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



Our next meeting is Thursday, September 7, 2017 – DINNER

Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Cost \$40.00

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: Prime Rib of Beef – Served with horseradish sauce and hot au jus **OR**
Sicilian Chicken – Breast of chicken marinated in extra virgin olive oil, garlic & herbs, broiled & topped with chopped tomatoes & mushrooms **OR Broiled Salmon** – Fresh king salmon broiled to perfection & topped with fresh dill sauce.

Our speaker will be Sue Caro, CRP Regional Vice Chairman, Bay Area region. Sue’s topic will be “The New California Republican Party and Bridging the Gap With Others”.



Sue Caro is a life-long Republican with early experiences as a teenager working on local election campaigns. Sue has been an active participant in Alameda County Republican politics, leading her county party in 2012-2015, and was recently elected again as Chairman for the current term. She was active in the campaign to elect Catharine Baker to Assembly in 2014 and on the Duf Sundheim for U.S. Senate campaign in 2015-16. She led her local RWF club in 2011 and is a member of Lincoln Club of Northern California, participating in the Non-Partisan Affairs Committee and on the Board of Directors. Sue was elected CRP Regional Vice Chairman, Bay Area region at the CA GOP convention in Feb 2017. Among other interests, Sue has worked as a flight attendant, a Certified Financial Planner, and a Real Estate Professional, for a more detailed biography check out this month’s website.

Sue lives in Oakland with her husband Jim McPhee, a successful commercial real estate broker in Silicon Valley and has enjoyed her adopted home for the diverse community and great weather. She and Jim enjoy golf and Oakland Athletics baseball, the wine country and the many fine restaurants in the area.

Hope you had a nice summer...September will be a DINNER meeting.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone!

With summer behind us, the beginnings of the California gubernatorial election cycle are already underway. I’m sure we are all getting some initial rumblings in e-mails and on social media from potential candidates for governor, statewide offices and even legislative and local elections. There will be great need for volunteers to help campaigns and to man Republican voter registration tables. Please consider what you might be able to do. Republican Women have always been important to Republican candidates and causes. Let’s all do what we can.

Unfortunately, I will be missing this month’s meeting. Ed’s brother, Roger Riffle passed away from cancer and the wake and funeral will be that Thursday and Friday. Roger was a decorated (including a Silver Star for Valor) Vietnam War veteran and a great husband, father and grandfather. In the spring of next year his remains will board an honor flight for interment with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

I am sorry to miss our great speaker Sue Caro but I am sure you will all enjoy her. See you next month.

Laura Riffle
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July/Aug No Meetings during July and August - Next meeting September 7, 2017
- Sept 7 SVRWF Board Meeting - NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH
- Sept 7 SVRWF Dinner Meeting 5:30 PM Social, Dinner 6 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd. Speaker: Sue Caro Cost: \$40 per person.
- Sept 12 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)
- Sept 14-17 NFRW 39th Biennial Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Oct 6 – 8 CFRW Fall 2017 Board of Directors and 40th Biennial Convention, Monterey CA.
- Oct 20 – 22 CRP Fall 2017 Convention, Anaheim Marriott, 700 W Convention Way, Anaheim. Visit www.cagop.org for more information.
- 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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MEMBER NEWS

Call To Service - Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey: We are issuing a call to service. Our NFRW Sisters in Texas need our help. PLEASE, PLEASE, at least 50 Texas RWF Clubs are being affected due to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey. Having been in their situation more times than I care to remember, I know what it is to be afraid and wondering if normality will ever be a reality again. Therefore, we are asking that you purchase gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart, Walgreens', etc. and send them to:

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
13740 N. HIGHWAY 183, SUITE J4
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We are sisters in this Federation, so when one hurts we all hurt. Thank you ever so much for answering this call, much success. May God Bless Each and Everyone of You and our Federated Sisters in Texas. ~~ Gaylon Kastner
NFRW Caring For America Chair Region 7. "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller

NFRW 39th Biennial Convention: September 14-17, 2017, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Check the NFRW.org website for more details or contact Laura Riffle. We are excited to announce the first time ever live broadcast of the 2017 Achievement Awards Ceremony! This will allow all members unable to attend the convention to witness their clubs' acceptance of awards. Please send the attached flyer to all club members; we encourage clubs to plan watch parties and make a fun event out of it! Each club will be individually presented with their awards and those clubs with no members attending will have their state president accept it on their behalf. This will also be announced in next week's Capital Connection and has already been posted on the NFRW facebook page, Instagram and NFRW.org convention page.

CFRW 40th Biennial Convention: October 6 – 8, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa, One Old Golf Course Road, Monterey, CA 93940. For more information contact Betty Sheidt, at bettysheidt@comcast.net or (559) 706-0173.



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and other state and local news...

Call to Convention! Our Biennial CFRW Convention is coming up and the Call to Convention is out! You are not going to want to miss this incredible gathering of inspirational Republican Women from across California! [CLICK HERE](#) for the official Call and for more information. Join us in beautiful Monterey Bay, October 6-8, for education, inspiration, and Republican Sisterhood!

