



# Palo Alto Republican Women Federated

February 2016

Our Speaker will be

**Norman Scott**

“Spying While Flying”

The Story of the U-2 Spy Plane

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DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2016  
PLACE: Michael’s Shoreline  
2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View  
TIME: 11:30 Social  
12:00 Lunch  
PRICE: \$24.00

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, February 17  
Please RSVP punctually. Sorry, no refunds. We are charged for lunches ordered. Reservations made after the deadline may not receive the main course requested.

Please make your check payable to PARWF

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Your Name (#1) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name (#2) \_\_\_\_\_

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- Please Check one: (#1) (#2) Breast of Chicken Florentine  
 (#1) (#2) Wild Mushroom Crepes  
 (#1) (#2) Cobb Salad

# Capitol Update

## *California Federation of Republican Women*

On Thursday morning Governor Brown delivered his annual State of the State address. Although fiscal forecasts were bright and optimistic, Brown's ideas of how to spend the state's money are seriously misguided. The Governor spoke of Californian's exceptionalism, yet we are 46<sup>th</sup> in education, we have the highest taxes in the nation, the highest living costs in the nation, and we are the worst state to do business in. Perhaps we are not as truly exceptional as the Governor wants us to believe. Here are the real facts facing our state (as provided by Senator Moorlach, R):

1. For the past 11 years, CEOs have rated California the worst state to do business.
2. California is the 5<sup>th</sup> most expensive state to live and raise a family.
3. California has the highest sales, income, and gas tax.
4. Major cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco are reporting increases in violent crimes.
5. California's housing costs are among the highest in the nation.

Governor Brown did not address any of these issues facing our state. Instead he took credit for raising the minimum wage and expanding health care coverage. He purposefully did not outline any new policy proposals and instead said he intends to "focus on the commitments we already have." Which means High Speed Rail, the Delta Twin Tunnels, and grossly expanding climate change regulations. Governor Brown preached austerity to Legislative Democrats, who are looking to spend the state's surplus fast, even though he is holding funding for the developmentally disabled as ransom for higher taxes in this year's budget. It seems the Governor Brown is talking out of both sides of his mouth...

### **2016 Ballot**

It is election year, which means a plethora of propositions for Californians to wade through. Some have qualified for the ballot already, some are still in circulation, and many, many have failed to qualify. Here is a quick update as November looms.

#### **Qualified November Ballot Measures:**

- **Plastic Bag Ban Repeal:** This one should speak for itself. If passed, this referendum would overturn the state plastic bag ban at groceries and retailers.
- **English Language Learners:** This prop would require school districts provide an English language immersion program for English Language learners.
- **Federal MediCal Funding:** Increases required vote to two-thirds for the Legislature to amend a certain existing law that imposes fees on hospitals (for purpose of obtaining federal Medi-Cal matching funds) and that directs those fees and federal matching funds to hospital-provided Medi-Cal health care services, to uncompensated care provided by hospitals to uninsured patients, and to children's health coverage.

**Eligible November Ballot Measures:** An eligible ballot measure means that the required number of signatures have been submitted to and verified by the county elections officials. These measures will become qualified on the 131st day prior to the next Statewide General Election.

-**State Prescription Drug Policies:** Prohibits state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Applies to any program where the state is the ultimate payer for a drug, even if the state does not purchase the drug directly.

-**Adult Films and Condoms:** Requires performers in adult films to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers of adult films to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations related to sexually transmitted infections. Requires producers to obtain state health license at beginning of filming and to post condom requirement at film sites.

-**Revenue Bonds Amendment:** Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for projects that are financed, owned, operated, or managed by the state or any joint agency created by or including the state, if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Prohibits dividing projects into multiple separate projects to avoid statewide voter approval requirement.

-**School Bond (K-12 and Community College Facilities Funding):** Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds: \$3 billion for new construction and \$3 billion for modernization of K-12 public school facilities; \$1 billion for charter schools and vocational education facilities; and \$2 billion for California Community Colleges facilities.

Propositions pending at the Attorney General's Office: 19. Propositions still in circulation: 67. Deadline to qualify for the November ballot: 31 days before the election. Propositions that failed to qualify: 26.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This morning, Thursday January 28, I ask myself, how do I begin a message to our membership? Today the public seems to be questioning the motives of the radio, TV, and print news. Today the public is asking if Donald Trump is a quitter or showing leadership qualities. Today the public is wondering if Bernie Sanders has socialist visions or is he a communist? Yesterday Hillary voiced again her support for 4 more years of Obama.

Add to this what happened, quietly, in Washington on January 1, 2016:

- Medicare tax went from 1.45% to 2.35%
- Top income tax bracket went from 35% to 39.6%
- Top income payroll tax went from 37.4% to 52.2%
- Capital Gains tax went from 15% to 28%
- Dividend tax went from 15% to 39.6%
- A 3.5% Real Estate transaction tax was added

All passed solely with Democrat votes....not a single Republican.

“While the average American’s net worth has gone down in the last four years, the net worth of the average member of Congress has actually gone up. No wonder Congress isn’t motivated to do anything...they’re the only ones better off now than they were four years ago.” Jay Leno

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The unanticipated resignation of our Program Chair presented us with the problem of immediately finding a February speaker. With the assistance of George Marotta I found a speaker with a most interesting topic, as you will note on page one of this newsletter. Time constraints made it difficult to include his bio, which you will hear on February 24.

Good news, NFRW offers several scholarships and internships to female students in order to involve more young women in the political process.

National Pathfinder Scholarship, \$2,500 for both graduate and undergraduates

Betty Rendell Scholarship, \$1,000, for majors in Political Science, economics, and government

Dorothy Andrews Kabis Internship, provides opportunities to work nationally

Remember, phone calls do matter. In the coming months I urge all of you to call Gov. Brown, Congress, and our State Legislators.

“If you don’t read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.” Mark Twain

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