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**NEXT MEETING**  
**JANUARY 19, 2023**

*Featuring*

**LARRY PEGRAM**

*Informed Parents of Silicon Valley*



**\*\*\* Three Flames \*\*\***

**1547 Meridian Ave.  
 San Jose CA 95125**

**11:30am - Check In  
 12:00am - Call to Order**

**\*\*\* Cost of Program: \$32 \*\*\***

*Includes program, a delicious lunch, and a soft drink, coffee or tea!  
 and (taxes & gratuities also included)*

**MENU OPTIONS:**

**BLACKENED CHICKEN SALAD**

*Spice-blackened chicken breast on mixed greens  
 w/tomato, green onions & crumbled bleu cheesed,  
 tossed w/balsamic vinaigrette*

**TRI TIP SANDWICH**

*Charbroiled sliced tri-tip on a French roll w/grilled onions,  
 tomato & provolone cheese, served w/fries*

**FILET OF TILAPIA**

*Topped with cilantro & diced tomato in a chardonnay  
 wine sauce, served with Rice*

**It is imperative you RSVP by January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Lunches must be pre-ordered 1 week in advance**

**Call Grace, 408-499-1695**

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Volunteer to serve with our 2nd VP JoAnn Destro to help with her efforts to recruit new members with outreach, mailings, etc.

**Legislation:**

Mayme Abbott follows and reports at our meetings on the legislative items that are posted on our CFRW site, <https://cfrw.org>, and many of which are printed in our newsletters.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**SHANNON WAGNER**  
*West Valley RWF President*

Happy New Year! I hope each and every one of you had a safe and wonderful holiday season. I pray that your family and friends are safe and that your family gatherings were not affected by the severe weather, flight delays and the flight cancellations mess.

As we say goodbye to 2022, we have high hopes that 2023 will bring sanity to our government policies, prosperity to our economy and a return to common sense overall. I read an opinion article that highlighted the Democrats' 7 biggest bloopers of 2022. While we all have our own lists that most likely overlap with those listed in the article, we also have a long list of corrections we hope to see in 2023. Let's have faith that the GOP will unite and bring the oversight and accountability our government so desperately needs in the coming year.

Have you paid your 2023 club dues yet? Remember that your dues not only maintain your membership in our club but also ensure your membership in the state federation, CFRW, and the National Federation of Republican Women, NFRW. Being a part of the largest organization of Republican women gives us strength in numbers to make a difference, support Republican candidates and educate our communities on Republican ideals. I look forward to seeing you at our January meeting to kick off the new year with positivity and great aspirations for 2023.

Happy New Year,  
-Shannon



## MEET OUR SPEAKER

Larry Pegram is the founder of Informed Parents of Silicon Valley, a non-profit organization, opposed to the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE). The Silicon Valley student test scores for English/Language Arts and Math in on the California Performance tests are in the sixtieth-percentile range. These scores are unacceptable and increasing the scores is a priority for IPSV.



Larry was the first President and Co-Founder of the Values Advocacy Council in Silicon Valley. Under Larry's leadership, the Values Advocacy Council took the lead role in the "Yes on 8" campaign in Santa Clara County, led the effort to install pornography filters on the computers in the children's section of the San Jose Public Libraries, hosted bi-monthly VAC luncheons, organized the National Day of Prayer activities at San Jose City Hall, organized Marriage and God and Country rallies, published the Values Voter Guide before each election, and worked closely with elected and non-elected officials presenting a voice for family values in the public policy arena

Larry Pegram is a graduate of San Jose State University with a degree in Business Management. Through the ROTC program, Pegram was commissioned in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Captain in the CA Army National Guard. Larry is married to Shelley and has three adult children, four grandsons, and two granddaughters. Larry and Shelley attend Calvary Chapel Church in San Jose, CA.

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## ***Biden, Democrats' 7 biggest bloopers of 2022***

**by Stephen Moore – 12/29/22 – Fox News**



Good riddance to 2022.

It can't be gone soon enough. Even with COVID finally over (mostly) and a return to business as usual, instead of a year of prosperity and growth, we got the opposite.

For the overall economy, for family finances, and for the stock market, things were pretty dismal.

The one bright spot was the jobs market with business hiring back workers at a brisk pace and very low unemployment rate throughout the year. But there was not much else to boast about.

The U.S. economic engine stalled out into a mild recession in the first half of the year, and the inflation rate went above 9% this past summer. For the year the Consumer Price Index (CPI) finished above 7%, which translated into the biggest annual rise in prices in some four decades. Families lost about \$4,000 to \$5,000 in real take-home pay, according to the Heritage Foundation due to the higher prices at the gas pump and the grocery store.

A Committee to Unleash Prosperity report found that the typical 401(k) retirement plan lost more than \$30,000. Then there was the stock market selloff that flattened Americans' savings and wealth. Some \$12 trillion of wealth was vaporized in 2022. Adjusting for inflation, the Nasdaq fell by 35%, the S&P by nearly 25% and the Dow Jones by 9%. The national debt clock – the U.S. government's negative credit card balance -- spun up to more than \$32,000,000,000,000.

This awful performance didn't happen by accident. It was largely a result of a cascade of public policy blunders in Washington and in states and cities throughout the country.

Here's my list of the worst of the worst economic policy mistakes:

### **1. The \$2 trillion Omnibus Spending bill.**

Even with the nation's finances in shambles and even with Republicans promising that they would get control of Uncle Sam's record red ink, Biden joined hands with Republicans to pass yet another gargantuan year-end spending bill filled with pork, and beefy increases for nearly every federal agency. Both parties share the blame for this oinker. If there were ever an argument for term limits, this was it. Shame, shame, shame – especially on Republicans who claim to be against big government but vote for it.

