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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 2, 2017
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: Chicken Picatta – Boneless breast of chicken lightly sautéed in white wine, **fresh squeezed lemon and artichoke hearts; OR French Dip Sandwich –with fries OR Scampi – Tiger Shrimp sautéed in a light bordelaise & served on a bed of rice.**

Our speaker for November will be Young Americans for Liberty President Cliff Maloney Jr. His topic will be "Creating a generation shift towards FREEDOM".

Founded in 2008, Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is the largest and fastest-growing libertarian and conservative youth organization in the country. Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is a 501(c)(3) organization that was formed in 2008 at the end of Congressman Ron Paul's presidential campaign. They focus on educating their peers about various topics including libertarian values, especially freedom of speech, and emphasizing the role of the Constitution in the American government.

Before YAL, Cliff served as National Youth Director for the Rand Paul Presidential Campaign and built an apparatus of 507 "Students for Rand" chapters. He has built field programs for over 22 campaigns, including dog-catcher, state legislature, congress, senate, and presidential. Cliff has appeared on FOX Business and Reason TV. He has been published in TIME, The Hill, Huffington Post, and the Washington Examiner. Cliff enjoys empowering freedom activists to find the most productive ways to advance the principles of liberty.

December Speaker – John Cox, Republican Gubernatorial Candidate

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Fall is here but you cannot tell by the weather. We were in Anaheim for the CRP Convention and by Sunday the thermometer was over 100 degrees! We had a great time at the convention and the two top speakers were Steve Bannon of Breitbart News and Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton. They were two very different speakers but with a common message for Republicans. Both are working hard to Make America Great Again. I am sure the media was not thrilled but the audience sure was.
Ed and I did cap off our Anaheim trip with a Monday visit to Disneyland with our four youngest grandchildren and three of our fantastic daughters-in-law. A lot of politics and a little family time made for a great well-rounded trip.

We are now in November and this is the month we honor our Veterans so please come with some service souvenirs to share if you have it. We will miss Ellen Longworth and Flinda Prevost with their stories of World War II but I am sure a few people will have stories to share, if not about yourself about someone in your family.

We also have the Santa Clara County Republican Party Trunk and Tusk Party on November 8th at Club Auto Sport 531 Charcot Ave San Jose, CA 95131. We would love to have a table of members attend. I will reserve a table for 8 and if you want to come it is $100. Per person so let me know as soon as possible. Our speaker is Retired Lt. Col. "Buzz " Patterson, who was in charge of the "nuclear football during the Clinton administration . It should be a fun event.

If you have any college age friends have them come to our meeting to hear Cliff Maloney from the Young Americans for Liberty, they have wonderful programs for young conservative students that they might be interested in participating in.

I will be sharing with you the speakers and the issues from the CFRW Convention in Monterey it was also a lot of fun and of course many great women attended.

See you on November 2nd.

Laura Riffle
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 2	SVRWF Board Meeting 10:30-11:15 AM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino, CA.
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Nov 10-11	NDCFRW Northern Division Fall Convention, Red Lion Hotel, 1830 Hilltop Drive Redding, CA 96002. For more information visit www.cfrwnd.org.
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Is Pleased to Announce our Guest Speaker for December!

Mr. John Cox

Republican Candidate for Governor of California 2018

About John Cox

John Cox is a Jack Kemp-style Republican who grew up on Chicago's south-side, and is a firm believer in community service and the ideal that neighbors should help one another.

While committed to the Republican ideals of limited government and personal responsibility, John also believes that our political system has been corrupted by the influence of special interest money. Please join us!

- **Menu Selection**:
- *Roasted Sirloin of Beef*
- *Pasta Primavera*
- *Broiled Salmon*

When: Thursday, December 7, 2017

Where: The Blue Pheasant Restaurant

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd

Cupertino, CA 95014

Time: 11:30 am Social 12:00 pm Lunch

Other: Please call Doris Sloniker at **408 705-2904**, with your luncheon selection, no later than Monday, December 4th.

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MEMBER NEWS

Call To Service – Sonoma Fires Donations: We are issuing a call to service. Our CFRW Sisters and others impacted by the Sonoma Fires need our help. We are asking that you donate gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart, Walgreens', etc. or make checks out to the club and bring them to the next meeting. Laura is the contact for this outreach. Thank you for helping.

Election 2018 for Club Officers: The club thanks the Nominating Committee for preparing the slate of officers for 2018. Committee members were Eve Bretzke, Barbara Ferguson, and Ruth Callen, We will have our election at the upcoming meeting. We are pleased to present the following slate of candidates for 2018: President: Laura Riffle; 1st Vice President: Maureen Hogan; 2nd Vice President-Membership: Delilah Mendoza: Secretary: OPEN; Treasurer: Dora Ouimet. We still have open positions: We are in need of Secretary and a Ways and Means Chair. We really could use a few more members to step up!

