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### General Meetings held at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA



**Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, April 2, 2015.**

**Social 11:30 AM, Lunch 12 Noon, Cost \$22.00**

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**Menu Choices:** **Cobb Salad** - Bleu cheese crumbles, bacon, tomatoes & eggs served with ranch style dressing **OR** **Shrimp Louie** -Assorted fresh greens, bay shrimp, hardboiled egg, tomato, louie dressing **OR** **Roasted Loin of Pork** with garlic and burgundy wine sauce.

### Our speakers for March a political dynamic duo... Pete and Julie Constant.

We all know Pete as a former San Jose council member but he has also been active on the County Central Committee and has heavily influenced politics all around the Santa Clara valley. Julie has been elected twice as a Trustee for the Campbell Union School District where she helps bring Republican values to the local educational system. Both Pete and Julie have hosted many events for the Santa Clara Republican Party and for Republican candidates at their lovely home in San Jose. They are by far the most active political couple in the county. Please come and be energized by them at our April Meeting.

*General meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Bring a friend!*

## **SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED NEWSLETTER – APR 2015**

### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (March 10, 2015)**

Hello everyone. Sorry I missed our last luncheon meeting. I am really looking forward to our April meeting featuring guest speaker, Pete Constant.

Let’s talk about redistribution of wealth. Do you think it works? Does it help fight poverty? Obama thinks so! Many have labeled his latest plan “the Robin Hood Tax Plan.” What is “redistribution of wealth?” Debate.org defines it as “the transfer of wealth, property or income from one individual to another, by some social mechanism such as taxation, welfare, etc.” Progressive mean a transfer of wealth from the rich to the poor; regressive means a transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich. A *regressive tax* hits lower-income individuals harder. Redistribution is almost always regressive – the poor get poorer and the rich get richer.

How well has redistribution of wealth worked in the past? **Thomas Sowell**, an American economist, author, and Senior Fellow at the Hoover institution at Stanford has this to say: “In theory, confiscating the wealth of the more successful people ought to make the rest of the society more prosperous. But, when the Soviet Union confiscated the wealth of successful farmers, food became scarce; as many people died of starvation under Stalin in the 1930s as died in Hitler's Holocaust in the 1940s.”

He goes on “How can that be? It is not complicated. You can only confiscate the wealth that exists at a given moment. You cannot confiscate future wealth -- and that future wealth is less likely to be produced when people see that it is going to be confiscated. Farmers in the Soviet Union cut back on how much time and effort they invested in growing their crops, when they realized that the government was going to take a big part of the harvest. They slaughtered and ate young farm animals that they would normally keep tending and feeding while raising them to maturity. And, Fidel Castro’s confiscatory policies drove successful Cubans to flee to Florida, often leaving much of their physical wealth behind. But poverty-stricken refugees rose to prosperity again in Florida, while the wealth they left behind in Cuba did not prevent the people there from being poverty-stricken under Castro. The lasting wealth the refugees took with them was their human capital.”

So, is Obama’s plan to redistribute wealth a good idea? Pros and cons according to Debate.org:

**Arguments for:** It appeals to the human sense of fairness. Redistribution of wealth allows citizens to feel that a sense of fairness is established. Also, it is good for both the poor and the rich because when the disparity is too large, economic inefficiencies occur. The rich want to stay rich, but without allowing the poor some sort of cash flow, the rich cannot stay rich.

**Against:** Redistribution works against America's economic system of free capitalism and is in opposition to its core values. Redistribution destroys growth opportunities. The rich cannot start new businesses or hire new employees, and this hurts the economy. Furthermore, it causes laziness. Those dependent upon the redistribution of wealth may become reluctant to do their “fair share” as they no longer have to work in order to live. Redistribution is just a form of forced charity.

What do you think?



President

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 2            SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-1:30, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Cookies provided by: Ellen Longworth
- Apr 8            Santa Clara County GOP Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm, Santa Clara County Administration Bldg.,  
70 West Hedding St, San Jose. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month).
- Apr 9            SVRWF Board Meeting 9:30-10:30 AM, Laura Riffle's Office. Hostess: TBA
- Apr 15           Count Your Blessings Club Fundraiser Deadline
- Apr 20-21       CFRW 2015 Advocacy and Spring Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento Convention Ctr.  
Sacramento , CA. For more information contact Maureen Hogan or visit [www.cfrw.org](http://www.cfrw.org).

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### MEMBER NEWS

**Count Your Blessings:** If you have not already participated in the Count Your Blessings club fundraiser, please do so. The deadline is April 15!. We are in need of support for this year's activities, including the NFRW convention in the Fall. This year it will be in Arizona.

**Luncheon Cost Increase:** The cost of our lunches at the Blue Pheasant have been increased. The Board approved a \$2 price increase for the cost of our luncheon starting in May to cover the increased price from the restaurant. Prices for lunch will increase from \$22 to \$24 per person.

