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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 7th General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 11:30am

King Kora, 611 Canal St., King City

Turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy,
mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce and roll

\$20 includes coffee, tea or soda, tax and tip

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by October 29th.



NOVEMBER MEETING

The guest speaker for the November General Membership Meeting will be Daniel Nohrden, retired United States Naval Officer. His topic will be "Freedom Isn't Free."

DANIEL NOHRDEN

Daniel Nohrden grew up in Corralitos, California. He graduated from Watsonville High and attended Cabrillo College. While in college Daniel chose to enlist in the Navy rather than being drafted. After boot camp and training, he was deployed to the Philippines and then to Vietnam. While in the Navy he continued his education and training, advancing from a senior enlisted N.C.O. to a Chief Warrant Officer and retired in 1998. He then went to work alongside the Army Corp of Engineers at Fort Ord, retiring in 2019. He is married to former Senate and Assembly candidate, Vicki Nohrden and the proud father of 6 children and 11 grandchildren.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Israel and America may be thousands of miles apart, but we are philosophical neighbors sharing a strong commitment to democracy and the rule of law. What we hold in common are the bonds of trust and friendship, qualities that in our eyes make Israel a great nation. No people have fought longer, struggled harder, or sacrificed more than yours in order to survive, to grow, and to live in freedom."

Ronald Reagan "Remarks at the Welcoming Ceremony for Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel"
September 9, 1981

BOARD MEETING

There will be a Board Meeting on November 3rd at noon in King Kora. If you are interested in coming please let Jeane know at 594-2127. All members are welcome to attend. Thank you.

View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell



It is just awful what happened in Israel with that surprise attack on innocent citizens celebrating a high Jewish holiday. However horrific that attack was, the free world can learn an important lesson.



That attack should not have been as devastating as it was because almost everyone in Israel knows how to shoot a gun. The Israelis have compulsory military service. Every young person who is able, must spend a little over 2-years in uniform, learning how to shoot, how to fight; military tactics; ground and armored warfare. One would think there is no other population in the world more equipped to handle terrorists than the Israelis. Here is the hitch: After completing compulsory military service these trained youngsters have to *turn in* their weapons. This is something I just don't understand. You live, in many cases, less than a thousand yards from a barrier that separates you from these barbarian animals called Hamas and you discourage citizens from owning firearms? In fact, an Israelis who manages to jump through all of the governmental hoops to obtain permission to own a gun are only allowed to possess 50-rounds of ammunition. How idiotic is that?

This is another example of a government being uneasy with an armed civilian population despite the threats all around them...all the time! One with an ounce of grey matter would surmise that if you have all of these trained young people, you have an ideal setting for local militias which could be organized and armed to protect vulnerable Israelis neighborhoods. Just think what would have happened at the first sound of gunfire if an armed force was quickly gathered to repulse these rather lightly armed terrorists? There would have been a fraction of the casualties and there would have been no time for the Hamas murderers to gather up hostages to transport back in to Gaza. They would be fighting for their lives against militia members who would have been much better trained than them. A militia is always there and can slow down an attack until relieved by a larger professional army unit. Police cannot do this. Only an armed militia can respond at a moment's notice.



Hamas managed to demoralize and terrorize these defenseless citizens because they had no way to fight back. Their government failed them by not letting them have guns around the house. In this country, not counting all of the game and hunting rifles owned by U.S citizens, there are an estimated 25-million semi-automatic AR-15 type rifles in use and these weapons are perfect for militia use. Yet, there are states attempting to ban this weapon type *because* it could be used by militia. I think this is a call for communities to start organizing local defensive units because it's not out of the question that our cities and towns are vulnerable to the same kind of terrorism with which the Israelis are now dealing. We need to protect and

defend our precious Second Amendment because without it we end up just like the Israelis...defenseless.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is disturbing that the GOP cannot even work together to elect a Speaker of the House. How dysfunctional are we as a national political party. Two people stepped forward and both were shot down because Republicans can't row in the same directions. We may make fun of Dems being in lock step all the time, but they got a speaker elected when they owned the House. This just highlights why Republicans can't get any good done. I feel so blessed to lead this group. We band together and support each other and get stuff done.

Jeane

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

It was an information packed October meeting. Denice Gary-Pandol spoke about what she sees the country needs and what she would do for the U. S. if elected to the Senate. JW Paine introduced himself and is a candidate for State Assembly District 29. We gathered and sorted a lot of goods for Operation Care and Comfort.