Sanctuary State Update The LA Times and Governor Brown, yes, you read that right, the LA Times and Governor Brown believes that the Sanctuary State bill (SB 54, de Leon) goes too far in protecting illegal immigrants. On Meet The Press last Sunday, Governor Brown finally spoke out about SB 54, saying, "Because you do have people who are not here legally. They've committed crimes. They have no business in the United States in the manner in which they've come and conducted themselves subsequently." This may mean that Governor Brown is positioning himself for a veto if SB 54 makes it to his desk, which it likely will. Governor Brown has alluded to not being able to sign the bill in its current form. Is there an amendment on the horizon for SB 54? The legislature returns from their summer recess on August 21st.

Melissa Melendez says she will seek to replace Chad Mayes as Assembly Republican leader -- Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez said Thursday she will seek to replace Chad Mayes as Assembly Republican leader when the Legislature returns from summer recess Monday. Patrick McGreevy in the Los Angeles Times\$ -- 8/18/17

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Unintended Consequences- Prop 57 - When Prop 57 passed last November, the list of crimes that were considered violent felonies that are now "non-violent" thanks to its passage was almost too much to be believed. Unfortunately it was all true- the most violent of crimes are now protected as nonviolent- crimes such as rape, elder abuse, kidnapping, and human trafficking. Governor Brown, to his credit, has seen the effects the unintended consequences of Prop 57 and has opened a "public comment period" through the California State Department of Corrections. The public needs to be heard on this and we need your help! Every attempt to fix Prop 57 at the legislative level has been blocked by Democrats. Now is our time to act. From now until September 1st, you can let the CDC know how you feel about Prop 57 through email, fax, and phone. Here is what you should include in your comment to the CDC: Under Prop 57, many felonies, which the general public may view as violent, have been classified as nonviolent and would allow these felons to be eligible for early parole. We believe that these crimes, among others, should be considered as violent and disqualify early parole for those convicted: Human trafficking involving a minor, rape of unconscious person and/or use of date rape drug, battery with serious bodily harm, assault with deadly weapon on peace officer, solicitation to commit murder, arson causing physical harm, exploding a bomb with intent to harm. Here is how you contact the CDC: Email: CDCR-Prop57-Comments@cdcr.ca.gov; Fax: (916) 324-6075, Attention: Chief, Regulation and Policy Management Branch
Mail: CDCR, Regulation and Policy Management Branch, P.O. Box 942883, Sacramento, CA 94283-0001

California violent crime ticked up again in 2016 -- For the second year in a row, California saw an increase in violent crimes, according to new state figures, which also include the first detailed look at peace officers' use of force. Jim Miller in the Sacramento Bee\$ Vivian Ho in the San Francisco Chronicle\$ -- 8/18/17

Ling-Ling Chang to run in SD 29 Recall Election: Ling-Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) today announced she would be a candidate in the 29th State Senate District election should the recall against Senator Josh Newman qualify for the ballot. A former Assemblywoman, city councilwoman and water board member, Chang lost to Newman by less than 1% in 2016 and is best positioned to replace Newman should voters recall him. Chang noted, "During my two years in the legislature I helped stop \$32 billion in tax hikes, improved the state's jobs climate and fought hard to protect the middle class." "By contrast, Josh Newman voted to raise gas and car taxes by \$52 billion and increased the cost of living for the average SD 29 family by \$300 a year, said Chang. "Senator Newman also voted to increase the tax on diesel fuel, which will make our food more expensive and supported a government take over of health care that would cost at least \$300 billion and give government control over how often we see our doctors." "I'm running for State Senate and support the recall because we can't afford three more years of Josh Newman," concluded Chang. Chang also released a long list of endorsements highlighted by U.S. Representative, Ed Royce; Senate Republican Leader, Pat Bates, former state Senator Bob Huff and the bulk of the Republican legislators who represent the three counties in SD 29. Recall proponents have submitted over 100,000 signatures of voters who support the recall of Josh Newman. They need 63,500 verified signatures to qualify the recall election for the ballot.

California GOP Leader Facing a Coup for Supporting Climate Change Bill -- Weeks after joining Democrats in passing the landmark cap-and-trade bill AB 398, Assembly GOP leader Chad Mayes (R-Yucca Valley) is facing his own personal climate change — a distinct chill coming from members of his own party. And a deep freeze may be on the way. Scott Shafer KQED -- 8/21/17

Democrats and Republicans see different solutions to California housing crisis By Steven Greenhut, CalWatchdog.com, July 26, 2017: Before the recent legislative recess, California Democratic leaders and Gov. Jerry Brown announced their intention to tackle one of the state's biggest crises: housing affordability. It's the rare instance where virtually everyone in the Capitol at least is in agreement about the scope of the problem, even though there's far less agreement on solutions. Real-estate prices have gotten so high that they stretch family budgets and are a root cause of California's highest-in-the-nation poverty rates, based on the Census Bureau's new cost-of-living-adjusted poverty measure. The situation is so acute it's drawn the attention of the national media. "A full-fledged housing crisis has gripped California, marked by a severe lack of affordable homes and apartments for middle-class families," according to a recent New York Times article. Median home prices have hit a "staggering \$500,000, twice the national cost

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NFRW *and other national news*
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Republican Women Echo President's Call for National Unity, Courage and Action Let us keep spirit of 'American Eclipse' going, NFRW president says

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – "Yesterday, millions of Americans stopped to marvel at an epic event - a full eclipse of the sun. Americans stopped the hate, anger and stone throwing to revel together in the beauty and awe of something we know is bigger than us," Carrie Almond, president of the National Federation of Republican Women, said in a statement released today. "Later in the day another marvel took place when President Donald J. Trump addressed the nation with one of the most historic and honest foreign policy speeches of my lifetime."

