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



Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, November 1, 2018

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: Crab Cake Sandwich – lettuce, tomato and red pepper aioli on a French roll, **OR Roasted Loin of Pork** –with garlic and burgundy wine sauce **OR Penne Pasta with Asparagus** – Penne pasta tossed with asparagus

Our speaker will be Roseann Slonsky-Breault, NFRW Resolution Committee Member and CFRW Membership Promotion Committee Chair. Her topic will be "Membership and Growing Our Clubs."



Roseann is currently on the NFRW Resolution Committee, and the Chair of CFRW Membership Promotion. Roseann is also the CFRW Leadership Development Committee Chair. She has held many positions in the Republican Women Federated including President of CFRW. We are glad that she will be visiting with us once again for our November meeting.

Other positions include Co-chair Host Committee, NFRW Biennial Convention 2007, Delegate to NFRW Biennial Convention 2015 -2015, Appointed NFRW Board of Directors member 2014-2017, Delegate- alternate to 2012 RNC Convention in Tampa, Elected member of the Alameda County Republican Party, Elected Alameda County Republican Party, Appointed Delegate to CRP. Roseann has worked many campaigns including Bush /Cheney Re-Election 2004, Rudy for President 2007-2008, ACRP Women for McCain Coalition Chair 2008, Bay Area Women for Carly and more. Roseann also has a strong business background in project management and consumer affairs.

Vote November 6th – Support Republican Candidates

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It has been quite a month.

I am sorry I missed our last meeting but being at my brother-in-law's burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery was beyond anything I could imagine. I remember watching President Kennedy's funeral and the burial at Arlington and this was no different. First Lieutenant John Rogers Riffle had the same ceremony with the caisson carrying the casket pulled by the horses and the rider-less horse leading the procession. It was very emotional but also made the family proud that he was given a hero's burial that he well deserved. We will never forget the day.

Ed and I took full advantage of being in our nation's capital and we had a tour of the Capitol building our son Larry arranged with his congressman, Jeff Denham. The young intern loved his 6-month internship so much that he wanted to make sure we saw everything he could show us and we finally had to excuse ourselves to get ready for the funeral services.

One of the highlights of our trip was being there as Justice Kavanaugh was being approved by Congress as our newest Supreme Court Justice. As the vote was finishing up, we headed over to the White House where we had our picture taken in front of it right as the final vote was being cast. Interestingly, no one in the crowd in front of the White House had a clue what had just occurred. Most of them were on to demonstrating against the next thing they were mad at President Trump about.

Another stop we made on our trip was to the NFRW headquarters. We had not called ahead so we just dropped by and rang the doorbell and we could not have been treated better. The two young ladies holding down the fort that day took us on a tour of the house and told us a little history of the different visitors that had stopped by over the years. If you are ever in the area stop by this is where all of the day-to-day work of our organization is done and how we are able to run as a national organization.

Now for the important work we need to be doing... Election time is just a few days away so first make sure to either get your ballots in early or get to your polling place on election day. If you have some time headquarters could use your help with phone calls or Catherine Baker could use any help you can give her. I am sure your local candidates would love to have you make phone calls for them if that is your preference. Check with SVGOP for information and phone numbers.

We are now at the end of the year and this is the month we collect donations for the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital so please plan on giving a little at our meeting we will have envelopes on the table for any amount you can afford to give. We have always been very generous to those who have served our country. I also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving a little early and I hope you all have wonderful day.

Take care,

Laura Riffle

President Laura Visits Washington D.C.



Ed and Laura: At Heritage Foundation – With Liz Matros and Anushya Ramaswamy, NFRW – NFRW California Room



First Lieutenant John Rogers Riffle, Ed's brother and Laura's brother-in-law, burial ceremony with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Remember this Veterans Day, November 11th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 SVRWF Board Meeting, 10:30-11:15 AM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino, CA.
- Nov 1 SVRWF General Meeting, 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014: \$24 per person. Cookies: Kay Weeks
- Nov 6 Election Day – Support local, regional, state, and national Republicans.
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade, Downtown San Jose, 11:11 AM. More info: <http://www.uvcsc.org>
- Nov 13 Santa Clara County GOP Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm, 70 West Hedding St, San Jose

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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations! Our club has achieved 100%+ and welcomed 5 new members for our most recent per capita report to the CFRW. We are on track for a great 2019.

