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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, April 4, 2019

Social 11:30 AM, Lunch 12 Noon, Cost \$24.00

Call Doris Sloniker (408)705 -2904 or visit www.svrwf.org for reservations before noon Monday prior to meeting. "A reservation made is a reservation paid! ~ Vegetarian option always available"

Menu Choices: Broiled Salmon OR Chicken Piccata; Salads available on request - Cobb, Caesar or Chicken Caesar.

This month our speaker will Tom Del Beccaro, former Chairman of the California Republican Party.



Tom Del Beccaro is an acclaimed author, speaker and the former Chairman of the California Republican Party. Tom is author of the historical perspectives *The Divided Era* and *The New Conservative Paradigm* 1st Ed. & 2Ed and is publisher of PoliticalVanguard.com.

Tom makes over 400 radio and television appearances each year around the country, having appeared on Fox Business News, America Trends, the Big Business Show, Wall Street Journal's Opinion Journal, and on the Fox, NBC, CBS and KRON affiliates in the San Francisco Bay Area. Tom is best known for his insightful commentary and public speaking on topics ranging from

foreign policy to economic reform. As a candidate, Tom has been called a "young Jack Kemp" by Stephen Moore for his hopeful message of economic prosperity. As a historical philosopher, according to veteran White House correspondent John Gizzi, Tom writes in "the tradition of historians Will and Ariel Durant" in *The Story of Civilization*. Tom's opinion pieces have appeared in places like Fox Business, Forbes, Epoch Times, Washington examiner, Investor's Business Daily, Realclearpolitics.com, The Weekly Standard, Politico, The DailyCaller.com, USA Today, the Washington Times, Human Events, the Sacramento Bee, The Orange County Register, The San Francisco Chronicle, BigGovernment.com & Breitbart.com.

Invite a friend ~ Join us for a great speaker!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome Spring!

Now... if only we could slow down on the rain and let the sun shine upon us.

It has been quite a month for President Trump and it does not seem to be letting up. The Mueller report comes out and the Dems want to start another investigation... or at least they want you to believe there is still some sort of Russian collusion. They cannot get over the fact that Hillary did not win. I have never seen such a bunch of sore losers.

I want to thank all of those who have sent in their "Count Your Blessings" report. It certainly helps our club and it does make you think about the good in your life. We are all blessed in one way or many ways and the privilege of living in the country is one of our biggest blessings.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our April meeting and soon after that my life will get back to normal with "Tax Season" ending. I do want to thank all those who took over some of my jobs during "Tax Season" and most especially our Vice President, Maureen Hogan, who I could not do without.

Laura Riffle

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 4 SVRWF Board Meeting, 10:30-11:15 AM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant,
22100 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino, CA.
- Apr 4 SVRWF General Meeting, 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens
Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014: \$24 per person. Speaker: Tom Del Beccaro
- Apr 9 Santa Clara County GOP Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm, 70 West Hedding St, San Jose
- May 2 SVRWF Board Meeting, 10:30-11:15 AM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant,
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- Sep 26-27 NFRW's 40th Biennial Convention, Indianapolis, IN.

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MEMBER NEWS

Count Your Blessings Fundraiser: Please enclose your check(s) and mail by April 15, 2019 to: Count Your Blessings Fund Raiser, Laura Riffle SVRWF, 1225 Vienna Drive, Apt 237, Sunnyvale, CA 94089.

Helping Our Sisters in Need in the Heartland: NFRW Community Engagement Chair **Lisa May** (President of the Nebraska Federation) reports the Heartland of America "looks like a war zone set in apocalyptic times." Media pictures do not do justice to the devastation caused by the historic flooding in Nebraska and Iowa. Many have reached out asking how and where to help. Suggestions follow, or contact [Lisa May](#) with any questions via email.

- ✓ **Red Cross** redcross.org/local/nebraska (monetary donations preferred)
- ✓ **United Way** unitedwaymidlands.org/floodrelief or text FLOODRELIEF to 41444
- ✓ **Nebraska Farm Bureau** www.nefb.org/disaster

Mid-Peninsula RFW Tea Party Fundraiser: May 15th, Hobee's, Belmont, CA – For info call Kelly (650) 303 9589.

