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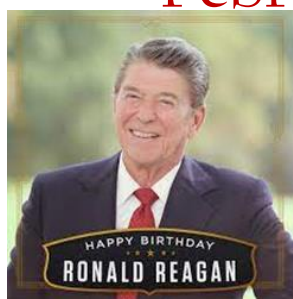
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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

February 6th General Membership Meeting



Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 11:30am
King Kora, 611 Canal St., King City
Carne asada with rice and beans
Or
Salad Bar

\$20 includes coffee, tea or soda, tax and tip
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by February 1st.



FEBRUARY MEETING

The guest speakers for the February General Membership meeting will be Phillip Nickerson, candidate for Soledad City Council and Tony Virrueta, candidate for State Senate in the 17th District.

PHILLIP NICKERSON



Philip Nickerson is a small business owner in Soledad and is retired from the Department of Corrections serving 21 years as a correctional officer and counselor. He is a volunteer for the Soledad Police Department serving as crisis intervention and counseling at risk youth. He is a retired U.S. Army veteran and was in communications and the military intelligence field. Phillip would like to see more community events and programs that help foster community interactions within Soledad.

TONY VIRRUETA

Tony Virrueta was born and raised in Salinas and is the son of a first generation migrant family. He is a U.S. Army Ranger and Special Forces veteran. Tony attended Hartnell College and is a member of the Soledad American Legion and serves on the Soledad Recreation Advisory Board. He volunteers at South County Animal Rescue, The American Red Cross and is Vice President of Heroes of Monterey County. Tony prioritizes his time with his wife, Cynthia, their children and grandchildren.



BOARD MEETING

The first board meeting of 2024 will be on January 30th. We will be working on the 2024 calendar at this meeting. If you would like to attend, please contact Kathy Forgnone at katforg1@icloud.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our February 6th, General Membership meeting falls on the birthdate of one of our nation's most celebrated leaders, President Ronald Reagan. During his presidency (1981-1989), he brought our country back to being one of the most respected nations in the world. He believed in Peace through Strength. President Reagan had the talent to convey the most common sense ideas on any subject with perfection.

I invite you to attend our meeting on Tuesday, February 6th, to hear two candidates, Phillip Nickerson, (Soledad City Council), and Tony Virrueta (State Senate Dist. 17), who are tirelessly campaigning in order to bring back common sense conservative ideas. Anyone running for a national, state, city, or local district position is someone we should support and help in any capacity we can. As Republican Women, we make a difference!

View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell

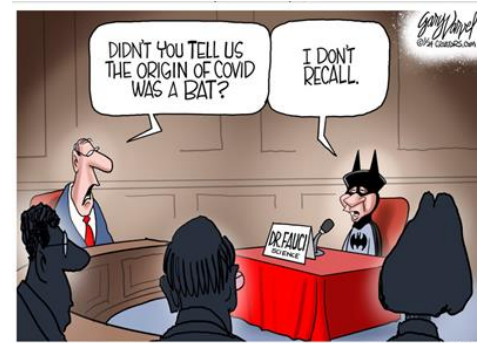


I really like Ron DeSantis. I really like Nikki Haley. I really like Vivek Ramaswamy. But after the Iowa caucuses, our likes and dislikes of primary candidates are now pretty much irrelevant and we need to start thinking about getting Donald Trump elected to his second term. It is unlikely all of Trump's legal issues will prevent him from running as the GOP candidate. Only an act of God can keep him out of the 2024 race. Whether you like Trump or are one of those Republicans who just want him to go away...he's probably going to be our candidate. That means our focus will be to get him back in the White House. The alternative of another four years of Biden is NOT an option!



