

PACHYDERM PARTY LINE

Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated

P.O. Box 221, King City, CA 93930

President- Kathy Forgnone (katforg1@icloud.com) Newsletter Editor - Jeane Errea Mills (jlerrea@aol.com)
Membership Chair-Dorothy Errea (djerrea@aol.com) California Federation of Republican Women www.cafrw.org
29 & 30th Assembly District 17th State Senatorial District 18 & 19th Congressional Districts
 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/501005353617619> December 2025 Volume 25 Issue 12

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 11:00AM

Roast Chicken with rice and vegetables

St Mark's Guild Hall, 301 Basset St King City, CA 93930

\$25

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!! Credit Cards accepted with fee.
Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by November 26th.

If you can't come to the meeting the day of PLEASE CALL OR TEXT Jeane at 594-2127.



DECEMBER MEETING

Dress up for the Holidays and be there at 11am to enjoy the Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Traveling Band play. This year our Christmas meeting will be at St. Mark's Church Hall, 301 Bassett St. Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Be sure to bring a toy for the children served by Loaves and Fishes Food Distribution.

LOS VAQUEROS HUNTING CLUB TRAVELIG BAND

Rich Casey and Roger Hill came up with the idea of the Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Traveling Band while sitting around the campfire one evening. Randy and Terry Handley soon joined the group and it has become a South County attraction for over 20 years. The guitars and singing will have you tapping your feet, laughing & singing along all for a good cause. The group donates their stipends & talent to local community endeavors.



BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting November 25, 2025 at 11:00 am. See you at West Coast Community Bank large meeting room. Call Kathy at 682-2202 to let her know you will attend.

AMERICANISM

Today we take a look at another true American. Her name is 2nd Lt. Emily Perez. She was known for her fierceness, and dedication. After graduating from West Point she received her commission and joined the U.S. Army where she worked in the medical service corps. She was the 1st African American female officer killed in combat in Iraq in 2005. Her fellow comrades remember her as always leading by example, a true American act.



View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell

Every time I sit down to write this column I am overwhelmed with the number of political topics demanding my attention. The most difficult part of putting together this piece is deciding what I have to address and those issues of equal importance that I have to discard because of lack of time and space. So, this month, I'll talk about the war we Republicans are having with the Democrats because they hate Donald Trump so much and loth the fact that he is getting so much done and they are helpless to stop him. I also have an interesting theory on the success California liberals have had in gerrymandering this state and further squashing conservative representation in both Sacramento and in Washington D.C.



We are at war with the Democrats. They are using the media and public relation tactics to undermine and obscure everything President Trump has been able to accomplish in the 10-months he has been in office. The fact that he has done more in those 10-months than any other president has been able to do in a full 4-year term means nothing to those people. They hate him and that hate is so virulent that they can't see all the good he is accomplishing, some of it immediately and some we will realize over time. Trump has figured out, from the way he was treated in his first term, that he needs to plow ahead in these first couple of years of his reelection and get as much of his "bucket list" in the

pipeline before the 2026 midterm elections and while Republicans have a majority in both houses of congress. He is hell bent to get this stuff done, so get out of the way or get behind and push!

Sure, Trump is self-centered and a classic narcissist but he is no way near to being your typical "process before results" politician. Trump wants results now not years down the road. During WWII it took controversial figures like Winston Churchill and General George Patton to achieve victory. Trump is our George Patton wading into the fight..."damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" (attrib David Farragut by Spears, 1905, p. 328)

The government shutdown is over and Trump got his way...no more beefing up Obama Care with more money bleeding off to insurance companies and for the medical care of illegal aliens and others who don't qualify for medical aid insurance in this country. He is fighting back on the Democrat's new argument that costs are so high that a lot of people can hardly afford the daily basics of life. This is not Trump's fault. He inherited all of these rising costs and a high inflation rate from 4-years of Joe Biden's naptime and the Democrats in-charge of screwing up the economy. We, as Conservatives, need to trust in our leader's ability to negotiate and deal this country into greatness.

Now to the passage of Prop-50: here's my theory...The new, gerrymandered districts were drawn to encompass pockets of Hispanic voters whom Democrats assume will vote for them. I think this plan is going to turn around and bite them in their hindquarters and here's how that happens. There is a cadre of Hispanic conservatives, not nearly big enough and we need to solve that issue, who are going around California convincing Hispanic voters that they are NOT Democrats...they are Republicans because they are hard working people of faith who care about their families and respect these same attributes in others. When enough of these folks figure it out and join us in the Republican Party, these new voters in newly drawn districts will flip this state back to Red! Remember, you heard it here first.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HOLIDAY APPEAL - Kathy Forgnone

TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN IN NEED – Our 2nd Vice President, Sharon Hornlein is appealing to all of us to bring a toy with you at our Christmas luncheon celebration at St. Mark's Church on Tuesday, December 2nd, **11:00 (note the time)**. Details on the front page of the Pachyderm.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PREP & CEREMONY! Kathy Imamura will be out of state most of November. We can use your help on Friday, December 12th, around 1:00 at the King City Cemetery. We will set up location signs for the wreaths, and guide and assist the local youth in placing small American flags on Veteran's graves. Please call me if you need further information or would like to purchase one or more wreaths. (831) 682-2202. *The W.A.A. Ceremony will be conducted the next day, Saturday at 10:00 a.m. PLEASE invite your family and grandchildren to this memorable ceremony celebrated on December 13th, all over the world!*



Remember the weeks following Wreath Across America Day you can purchase wreaths 2 for 1 for the 2026 ceremony.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - Kathy Forgnone



On Tuesday, November 4th, 36 members and guests enjoyed a fabulous turkey luncheon at the Cork and Plough Restaurant in King City. Our guest speaker was author, Mr. Loren Spivack, who has been traveling across the United States from his home state of Massachusetts. He gave our members a simple view of what Socialism really is:

Socialism: Someone has a vision about you and other's life. They feel entitled to use force to make their vision a reality without your input. They will go as far to fight the population to impose that vision, thus freedom and free speech is lost.
Freedom: Employs the Bible and the Constitution. The principals of freedom are, do not steal, hurt or lie. I did buy some of his books that are humorously written like Doctor Seuss.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2026-2027

Chairman Dorothy Errea and members Karen Leonhard and Beverly Kovacs were members of the Nominating Committee.