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Newsom Kills The Death Penalty: Earlier this week, Governor Newsom announced that he was effectively ending the death penalty in California, despite voters' clear support of it time and time again, and granting reprieve to more than 700 death row inmates. Whether or not it is even legal for Governor Newsom to override the will of the voters is still unclear, and there are many victims' rights groups and District Attorney's offices around the state working on the question of constitutionality right now. The California electorate has voted to keep the death penalty three different times in recent years, with the latest death penalty measure on the ballot not just supporting it, but effectively speeding up the process to execution. In 2016, Gavin Newsom claimed he would uphold the "will of the voters" after his referendum to repeal the death penalty failed. "I would not get my personal opinions in the way of the public's right to make a determination of where they want to take us" on the death penalty, he said three years ago. And yet, here we are. What other promise is Governor Newsom willing to go back on? [CLICK HERE](#) to sign the petition to STOP Governor Newsom's death penalty moratorium.

Rent Control Again: In another example of ignoring the will of the voters, California Legislative Democrats are working on passing a rent control bill, despite the electorate's decisive rejection of it last fall. AB 1482 (Chiu, D) comes in a housing bill package that includes a series of legislation that aims to target rent. AB 1482, in particular, would annually cap rent increases. Just 4 months ago, voters blocked the passage of Prop 10, which would have imposed rent control state-wide. So why then, do our Democrat leaders think they know better than California's voters? Simple economics tells us that a rent control does nothing to truly protect renters in this market. Rent control will create shortages when landlords are forced to sell and then where do renters turn? They can't afford to buy a home either. What we need is affordable housing creation, and rolling back burdensome CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) reforms on housing construction is a step in the right direction. Legislative Democrats should listen to Californians and leave Costa-Hawkins alone!

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California Republicans Hoping a Fresh Face Means a Fresh Start -- The new chair of the California Republican Party doesn't resemble any of the past party leaders. Jessica Patterson is a woman, a millennial and a Latina. And party leaders are hoping she's the person who can bring it back from the brink of extinction. Katie Orr KQED -- 3/14/19

California is drought-free for the first time in nearly 8 years -- California has fully emerged from drought conditions for the first time since December 2011, and just 7 percent of the state remains abnormally dry, scientists said Thursday. Kimberly Veklerov in the San Francisco Chronicle -- 3/14/19

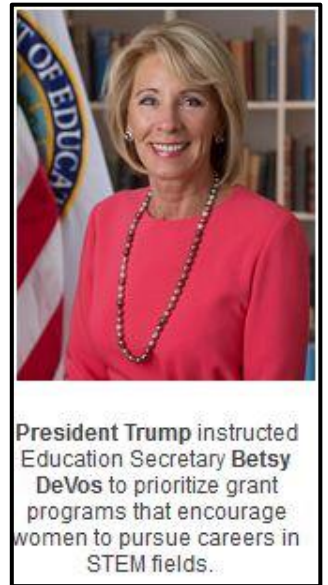


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and other national news

Women Are Thriving in the Trump Economy: As we celebrate Women's History Month, let's take note of the many positive ways President Trump is getting real results for women from all walks of life across the country.

- Under President Trump, the unemployment rate for women has reached historic lows—in 2018, the rate fell to its lowest point in 65 years—and over 2.5 million women have entered the workforce.
- The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has soared under President Trump, improving the quality of life for women and all Americans, far outpacing the sluggish growth seen under President Obama.
- As a part of his landmark tax reform, President Trump increased the child tax credit by 100%, ensuring more money has and will continue to go back into the pockets of hardworking mothers.



President Trump instructed Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to prioritize grant programs that encourage women to pursue careers in STEM fields.

In the midst of the Trump jobs surge, the Administration has taken steps to ensure working mothers can take part in the booming economy by expanding on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs that help working parents secure good-paying jobs.

Ballot Box under Attack: The Democrat-controlled U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to take up H.R. 1 this week, with a final vote expected on Friday. Ironically named the "For the People Act of 2019," the 600+ page bill would accomplish a federal takeover of elections. Every state would be forced to adopt the very election practices that helped transform Republican election day victories last November 6 into post-election defeats in California and elsewhere, including automatic voter registration and mandatory early voting. Voter-ID would be outlawed, and taxpayer funds would be funneled to campaigns, forcing Americans to finance candidates with whom they disagree, while free speech would be trampled. The Trump Administration has issued a veto threat on the bill.