Now...is it just me or are we seeing lots of young people succumbing to mysterious illnesses? Are we experiencing many people in powerful jobs being laid low by aggressive cancers and massive infections in numbers we have never before seen? Are there large numbers of healthy athletes and celebrities suddenly experiencing huge health issues? I did some on-line research on this subject and despite all kinds of efforts by the censored social media platforms to exonerate the Covid vaccines from any responsibility for this mysterious world health crisis, you can't argue with the sheer numbers that are out there. Here is an incomplete but alarming sample I have compiled:

70 year old Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin hospitalized after prostate surgery with an anti-biotic resistant infection and leg pain from blood clots. 90-year old Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley with a similar affliction. 60-year old Marine Corps Commandant, General Eric Smith, a daily runner and in fantastic health, hospitalized with a massive heart attack. 54-year old Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman in recuperation from a debilitating stroke. 56-year old actor Jamie Foxx with a stroke. 25-year old Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin...cardiac arrest. These we know. There are literally hundreds of prominent and well-known celebrities whose illnesses are deliberately being screened from the public. It used to be routine for journalists [there was some journalism done back in-the-day] to list the name of the sick person and right next to it the cause of the illness. Not anymore! It's either an "undisclosed" illness or not being talked about because "...the family would like it's privacy." A few folks in that category are: 45-year old Americas Got Talent winner Michael Grimm, desperately ill with a ventilator and no explanation. General Hospital's 50-year old actor, Tyler Christopher...a cardiac "event". 25-year old Euphoria actor Angus Cloud desperately ill...no cause. 45-year old Broadway actor Chris Peluso of Mama Mia fame dropped dead...no cause. 51-year old WCBS meteorologist Elise Finch mysteriously dies...no cause of death ever mentioned.



I have used only a third of the ages and names I compiled because I don't have space or time to list them all, but it's pretty darned obvious that something is going on and the only thing that has changed in the last 10-years is that back in 2021 the world population started getting the Covid vaccines and now look at the mess we are in. How are you feeling today?

AMERICANISM

Our Republican Party, also known as the GOP (Grand Old Party), is one of the two major contemporary political parties in the United States. It emerged in the mid 1850s. More trivia to follow in our next PACHYDERM. Sandy Casion

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



We heard from J. W. Payne, who is running for CA Assembly, Dist. 27. We also welcomed Robin Rist and Kelly Witstrom to our club.



KING CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Annual "State of the City" luncheon Wednesday, January 31st, 12 noon, Orradre Building. Awards Dinner Saturday, February 17th. RSVP (831) 385-3814

SAVE THE DATE! February 17, 2024, is the annual Awards Dinner honoring 2023 Citizen and Business of the year, Friend of the Community and Hermie Robles Youth Award. Congratulations to the 2023 award winners.

SUNSHINE

Linda Saylor is feeling stronger everyday and wants to thank all who signed a card for her at the January meeting. Mike Oliveira is at Cypress Ridge Care Center in Monterey and is being fitted with a prosthetic. Mike hopes to be home in March and back to our meeting in April. Call Cheryl Harrison at (831) 320-3256 and she will send a card to any of our members needing a cheery greeting.

SECOND VICE PRESEDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

Our Scholarship Luncheon Fundraiser is fast approaching. We are shooting for Friday, April 12th. We appreciate everyones support with this important fundraiser.

RECYCLING WITH SANDY

Please bring clean dry aluminum cans and plastic soda or water bottle for recycling. Every can adds up.



BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Kovacs - Feb 1
Kurt Mills - Feb 1
Justin Patterson - Feb 13
Nita Tully - Feb 14
Gary Oetting - Feb 20
Donna Myers - Feb 21
Lu MacIntyre - Feb 24
Sharon Robinson - Feb 28



FLAG DAYS

February 12 (fixed) Lincoln's Birthday
February 19 President's Day
February 19 Washington's Birthday

MEMBERSHIP

Regular	Renewals	42	New	2	TOTAL	44
Associate	Renewals	25	New	2	TOTAL	27

Again this year, all regular members' dues paid before January 1, 2024 will be eligible for a drawing for a free lunch. The drawing will be held at the February meeting. The first per capita report has been filed with CFRW. Only 22 members have yet to pay their dues. Even if you can't be active, PLEASE consider paying dues. There is strength in numbers and we need all of you.

