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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, December 5th, 2013.

Social 11:30 AM., Lunch 12:00 PM, Cost \$22.00

Call Louise Kenney at (408)739-4724 for reservations before noon Monday prior to meeting.

“A reservation made is a reservation paid! ~ Vegetarian option always available”

Menu Choices: Chicken Caesar Salad - Assorted fresh greens, bay shrimp, hard boiled egg, tomato, Louie Dressing, **OR** Broiled Salmon - Fresh King Salmon broiled to perfection & topped with dill sauce **OR** Roasted Loin of Pork - with garlic, rosemary and sherry wine sauce.

Our speaker this month will be former Congressman Ernie Konnyu. His Topic will be “Redeeming Republicans: The Road to Victory”.



Ernie Konnyu is a former Republican U.S. Representative from Silicon Valley, California, 12th congressional district, and a former California State Assembly Member from the 22nd district. Born May 17, 1937, in Tamási, Hungary, the 12 year old Konnyu, together with his family, immigrated to the United States from a post-World War II refugee camp in Ampflwang, Austria. Later, Mr. Konnyu was elected as Assemblyman (1980–1986) representing California's 22nd Assembly District). His most notable achievement during this time was the California workfare law, A.B. 2580, which required able bodied welfare recipients without small children to work or train in exchange for their welfare check and benefits.

After Konnyu’s bi-partisan workfare law success, he was elected in 1986 to the U.S. House of Representatives. Konnyu’s principal legislative success was H.R. 1720, The Family Support Act of 1988 reforming the Nation’s welfare system by creating work incentives for welfare recipients. Congressman Konnyu resumed his business career in 1989 investing in a printing business then in 1998 in a tax consulting service. He and his wife of 54 years are retired and reside in San Jose, California, and are active with local, state and national professional, charity, political groups and the American-Hungarian community.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (November 25, 2013)

I am so glad we were well represented at the Northern Division conference in Rancho Cordova Nov. 9-11. There was a special dinner to celebrate Roseann Slonsky-Brault becoming the CFRW President. She has so much enthusiasm and is a great representative of Republican ideals. She communicates well with all our members. She will get us fired up to help the party and members running for office to get elected. From what our gals said, it was a very successful meeting and there were outstanding speakers!

At our last luncheon I mentioned that we must have a list of priorities. Top of the list is to devote more time in your busy life to what is happening to our government! The way things are going the whole country needs help from us citizens to speak up. The President is a liar! Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and on and on are busy destroying our country as fast as they can. It would be hard to think of one thing that's not in trouble. Our national debt keeps climbing, no jobs are forthcoming, and on top of it all the "Obama Health Plan" is the worst of all. The Democrats have succeeded in teaching everyone not to worry because the government will take care of you no matter what. Our education system needs to be completely redone. If you went to visit the schools that our children attend everyday you would be shocked. Colleges have almost all liberal teachers. The students will not listen to invited speakers unless they are liberals. I wonder if the students are in charge of their schools -- they are growing up in such a one-sided atmosphere. Our English language is changing into many vulgar words. The lack of respect for others is also being ignored. We have so much to do and time flies by so fast. Every minute counts. Especially in the new world we live in. Please take a few minutes to write to your representative. They do pay attention to letters.

Congressman Ernie Konnyu is our guest speaker. I remember him from years gone by. He is going to share his message about Redeeming Republicans and tell us about up and coming candidates running in 2014. Let's have a good turnout to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Bring checks, toys, and food for the annual Sunnyvale Community Services Donation Drive.

Sincerely,

Ellen Longworth
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 5 SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-1:30, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Speaker: Former Congressman Ernie Konnyu
- Dec. 11 Santa Clara County GOP Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm, Santa Clara County Administration Bldg.,
70 West Hedding St, San Jose. (2nd Wed. of the month).
- Dec. 12 SVRWF Board Meeting 9:30-10:30 AM, Laura Riffle's Office. Hostess: TBA
- Dec. 25 Christmas
- Jan. 1 New Years Day
- Jan. 2 SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-1:30, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.

