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General Meetings are held at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant
22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95124



Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, November 7, 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: Cobb Salad, Bleu cheese crumbles, bacon, tomatoes & eggs served with ranch style dressing **OR** Petralli File of Sole, sautéed in Pomedoro sauce & served with rice **OR** Roasted Sirloin of Beef, with sautéed mushrooms, garlic & Burgundy sauce.

Our main speaker this month will be Don Gage, Mayor of Gilroy.



Mayor Don Gage is a lifelong Gilroy resident. Professionally he worked as an IBM Program Manager for 30 years. He began public service in 1981 when elected to Gilroy City Council. He served the council until 1991 when he was elected Gilroy's Mayor. Gage has served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 1. He has served on numerous committees, boards, and commissions: Housing, Land Use, Environment, Transportation, Flood Control, and Juvenile Justice to name a few. He is a Helen Putnam Award recipient, awarded by Governor Pete Wilson in Sacramento.

Among Mayor Gage's priorities are keeping his city in sound financial order, encouraging the community to be the best it can be, and being business friendly. Don attended local schools and earned his degree in law enforcement. Don and his wife Jeanne live in Gilroy and have three children and six grandchildren.

Also, Nithin Mathew, President of the California College Republicans, will speak on the CRP Convention.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (October 24, 2013)

I don't know about you but I have been really upset over so many things about our President. He has been showing how to destroy "the American Dream". The most recent disgusting thing he did was to close all of the National Parks. The sight of the veterans being barred from seeing the national monuments built in their honor was unforgivable. Obama was testing his power when he closed the White House. The citizens of this country pay dearly to maintain the White House and support the President in all his trips around the world. I believe he has done all he can to punish all Americans and it will only get worse!

We have got to outsmart President Obama by building up our Republican party. We must stop letting the Democrats divide us. Funding an advertising campaign about what Republican Party values are would be a good beginning! Newspapers, TV, radio are all on the Presidents side. The money Democrats control is a hard to overcome. When something comes up such as the scandals at the IRS, taking over big companies, directing everything including taking money away from people who earned it and giving to others who did not earn it. He's building up the welfare state. Americans are the most generous people in the world and we are always willing to help to make things better for all and take care of the people who need help.

I feel so sorry for the people who have come to our country, legally to pursue "The American Dream" and see that the future they are working for is being ruined.

Please be sure to come to our November 7th meeting and hear his honor Don Gage, Mayor of Gilroy. He is an ideal Republican. Follow his career and you will learn he is an outstanding man. We will also have Nithin Mathew, President of the California College Republicans; speak about the recent CRP Convention that was held.

Sincerely,

Ellen Longworth
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 7 SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-1:30, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Speaker: Don Gage, Mayor of Gilroy; plus Nithin Mathew, California College Republicans.
- Nov 9-10 CFRW Northern Division 2013 Biennial Convention, Convention Chair is Pat Scott and the clubs of East Bay Region! Sacramento Marriott/Rancho Cordova
- Nov .11 Veteran's Day (Parade Downtown San Jose, Starts at 11 AM)
- Nov. 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).
- Nov. 14 SVRWF Board Meeting 9:30-10:30 AM, Laura Riffle's Office.

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MEMBER NEWS

SVRWF Celebrates Veterans Day! - Remember to bring your donations for Adopt-A-Chaplain and your donations for the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Let's remember our military and thank them for their service. If you would like to share about your favorite veteran, please bring items and/or stories to the November meeting.

Veterans Day Parade –The Opening Ceremony begins on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The San Jose Veterans Day Parade steps off at 12:00 Noon from Delmas Street near the HP Pavilion and travels east along Santa Clara to Market Street. The Parade then proceeds south on Market, passing the reviewing stand at Park Street opposite Plaza de Cesar Chavez near the Tech Museum, and ends at San Carlos Street.

2014 Slate of Officers - The club thanks the Nominating Committee for preparing the slate of officers for 2014. Committee members were Gloria Estes, Maureen Hogan, Eve Bretzke, and June Mills (alternate). We will have our election at the upcoming 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: ArLyne Diamond; Secretary: Doris Sloniker; Treasurer: Shirley Harvey

Sees Candy Orders – Jane Reed will be taking See's Candy orders for our members and friends. This is a fundraiser for our club so please be sure to buy your holiday candy from our program. The pricing is better than in-stores. Candy purchase will be delivered at the December 5th general meeting or by appointment. Call Jane for more info.



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ACTION NOW - CALL GOVERNOR BROWN!