MESSAGE FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

At the November 7 General Membership Meeting the Nominating Committee will present the list of nominees for SMCRWF officers for 2024-25. At this time the nominees are as follows: President, Kathy Forgnone, 1st Vice President, Kaeda Barrios and 2nd Vice President, Sharon Hornlein. As of this writing there is no one listed for Recording Secretary or Treasurer. I urge our members to consider taking on one of these open positions. Nominations from the floor will be requested and election of officers will be conducted at the Nov. 7th meeting.

Karen Leonhard
Parliamentarian
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KING CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Nominations are now open for 2023 Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Friend of the Community and Hermie Robles Youth of the Year. Forms are available by e mail: kcchambermanager@kingcitychamber.com or can be picked up at the Chamber office, 200 Broadway, Suite 40.

SMCRWF is a member of the KC Chamber and we are welcome at all their events. Be sure to wear your So. Monterey Co. Republican Women Federated name badge when you attend the events. Don't have one? Only \$5.00, call Karen Leonhard at (831) 385-1333 or karenleonhard@yahoo.com.



SUNSHINE

Barba Oetting is recovering at home and feeling well after hip replacement surgery. Mike Oliveira is at Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula, Room 5220, and is facing surgery and has asked for your prayers. Arlene Azcona and Linda Saylor are also facing some health issues and your well wishes and prayers are most welcome. Kay Garcia broke her toe, but is healing and hobbling around. If you hear of any of our members who are under the weather and need some cheer, give Cheryl Harrison a call at (831) 320-3256. She will send a card from our club.

CAGOP

Karen Leonhard, Kathy Foregone, and Brad and Kathy Imamura had a great time at the California Republican Party Convention in San Diego!



MEMBERSHIP

Regular Membership		Associate Membership	
Renewals	53	Renewals	31
New	13	New	7
TOTAL	66	TOTAL	38

GREAT NEWS!! We now have 104 Regular and Associate Members! AND we welcome another new member Robin Rist. Also, Juli Mitchell has rejoined as an Associate Member for the next two years. Their information is:

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brrist@cattlemen.net
January 26

Juli Mitchell
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The Villages, FL 32162
July 25

Roster corrections include: Yadira Robert's correct e mail address is catracha_7@yahoo.com AND Donna Oliveira's home phone number is 385-3300. Her cell phone does NOT work at her home.

Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

SECOND VICE PRESEDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

Support Wreaths Across America. Talk to all your friends and family about buying a wreath ASAP. Remember to bring your empty clean aluminum cans and recyclable plastic bottles to our November meeting. Thanks.

Dorothy Errea, Second Vice President



CARING FOR AMERICA

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



It's getting close to WAA Ceremony to place wreaths on our heroes buried at King City Cemetery for this year on, Saturday, December 16, 2023.

We would again like to try to cover all Veteran's graves at this cemetery this year. That will take participation of this club, PLUS anyone you may know from your family, friends, businesses, churches, scouts, other military, local communities you know, etc. to ask if they would be willing to donate wreath(s)(\$17/wreath), volunteer to help including children too!!

Any questions you may have, please contact me by phone or texting me, Kathy Imamura, Caring for America Chairperson at (408)802-4437.

Thank you again for helping us remember, honor and teach about our Veteran's and their families about the sacrifice of our amazing soldier's.

TREATS FOR TROOPS via OPERATION CARE AND COMFORT



The photo to the left shows the generous donations of care package items for our military at our October 3rd meeting. Your response was overwhelming! The passion for helping our incredible military is very much appreciated!! If anyone who donated wants to claim their donation(s) for tax purposes through Operation: Care & Comfort, their tax number is: #77631. I have the forms for anyone interested. Thank you again for all your generosity. Any questions, please contact me, Kathy Imamura, Caring For America Chairperson. You can contact me at (408)802-4437.

Thank you! Kathy Imamura, Caring for America Chairperson

CFRW

We had a great time in Sacramento rebuilding the friendships and comradery of the California Republican Women Federated. We received two certificates for maintaining and increasing memberships in 2022 and 2023.