**The Mid-Peninsula RWF of San Mateo is having a Fashion Show:** Wednesday, May 20, at the Elks Club in San Mateo 11AM - 2PM. Fashion models needed! For info or tickets, call Carol Baker at 650-369-9234.



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**CFRW Advocacy Workshop:** Our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Advocacy Workshop is right around the corner! Join us, April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in Sacramento for an exciting and educational workshop! We need our clubs to go out and sponsor as many high school students as you can, because we have an amazing opportunity for our student guests! The student's session will have a private showing of Dinesh D'Souza's movie, AMERICA. But it is not the movie you've all seen- it is a special, educational cut that Dinesh created specifically for high school students! After the movie we are working on a skype interview with Dinesh himself! Our students will also have the opportunity to participate in a legislative committee hearing at the Capitol! For our members, we have the opportunity to hear from our amazing new Republican legislators, our luncheon speaker is CRP Vice Chair Harmeet Dhillon, and afterwards an informative program on Women in Politics by GrassRoots Lab. Be sure to get your registration in by April 7 to avoid a late fee. Please also be sure to make your hotel reservation by April 7 to get the special room rate of \$119 a night. The Holiday Inn Express is not set up to do online reservations so please call the number on the registration form in Call to Advocacy or here (877-408-0083). Be sure to tell the reservations agent you are with the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) to get the special rate of \$119. Remember to sign up for the Hands on Workshop for the New NFRW Data Base on Tuesday, April 21st, with NFRW Membership Chair, Frederika Verhulst! We look forward to seeing you April 20 & 21 in Sacramento. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Call to Advocacy!

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*News from the recent California Republican Party Convention held in Sacramento...*

**CRP Leadership Team:** The first order of business Sunday at the California Republican Party convention was election of officers. Jim Brulte and Harmeet Dhillon were reelected as Chair and Vice Chair of the CRP. Mario Guerra won to become the new Treasurer, and Deborah Wilder is the new Secretary. Mike Osborn was elected President of the County Chairman's Association. Kevin Krick, Elissa Wadleigh, and Rob Bernosky were elected as Regional Vice Chairs, for the Bay Area, Northwest, and Central Coast regions, respectively. Read more about the officers [here](#).

**Top Two Primary Sustained:** A resolution was proposed to repeal the Top Two Primary. The Resolutions Committee considered and rejected it. The issue was brought up again on the floor of the convention and debated. Assemblymember Travis Allen pointed out that under the Top Two system, Democrats had spent about \$100 million fighting each other in D vs. D races, while Republicans spent only \$30 million in R vs. R races. The delegates voted the resolution down by a vote of 852-222, with fewer than 21% supporting it.

**CRP Charters Log Cabin Republicans:** At the Sunday general session, the California Republican Party voted to recognize the Log Cabin Republicans of California, a 25+ year old GOP volunteer group that includes gay Republicans, as an officially chartered Republican organization. The Volunteer Organizations Committee verified that Log Cabin met the requirements and recommended approval. Delegates voted decisively, by 861 to 293, to approve. Congratulations to all the Log Cabin members who have worked hard over the years both for our Party and for this recognition.



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***and other national news***

**The Republican Party - Origin of the Republican Elephant:** This symbol of the party was born in the imagination of cartoonist Thomas Nast and first appeared in Harper's Weekly on Nov. 7, 1874. An 1860 issue of Railsplitter and an 1872 cartoon in Harper's Weekly connected elephants with Republicans, but it was Nast who provided the party with its symbol. Oddly, two unconnected events led to the birth of the Republican Elephant. James Gordon Bennett's New York Herald raised the cry of "Caesarism" in connection with the possibility of a third term try for President Ulysses S. Grant. The issue was taken up by the Democratic politicians in 1874, halfway through Grant's second term and just before the midterm elections, and helped disaffect Republican voters. While the illustrated journals were depicting Grant wearing a crown, the Herald involved itself in another circulation-builder in an entirely different, nonpolitical area. This was the Central Park Menagerie Scare of 1874, a delightful hoax perpetrated by the Herald. They ran a story, totally untrue, that the animals in the zoo had broken loose and were roaming the wilds of New York's Central Park in search of prey. Cartoonist Thomas Nast took the two examples of the Herald enterprise and put them together in a cartoon for Harper's Weekly. He showed an ass (symbolizing the Herald) wearing a lion's skin (the scary prospect of Caesarism) frightening away the animals in the forest (Central Park). The caption quoted a familiar fable: "An ass having put on a lion's skin roamed about in the forest and amused himself by frightening all the foolish animals he met within his wanderings." One of the foolish animals in the cartoon was an elephant, representing the Republican vote - not the party, the Republican vote - which was being frightened away from its normal ties by the phony scare of Caesarism. In a subsequent cartoon on Nov. 21, 1874, after the election in which the Republicans did badly, Nast followed up the idea by showing the elephant in a trap, illustrating the way the Republican vote had been decoyed from its normal allegiance. Other cartoonists picked up the symbol, and the elephant soon ceased to be the vote and became the party itself: the jackass, now referred to as the donkey, made a natural transition from representing the Herald to representing the Democratic party that had frightened the elephant. *From William Safire's "New Language of Politics," Revised edition, Collier Books, New York, 1972*