President Trump addressed a nation in turmoil, assuring us that peace will reign again in the world; that it must start with us and it must come from within us, Almond continued. The president declared that we must exercise courage and tenacity against the terrorists we are determined to defeat, and ensured that America will not write a blank check to do so, stating unequivocally that U.S. allies must step up to do their part in our mutual protection.

"The president showed a humble side, sharing how the presidency makes one see all four corners of the box," Almond said. "He said that together we must be resolute in our actions, but above all we must be united; we must be Americans."

Almond added that the president's speech was "as epic as an eclipse, calling America to action."

"Let's keep the spirit of the 'American Eclipse' going, tomorrow and the next day and the next," she said.

Stephen Bannon Out at the White House After Turbulent Run -- Stephen K. Bannon, the embattled chief strategist who helped President Trump win the 2016 election but clashed for months with other senior West Wing advisers, is leaving his post, a White House spokeswoman announced Friday. Maggie Haberman in the New York Times\$ Ashley Parker, Philip Rucker, Robert Costa and Damian Paletta in the Washington Post\$ Noah Bierman and Jackie Calmes in the Los Angeles Times\$ Jill Colvin and Jonathan Lemire Associated Press -- 8/18/17

Judge orders IRS to reveal who took part in Tea Party targeting: A federal judge has ordered the Internal Revenue Service to release the names of specific employees involved in targeting Tea Party groups, after years of litigation over what conservatives have long called "chilling" behavior by one of the government's "most feared" agencies. Judge Reggie B. Walton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia also said the IRS must provide information about which groups were targeted and why, along with a strategy to make sure such targeting doesn't happen again. The IRS is involved in multiple lawsuits with conservative groups related to the Tea Party targeting scandal. Brooke Singman, Fox News, 8/21/17.

OTHER

Apple 'spaceship' neighbors: Some say life has been hell -- At the end of Nightingale Avenue, a tall yellow brick facade now blocks the view of the Santa Cruz Mountains to the south. Residents call it the "prison wall." For Apple, the facade is part of the 100,000-square-foot wellness center at its brand-new "spaceship" campus. Seung Lee in the San Jose Mercury\$ -- 8/21/17

FBI says lack of public interest in Hillary emails justifies withholding documents, Washington Times, by Stephen Dinan: Hillary Clinton's case isn't interesting enough to the public to justify releasing the FBI's files on her, the bureau said this week in rejecting an open-records request by a lawyer seeking to have the former secretary of state punished for perjury. Ty Clevenger, the lawyer, has been trying to get Mrs. Clinton and her personal lawyers disbarred for their handling of her official emails during her time as secretary of state. He's met with resistance among lawyers, and now his request for information from the FBI's files has been shot down. "You have not sufficiently demonstrated that the public's interest in disclosure".

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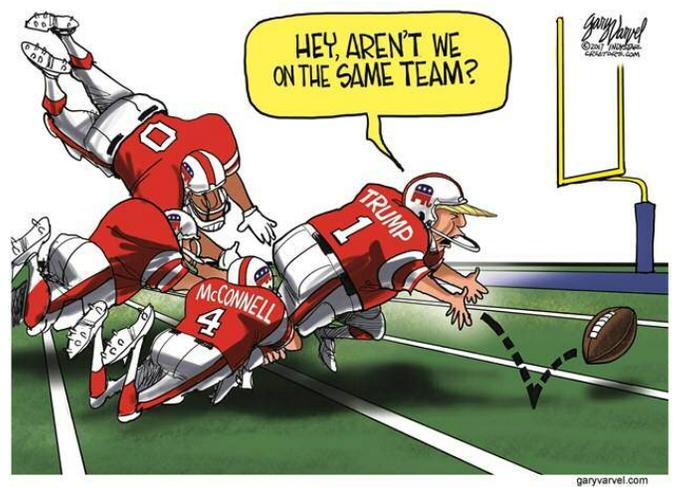
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Source: *Member submissions*



2017 Achievement Awards Broadcasting Live!

For the first time ever, the National Federation of Republican Women is streaming the Achievement Awards Ceremony LIVE, so all who cannot attend the 39th Biennial Convention can tune in to witness their clubs' acceptance of awards. We encourage NFRW clubs to plan Achievement Awards watch parties for all members to see the last two years of their hard work come to fruition!

When? September 16th 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Where? www.facebook.com/nationalfederationofrepublicanwomen

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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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