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## DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

### December 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership Meeting



Lawrence's Restaurant  
611 Canal St., King City  
Tuesday, December 2, 2014  
Gather at 11:30 for holiday music, Lunch will be served at noon.



Menu is:  
Salad, Ham with pineapple sauce, Yams and Mashed potatoes  
Extra special dessert!!!!!!!

\$15.00 Includes beverage, tax and tip!

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!!!!**

Respond to Dorothy Errea at (831) 382-4230 or [djerrea@aol.com](mailto:djerrea@aol.com) by Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKER



December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date of our annual Christmas General Membership meeting. This year we will celebrate at Lawrence's Restaurant, 611 Canal Street, King City. The festivities begin at 11:30am. David Norum and Lee Schell will be playing all of our Seasonal Favorites as we socialize and raise our glass to the beginning of another wonderful Christmas Season. Get out your Holiday finery, those lighted necklaces and earrings, even that mothballed Christmas sweater and start the season with your fellow Republican members. This will be a great time to bring your spouse, friend or neighbor to a fun filled luncheon. There will be Christmas cookies from Kathy Merritt and a cake too. The Volunteer Spirit Basket will be awarded to one of our members in a drawing of tickets awarded throughout the year for time given to the club. Get your reservation in early for this special Holiday event.

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Our goal isn't welfare or handouts. It's jobs and opportunity"

Ronald Reagan  
Aug. 12, 1983

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Republicans:

Republicans ROCK! The results of the November 4<sup>th</sup> election were outstanding! Huge congratulations go out to two local Republicans Mike LaBarre and Darlene Acosta. They worked hard to win their King City City Council seats and now a more conservative point of view will help guide the council. All across the nation, Republicans that won their positions have a lot of work to do in the next two years. Let's hope and pray they prove to the electorate that conservatism works better for America. Wishing all of you a most blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.



Dorothy Errea, President

## View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell

We've all heard the warning: "...be careful what you wish for". For the last 6 or more years the Republican Party has been wishing it controlled both houses of the U.S. Congress. Pretty soon that dream will come true, thanks to voters and non voters in the so-called off year election, who demonstrated they were outwardly disgusted with Obama and his bunch of lefties. Those who were either ambivalent to what is going on in Washington or too preoccupied with their mobile devices and their Facebook accounts, actually helped the GOP realize the dream.



So, here we are on the brink of a new Congress with which we can do what we have been salivating to do all this time. We better not blow it! We have two years to save the Republican Party from extinction and if we screw this up, the party as we have known it since Teddy Roosevelt will cease to exist. We won't be able to blame gridlock and waffling on Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi anymore! We need a plan, similar to what Newt Gingrich came up with in 1994--his Contract With America which demonstrated that the Republican Party had the right answers and the leadership to get things done after winning the first GOP majority in the House in over 40-years.

Not only do we need to rationally face all the serious issues staring the Country in-the-face--Obama Care, Immigration Reform, our flagging image with our friends and allies around the world, the de-emphasis of our military strength--we also must field and support a candidate with sufficient strength of character and likeability to win the Presidency against Hilary Clinton who is a sure bet to run and has a better than average chance of winning. Grover Norquist may be correct in saying that Democrats are made up of "...competing parasitic interest groups..."...but these groups do come together, from time to time, as a dominant voting bloc. They did it in 2008 when they decided they wanted a black President. They accomplished a repeat performance in getting Obama re-elected in 2012. Our candidate, George Romney, lost those elections for a number of reasons, but the main reason was because the Republicans could not or would not reach out to minorities to give them reasons to vote for our guy. We were also known as the Party Of No. We need a positive image because people won't vote for a party that can't get things done despite how bad the alternative may be.



We better get our act together quickly because 2016 is right around the bend. If we want this Country to continue to offer opportunities and a bright future for generations to come somebody better start thinking of ways to get important things done. Republicans have precious little time to demonstrate that we are up to the challenge.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE FORT HUNTER LIGGETT KIDS

The population changes constantly at FHL. This year, officials at the Fort informed that NO gifts are need for children less than ten years of age. Toys for Tots has supplied plenty of gifts for younger children. FHL does need 60 gifts for older kids 10 to 17 years of age. This can be a tough age group to buy for. Member Kathy Merritt is donating money cards for a cash gift for older kids. We ask that you donate the cash equivalent to Santa's gift bag and the money will be divided evenly for as many kids we have money for. If you would rather, please do bring a wrapped gift perfect for this age group identified by gender. Thanks for your generosity.