Election 2019 for Club Officers: The club thanks the Nominating Committee for preparing the slate of officers for 2019. We will have our election at the upcoming meeting. We are pleased to present the following slate of candidates for 2019: President: Laura Riffle; 1st Vice President: Maureen Hogan; 2nd Vice President-Membership: Delilah Mendoza; Secretary: Doris Sloniker; Treasurer: Dora Ouimet.

SVRWF Celebrates Veterans Day: Remember to bring your checkbook for donating to the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Let us remember our military and thank them for their service.

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and other state and regional news...

Voting Has Begun: Ballots hit our mailboxes this week, and voting has already begun. We must continue to educate voters on the ballot measures, reaching as many as we can before November 6th. There is still time to register voters as well, as October 22nd is our state deadline. This is a critical election for our state, and we simply cannot afford to rest on our laurels. Every one of us, every member of the California Federation of Republican Women has a moral obligation to educate voters and then get out the vote! We can take back our state, but it takes dedication to our cause!

CFRW Ballot Recommendations

Prop 1: Authorizes Bonds to Fund Specified Housing Assistance Programs- **NO**

Prop 2: Authorizes Bonds to Fund Existing Housing Program for Individuals with Mental Illness- **NO**

Prop 3: Authorizes Bonds to Fund Projects for Water Supply and Quality, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Water Conveyance, and Groundwater Sustainability and Storage- **NO**

Prop 4: Authorizes Bonds Funding Construction at Hospitals Providing Children's Healthcare- **NO**

Prop 5: Changes Requirements for Certain Property Owners to Transfer Their Property Tax Base to Replacement Property- **YES**

Prop 6: Eliminates Certain Road Repair and Transportation Funding, Requires Certain Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Approved by The Electorate- **YES**

Prop 7: Conforms California Daylight Saving Time to Federal Law, Allows the Legislature to Change Daylight Saving Time Period- **NO**

Prop 8: Regulates Amount Kidney Dialysis Clinics Charge for Dialysis Treatment- **NO**

(From here we skip from Prop 8 to Prop 10. Prop 9 was removed from the ballot by the California Supreme Court)

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Prop 10: Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property- **NO**

Prop 11: Require Private-Sector Emergency Ambulance Employees to Remain On-Call During Work Breaks, Eliminates Certain Employer Liability- **YES**

Prop 12: Establishes New Standards for Confinement of Specified Farm Animals, Bans Sale of Non-Complying Product- **NO**

Prop Spotlight: Prop 4 and Prop 5

Prop 4 is a \$1.5 billion bond to fund children's hospitals in our state. Who can say no to funding for children's hospitals? Most voters won't, but the CFRW recommends that they do. 72% of Prop 4 bond money will be sent to 8 specific private children's hospitals across the state. The funding is set aside for construction, retrofitting, technology upgrades, and so on. 18% of the funding will benefit 5 University of California hospitals that also cater to children's care. The last 10% of the bond will be split between other private and public hospitals that offer pediatric services. We understand it is hard to say no to funding for children's hospitals, but the state and the taxpayers shouldn't add more bond debt to our mountain- especially when we have \$32 billion in unissued bonds. What's happening there? We need to get our house in order, and piling on more debt is not the answer.

Two more issues are revealed with Prop 4- the organization that referred this measure to the ballot represents the 8 hospitals that receive the lion's share of the funding, bypassing the legislative process and simply asking the voters for money. That's not how our state should be spending, there should be some oversight. The other issue lies in the 18% the UC hospitals get. Our general fund provides the budget for our UC hospitals, which means the taxpayers are already paying into them. This would essentially be "double-dipping" into our pockets for UC funding. \$270 million is not a lot of money- it's there in the general fund. Our lawmakers should be more efficient with spending our money.

Prop 5 strengthens Prop 13. Proposition 5 would allow seniors (55 years of age or older) or people with severe disabilities to transfer the property tax assessment of their current home to a new home purchase. What this will do is encourage seniors to downsize, without the scare of higher property taxes on a smaller home. This also means that the newly vacated home can be assessed by counties at a higher tax rate than the previous homeowner was holding on to, for potentially decades, as many seniors do. The California Federation of Republican Women support Prop 5, as does the California Republican Party and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. County Tax assessors are not thrilled with the measure because they believe that they'll lose tax revenue when seniors move. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association thinks that over five years, most counties will maintain property tax revenue because of Prop 5. For one, if a senior couple sells their house, the owners moving in can be taxed at a higher rate. More properties available means more tax revenue in the counties, not just from property taxes, but also from other forms of taxes throughout their counties. Furthermore, research shows that almost 75% of homeowners over 55 years old have not moved since 2000. It's estimated that this could significantly help our current state housing crisis, by freeing up homes and increasing home sales in the tens of thousands a year.