AB 8 (Perea, D): Would impose higher taxes on vehicle registration, tire purchases and smog abatement in order to fund the "Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program and the Air Quality Improvement Program." It is very similar to SB 11.

AB 48 (Skinner, D): Again, another bill chipping away at our Second Amendment rights. AB 48 would prohibit the manufacturing, selling, purchasing, or using of a weapon with a "large capacity magazine," meaning any feeding device capable of more than 10 rounds.

AB 154 (Atkins, D): AB 154 would allow nurse practitioners, mid-wives, and physician's assistants to perform abortions. Why do the Democrats in the legislature seem to think it is ok to pawn off major surgical procedures for women to mid-level healthcare professionals? This is a huge step backwards in women's health rights.

HOW TO CONTACT THE GOVERNOR: Call the Governor: (916) 445-2841; Email the Governor [HERE](#) ; Post to the Governor's Twitter @JerryBrownGov; Send the Governor an opposition letter: **Governor Jerry Brown c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814** Golden State Wages: It's no secret that for the past several years, California -- the nation's most populous state and one with a very high cost of living -- has been dealing with a tanking economy. It's also no secret that when faced with such systemic problems, California Democrats consistently choose "solutions" geared more toward garnering votes than getting to the root of the issue. This is no better illustrated than the recent bill to raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour by 2016. It will be the highest minimum wage in the country and well above the federally mandated \$7.25 an hour. No one is arguing that Californians don't need to earn more than residents of other states; however, as Republicans point out, mandating \$10 an hour will further hinder the economy, hurting small businesses and, in the long run, making it more difficult to find -- and keep -- minimum wage jobs. In other words, the people who the Democrats are claiming to help to the bill, agreeing that it posted a risk to the state's economic recovery. As Brown has historically been

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[cont.] a champion of "progressive" measures, his concern is quite telling. But his rather anemic stance quickly disintegrated in the face of pressure from Nancy Pelosi and company, as well as the looming midterm elections in 2014. Yet somehow, we don't have any doubt that, in spite of the damage they're doing, Democrats will retain their strangle hold on the Golden State. – *Patriot Post*, Sept. 30, 2013.



and other national news....

NFRW Unanimously Elects a New President: Congratulations to Kathy Brugger! On Saturday, September 21, Kathy Brugger of California was unanimously elected as president of the National Federation of Republican Women for a two year term starting in 2014. A tireless "worker bee for Republican causes," Kathy has served as second vice president of NFRW since 2012 and has also served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. She was president of the California Federation of Republican Women in 2008 and 2009. Kathy has also been recognized for her leadership in California, receiving the 2008 California Republican Party Chairman's Leadership Award and the 2001 California Republican Party CFRW Volunteer Award. Kathy has served as an elected school board member for over 30 years, and has been on the board of the California State Teachers Retirement System. We look forward to her leadership as president of NFRW! - *NFRW Capital Connection--Week of September 29, 2013*

Make Calls for RNC and Republican Women: The Co-Chairman's office at the Republican National Committee has set up a call from home program to help out Republican women running for office this year in New Jersey. The information on the program can be reached here, and if there are any questions, direct them to the Co-Chairman's office at 202-863-5123. Please consider making a few phone calls to help Republican women get elected this year!

How to Defund ObamaCare? Let Us Count the Ways - Michael Cannon, director of health policy studies at the Cato Institute, wrote an article that appeared in *Forbes* last week that detailed four options for defunding ObamaCare. The four ways are summarized below.

- **Stop Medicaid expansion in the states:** According to Cannon, "the Medicaid expansion would account for roughly half of the law's \$2 trillion of new entitlement spending over the first 10 years." States that choose not to accept the Medicaid expansion then are blocking the expenditure of money the federal government built into its projected outlays for ObamaCare.
- **Get states, employers, and citizens to challenge the IRS's illegal ObamaCare taxes:** According to ObamaCare as it was written, the federal government can only issue subsidies to states that created exchanges. The architects of the law assumed that by withholding the subsidies for states that refuse to set up exchanges, states would consider that an incentive to set up their own exchanges. That did not happen, and 34 states have refused to set up their own exchanges. Illegally, the federal government has created the exchanges in these 34 states and as Cannon writes, "the IRS is trying to impose those taxes and issue those subsidies in those 34 states anyway. The IRS is literally trying to spend more than \$700 billion without congressional authorization..." There are currently four lawsuits targeting the illegal taxes.
- **Educate states about how to block the IRS's illegal taxes legislatively:** Cannon suggests that the 34 states who have refused to set up ObamaCare's insurance exchanges legislatively move to suspend the licenses of insurers that accept the illegal subsidies. This would motivate insurers not to accept the illegal subsidies, and then employers in those states could not "be hit with the employer-mandated penalties those subsidies trigger," according to Cannon.
- **Urge House investigators to subpoena all materials related to the IRS's illegal taxes:** Under Chairman Darrell Issa, the House Oversight and Government Reform committee has been investigating the illegal taxes mentioned above for a year. Cannon includes the video below of a July 2013 testimony in front of the House Oversight and Government Reform committee hearing from a political appointee responding to inquiries about the illegal taxes.

