, my wife and I drove across Los Angeles from near Pasadena to Simi Valley and back, a two-hour round trip. The last time I saw so few cars on a Los Angeles freeway was in the first weeks of the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020. Apparently, many people were just as spooked as they were in 2020.

But this time, they had much less of an excuse to panic. Unlike the invisible COVID-19 virus, the reason for panic this time was completely visible. All these people needed to do was walk outside of their home or hotel -- or just look out the window. Had they done so, they would have seen that steady but moderate rain was falling. Just rain. No high winds, no downpour, no storm, not even thunder or lightning.

The reason my wife and I drove to Simi Valley on Sunday night was to attend a friend's wedding. How much people panicked was made sadly evident there. During the meal, the groom mentioned to me that 40 expected guests had cancelled at the last moment. I was stunned, and to be honest, angry -- maybe even angrier than the groom, who, at least on the outside, good-naturedly shrugged it off. There is no more important event in people's lives than their wedding. Yet 40 people, about one in every four guests, didn't show up to a wedding they had committed to attend.

And for no good reason. No schools open, no government offices open, dire emergency warnings -- all about almost nothing, certainly in Los Angeles County.

Apparently, many Americans learned nothing from the 2020- 2021 lockdowns. All the lockdowns did, as Sweden, without lockdowns or closed schools (for students under the age of 17), proved, was inflict terrible damage on the nation's economy, the world's economy, and the education and psyches of vast numbers of young people, and lead to the loss of a vast number of middle-class businesses.

It also seems clear that many Americans continue to trust their well-being to "experts" and to the government. Apparently, it is impossible for the government to cry "wolf" too often.

The sheeplike behavior of many Americans is something entirely new in our nation's history. A people that thought of its country as "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" no longer does.

The government knows this. As we may learn again this fall.

## Make With the Impeachment Inquiry Already

By Douglas Andrews · August 30, 2023



If you're like us, you're growing weary. You're getting the sense that Washington is a rigged town with a two-tiered justice system — a system in which only those on the Right are held accountable for their wrongdoing. Heck, sometimes they're held accountable for wrongdoing [they didn't even do](#)<sup>1</sup>, or for actions that weren't wrongdoing in the first place.

Democrats, though, get to walk even when the evidence against them is [overwhelming](#)<sup>2</sup>, like it was with Russiagate's Michael Sussmann. They get their verdicts from sweetheart DC juries whose electoral pool went 19-to-1 for Joe Biden over Donald Trump. And they get the kid-glove treatment from in-the-tank prosecutors like Delaware's David Weiss, who dragged his feet for five years on a pair of cut-and-dried charges against Hunter Biden, tipping off defense attorneys about IRS search warrants, letting the statute of limitations run out on tax evasion charges, and woefully undercharging on a federal gun felony.

And Weiss's reward for those miscarriages of justice? The Big Guy's corrupt attorney general, Merrick Garland, has tabbed him as [special counsel](#)<sup>3</sup> to ~~run out the clock on~~ look into the Big Guy himself.

As Sean Connery's Sam Malone character said of Chicago in "The Untouchables," "This town stinks like a [house of ill repute] at low tide." Or, as Obi-Wan said to Luke, "You'll never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy."

It's enough to make a guy cynical, to make him wonder: *Why the heck would we even bother with an impeachment inquiry into Joe Biden? He'll never be convicted and removed by the Democrat-controlled Senate, and he'll never get the justice that's due to a man who sells out his country for Chinese and Ukrainian cash.*

All that, sadly, is true. No matter how mountainous the evidentiary pile against Biden becomes, the Democrats

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will keep spewing forth denials that don't pass the giggle test — denials like this one from New York Congressman Dan Goldman: “There is not a shred of evidence of a single conflict of interest of President Biden ever doing anything in connection or in relation to Hunter Biden's business ventures other than advocating for the removal of a prosecutor general who was advantageous to Burisma.”

Not a shred of [evidence](#)<sup>4</sup>, eh?

More recently, we've learned that when Joe Biden was Barack Obama's vice president, he made plentiful use of fake names such as Robin Ware, Robert L. Peters, and JRB (get it, Joseph Robinette Biden?) in order to conceal his name on thousands of email correspondences, including many that included his son Hunter.

As the Washington Examiner [reports](#)<sup>5</sup>:

National Archives officials have found as many as 5,400 records containing the pseudonyms President Joe Biden used while he was vice president, the agency said in a letter on Monday. A search of Biden's vice presidential records found “approximately 5,138 email messages, 25 electronic files and 200 pages of potentially responsive records” for a Freedom of Information Act request filed last year in search of three email addresses Biden was known to use to conceal his name.

The Examiner added, “Biden used the email addresses robinware456@gmail.com, JRBWare@gmail.com, and Robert.L.Peters@pci.gov to communicate at times during his vice presidency — including, on occasion, with his son.”

Why might an honest guy like Scranton Joe want to conceal his name within so many email threads?

We'd venture to guess that, like Hillary Clinton's illegal private email server, the intent was to cover up pay-to-play influence peddling — hers at the State Department, and Biden's in the White House itself.

In any case, House Republicans aim to get to the bottom of it — or at least get those emails out of the clutches of the National Archives and into the public domain, where their contents can at least be assessed and adjudicated in the court of public opinion.

“Joe Biden has stated there was ‘an absolute wall’ between his family's foreign business schemes and his duties as Vice President,” said House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer, “but evidence reveals that access was wide open for his family's influence peddling.”

But that was two weeks ago. The evidence since then has continued to mount. As the New York Post's opinion page editors [rightly argue](#)<sup>6</sup>: “If Biden or executive-branch personnel who work for him try to block access to these emails, the only possible conclusion is that they hold clear evidence of wrongdoing. From the day our first laptop story landed weeks before the 2020 election, government insiders and much of the media have been covering for the Biden family. America can't let the coverup continue all the way to the 2024 vote.”

Elsewhere within The Swamp, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy [told](#)<sup>7</sup> his fellow GOP lawmakers on Monday that an impeachment inquiry is “the natural progression from our investigations that have been going on.”

Apparently, McCarthy “suggested the House would vote on opening an impeachment inquiry next month.”

Welp, “next month” begins on Friday.

**Source:** <https://patriotpost.us/articles/100091-make-with-the-impeachment-inquiry-already-2023-08-30>



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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

- September 4            **Labor Day**
- September 13        Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- September 16        **Rosh Hoshanah**
- September 21        West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Gloria Hom**, 2024 Ballot Discussion - 11:30am
- September 26        **Yom Kippur**
- October 11            Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- October 13-14        **CFRW 43<sup>rd</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION - Four Points Sheraton, Sacramento.**
- Register here:**  
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/CFRW1/CaliforniaFederationOfRepublicanWomen43rdBiennialConvention>
- October 19            West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Captain Gina Tibaldi**, SJPD Financial Crimes Unit
- November 8           Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- November 16        West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Nan Su**, Epoch Times - 11:30am
- December 7          West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Membership Christmas Luncheon - NOON**

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