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MEMBER NEWS

Attention-Attention: We will have our regular 50/50. In addition, we will have "A Souper Basket" fund raiser drawing. The cost for the additional drawing will be the same as those for the 50/50 - 6 for \$5.00.

Annual Collection for Sunnyvale Community Center: Members are asked to bring toys, non-perishable food, or make a cash donation. We will also take up a collection for our servers.

Election of Club Officers: We will have our election at the December general meeting. We are pleased to present the following slate of candidates for 2014: President: Ellen Longworth; 1st Vice President: Maureen Hogan; 2nd Vice President-Membership: OPEN; Secretary: Doris Sloniker; Treasurer: Shirley Harvey

Sees Candy Orders: Jane Reed is currently taking See's Candy orders for our members and friends. Candy purchase will be delivered at the December 5th general meeting or by appointment.

NFRW Offers Summer Internships for 2014: NFRW offers summer internships in Washington, DC to female undergraduate college students. For more information contact the NFRW at 703-548-9688. The application may be found at www.nfrw.org.



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and other state and local news...

Poverty and Unemployment in California: On Wednesday, the US Census Bureau published a report that uncovered poverty rates throughout the United States. They reported 23.8% of California's residents are living in poverty, making California the state with the highest rate in the country. In August, unemployment in California was at 8.9%, still lagging behind the national average of 7.3%. When asked about the state's high levels of poverty and unemployment, Governor Brown responded that these factors should be attributed to "California's attractiveness". Governor Brown has meanwhile continued to tout the state's economic turnaround, but indicators such as the high poverty rate and high unemployment question the rebound of our economy. These indications also show that California's fight to restore its economy is not over and that there is still economic progress that needs to be made. – *CFRW Capitol Update, November 08, 2013*

Anti-Gun and Anti-Toy: California legislators will soon be returning to the Capitol for a new legislative session. This means legislators have already begun unveiling new bills, giving us a glimpse at what the Legislature will be pursuing in coming months. It should come as no surprise, then, that Assemblyman Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and Assemblywoman Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa) announced they will be introducing yet another anti-gun bill. But this time, they are targeting toy guns. The Assembly members publicized their pursuit of legislation which would "reclassify" BB guns as anything that "expels a projectile" and would require toy gun manufactures to paint fake guns a bright color. Federal law already requires fake guns to have a bright orange tip, but state legislators contend this isn't enough. Reclassifying BB guns would also subject some toys to the same strict gun control laws that are in place in California. When will the crazy regulations and bans stop? – *CFRW Capitol Update, November 22, 2013*



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Implementing Obamacare in California: Covered California, the state-run health exchange market, released its enrollment numbers for the first time since their rollout. Last week, they announced 59,000 Californians had enrolled in the exchange. There are 5.8 million legal residents who are uninsured in the Golden State, all of which will be required to have health insurance by the beginning of 2014. This makes 59,000 a shockingly low number, bringing to question whether the implementation of Obamacare in California will be successful. In addition, an estimated 1 million Californians have received cancellation notices from insurance companies because their insurance plans were deemed to be non-compliant with Obamacare. The White House has told Americans they will be able to keep their “subpar” plans for up to one year after Obamacare kicks in, but in California is not the case. Covered California has decided to mandate that insurance policies comply with the provisions of Obamacare, meaning those who received cancellation notices in the Golden State will be forced to purchase new insurance plans. In some cases, new insurance plans will cost up to 50% more than their previous plans. Needless to say, Americans and Californians are outraged over the lackluster implementation of the healthcare overhaul. – *CFRW Capitol Update, November 22, 2013*



and other national news...