REAGAN LIBRARY www.reaganfoundation.org

Nov. 10 Veteran's Day Commemoration 10 am-3pm

Nov. 16 Oren Schneider, "The Apprentice of Bughenwald: Program 6pm Book Signing 7pm

Nov 18 "The Cat Who Lived With Anne Frank" Book Signing 1-3pm



Jeane and Kathy
with Keven Kiley



Jeane with
Annette De Modena

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday, Nov, 9, 11:30am Palo Corona Regional Park, Carmel Valley For speaker, meeting information and RSVP, call (831) 747-7829

PASO ROBLES RWF

Monday, Nov. 13, 11:30am Quail Run Clubhouse, 1400 Quail Run Ave. Paso Robles Speaker: John Allen, SLO Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation (805) 878-3575

BIRTHDAYS

Jeane ErreaMills Nov 2

Becky Trescott Nov 3

Will Clark Nov 11

Vivien Lindley Nov 13

Kay Garcia Nov 15

Ruth Pedroza-Moore Nov 23

Eileen Bennett Nov 25



FLAG DAYS

November 10 Marine Corps Birthday

November 11 Veterans Day

November 23 Thanksgiving Day



VFW Post 6747 drive thru tri tip BBQ
November 11th 11:00 am til 3:00pm
\$15 presale \$18 at the gate
599 Bitterwater Rd., King City, CA

LEGISLATIVE various sources

The California Legislature introduced 3036 bills in this 2023 session. Of these: Approximately 1000 Bills were approved by both houses, 153 were passed Assembly Resolutions, 121 were passed Senate Resolutions and 2 passed Assembly Constitutional Amendments (ACA 1 and ACA 5) will appear on the 2024 ballot for voter approval. Currently Governor Newsom signed approximately 826 bills and vetoed 155.

ACA 1 Passed the Assembly on Sept. 6. Moving on to the Senate; Sept. 11 hearing in Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee and Sept. 12 hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

ACA 1 would lower the voter threshold from a two-thirds majority to a 55% majority to approve local bonds and certain special taxes for affordable housing, public infrastructure, down-payment assistance, and permanent supportive housing projects.

According to Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association "ACA 1 is a direct attack on Proposition 13". He further states "This reckless proposal is a time-bomb that will lead to an explosion of higher taxes, over and over again. The important two-thirds vote requirement protects Californians by forcing local governments to be thoughtful about how they spend existing tax dollars before they rush to the ballot for more."

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Napa), an advocate for the bill stated that the bill could be used to build price-controlled "affordable" and subsidized "supportive" housing, water infrastructure, parks, and other projects deemed as "public infrastructure."

In response, Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones (R-San Diego) said, "ACA 1 wrongly chips away at critical taxpayer protections by making it easier for greedy politicians and special interests to raise taxes. If this measure gets to the ballot, I implore the voters of California to not buy sham arguments that we need more taxes for housing and infrastructure."

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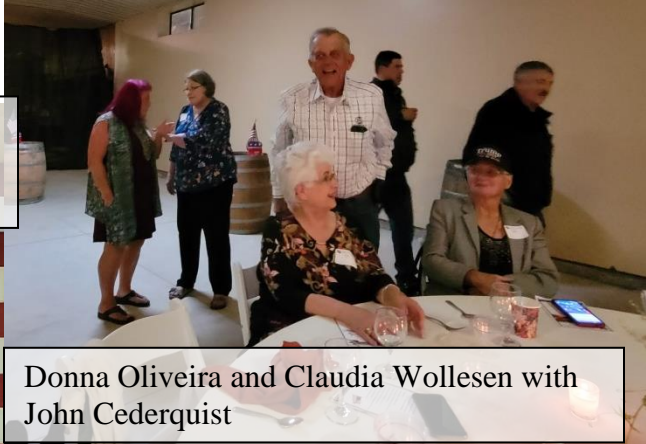
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REAGAN DINNER**

The speaker at the Reagan Dinner was Sebastian Gorka. The best way to sum this up is WOW, just WOW. He spoke about what is happening now in the Middle East, his time in the Trump Whitehouse and he took questions from the audience. He told us how President Trump handled issues. It was a fascinating talk!



Donna Oliveira and Claudia Wollesen with John Cederquist

Everett Alvarez High School Color Guard With Sabastian Gorka and Anthem Soloist Stephanie Bayer



Karen and Jeane with Dr. Gorka



Dr. Sabastian Gorka

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2023
SOUTHERN MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LOCATION: King Kora Restaurant, King City, CA

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 12:00 p.m.