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 local news…

Caring for America: Northern California is currently experiencing its greatest fire emergency in 80 years. Across Napa, Sonoma, Yuba, Placer, Solano, and Mendocino counties our Republican Women Federated sisters are diplaced, in danger, and some have lost everything. Our newly elected Vice President North, Gaylon Kastner, is working with the National Federation of Republican Women to organize a gift card drive for those affected communities. Keep our Republican sisters, and everyone else, in yours!

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SB 231 Signed: As if Californians aren't taxed enough, Governor Brown signed SB 231 (Hertzberg, D) last week. As you will recall, SB 231 redefines "sewer" to include stormwater to be able to increase property taxes on ratepayers. How sneaky. Luckily, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is already on top of it. Prop 13 and 218 were passed by voters to make sure legislators didn't try to subversely pass taxes like this. A similar measure was recently defeated in the courts by HJTA, and we hope the same will be true for SB 231. Go to www.hjta.org for more information.

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and other national news

Deregulation President: It is estimated that by 2018 there will be fewer pages of federal regulations for the first time in American history. This is because President Trump is already "the most effective deregulatory president in American history," according to former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich. By reducing burdensome regulations, the President has begun to fuel real growth in the U.S economy, with quarterly GDP exceeding 3% for the first time in over two years. Now the EPA has proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan as another step to relieve burdens on American businesses and workers, including the struggling coal industry. The CPP is a federal overreach whose repeal will bring the rule of law back to the EPA, creating new jobs in the energy sector and reducing energy costs for consumers. This is great news for American workers throughout the economy. *~ Team Trump-Pence (contact@action.gop.com) Oct 11, 2017.*

IRS agent's email says groups were targeted 'primarily because of their political party affiliation: Lawyers think they have finally found the smoking gun in the IRS's tea party targeting scandal: an email from an IRSagent to her supervisors alerting them that the agency was, in fact, singling out some groups' applications for extreme scrutiny "primarily because of their political party affiliation." The email was released last month as part of a massive document dump in a class-action lawsuit filed in Ohio by hundreds of conservative groups who were targeted for extra review and intrusive questioning. It contradicts the IRS's official stance over the years contending that conservative groups were wrongly scrutinized, but it was a result of their behavior, not their politics. Instead, the April 1, 2011, email from Elizabeth C. Kastenberg, an official in the agency's exempt organizations division, says it was explicitly the organizations' politics that landed them on the target list. "These cases are held back primarily because of their political party affiliation rather than specifically any political activities…" --*Stephen Dinan - The Washington Times - October 25, 2017.*

OTHER

UC Davis vets make MacGyver-like rescue of koi fish threatened by wildfires -- They conferred with a koi veterinarian back at UC Davis, and with a member of the team who had experience moving fish in an emergency, and ultimately set up a portable fish tank in the back of a pickup truck, using a tire pump for oxygen, school officials said. Filipa Ioannou in the San Francisco Chronicle$ -- 10/25/17

Survey: Almost half of tech workers worry about losing their jobs because of ageism -- More than 40 percent of tech workers worry about losing their jobs because of age, a new survey shows. Jobs site Indeed also found that 18 percent of those who work in the tech industry worry "all the time" about losing their jobs because of ageism. The release of the survey Thursday comes amid other news about diversity — or lack thereof — in tech workplaces. Levi Sumagaysay in the San Jose Mercury$ -- 10/20/17

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"Nothing that results in human progress is achieved with unanimous consent. Those that are enlightened before the others are condemned to pursue that light, in spite of the others." ~ *Christopher Columbus*

Christopher Columbus, Great American

By Angela Rocco DeCarlo

Christopher Columbus was an American-style entrepreneur. He conceived his project alone, suffering in poverty for nearly a decade while raising the money to sail west in search of a backdoor route to the Indies of the East. Most of us can't begin to grasp the scope of Columbus's insatiable curiosity, intellectual drive and accomplishments of navigation. Most of us couldn't find the hamper without a GPS.

Leaving dry land in August 1492 Columbus depended entirely on his brilliant mind, experience and research to guide him. It was common knowledge no one had ventured into that vast expanse of water—lately called the Atlantic—and lived to tell the tale.

Columbus believed he could do it. He read Ptolemy and Marco Polo. His copy of Cardinal Pierre d'Ailly's "Imago Mundi" contained 898 margin notes in Columbus's own hand.

Europeans had been accustomed to traveling over land to China, Japan and India to trade for goods. After the fall of Constantinople to the Muslims of the expanding Ottoman Empire in 1453, those ventures became dangerous. The sea became the salvation of European trade.

After three months at sea Columbus disembarked in a place no European knew existed. He believed he had reached the Indies, when in fact he was in the Caribbean. He never set foot on the North American continent. It was a monumental achievement, just not the one he was hoping for.

Today when everything is instantly known—or we think it is—it is impossible to understand how 15th-century European attitudes shaped Columbus. He hoped the profits from his voyage could finance the liberation of the Holy Land from Muslim domination. He also hoped to spread the word of God.