So how does Prop 5 amend the law? The homeowner looking to move, being 55 years or older (or severely disabled), can take the property tax assessment of their current home to the home they are purchasing, regardless of the new home's market value, the new home's location in the state, or the number of previous moves. This will make it so that every county participates in Prop 60 and Prop 90, which were passed in 1986 and 1988, respectively. If the new home has a higher market value, there is an upward assessment formula. Similarly, if the new home has a lower market value, there is a downward assessment formula. Ultimately we believe this measure would help our housing crisis, encourage seniors to move or downsize, and create movement in our housing market again.

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Prop Spotlight: Props 6, 7, & 8

Prop 6 is the most important measure on the ballot, and the Democrats know it. They've out-fundraised us \$31 million to \$4 million. Prop 6 would repeal SB 1, the gas tax what was passed last year. SB 1 raised our statewide gas tax by 12 cents and also raised vehicle fees \$100-\$600 per year. On average, a family of four with two cars will be paying \$800 more a year in gas taxes and vehicle fees. SB 1 also does not guarantee the revenue will be spent on road repair, which is what got us into this mess in the first place! The Legislative Democrats and Governor Brown claimed there was no money to repair our roads, yet for the past three decades they have been siphoning off transportation funding to other general fund programs and pet projects, leaving no money for road repair or transportation infrastructure. If we spent transportation funds ON TRANSPORTATION, there would be no need to raise taxes! Instead, Democrats and Governor Brown worked to manipulate Californians last year, and they continue to do so with Prop 6. The ballot language for Proposition 6 is intentionally deceiving. The title says Prop 6 "eliminates certain funding for road repairs and transportation funding", which is deceptive! Prop 6 REPEALS the 2017 gas tax INCREASE! SB 1 is set to increase our gas taxes EVERY YEAR! Do you think most Californians know this? Do they know that in a recent study of CalTrans expenditures, only 20% went to our roads? The Reason Foundation found that 3,500 CalTrans jobs could (and should!) be eliminated, because they aren't working on a single project. Maybe this is why CalTrans has been secretly working with No on 6 and SB 1 backers to try to defeat Prop 6. The SacBee stumbled across some incriminating emails, and yet the average voter remains unaware. The government has no right to "take sides" on our ballots. That is unethical and illegal, but our state government does it all the time. You can't go 20 miles in any direction in California without seeing a CalTrans sign saying "this project brought to you by SB 1 funds". More often than not, you see the sign, but no road work to be found! It is time for Californians to say, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!" We have the opportunity to send a clear, strong message to Sacramento. No more deception, no more manipulation. Time to use OUR MONEY efficiently.

Source: Capitol Update: Allison Olson, CFRW Advocate

DMV Debacle

The DMV admitted to a snafu with the new "motor voter" law- apparently 1,500 non-residents and non-citizens were registered and added to the voter rolls. This announcement came after the DMV confessed to 23,000 incorrect voter registrations in September. Assemblyman Patterson (R, Fresno) thinks this is the "tip of the iceberg" and the "unraveling of a DMV cover-up". It is clear why the DMV did not want to be audited. Even the LA Times Editorial Board believe that the DMV's "motor voter" practice should stop now and remain on hold until after the election. This is a serious violation of our voting rights, and if the state, Alex Padilla, or Governor Brown want any credibility at all, and if we are to have faith in the electoral process at all, the program needs to be halted now. If you have recently registered or re-registered to vote, please visit sos.ca.gov to check the status of your registration. Also encourage other voters to do the same. We have to protect our votes!



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and other national news

Kavanaugh Confirmed! Thousands of Republican Women Weighed In: Thank you to the thousands of Republican women who joined in support of Judge - now Justice - Kavanaugh. The NFRW supported Judge Kavanaugh from the moment President Trump nominated him in early July. When NFRW President Jody Rushton put out a call to members to send messages of support, almost overnight over 4,000 messages poured in. Thousands responded to action alerts and contacted their Senators. Our voices were heard! On October 6, by a vote of 50-48, Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed as the 114th Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. "Thank you to those senators who took their constitutional responsibility seriously, carefully and dispassionately examined the facts and testimony, and showed courage and fairness by confirming Judge Kavanaugh," NFRW President Jody Rushton said following the confirmation vote.

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Tim Donnelly, at our September meeting, with future Republican voter.

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