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### GENERAL MEETINGS HELD AT THE BLUE PHEASANT RESTAURANT 22100 STEVENS CREEK BLVD., CUPERTINO, CA



**Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, February 1, 2018**

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

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

**Menu Choices:** Scampi – Tiger Shrimp sautéed in a light bordelaise & served on a bed of rice **OR** Cobb Salad – Bleu cheese crumbles, bacon, tomatoes & eggs served with ranch style dressing **OR** French Dip – French Dip Beef sandwich service with au jus.

### Our speaker for February will be Mark Meuser, Candidate for California Secretary of State



Mark Meuser is a native Californian and a small business owner, committed to fighting for honest and fair elections. From a young age, Mark was an entrepreneur. By age 21, he purchased his own pizza restaurant. While his restaurant business was thriving, Meuser studied law then started The Meuser Law Group representing both individuals and small businesses. Meuser’s unique training has taught him how to listen to people, formulate creative alternatives, and achieve workable solutions. Meuser’s priority is to guide the Secretary of State office out of the antiquated 19th Century and into the 21st Century. The people of California deserve an open and accessible government that works for them, not against them. California needs a Secretary of State who will fight to protect the rights of citizens to vote and petition their government. California needs a Secretary of State who will restore the people’s confidence in open, secure, and fair elections. California needs a Secretary of State who will utilize the knowledge and experience of Silicon Valley to modernize the way businesses register in the State.

***General Meeting February 1<sup>st</sup> - Come Talk Republican!***

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope you all slogged your way through the Government Shutdown.

It was scary at first... but I realized the stores and restaurants were open, people were out driving to work, banks were open, birds were chirping and Tax Season was beginning. Now, at least, we can go forward... knowing that the government will go on working... at least for the next few weeks.

This next year is going to be very interesting with all of the changes to the US Tax Code. Maybe with the “simplification” of the tax code I will be out of a job (ha-ha!).

Politically, we need to work very hard on the midterm elections so that we keep the Republicans in the majority in Congress, prevent supermajorities by the Democrats in the state legislature, and secure more local seats for Republicans.

I know this is not easy in Silicon Valley but we have some good candidates at every level, and that every one of us can make phone calls from home... so get ready ladies!

Laura Riffle  
President

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 1        SVRWF Board Meeting 10:30-11:15 AM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino, CA.
- Feb 1        SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014: \$24 per person. Cookies provided by Shirley Harvey.
- Feb 3-4      CFRW Winter Conference, Rancho Cordova
- Feb 12      Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday
- Feb 13      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)
- Feb 22      George Washington’s Birthday

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## MEMBER NEWS

**Get those Membership Renewals in for 2018!** Send in your membership renewals now! Membership is \$38 per year; \$50 for Patron level. As always, men are welcome as Associate members for \$22 per year. It's a great club, it's a great group. Thank you. See back page for membership renewal form.

**Luncheon Reservation Policy - UPDATED:** The Board established new guidelines for cancelling meal reservations. The Board decided that members who make a meal reservation, must notify Maureen Hogan, by noon Tuesday of meeting week. If you do not cancel, you will be asked to pay the cost of the meal selected.

**CFRW Winter Conference:** Join us February 3rd-4th in Rancho Cordova for our Winter Conference! We are packing in a lot of education and inspiration in two days!

**Sponsorships Available:** Place a business card sized ad in this newsletter for \$35 per year (10 issues). Email newsletter@svrwf.org if you would like to be a sponsor. Thank you to our sponsors for your ongoing support.



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### **CFRW Capitol Updates, Allison Olson, CFRW Advocate**

**Brown's Last Budget:** Governor Brown released his last tentative budget ever. The budget once again breaks records- at \$132 billion; it is the largest spending plan in our state's history. While the Governor is urging his predecessor to be prudent because, "a recession is lurking," Brown still manages to spend more than ever. With bonds and special funds, Governor Brown's spending plan tops \$190 billion. Don't be fooled by the proposed \$10 billion to be squirrled away in our state's "Rainy Day Fund," because it has to get there first. Now starts the 5 months of Democrat legislative negotiating before the Governor's May Revise Budget. Our state Democrats see a surplus as a spending spree, and with the gas tax increase, make no mistake that revenue promised to fix our roads and infrastructure will go anywhere but. While this is mostly speculation, we do have a lot of history to draw on for examples of mismanaged budgets and general fund shell games. This is just the beginning of the budget battles, so stay tuned!