NFRW Meets With NRCC about Republican Women Running for Office Next Year: On Tuesday, November 14, NFRW President Rae Chornenky and NFRW President-Elect Kathy Brugger attended a meeting with other female GOP activists at the National Republican Congressional Committee to discuss Republican women running for Congress in next year's elections. In attendance were representatives from the Susan B. Anthony List, Maggie's List, Rep. Diane Black's office, Concerned Women for America, and Burning Glass Consulting, a new consulting firm started by Katie Packer Gage, Mitt Romney's deputy campaign manager in 2012. The topic of the meeting involved how few Republican women choose to run for Congress relative to both the number of Republican men who choose to run and the number of Democratic women who choose to run. The meeting was a brain-storming session on how to help each other and increase the number of Republican women running for Congress. – *NFRW Capital Connection--Week of Nov. 14, 2013*

Fall 2013 *Republican Woman* magazine is now available to in PDF format, and as a virtual flip book. This issue of the magazine is devoted to coverage of the NFRW's 37th Biennial Convention, which took place in Louisville, Kentucky, this fall and featured the celebration of the NFRW's 75th Diamond Jubilee. Also in this issue, we introduce two new tools for states and clubs to use in their membership recruitment and public relations/outreach efforts.

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Negotiations on Iran's Nuclear Arms: The Obama administration is pressing Senate Democrats to hold off on new economic sanctions against Iran in an effort to succeed in diplomatic efforts. Republicans, however, say apparent details of a proposed nuclear deal with Iran and the failure thus far to secure an agreement show that tougher sanctions are necessary to force Iran into abandoning its nuclear program. The GOP push for new sanctions and the fact that talks seem to have stalled puts Democrats in a tricky position. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Robert Menendez (D-NJ) said on ABC's "This Week" that "to be very honest with you, I think the possibility of moving ahead with new sanctions ... is possible." While Vice President Biden and Secretary of State Kerry convinced another Senate Committee to hold back on new sanctions earlier this month, skepticism about delaying sanctions is coming from Democratic leaders in the Senate such as Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY). Pressure against further delay is coming from Israel where Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu slammed the emerging framework of the agreement. French officials also reportedly objected to Iran's continuing actions. And the French have pointed to a report last week which states Iran is already seeing the easing of certain sanctions because Obama's Treasury Department slowed the designation of sanction violators in June. – *NFRW Political Briefing -Week of Nov. 12, 2013*



House Votes on Energy Bills: The House passed three bills this week, largely along party lines, to ease restrictions on oil and gas drilling. The first bill aimed to streamline the permitting process by setting a 60-day deadline for drilling applications on federal lands. It passed 228-192 with 10 Democrats supporting the measure. The second, which passed 235-187 with a similar number of Democrats, would block the Interior Department from enforcing rules on hydraulic fracturing in states that already have their own regulations in place. The third bill, which passed with the help of 26 Democrats, would tighten the deadlines for rulings on natural gas pipeline projects. These bills collectively seek to encourage an oil and gas boom that would boost the economy. As we noted Wednesday, the International Energy Agency (IEA) recently announced that by 2015, the U.S. will top Russia and Saudi Arabia as the world's leading oil producer and, in the next 20 years, will near energy independence. But that all makes it a primary candidate for Barack Obama to oppose. Indeed, the White House issued a veto threat and the legislation stands little chance of reaching a Senate vote. Obama continues to hold fast to his claim that the federal government is helping the energy industry even though regulations continue to stymie any opportunities for effective development of America's natural resources. – *The Patriot Post, Friday Digest, November 22, 2013.*

"In 2012, the average household spent a record \$2,912 on gasoline. Compared to the 2002 average of \$1,235, that is an extra \$1,677 that families have been forced to spend on transportation costs. ... [A] recent study found that high oil prices added \$1.2 trillion to U.S. debt over the past decade. This economic drag is part of the reason our recovery from the Great Recession has been anemic and the unemployment rate remains high. To be clear, it's not America's great oil companies causing this, as some of their anti-corporate, anti-capitalist detractors might want you to believe. The fact is that the price of a barrel of oil -- whether that oil is pumped in North Dakota or Saudi Arabia -- is determined by a global oil market that is affected by supply and demand factors around the world. Anything and everything ... can send prices higher. This geopolitical exposure of the global oil market to volatility explains why Americans are paying so much for gas despite record domestic production." -- *Columnist Ken Blackwell*

