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JOIN US!

November 20, 2025

Featuring

TARA TESIK ODOM

Vice President

Toste & Associates

Insurance Services



"The insurance Crisis in California"

For over 20 years, Tara has continued demonstrating her values and passion for helping her clients. She is licensed in PC & Auto and Life & Health. Tara focuses on commercial insurance and helping business owners assess their exposures.

A native of the Bay Area, Tara is a proud wife and mother of 5 beautiful adult children. In her free time, she enjoys boating with her family and friends, working out, and visiting the many local wineries in the area.

Blue Pheasant

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Cupertino CA

11:30 Check-In

12:00 Call to Order

Cost of Program: \$34.00

Includes the program, lunch, coffee & iced tea, taxes & gratuity!

Menu Options

- Chicken Caesar salad
- Cheeseburger
- Roast Turkey & Gravy w/Mashed potato & Veggies

Must RSVP by Thursday, November 14th!

Lunches must be pre-ordered. Call Grace, 408-499-1695

Checks payable to "West Valley RWF" can be mailed to:
Grace Russo - 2393 Karen Dr. #3 - Santa Clara, CA 95050

*Food is ordered in advance; no refunds will be issued for
cancellations received after Thursday, November 14th.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President



The Power of Connection: CFRW Conference

Over the last weekend a few of us from West Valley RWF attended the CFRW 44th Biennial Convention and Centennial Celebration in Costa Mesa, CA. The conference was full of reminders about why we belong to a larger Federation.

The event was packed full of inspirational stories of the women that have paved the way before us. It was also a time for networking and meeting women from other clubs that are doing great things to help support our mission of making California great again and turning this state back to the true shade of RED we know it is.

Founded in 1925, just a decade and a half after California women won the right to vote, the CFRW has grown into a powerhouse of political empowerment supporting the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) – the world's largest women's political organization. Today, the CFRW boasts of thousands of members in clubs across the state, from San Diego County to Humboldt County, from the Central Valley to our beautiful Coast! I am proud to say West Valley RWF is one of these clubs.

Being a small Republican club within the CFRW isn't about numbers, it's about grit! The kind of grit that turns whispers into roars. We don't just support the Republican cause, we embody it. Fostering informed citizenship, amplifying women's voices, and building a California rooted in freedom, responsibility and opportunity. As we mark CFRW's 100 years of winning, remember: the Federation's strength lies in its smallest parts. We are, indeed, part of something great.

I must express my deepest gratitude for the incredible support that made my attendance at the CFRW Centennial Conference possible. This milestone celebration, marking 100 years of unwavering empowerment, was a profound reminder of the strength we draw from our shared mission. To the West Valley RWF, my home and my inspiration, thank you for welcoming me into a community that embodies passion, purpose, and patriotism. Your camaraderie fuels my commitment to our values. Being a member of West Valley RWF is a privilege and I'm grateful to all of you. Here's to our small club's big impact and to many more years of shaping a brighter future together!

~Robin



Join or Renew now using the form on page 5 of this newsletter!

You are cordially invited to

The West Valley Republican Women Federated

Christmas Luncheon



**Thursday, December 4th, 2025
at Noon**

Boulder Ridge Golf Club
1000 Old Quarry Road
San Jose, CA



\$55.00/Person Includes:
*Caesar Salad, Bistro Steak, w/demi-glace & crispy onions, Mashed Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls & Butter and a Special Dessert*

RSVP by November 27, 2025

*There will be a **prize drawing** for many **nice** items,
including a **free lunch** at one of our regular meetings!

*To have your name in the drawing, you **must have paid your 2026 dues** before the luncheon!
This year, as part of our **‘Caring For America’** program we are pleased to support the Young
America’s Foundation (at Reagan Ranch)! Your financial donations are so appreciated, especially at
this time of year! Please make donation checks payable to **“YAF”** and/or and drop them into the
donation box at the party!

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Please mail your luncheon check, **payable to West Valley RWF**, with this tear-off
for the luncheon by November 27, 2025.

Mail to: Grace Russo, 2393 Karen Dr. #3 - Santa Clara, CA 95050

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Check # _____ enclosed for \$55.00/per person

**For bookkeeping purposes, please do not include your 2026 dues on your Christmas Luncheon check;
dues will be mailed to a different location. See membership form on page 5!**

*Primary Members, Associate Members, Prospective Members & Other Republican guests are welcome!
Seating is limited, so please RSVP early.*

*** CARING FOR AMERICA ***



At our meeting on **November 20th**, I will be collecting **new unwrapped** toys for the Toys for Tots drive.