**Bills, Bills, Bills:** The second year of this legislative session is well under way, and there are many bills we are already tracking. And although many new bills are being introduced, there are lots of bills left over from last year, or, "2-year" bills, that have deadlines to overcome quickly or else their fate is sealed. Last Friday was the deadline for 2-year fiscal bills to move out of their first house policy committees and onto their fiscal committees. 282 bills missed this crucial deadline and are now dead. Tomorrow is the deadline for these same 2-year bills to be moved from out of committee and back to their floor of origin, or else they suffer a similar fate. Then, there are the bills that have survived thus far, and we are tracking their progress.

***Here are some important bills for our members to be aware of:***

**AB 403 (Melendez, R):** Legislative Whistleblower Protection Act- To her credit, Assemblywoman Melendez has been trying to pass this bill since 2012. Now that sexual harrassment and assault claims are running wild in the Capitol- with two Democrat Assemblymen resigning, a Democrat Senator on leave and another Democrat Senator with several credible accusations in the wings, it is no surprise that the Democrat legislative majority has killed this bill every session since it's inception. But Assemblywoman Melendez persists. Legislative staffers deserve the same whistleblower protections as every other state government employee, and yet, the culture of corruption in Sacramento protects those in power in the Legislature. It is high time that those who abuse their power answer for their sins.

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**AB 1745 (Ting, D):** Assemblyman Ting wants to ban all gas-powered, internal combustion vehicle by 2040. That's right... Assemblyman Ting wants to ban YOUR CAR. The havoc this would cause on our economy alone is enough to kill it. This is so short-sided and a huge government overreach.

**AB 1756 (Brough, R):** Do you hate the gas tax as much as we do? Assemblyman Brough is trying to repeal SB 1 through legislative channels, while efforts to repeal SB 1 through the ballot box continue as well. Though we don't expect this bill to make it through, it is important to support. Poll after poll have made it clear that Californians do not support the Gas Tax.

**AB 1886 (Fong, R):** Speaking of the Gas Tax, did you know it was unnecessary? Assemblyman Fong introduced legislation last session that would have fully funded transportation infrastructure repairs and new roads without raising Californians' taxes. That bill failed, but he is trying again, especially in the wake of how unpopular SB 1 truly is. AB 1886 would allocate \$5.6 billion in transportation funding for new roads, repairs, and traffic congestion without raising our taxes! The revenue is already there, the funding already exists. Democrats would rather raise our taxes and fees than use our transportation funding mechanism for just that- transportation funds.

**SB 827 (Wiener, D):** California has a housing crisis, and there have been many ideas and suggestions as to how to fix it. Assemblyman Wiener is from the San Francisco Bay Area, and his bill would allow for higher, denser, transportation village housing. SB 827 would allow housing buildings near public transportation to be taller, denser, and allow for more dwellings. Sounds like quality living!

**SB 834 (Jackson, D)/AB 1775 (Mullin, D):** These two bills essentially do the same thing, but they are working different avenues. Both are an affront to President Trump's energy plan, and they seek to stonewall any oil drilling off our coasts. Both bills ban new construction on pipelines, piers, or wharfs in any state coastal waters. This would effectively halt the President's efforts to drill off our coasts.

**High Speed Fail** -- The California High Speed Rail Authority appointed a new CEO this week. Brian Kelly was named CEO and was formerly secretary of the California Transportation Agency, overseeing much of the High Speed Rail development. Revolving door, much? The costs of the High Speed Rail Bond have already doubled since voters approved the measure in 2008, from the original projected \$34 billion by 2020 to \$67 billion by 2029. The latest quagmire is the 119 miles of track in the Central Valley that will cost over \$10 billion, up from the original \$6 billion. Questions of if the state can complete the doomed project now outweigh the support it once received. What once was "when" is now "if". According to the PPIC, more than half of likely voters oppose High Speed Rail. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

**Primary Ballot Measures** -- The June Primary Election is closer than we realize! The CFRW will come out with Official Positions on each of the four Primary Ballot Measures. Remember that these measures were put on the ballot by the legislature and that citizen-driven initiatives are only allowed on the General Election ballot. The state legislature referred 3 constitutional amendments to the primary election ballot. Two of them were part of a previous session legislative package. For now, here is a brief description of each measure.