## SUNSHINE

Good news to hear that Margaret McCune is recovering here in King City at Mee Memorial Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret and hope she will be back with us soon. If you hear of anyone needing some cheer, call Dorothy Errea, (831) 382-4230, and she will send a card.

## MEMBERSHIP

Dues envelopes for 2015 will be distributed at our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and can be paid at that time. Dues for a regular member are still only \$25 for next year. Associate member dues are \$10. Be sure to bring your friends or family members who may be interested in joining our club. We have just 2 years to get behind a Republican candidate and work to get him or her elected President in 2016. It will be a good time to be involved with our club and help make that happen.

Kathy Merritt, Membership Chair  
(831) 385-4634

## MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY NEWS

Please join us as we celebrate the Holiday Season and recognize our recent Republican victories at our annual Holiday Mixer on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at Balesteri's at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, 10520 York Road, Monterey. We will collect canned/non-perishable food as well as sweatshirts and hoodies in Large and X-Large sizes. Each bag or clothing item earns a ticket for our raffle. Raffle tickets may also be purchased at the event for \$2. All proceeds benefit the Veteran's Transition Center in Marina. Please RSVP to [info@montereyrepublicans.org](mailto:info@montereyrepublicans.org) or call (831) 324-0617



## KING CITY CAMBER OF COMMERCE

On Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Santa Claus will be riding down Broadway in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lighted" Christmas Parade. This year's theme is "Christmas Melodies". The parade starts at Mildred and proceeds down Broadway to Town Square. It begins at 6:30pm. There will be a 3-day City Wide Sidewalk Sale beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup> and ending on December 7<sup>th</sup>. For parade entry information, contact the Chamber at (831) 385-3814.



Rabo Bank at 532 Broadway, King City, will be hosting a mixer on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30pm. Southern Monterey County RWF is a member of the Chamber and we are invited to attend. These mixers are a great place to network and socialize with people who may be interested in joining our club.

## TROOP PACKAGES

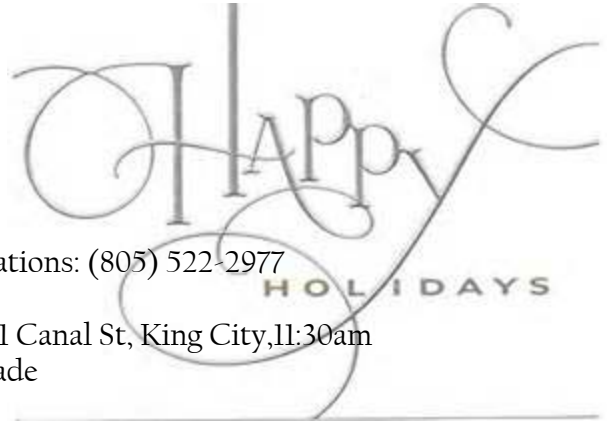
Once again our members have generously packed boxes for the troops as well as donated money for postage. Mike LeBarre even donated his Opportunity Drawing winnings at our November meeting. The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW contributed \$100 and the Ladies Guild of St. John's Church brought 7 boxes. Monterey County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen donated beef jerky from Beefy Boys Jerky in Salinas, arranged by Marianne Madson. Roz Arness and Bob Lockwood helped get the boxes together and my sons, Jesse and Mike helped transport everything to the Post Office. We mailed 26 boxes. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped get some Christmas Cheer out to our Troops.



Kathy Merritt  
Troop Box Chair

## CALENDAR

- Nov. 20 Mike Huckabee at the Reagan Library, reservations: (805) 522-2977
- Nov. 27 Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2 General Membership Meeting, Lawrence's, 611 Canal St, King City, 11:30am
- Dec. 5 Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade
- Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec. 10 MCRP Wine & Cheese Mixer, Balesteri's, 6-7:30pm, reservations (831) 324-0617
- Dec. 11 Chamber Mixer at Rabo Bank, 532 Broadway, King City, 5:30pm
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas
- Jan. 1 Happy New Year
- Jan. 6 General Membership Meeting, Lawrence's, 611 Canal St, King City, 11:30am



## BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 1 Margaret McCune
- Dec. 2 Laurie Slaten
- Dec. 5 Ruth Lopes
- Dec. 11 Shirley Hovis



## VOLUNTEER SPIRIT QWARD BASKET

The Volunteer Spirit Award Basket is given to a regular member at our December meeting from a drawing of tickets awarded throughout the year for working as a volunteer in our fundraising events, voter registration, packages to troops or serving as an officer or committee chair. The basket has gifts donated by local businesses and club members and is a way of thanking our members for giving the most precious gift of all to the club- their time. The more a member volunteers, the more tickets go into the basket for the drawing. Past winners of the basket have been Gail Chaney, Sue Miller, Arlene Azcona, and last year, Sandy Lockwood.

The Award Chair is Kathy Forgnone, assisted by Karen Leonhard and they are not eligible for the prize and the President of the club is also not included in the drawing. Who will go home with these wonderful prizes this year?



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- Nov. 22 Christmas Trees Arrive
- Nov. 23 Christmas Lighting of the McShane's Windmill, 5pm
- Dec. 4 Salinas Jaycee Holiday "Tacky Sweater" Mixer, 5pm  
Fundraiser for the Children's Shopping Tour
- Dec. 6 Christmas Wreath, Swag and Bough Decorating, 1:30pm



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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Active Member \$25/Year \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member \$10/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Active member is a registered Republican Woman. She will have voting privileges and may hold office. Associate member is a woman who is an active member of another Republican Women Federated club or a man that is a registered Republican.


Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**So Mo Co Republican Women Federated  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Lawrence's Restaurant, King City, California  
November 4, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The November 4, 2014 General Meeting of the Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated was called to order by President Dorothy Errea at 12:11PM. A quorum of members was present. Officers present included Pres. Dorothy Errea, Secretary Sandy Lockwood, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Karen Leonhard, and Treasurer Mary Forrest.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was asked by Associate Lee Leonhard.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kathy Forgnone.

**ATTENDANCE:** There were 21 members, 3 associate members, and 3 guests present. See Exhibit #1 for details. Pres. Dorothy Errea introduced guest speaker, Arron Johnson from Monterey County for Energy Independence.

**MINUTES:** October 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Members were asked to read and review the October Treasurer's report placed on each table for later approval.

**LUNCH:** Lunch was served.

**SPEAKER:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President, Karen Leonhard introduced Speaker, Aaron Johnson who spoke on Fracking in Monterey County and the practice of using the characteristics of gas drilling and fracking when speaking of oil drilling and fracking. The practice is misleading.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** Channing Moss and Nicolas Stephens told of their plans for their future, introduced their families and guests and each received a check for \$1,000.

**MINUTES:** Mikel Ann Miller moved and Sue Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the minutes from June 3, 2014 were approved as presented. There being no corrections, the motion was approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report for October was filed as presented, subject to audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence was presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **LEGISLATIVE:** Pres. Errea reminded everyone to go vote. Darlene Acosta and Mike LeBarre were present; both are candidates for King City offices.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Nothing new at this time.
3. **NEWSLETTER:** The next issue items are due by November 14 for publication. Details of the Dec. Christmas plans will be included.
4. **PROGRAMS:** Karen Leonhard announced that there will be no speaker in December. There will be live music, a ham luncheon, and toys for kids. Guests are welcome and new members are encouraged.
5. **SUNSHINE:** Bonnie Jean Grab is improving and Margaret McCune is in rehab at SVMH.
6. **WAYS & MEANS:** Pres. Errea asked for ideas.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Holiday boxes for the Troops-The Cattlemen's Assoc. donated enough beef Jerky for all the boxes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Christmas gifts for FHL children—the need this year is for kids 11 to 17.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There is a fundraiser for restoration of the KCHS Auditorium on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. Board of Directors Meeting is Tues. Nov. 18 at Rabo Bank Conference Room at 12 noon. The 2015 calendar will be set.
3. Next General Membership meeting is Dec. 2. Please bring gifts for kids.
4. Members are asked to sign up for the K. C. Salvation Army bell ringers.

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:** Mike LeBarre received \$40.00 and donated it back to pay postage for the Troop boxes.

There being no other announcements or business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Lockwood, Secretary