TALKING POINTS ON H.R. 7* (What the Democrats don't want you to know about the "Paycheck Fairness Act")
Equal pay for equal work, regardless of the sex of the employee, is the law. In 1963, Congress passed the Equal Pay Act (EPA), legislation that made it illegal to pay different wages to women for equal work. The following year, Congress enacted even broader nondiscrimination laws, making it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, and sex in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

H.R. 7, the Paycheck Fairness Act, is a hyper-partisan Democrat bill that offers no new protections against pay discrimination in the workplace. Instead, it makes it easier for trial lawyers to score unlimited paydays while dragging working women through never-ending legal dramas.

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H.R. 7 directly benefits trial lawyers at the expense of working women by:

- Making it much harder, if not impossible, for job creators to defend against frivolous lawsuits, even when a difference in pay is the result of legitimate factors other than sex;
- Requiring job creators to prove that 100 percent of a pay difference between employees of different sexes is the result of business necessity – an impossible standard to meet;
- Allowing trial lawyers to pursue unlimited compensatory damages, even when the alleged discrimination is entirely unintentional, in addition to unlimited punitive damages.
- Changing EPA class action lawsuits from an opt-in system to a mandatory opt-out system, tying more women up in long-running employment lawsuits and limiting their legal options, while providing a financial windfall to trial lawyers.

H.R. 7 places new and unprecedented restrictions on job creators during the hiring process by prohibiting them from inquiring about the wage history of a prospective employee. A similar provision in a Philadelphia city ordinance was recently found to violate the First Amendment by a federal district court.

H.R. 7 also requires employers to submit thousands of new elements of worker pay data to the government, broken down by race, sex, and national origin. The bill also directs the EEOC to collect additional hiring, termination, and promotion data from businesses. These mandates pose a serious threat to workers' confidentiality and their right to pay data privacy.

*Prepared by the Committee on Education and Labor Republicans

The NFRW believes equal work deserves equal pay, regardless of the sex of the employee. H.R. 7 offers no new protections for women - it is a boondoggle for lawyers. Working women deserve better than empty partisan promises in pretty pink packages. Please call or write your Congressman now and urge them to vote "No" on H.R. 7. You can call the Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected to your Member's office.

OTHER

CVS is now selling CBD products in California -- Make no mistake: This does not mean you can stock up on pot brownies while buying toilet paper and shaving cream. Hemp-derived cannabidiol, known as CBD, will be sold in topical products including "creams, sprays, roll-ons, lotions and salves," CVS Health spokesman Mike DeAngelis told USA TODAY. Edibles are not on offer. Karen D'Souza in the San Jose Mercury\$ -- 3/22/19

This psychologist claims Google search results unfairly steer voters to the left. Conservatives love him -- The idea that Google is subtly pushing masses of voters to the left has the ring of conspiracy, and thus the work of Robert Epstein is warmly embraced by conservative lawmakers — as well as a president — convinced big tech is plotting against them. Evan Halper in the Los Angeles Times\$ -- 3/22/19

Blythe man defrauded donors of more than \$250,000 with fake Bernie Sanders, Beto O'Rourke websites, prosecutors say -- An 80-year-old Blythe man was charged this week with wire fraud and aggravated identity theft after federal prosecutors say he set up fake political action committees and pocketed more than \$250,000 in contributions that donors thought was going to various political candidates and causes. Javier Panzar in the Los Angeles Times\$ -- 3/22/19

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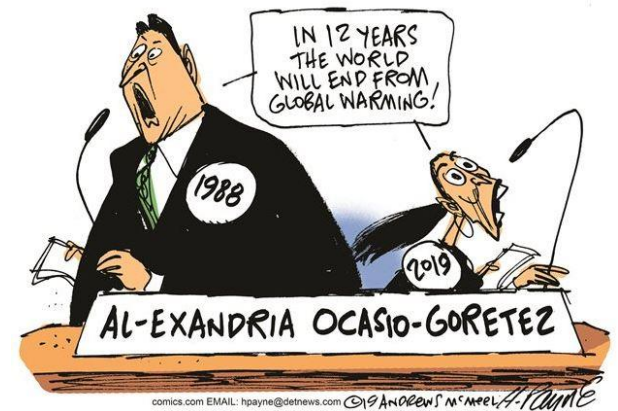
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