OTHER

"The president seems determined that America should become unexceptional, and his five-year-long efforts are now bearing fruit. The result is that no one knows where global violence will break out next, much less who will stop it. France, not the United States, pushes for a tougher front against radical Iran, Islamism and WMD proliferation. Its socialist government is to the right of the United States. Germany is the more adult fiscal power, Japan the more realistic about Chinese aggression, Israel and the Gulf states the more accurate in assessing Iranian nuclear ambitions, and Russia the more dependable problem-solver. ... Obama has misled over Benghazi, flipped and flopped over Syria and Egypt, and deceived the American people on the Affordable Care Act. When the American secretary of state has to assure the world that its proposed military action 'will be unbelievably small' while the president is forced to explain that our military doesn't 'do pinpricks,' we appear hardly credible or formidable. ... Riding the tiger's back was always risky, but not as much as jumping off and allowing it to run wild. The world now wants someone to get back on -- but is unsure about who, when, how and at what cost." -- *Historian Victor Davis Hanson*

"Every new regulation concerning commerce or revenue ... presents a new harvest to those who watch the change and can trace its consequences; a harvest reared not by themselves but by the toils and cares of the great body of their fellow citizens. This is a state of things in which it may be said with some truth that laws are made for the few not for the many." -- *James Madison*

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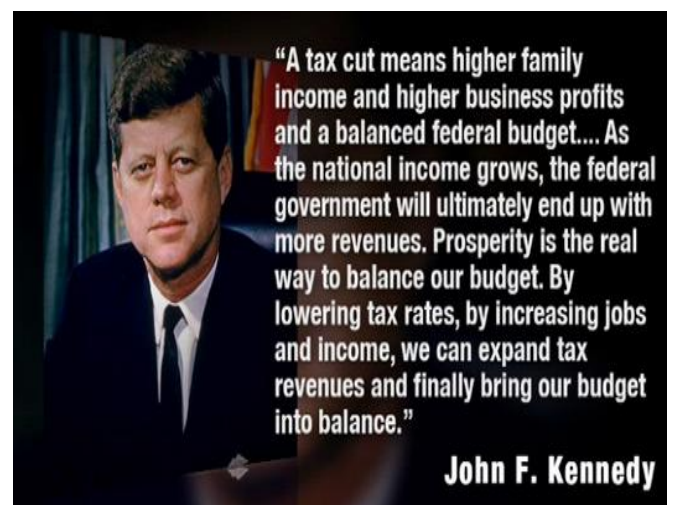
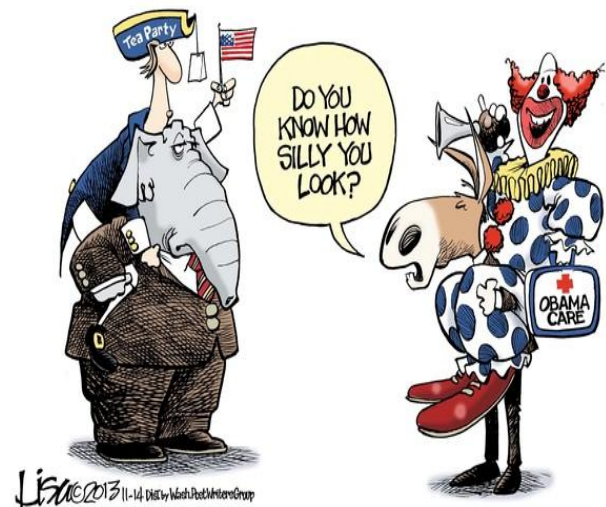
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