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## **2. California passes a law requiring all new cars to be electric vehicles by 2035**

Polls show by wide margins Americans don't want to be forced to buy electric cars and only 6% of all new car sales are EVs. But California's Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Sacramento politicians weren't listening. They are going to require EVERYONE to have an EV over the next dozen years. Then two weeks after Newsom approved the regulation, power outages stranded cars all over the state. It's only going to get worse, left coasters.

## **3. Congress approves funding for 87,000 new IRS agents**

Even if you filled Yankee Stadium with IRS agents that wouldn't be enough seats for all the new hires the tax revenue collectors Congress wants to hire in 2023 and 2024. These auditors, agents, and snoopers will be examining even financial transactions as little as \$600. And it's not just rich people who are going to be audited and investigated. But while Congress wants to double the size of the IRS, they also have spent the last two years adding new loopholes, carve-outs, and special interest favors as they add hundreds of new pages of tax complexity to the tax code. With a simple, flat, fair and comprehensible tax code, the IRS could lay off half of its auditors.

## **4. Biden begs Saudi Arabia and OPEC to increase oil production but won't allow more drilling here at home**

Biden has killed pipelines, he's stopped refineries and LNG terminals. America's natural gas exports have slowed to a trickle as Europe gets more hooked on gas from Russia – which only supplies more money for Putin's war machine. We're draining our oil reserves. Gas prices spiked to more than \$5.00 a gallon earlier this year (up from \$2.59 a gallon under Trump) in some parts of the country and home heating costs have tripled in many U.S. counties. President Biden then blames "big oil" for driving up prices. It's an anti-fossil fuel American energy policy that only our enemies like China, Iran and Russia could love.

## **5. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg is put in charge of solving the never-ending supply chain problems**

It wasn't just energy shortages that caused gridlock, ships at our ports that couldn't get unloaded for weeks, and empty shelves across America in 2022. We ran out of baby formula, eggs, Tylenol, tampons, semiconductors for phones, prescription meds, and fertilizer for farmers to grow our food. Even toilet paper was sold out. It was like we were the old Soviet Union. Hardly anyone had ever heard of the term "supply chain" problems before Biden was president. Worse, the Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg who was in charge of this logistics problem, and a man who took family leave in 2021 at the start of the crisis, proved entirely incompetent for the task at hand.

## **6. Many states paid families more than \$75,000 in annualized welfare benefits in 2022**

Why are there still three to four million fewer Americans working than before COVID even with millions of job openings? One reason is that in more than 20 states a family of four can get benefits that exceed the pay of a construction worker, a mechanic, a security guard or a factory worker. Paying people NOT to work is a dumb government policy that is bad for businesses, taxpayers, and families.

## **7. COVID restrictions and mandates still won't go away in major blue cities and states.**

Nearly three years after COVID hit these shores and with now conclusive evidence that lockdowns, school closures and mask mandates don't work and cause more problems than they solve– they've lingered and even are making a comeback in many states and cities. Vaccine and mask mandates are back. Schools are shutting down again in many school districts to protect against the flu. The government and the CDC's campaign of fear won't go away as Americans seek a return to normalcy.

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*<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/biden-democrats-7-biggest-bloopers-2022>*



# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN



**There's a Place for You at Our Table!**  
**Join or Renew Today!**

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is one of the largest women's political organizations in the country with thousands of active members across the nation. In California (CFRW) the West Valley RWF club is your local affiliate!

We empower women from all backgrounds in the political process and provide a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government and civic arenas. We work to promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Republican Party; elect Republican candidates; inform the public through the political education and activity of our members; and, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.

Through our diversity of age, culture, opinion and experience, women are the strength of 21st century American politics. Believing that this rich tapestry is what makes us strong, the NFRW unites women as a collective force to positively impact the direction of our nation while also advancing the power of women through political access and participation.

The NFRW offers information, programs and privileges to members while drawing on their collective talents, ideas and desire to participate. From career professionals, students and teachers to elected officials, small business owners and mothers, we attract women from all walks of life.

We welcome all registered Republican women and hope you will join our national network and help us make a difference in the communities of our great nation.

## LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

The Federation includes our California Republican Women Federated with local clubs in communities across the state. Joining **West Valley RWF** is a great way to participate in the political process at the grassroots level, develop leadership skills and network with women in your community. West Valley RWF membership dues include your membership in our California Federation and in the National Federation of Republican Women.

## **JOIN OR RENEW NOW FOR 2023!**

Please fill in the following information and enclose with your check made **payable to West Valley RWF**.  
Mail to: **JoAnn Destro – 1521 San Andreas Ave. – San Jose CA 95118**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registered as Republican

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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(\*Associate women: please note the name of the Federated club to which you are paying your regular membership dues: \_\_\_\_\_).

**\* Associate men: Republican Gentlemen are always welcome to attend our General Meetings, and we invite you to join us in a supporting role as Associate Members!**

**WEST VALLEY RWF**

c/o Bunny Hacker  
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Los Gatos, CA 95030-6922

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

- January 1 Happy New Year!
- January 1 **All Board Member dues must be paid!**
- January 11 BOD meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00 a.m.
- January 16 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- January 19 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/**Larry Pegram, Informed Parents of Silicon Valley**, 11:30-1:30 at Three Flames
- February 8 BOD meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00 a.m.
- February 16 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/**Larry Pegram, Informed Parents of Silicon Valley**, 11:30-1:30 at Three Flames

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