**RNC Raised \$7.6M in February** - Republican National Committee (RNC) Chairman Reince Priebus has announced that the RNC raised \$7.6 million in February. The RNC ended February with \$6.3 million cash on hand. "We're proud to announce such a strong fundraising report for February," said Chairman Priebus. "As always, we thank all of our supporters and donors for investing in the important work that only the RNC can do. That work includes everything from a year-round ground game to our top-notch data operation and our community-based minority voter engagement. "While

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**Obama:** Netanyahu statements leave little room for serious peace talks -- President Obama said that he takes Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu “at his word” that he cannot support a separate Palestinian state alongside Israel, dismissing the idea that Netanyahu has softened his stance since winning reelection Tuesday. *Juliet Eilperin in the Washington Post* -- 3/22/15

### **OTHER**

**Why Is There No Starbucks Coffee House in Selma?** Starbucks executive Corey duBrowa recently [deleted](#) his twitter account, after what he said were abusive comments as a result of his push for a campaign in which his baristas were to engage with customers about race relations. "I was personally attacked through my Twitter account around midnight last night and the tweets represented a distraction from the respectful conversation we are trying to start around Race Together," duBrowa said. "I'll be back on Twitter soon." But the whole point of the conversations he promoted, was to get people talking about what is uncomfortable, and controversial. It seems childish to delete his own twitter account over it. A story from [fastcocreate.com](#) [showed](#) just what happens when you walk into a Starbucks wanting to engage in a discussion on race. Pretty much nothing. The baristas are young kids, just trying to do their job and get through the day, and are kind of embarrassed to even bring it up. I kind of feel sorry for them. It is the fault of the mindless executives who put the Starbucks' employees through this, which is why I'm not a big fan of boycotts. It's not the employee's fault, they just have a job to do, and the money at the top is usually not as hurt as the kids making coffee. But a friend of mine named Paul made a brilliant point. If Starbucks wants us to talk about race, let's start with why they don't have Starbucks Coffee Houses in some of America's cities that are mostly black, or have had a racially charged history? My friend looked up various cities, and found that there are no Starbucks Coffee Houses in many of them.

Places like [Highland Park](#), Michigan, which is at the center of Detroit, is inhabited by a population that is 94 percent African-American. Or in [Benton Harbor](#), Michigan, which is almost 90 percent African-American. There is not a Starbucks in either town. There is not a Starbucks in [East St. Louis, Illinois](#), in which 98 percent of the population is African-American. Nor is there one in [Gary, Indiana](#), whose population is 85 percent African-American.

The recent remembrance of the march on [Selma, Alabama](#) had the president walking down the street with many people who fought for civil rights, but once again, Selma doesn't have a Starbucks. Neither does [Ferguson, Missouri](#). Here is the point, if Starbucks wants to have a conversation about race, perhaps they should explain why they are not accessible to most of those they claim to advocate for and champion. If being of a different race than white is higher on their list of desirables, why isn't Starbucks putting their money where their mouth is? *Jen Kuznicki is a wife and mother, seamstress by trade, and American patriot who says, "Now is the time to act.", CNSnews.com 03/19/15.*

**Jerry Brown: I'd need a time machine to run for president:** Gov. Jerry Brown may not be running for president, but that doesn't mean it's not on his mind. [Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press"](#) if he would jump in the race if he was 10 years younger, Brown said without hesitation, "Yes, I would." The governor continued, "If I could go back in a time machine and be 66, I might jump in. But that's a counterfactual, so you don't need to speculate on that." At 76 years old, Brown is nine years older than Hillary Clinton, the presumed Democratic frontrunner for the presidential nomination. Brown has sought the White House three times -- in 1976 and 1980 while he was California governor the first time, and then in 1992, when he was a thorn in Bill Clinton's side during the primary. Not surprisingly, Brown said climate change should be a key issue in the 2016 presidential election. He sharply criticized politicians whom he accused of listening to profit-seeking donors instead of scientists when it comes to the environment. "The coal companies are not as important as the people of America and the people of the world," Brown said. The governor also said Ted Cruz, the U.S. senator from Texas who is expected to announce [his presidential campaign](#) on Monday, is "unfit" to run for office because he said science doesn't show proof of global warming. Cruz showed "such a level of ignorance, and a direct falsification of existing scientific data," Brown said. "It's shocking, and I think that man has rendered himself absolutely unfit to be running for office." -- *Los Angeles Times, March 22, 2015*

**Conservatives seethe after attacks from allies of Boehner** -- Conservatives are seething after an outside group aligned with Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) spent hundreds of thousands of dollars targeting a trio of Republican lawmakers over threats to shut down the Department of Homeland Security. *Scott Wong and Cristina Marcos The Hill* -- 3/22/15

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