**ACA 1 (Mayes, R):** Vote Requirement to Use Cap And Trade Revenue Amendment- requires a one time, 2/3rds vote to use revenue from our state's Cap and Trade program in 2024. ACA 1 was part of a legislative deal on the Cap and Trade extension at the end of last legislative session. It requires the legislative vote threshold to pass a spending plan for the revenue from our state's Cap and Trade program.

**ACA 5 (Frazier, D):** Transportation and Fees "Lockbox" Amendment- requires that SB 1 (the Gas Tax) taxes and fees revenue be used for transportation purposes only. It also exempts the revenue from SB 1 from the state appropriations limit, or the Gann Limit. This prohibits the state from spending revenue in excess of per-person government spending in 1978-79 (adjusted for inflation and cost of living).

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**SB 5 (DeLeon, D):** The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act- What a mouthful, right? This issues a \$4 billion general obligation bond for parks, environmental protection and water infrastructure. In the weeks to come, we will list the entire allocation of the \$4 billion dollars, but for now, know that many, many different grants and water authorities will come into tens of millions of dollars of your money if this passes. From 1993 to present day, the state of California has had 39 bonds on our state election ballots. Of those, the voters have passed 31. Of those bonds, only 6 have been citizen driven. The state currently has \$73.33 billion outstanding in general obligation bond debt.

**ACA 17 (Mullin, D):** Effective Date of Balot Measures Amendment- Currently, our state ballot measures come into effect the day after the election, unless otherwise noted in the measure itself. This measure would make it so when the voters approve a ballot measure, it would take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the election. The Secretary of State is required to certify elections no later than 38 days after the election. The rationale for this measure is to account for the increasing vote by mail ballots needed to be counted after the election date.

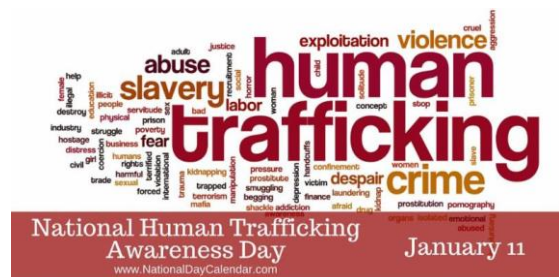


*and other national news*

## President Trump Focuses on Human Trafficking Prevention

President Trump continues his sharp focus on the scourge of human trafficking, declaring January as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month." Fighting human trafficking is an NFRW legislative priority. Read the proclamation [here](#) to learn more about the actions the Trump

Administration has taken to fight human trafficking and check out the Department of Homeland Security's [Blue Campaign](#) to learn how to recognize the signs of human trafficking and report suspected instances.



"Through President Trump's immigration priorities, we will secure our borders, enforce laws within our country, and create an immigration system that protects the American people. By empowering law enforcement officers to do their jobs and providing them with the resources they need, we can more effectively combat human trafficking."

-- DHS Secretary **Kirstjen Nielsen**

## OTHER

**H-1B:** Immigrants make up nearly three-quarters of Silicon Valley tech workforce, report says -- With the debate over immigration to the U.S. as fiery as ever, a new analysis suggests that Silicon Valley would be lost without foreign-born technology workers. About 71 percent of tech employees in the Valley are foreign born, compared to around 50 percent in the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward region, according to a new report based on 2016 census data.