At the **January 15th**, meeting, I will be **collecting items** for **Operation Care and Comfort** with a GREEN THEME as these items will arrive as care packages probably in March. Example: March has St. Patrick's Day and the first day of Spring. **No scented soaps.**

I find things that are not expired but in clearance that will be appreciated. For example, we might find Christmas or holiday candy in clearance aisles that is not past the expiration date. We can send that – at this time of year, chocolate is okay to send, too. There is a shopping list on the OCC website, <https://occ-usa.org>, and I will have some out at our meetings.

-Sondra Serenka, Chair

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FOR 2026-2027 OFFICERS**

Nominees for the Executive Committee are: **Hafsa Giles for 1st VP, Kristina Jansons for 2nd VP, JoAnn Destro for 3rd VP, and Julia Montesi for Treasurer.**

*Open positions include **President** and **Recording Secretary**. Members of the Executive Committee, and any primary member in good standing may run from the floor. The office of the President may be filled by co-Chairs working together; the duties of the Recording Secretary can be assigned to any member willing to take notes at our General meetings; a current Executive Committee officer will take notes at the monthly Executive Committee/Board meetings.*

Elections will be held during our Annual Meeting on November 20, 2025.

Happy Thanksgiving

As your membership with West Valley Republican Women Federated continues, we want to express our sincere appreciation. Thank you for being a part of our organization. We're excited to continue providing you with incites and information on the social and political issues of the day and hope you'll join us at our next event - our Christmas Luncheon at the beautiful Boulder Ridge Golf Course on December 4th.

We're so grateful to have you as a member. Thank you for your trust and support throughout the year. Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!





BENEFITS TO JOINING OR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP EARLY!

Join or renew **before November 27th**, and have your name entered into a prize drawing at our Christmas Luncheon.

\$\$\$ FOLLOW THE MONEY...YOUR ANNUAL DUES AT WORK \$\$\$

Have you ever wondered where your annual dues money goes? Republican Women Federated Clubs really know how to stretch a dollar and your annual dues go a lot farther than you may realize.

From your annual dues, \$60.00 goes immediately to CFRW. They disburse that money as follows:

\$20.00 is forwarded to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) for your membership in the largest volunteer political women's organization in the United States.

\$7.00 is allocated to the General Account of the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), where you join the **largest Republican Women organization in the State and the 2nd largest in the Country!**

\$33.00 remains for West Valley RWF's use to fund the many activities of our Club:

- Support our NFRW scholarship programs
- Support our participation in the CFRW campaign to help the Young Americas Foundation, educating & training Conservative youth
- Support publicity efforts to share our message
- Provide additional support for our Club to remain a CFRW Ambassador
- Pay expenses for our monthly newsletters, sent to all members, associates & guests
- Pay registration, hotel & meal expenses for our club President to attend Federated conferences & conventions
- Sponsor a portion of registration for members to attend Federated Women conferences & conventions
- Lunch, honoraria and/or travel expenses for monthly Speakers, as required
- Provide printing and postage for our outreach efforts to invite new members to join us
- Provide, maintain and update expenses of our website

We need you to be part of the Federation team that will help enlighten others about our Republican values. And we need each of you to recruit your sister Republicans so that our message goes out to an ever-broadening audience!

Please fill in the following information and enclose with your check made payable to West Valley RWF.

Mail to: Kristina Jansons – 1484 Pollard Rd, Suite 413 – Los Gatos CA 95032

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Print Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

☐ I am registered as Republican

[We do not share your email outside of Republican Women Federated!]

Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

☐ Renewal \$60

☐ New Member \$60

☐ Sustaining \$80

☐ Associate* \$25

☐ College Student \$27

☐ +Donation _____

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

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

IN PERSON VOTING OPENED OCTOBER 25TH!

Vote centers across California are now open! You can cast your ballot in person, drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot, or get a replacement ballot if needed. Click the blue link below for more information.

[Statewide Special Election - November 4, 2025](#)

- The last day to register to vote for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election was October 20, 2025.
- Eligible citizens who missed the October 20 deadline to register to vote may complete the "Same Day" voter registration process through Election Day on November 4, 2025, at their local county elections office or any in-person voting location within their county.
- All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election.
- Your county elections office began mailing ballots on October 6, 2025.
- Ballot drop-off locations opened on October 7, 2025.
- Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned by mail, at a drop-off location, or your county elections office.
- To make sure your ballot is counted, return it early by mail, drop box, or vote center. If you mail it, do it early — or walk it into the post office and request a postmark.
- Vote centers open for early in-person voting in all Voter's Choice Act counties beginning on October 25, 2025.
- Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by November 12, 2025.

**OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE! LEST WE LOSE ANY
REPRESENTATION IN CALIFORNIA FOREVER,
DO NOT STAY HOME – GET OUT AND...**

Vote

NO

On

PROPOSITION 50

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS – LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

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COUNTY

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

GOP – Dave Johnson -

Chair Meets 3rd
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Orchard City Banquet
Hall Campbell
Community Center 1
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Be polite and respectful and use a professional tone. Identify yourself as constituent w/name and zip code. Explain why you support or oppose a particular bill and specify what you want the legislator to do, i.e. vote yes/no, support the bill, etc.

CFRW 44TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION & CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Westin South Coast Plaza – Costa Mesa, CA

Founded in 1925, the first meeting of the newly formed California Federation of Republican Women was held on June 23, 1925. The weekend of October 16-18, 2025, West Valley RWF President Robin McCarthy, 2nd Vice President Kristina Jansons and Past-President Bunny Hacker joined the Convention attendees celebrating this remarkable achievement! This milestone not only honors a century of dedication to the values and mission of the California Federation of Republican Women but also highlights the enduring legacy of its members' commitment to civic engagement and leadership. Attendees enjoyed a variety of commemorative events, including keynote speeches, historical retrospectives, and networking opportunities designed to inspire continued advocacy and involvement.



Fox News Anchor Julie Bandaras Joined a photo-op with the newly elected Executive Committee, including our own Bunny Hacker, elected to 2nd Vice President!



Opening night reception was a 1920's theme and featured Champagne toasts and plentiful hors d'oeuvres. Special Guest Tom Del Beccaro, longtime friend and supporter of the CFRW shared personal and political stories with us.



EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

Patriotpost.us – October 24, 2025

Click on blue links for more information.

- **Schumer Shutdown update:** As the Democrat-created federal government shutdown drags on [into its fourth week](#), Senate Democrats once again prevented a vote on a continuing resolution to fund and reopen the government. Furthermore, Senate Democrats prevented a vote on a [bill sponsored by Republican Ron Johnson](#) to pay essential federal government workers, including active-duty U.S. military personnel. Three Democrats broke from their party to vote in favor of the measure, including John Fetterman, who explained his decision was about him choosing “country over party.” Meanwhile, Republican Bill Cassidy blasted Minority Leader Chuck Schumer on X: “This is wrong! If you can’t bring yourself to cross party lines to ensure our troops get a paycheck, you should reconsider why you ran for Congress.”
- **Trump terminates Canada trade talks following anti-tariff Reagan ad:** President Trump is terminating trade talks with Canada due to a Canadian ad featuring Ronald Reagan. [According to](#) The Washington Times, “Doug Ford, the premier of Ontario, took out the ad on Oct. 16 because he wanted to make the case against U.S. tariffs by using the words of Reagan, a hero to U.S. conservatives.” But Trump called the ad inaccurate and said levies on goods brought into U.S. markets remain vital for national security and the American economy. The Reagan clips used for the ad were back when there was no “job-outsourcing trend” as a result of the trade imbalance with U.S. trade partners, and the majority of goods were made in the U.S. Fast-forward 40 years, and our factories lay in ruins due to “free trade” that was often free only one way — importing into the U.S.
- **San Fran gets one more chance:** Donald Trump has put on hold his decision to send 100 additional ICE and federal agents into San Francisco to help tackle the city’s high crime problem. “I spoke to Mayor Lurie last night and he asked, very nicely, that I give him a chance to see if he can turn it around, ” Trump [explained](#) on social media. “I told him I think he is making a mistake, because we can do it much faster, and remove the criminals that the Law does not permit him to remove. ... The people of San Francisco have come together on fighting Crime, especially since we began to take charge of that very nasty subject.” Data shows that roughly 57,440 illegal aliens currently residing in San Francisco, have existing deportation orders, and some 10,130 are convicted criminals.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All general meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm

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|----------------|--|---|
| November 2 | Daylight Savings Time ends | |
| November 4 | VOTE NO ON 50! | |
| November 5 | West Valley RWF <u>Board Meeting</u> , Boulder Ridge Golf Club, 11:00am | |
| November 11 | Veterans Day | |
| November 20 | West Valley RWF <u>General Meeting</u> featuring Tara Tesik Odom , President Toste & Assoc. Insurance Services on <i>"Insurance Crisis in California"</i> | |
| November 27 | Thanksgiving Day | |
| December 4 | West Valley RWF Christmas Luncheon – Boulder Ridge Golf Club! |  |
| December 14-22 | Hanukkah | |
| December 25 | Merry Christmas | |
| January 1 | Happy New Year! |  |