Thanks,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

REAGAN LIBRARY www.reaganfoundation.org

- Feb. 3 Reagan Leadership Forum 9am-3pm
- Feb. 6 President Reagan's 113 Birthday Commemoration, 11am program
- Feb. 8 Medal of Honor Forum, 9am program
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner and Dance, 6pm-10pm
- Feb. 19 Annual Presidents Day Celebration 10am-3pm
- Feb. 20 Senator Rand Paul, 6pm program 7pm book signing

LEGISLATIVE CFRW CAPITOL UPDAT 1/16/2024 By: Sophia Bollag -SF Chronicle 1/10/2024

California likely faces a \$37.9 billion deficit in the upcoming fiscal year, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Wednesday as he unveiled his 2024-25 budget plan. ... Newsom wants to withdraw \$13 billion from the state's reserve accounts. He's also proposing \$8.5 billion in cuts, including nearly \$3 billion from climate programs, \$1.2 billion in housing programs, \$760 million from currently vacant state jobs and about half a billion each in funding for school facilities and student housing. His plan would also delay some previously proposed spending, including \$1 billion for transit and intercity rail, roughly half a billion dollars in early education facilities and \$400 million in clean energy spending.

CARING FOR AMERICA

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

We had almost 30 volunteers show up to help with the recycling. Thanks to ALL volunteers who came did an incredible job!! THANK YOU ALL!!!

With great weather, amazing eager volunteers came to help including many students who needed community service received credit hours for their hard work. We also had members of our club attend along with friends, family and even a woman who had come to visit her son who's buried at the cemetery volunteered to help us as well!!!

We retrieved all the WAA wreaths and American Flags from the graves of the Veteran's buried at KC Cemetery.

The foliage from the metal frames was removed and placed in a pile on a large tarp. We contacted someone who was interested in the foliage for his goats and picked it up from the cemetery that afternoon.

The green metal frames are being donated to the Greenfield High School through Debbie Benson.

The red bow was carefully removed and placed in containers for later processing. The WAA ID tag for each wreath was carefully removed and will be utilized for "marketing for WAA".

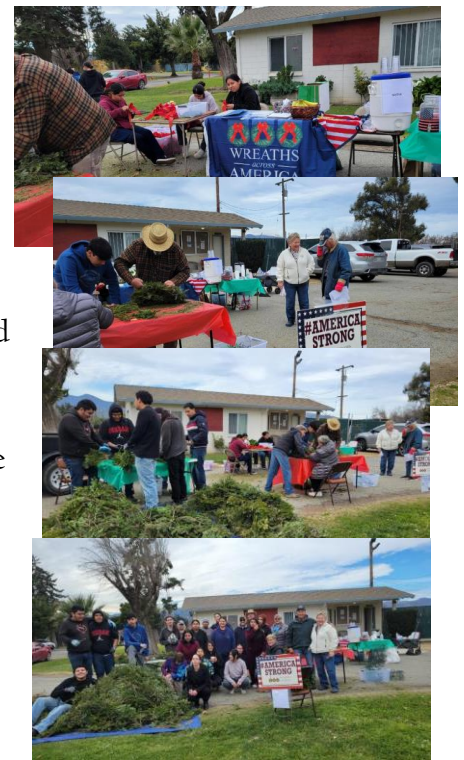
The small American Flags were "cleaned up" and will be saved for this year's upcoming WAA Ceremony again!! We are even recycling the large green rubber bands which held the bows will be donated to Monterey's "My Museum" for the "kids art and crafts department there.

We had plenty of water, iced tea, hot chocolate with marshmallows, hot apple cider, coffee, tea, fruits and "healthy" energy snacks galore!!

There were a few photos taken to show you what this wonderful recycling is all about!! Hope you consider joining us when we do this again. Thank you for all your dedication, generosity and support for our incredible military who deserve so much more.

Anyone who wants to contribute towards donating for Wreaths to help cover those Veteran's graves this year, it is not too early to continue to support this very special tribute to our Veteran's.