*Ethan Baron in the San Jose Mercury\$ -- 1/18/18*

**If you don't vote in California, will they take you off the rolls?** -- Voting-rights advocates in California and beyond are awaiting a key U.S. Supreme Court decision that could change the way states can legally remove voters from registration rolls. Justices will decide by June whether Ohio's removal system, which is triggered by a voter not casting a ballot for two years, is an illegal infringement of voting rights as opponents contend. *Billy Koblin in the Sacramento Bee\$ --*

*1/26/18*

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Only 13 arrests in 7 years of San Francisco online auto break-in reports, DA says -- The news of the trifling total comes as the number of vehicle break-ins has exploded in the city, reaching an all-time high last year. In 2017, there were more than 30,000 car break-ins in San Francisco. *Evan Sernoffsky and Jenna Lyons in the San Francisco Chronicle* \$ -- 1/26/18

Justice Department backs conservative groups in UC Berkeley free-speech fight -- The Justice Department on Thursday filed a statement of interest supporting two conservative groups who sued the school last year. The groups alleged that administrators and campus events policy unfairly hampered their ability to book right-leaning speakers like Ann Coulter and ultimately led to the events being canceled or modified. *Benjamin Oreskes in the Los Angeles Times* \$ -- 1/26/18

Following devastating wildfires, Gov. Jerry Brown will examine forestry policies -- A new task force of scientists and forestry experts will “review thoroughly the way our forests are managed and suggest ways to reduce the threat of devastating fires,” Gov. Jerry Brown announced in his State of the State speech Thursday. *Liam Dillon in the Los Angeles Times* \$ -- 1/25/18

Burger King ad explains net neutrality with flame-grilled Whoppers -- Burger King is delivering its own hot take on the net neutrality showdown that has enflamed the U.S., using flame-grilled Whoppers. Burger King's new ad has become a sensation, with more than a million views on YouTube and it's lighting up Twitter. *Associated Press* -- 1/25/18

Housing: Mountain View hopes more residents will jump on the granny flat bandwagon -- With house prices and rents continuing to soar, and thousands of new homes not expected to be built for years, Mountain View is trying to make it easier for residents to build granny flats. *John Orr in the San Jose Mercury* \$ -- 1/20/18

101 freeway opens for first time since Jan. 9 Montecito mudslides -- U.S. 101 had been closed since Jan. 9 in Santa Barbara County, as crews worked 24 hours per day to remove millions of square feet of fetid water, debris and possible human remains, washed into a depressed area of the freeway at Montecito, 90 miles west of the Los Angeles Civic Center. *Jody Collins in the Los Angeles Daily News* \$ -- 1/22/18

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## 2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE –RENEW TODAY

We are having our annual membership renewal drive. Below is a membership form that you can complete along with your payment and send it or bring to our next general meeting, February 1st, 11: 30 AM Social, 12 Noon Lunch. Our membership drive will be ongoing this month and next. If you have anyone who may be interested in learning more about our club visit <http://www.svrwf.org> or attend one of our meetings.

We offer monthly meetings and social events. Our newsletter keeps you updated on the latest Republican Women's Federated legislation and political news. **Patron: \$50.00 Regular Member: \$38.00 Associate\*: \$22.00**

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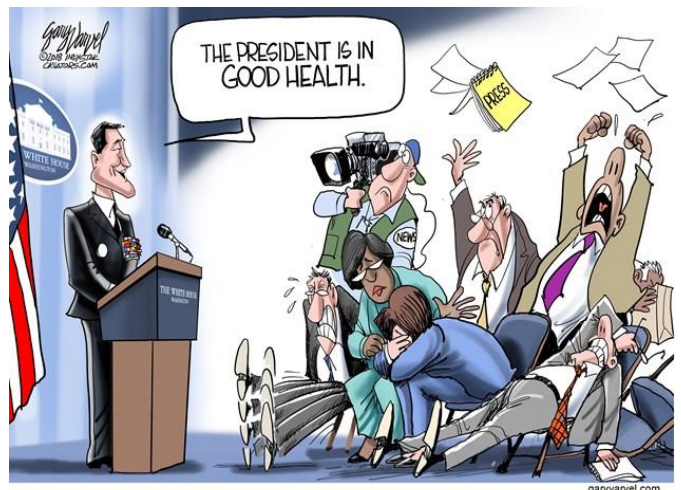
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