Click [here](#) to read the original piece. – *NFRW Legislative Update October 22, 2013*

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"President Obama indignantly insists that GOP attempts to abolish or amend Obamacare are unseemly because it is 'settled' law, having passed both houses of Congress, obtained his signature and passed muster with the Supreme Court. Yes, settled ness makes for a strong argument -- except from a president whose administration has unilaterally changed Obamacare five times after its passage, including, most brazenly, a year-long suspension of the employer mandate. Article 1 of the Constitution grants the legislative power entirely to Congress. Under what constitutional principle has Obama unilaterally amended the law? Yet when the House of Representatives undertakes a constitutionally correct, i.e., legislative, procedure for suspending the other mandate -- the individual mandate -- this is portrayed as some extra-constitutional sabotage of the rule of law. Why is tying that amendment to a generalized spending bill an outrage, while unilateral amendment by the executive (with a Valerie Jarrett blog item for spin) is perfectly fine?" -- *Columnist Charles Krauthammer*

"[H]ad President Obama himself just listened to earlier guidance from Barack Obama, his opponents might have had no cause for either a government shutdown or another debt-ceiling crisis. In 2006, Obama rightly called for an end to the Bush administration's intemperate deficit spending that had resulted in an annual deficit of \$250 billion that year. Accordingly, Sen. Obama voted to shut down the government rather than automatically to extend the debt ceiling. ... The next year, Obama voted 'present' rather than to approve another \$160 billion in annual borrowing that would add to the debt. ... In 2008, candidate Obama returned to the issue of profligate spending again. For most of 2008, candidate Obama also called for a kinder and gentler Washington politics. ... Through a series of metaphors, similes and allusions [during the recent shutdown, however], Obama reduced his opposition to little more than ransom takers, house burners, defaulters, global economy crashers, nuclear bomb users, extremists, threateners, extortionists, hostage takers, plant burners and equipment breakers -- who are apparently also untrustworthy and irresponsible." -- *Historian Victor Davis Hanson*

"The founders of the United States drew up a Constitution to serve as an operating manual, in its checks and balances, for peaceful, deliberative government. They understood human nature and set up a system in which competing interests would have to give in. Compromise, they understood, is a necessary lubricant for the wheels of government 'of the people, by the people, and for the people' to turn and allow us to move forward. But compromise is meant for those competing interests -- not for the core principles of the country that the Constitution exists to protect and secure. When the principles of our free nation under God are under siege, it is a time for confrontation, not compromise." -- *Columnist Star Parker*

"The Constitution establishes the Congress, the Executive, and the Judiciary, and through a deliberate allocation of authority, it defines the limits of each upon the others. It particularizes the liberties which, as free men and women, we insist upon, and it constrains both Federal and State powers to ensure that those precious liberties are faithfully protected. It is our blueprint for freedom, our commitment to ourselves and to each other. It is by choice, not by imposition, that the Constitution is the supreme law of our Land. ... [E]ach of us has a personal obligation to acquaint ourselves with it and with its central role in guiding our Nation. While a constitution may set forth rights and liberties, only the citizens can maintain and guarantee those freedoms. Active and informed citizenship is not just a right; it is a duty." -- *Ronald Regan*

"When was the last time a politician won an election with a plan that spent less and cut more? When was the last time a majority of Americans supported reforms that would deal with deficits in any meaningful way? Broadly speaking, voters want to tackle the debt problem. But they don't like any of the specifics. Finally, supposedly 6 in 10 Americans believe that the federal government has too much power -- 1 percentage point from the highest level in September 2010. According to Gallup, at least half of Americans since 2005 have said the government has too much power. Where is the proof that a majority of Americans want less government? Americans have elected two presidents who have vastly expanded the scope of government, and both of them won re-election rather comfortably. It's likelier that voters view government as having too much power when government is being run by someone else. And that's our biggest problem." -- *Columnist David Harsanyi*

"An Illinois man wrote his Congressman to say that, thanks to Obamacare, 'my premium is now higher than my mortgage.' Can't wait until Obama fixes the problem by making home ownership mandatory." -- *Fred Thompson*

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