OFFICER'S PRESENT: President Jeane Errea-Mills, 1st Vice President, Kathy Forgnone, 2nd Vice, President, Dorothy Errea, Treasurer, Claudia Wollesen. **Absent:** Secretary, Barba Oetting. (**36 in attendance.**)

INTRODUCTIONS: Brian Higgins, Political Director of the Monterey County Republican Party, Darren Nutt, News Director for KRKC Radio, Lorena Cuffney introduced her Mother Sara Wells, Eileen Bennett introduced her guest, Kelly Wittstrom.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Denice Gary-Pandol, 2024 candidate for U.S. Senate, spoke on her campaign platform. JW Paine, from Monterey County, briefly introduced himself as a candidate for State Assembly District 29.

REPORTS: Correspondence - Pres. Errea-Mills received a letter from a representative of Pacific Gas & Electric offering grant money. **Minutes** - It was moved by Kaeda Barrios, 2nd Kathy Imamura to approve the Minutes of the September 5th, 2023, General Membership Meeting. *Motion carried.* **Treasurer's Rpt.** - Claudia Wollesen reported as of 10-3-23: Balance Forward 9-5-23 - **\$7,790.20**, Total Expenses **\$738.00**, Income-\$750.00, Balance: **\$5,699.20**. *The report will be filed for Audit. (Exhibit A)*

1st VP Rpt. - Kathy Forgnone announced plans for the following month's meetings: Speaker for the November 7th, will be Dan Nohrden, former Navy Seal, and Secret Service Agent. Dec. 5th, the Christmas Party/meeting featuring the return of the Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Band! **2nd VP Rpt.** - Dorothy Errea said Sandy Casion has taken on the task of collecting plastic and aluminum containers members bring to the meetings to generate extra funds. **Membership:** Dorothy Errea reported the highest level ever, 104 members, (66 Regular and 38 Associates). Robin Rist joined after being introduced by Marianne Madson. (*Exhibit B*) **Sunshine:** Karen Leonhard said prayers are needed for Arlene Azcona and Linda Saylor who are dealing with serious health issues. Associate Mike Oliveira will undergo surgery and be at Mee Memorial hospital for several months. Barba Oetting is recovering from hip surgery. **Caring for America** - Kathy Imamura reported the Wreaths Across America booth, set up at Safeway on Sept. 9th, generated donations of \$674.00, enough for at least 39 Wreaths. Help needed for Friday Dec. 15th & the Wreaths ceremony Saturday, Dec. 16th. **Treats for Troops** - Items brought by members this meeting will be sorted and taken to Operation Care & Comfort by Kathy Imamura. **Gifts for Kids** - Member Sharon Hornlein will collect at the Christmas Party toys and items for kids 9 and up. **Newsletter** - Oct. 18th, is the deadline for inclusion in the November newsletter. **Nominating Committee** - Committee Chair, Dawn Gerard reported on the slate of officers to date: President, Kathy Forgnone, and 1st Vice President, Kaeda Barrios. Sharon Hornlein accepted the nomination from the floor by Kathy Forgnone, for 2nd Vice President. Vacancies remain for Secretary and Treasurer. Nominating Committee members Barbara Wellong and Linda Saylor were recognized for their work. **Legislative** - Pres. Jeane Errea-Mills reported on bills to be signed negatively impacting Californians. She urged calls by the 14th, to the Governor's office as the bills are waiting for his signature.

CFRW: Pres. Jeane Errea-Mills, said that she and 1st VP Kathy Forgnone, will attend the CFRW Convention in Sacramento Oct. 13th-15th. Anyone interested in attending can contact Jeane.

CAGOP CONVENTION: Karen Leonhard, Kathy Forgnone, Kathy & Brad Imamura attended and reported on the convention held in Anaheim Sept. 29th-Oct.1st. President Trump, Ron DeSantis, and Vivek Ramaswamy were among the noted speakers.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Oct. 5th - AMBC Former Senator Mike Morrell, Oct. 9th Paso RWF, Oct. 11th, Monterey Peninsula RWF, Oct. 13-14 CFRW Convention - Oct. 14th Peter Hernandez Fundraiser, Oct. 19th, Reagan Dinner w/Sebastian Gorka, Oct. 28th, Wildhorse Poker Run.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: Janice Ramseier-Smith won and donated \$45 back to Wreaths Across America. Associate member, David Lawson won the free lunch drawing.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:15 p.m. by President Jeane Errea-Mills.

Submitted by: 1st VP, Kathy Forgnone for Secretary Barba Oetting





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