Any questions, comments are welcome. Please contact me at (408)802-4437, Kathy Imamura, Caring for America Chairperson, WAA Volunteer Location Coordinator and Fundraiser



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NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday Feb. 8, 11:30am Palo Corona Regional Park, Carmel Valley. Speakers
Tony Virrueta & Eric Tao, candidates for Senate 17th District RSVP (831) 747-7829

PASO ROBLES RWF

Monday Feb. 12, 11am Quail Run Clubhouse, 1400 Quail Run Ave. Paso Robles
Speaker, Ron Torres "Seniors Helping Seniors" RSVP (805) 238-6985

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Happy
PRESIDENTS DAY
19th February 2024

SOUTHERN MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, January 2, 2024
King Kora Restaurant, King City, CA

-Lunch was served at 11:30.

-Members and guests present, see Exhibit A.

-The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by President Kathy Forgnone.

-A blessing was offered by Sandy Casion. She also led The Pledge of Allegiance.

-Pres. Kathy welcomed the guests including Phillip Nickerson, candidate for the Soledad City Council and our speaker, J.W. Payne, candidate for the Calif. Assembly, 29th District. New members Robin Rist and Kelly Wittstrom were also introduced.

-Pres. Kathy welcomed speaker J.W. Payne who outlined his campaign for CA Assembly, Dist. 27. He gave a brief biography. Brian Higgins guest, Phillip Nickerson also spoke briefly.

-The minutes of the Dec. 5, 2023 meeting were approved as presented in the January Newsletter. A volunteer is still needed for recording Secretary.

REPORTS

-There was no correspondence.

-Treasurer Jeane Errea Mills reported a bank balance of \$5,323.20. See Exhibit B.

-Pres. Kathy F. reported that the March meeting will be the second Tuesday, (March 12, 2024) to avoid conflict with members working during the primary election on the first Tuesday of March. Speakers for the March 12th meeting include King City Mayor Mike LeBarre and Greenfield Mayor Robert White reporting the state of each of their cities.

-Second Vice President, Sharon Hornlein reported that our recycling project spearheaded by Sandy Casion is our only fundraiser at this time. Rings donated last year are still for sale. If we can get insurance the Scholarship Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, April 12th. She also thanked us and Aera for the donated toys distributed to 115 children by Loaves and Fishes on December 22, 2023.

-Sandy Casion reminded us to bring our recyclables to her at our meetings.

-Membership Chairman, Dorothy Errea reported that we have 34 members paid for 2024. Many payments came in today. A free lunch drawing will be held for regular member renewals received by January 1, 2024. See exhibit C for details. A new member packet was presented to Robin Rist.

-Karen Leonhard reported for Sunshine Chairman Cheryl Harrison that Associate Member Mike Oliveira is in rehab after receiving his prosthetic leg. He hopes to be home March 1st. Linda Saylor is recuperating from heart surgery. She would enjoy cards, calls and visits.

-A Legislation Chairman is still needed.

-Caring for America Chair Kathy Imamura placed letter writing supplies on each table asking that we write notes to our armed services people. She thanked all members that were able to help with Wreaths Across America December 15th and 16th. She asked that we consider buying wreaths now for next year as WAA is matching any purchases made before January 16th. Wreaths will be recycled on Saturday, Jan. 13th 10:30 a.m. She requested help with the cleanup.

-Brian Higgins, Political Director for Monterey County Republican Party requested help for voters with their ballots. There will be a Leadership conference Feb. 27th at the Springfield Hotel in Seaside.

Funding is needed for publication of voters guides for the November election. Fortunately, the office is funded for this year. The State Convention will be in May in Burlingame.

MEETING CALENDAR

-Jan. 8, Paso Robles RWF General Membership Meeting

-Jan. 11, Monterey Peninsula RWF General Membership Meeting

-Feb. 18-19, CFRW Conference in Irvine, CA

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

-Pam Kirkpatrick won the first prize of \$45. Second prizes were won by Eileen Bennett and Fred Garcia. Michael Cuffney won a free lunch.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Dorothy Errea, Acting Secretary for Barba Oetting.

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Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Active Member /Year \$35 _____ Associate Member /Year \$10 _____

Active member is a registered Republican Woman. She will have voting privileges and may hold office. Associate member is a woman who is an active member of another Republican Women Federated club or a man that is a registered Republican.

Signature _____ Date _____

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