It's intellectually dicey to judge those who lived hundreds of years ago according to modern norms. Doctors who routinely infected women during childbirth out of ignorance of the germ theory of disease are not reviled today.

Attacks on the explorer are aimed at Western civilization.

But European explorers who were similarly ignorant about how diseases are spread are routinely abused for the illnesses that befell inhabitants of the New World from lack of natural immunity.

The Columbian exchange benefited Old World and New by spreading knowledge of science, agriculture and nutrition. Without Columbus, the Renaissance may not have succeeded. Without his discoveries, Italians wouldn't have marinara sauce, the Irish wouldn't have mashed potatoes, and the Swiss wouldn't have chocolate. Because America and its freedoms exist, children no longer contract polio and many other diseases. America saved the world from totalitarianism twice in the last century.

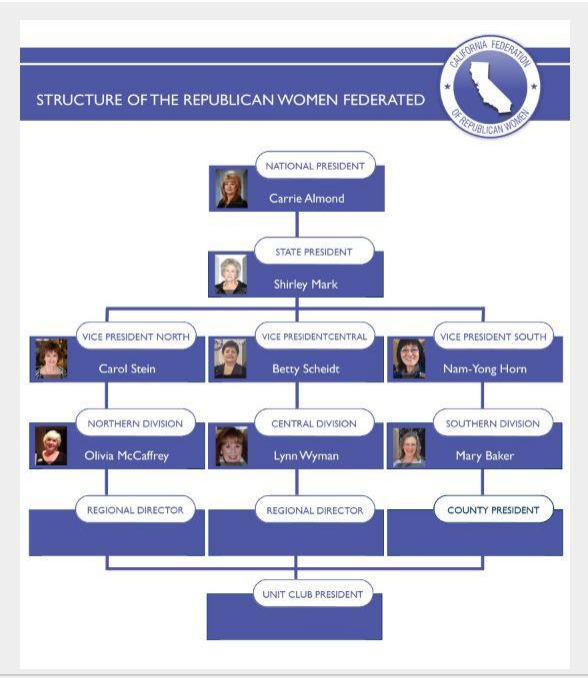
Today Columbus's reputation is under siege. But those seeking to delegitimize the Genoan explorer's legacy may actually have a larger target in mind. Statues of Columbus and tributes to his achievements are in many ways proxies for the Western tradition of freedom, liberty and the rule of law. America had better protect Columbus and win this war. There is no one else to save the world next time around.

Ms. DeCarlo formerly covered culture, travel and entertainment for the Chicago Tribune and the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Where the parties are

Change in share of registered Republicans and Democrats in each county, 2002 - 2017

Source: California Secretary of State



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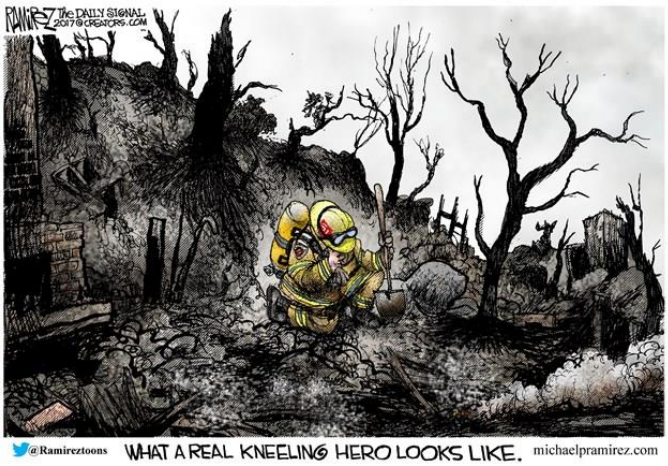

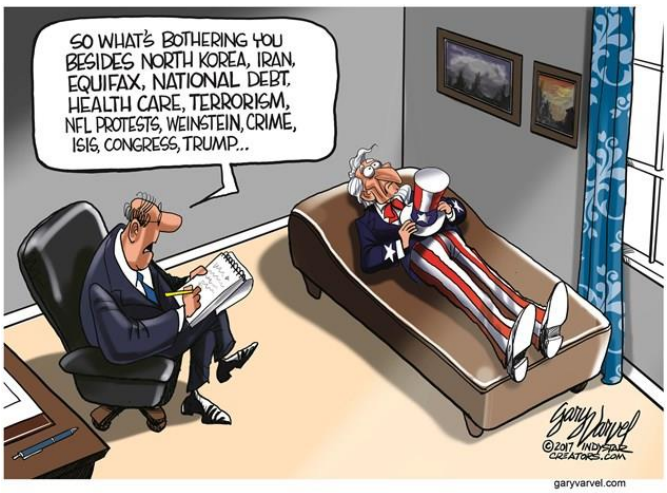

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About the NFRW: Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization recruits and elects Republican candidates, advocates the Party's philosophy and initiatives, and empowers women in the political process. For more information about the NFRW, visit www.nfrw.org

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