The SMCRWF Nominating Committee nominated the following slate of officers for consideration with the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

- President: Kathy Forgnone
- First Vice President: Kaeda Barrios
- Second Vice President: Sharon Hornlein
- Secretary: Darcy Conatser Pacheco
- Treasurer: Jeane Errea Mills

Darcy Pacheco thankfully volunteered to serve as Secretary.

There were no nominations from the floor. There was a motion and second to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried all.

Verified and reported at the November 4, 2025 General Membership meeting.

KING CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS kcchambermanager@kingcitychamber.com

Start planning for the Christmas Parade! Our theme this year is "Peace on Earth". Join us on December 5, 6pm. Registration forms are now available. Request form by email or phone the office at (831) 385-3814

MEMBERSHIP 2026

Regular	Renewals	13	New	0	TOTAL	13
Associate	Renewals	6	New	1	TOTAL	7

TOTAL 2026 MEMBERSHIP 20

It's that time of year again! 2026 dues are payable now. Dues payment envelopes will be distributed to all renewing members in attendance at the December 2nd General Membership Meeting. Renewal dues envelopes will be mail to all members who can't attend the December meeting. The membership form in this newsletter can also be used. Regular dues are \$35.00. Associate dues are \$10.00 for men and regular members of other RWF clubs. All Regular members who pay their dues before January 1, 2026 will be eligible for a free lunch drawing in February. NEW MEMBERS are always welcomed.

Last year was our best year with 106 members. Thanks to all of you, I know we will have even more members in 2026. Our group won the NFRW Bronze Award in 2025 because of all our activities including membership growth. Maybe we can help win a silver award with even more members in 2026.

Thanks,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Hornlein - December 2
Rosie Riva - December 2
Ruth Lopes - December 5
Jon Gerard - December 12
Donna Rappaport - December 12
Dawn Gerard - December 13



FLAG DAY

December 7 (fixed)(half-staff)
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 20 (fixed) Space Force Birthday
December 25 (fixed) Christmas Day

SECOND VICE PRESEDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Next meeting will be our Christmas party. I am asking all members to donate toys for the children whose parent come for needed food at the Loaves and Fishes program. We especially need gifts for the following ages:

- 🌲 Infants, 1-3 years old (Boys and Girls)
- 🌲 4 and 5 year old Girls
- 🌲 7 & 8 year old Girls
- 🌲 9 -10 year old boys and girls
- 🌲 12 and older boys

Please share your holidays with the less fortunate.

RECYCLING

THUMBS UP GROUP!! You did it. We exceeded last year's recycling total. To date, we have hit the \$500.00 mark, thanks to ALL of you.

REAGAN LIBRARY EVENTS www.reaganfoundation.org

Dec. 6 2025 Reagan Nation Defense Forum 7:45am
Dec. 14 Holiday Dinner and Tour 6pm
Dec. 18 Holiday Luncheon and Tour 12:30pm
Dec. 21 Menorah Lighting Ceremony 4:30pm
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Celebration 8pm

SUNSHINE

Glad to hear that Cindy Smith is recovering well after eye surgery. Kaeda Barrios is still traveling to Natividad Hospital for treatment on her leg injury complications. Call Cheryl Harrison at (831) 320-3256 if you hear of any of our members who are ill or need a cheery greeting and she will send a card from our club.



NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Call (831) 624-5343 for information and RSVP.

PASO ROBLES RWF

Monday, Dec. 8, 11am, Quail Run Clubhouse, 1400 Quail Run Ave., Paso Robles
Christmas meeting with mimosas and local vendors. RSVP (805) 217-5323

Christmas in King City

December 6, 2025

Holiday Market

10:00 am – 2:00pm

Expo Building Salinas Valley Fairgrounds

625 Division St.

Food, Crafts and Gifts



Christmas Parade

Peace on Earth

6:00 pm

Starts at SVF up Mildred east on Broadway
to King City Town Square



Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated
General Meeting
Cork & Plough
November 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Forgnone at noon. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Sandy Casion. President Kathy welcomed all & introduced the following: speaker Loren Spivack, Kelly Harless guest of Irene Bray, Tiffany Salaberry guest of Betty LeLievre and Jackie Loreda guest of Ruth Lopes. President Kathy thanked all for Speaker Hilton donations, Rosa & Darcy for preparing lunch, Marsha Tankersly for dishes. **1st VP report:** for Kaeda, President Kathy introduced speaker author Loren Spivack. She reminded all of Tuesday, December 2nd 11 am at St. Mark's Hall Christmas luncheon, installation of officers, music by Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Traveling Band. Lunch will be served by Sandy & Melvin Casion. Don't forget Children's Toy Drive. Call Karen to make reservation. President Kathy thanked Cheryl Harrison for generosity of obtaining St. Mark's. Friday, December 12th at 1 p.m. meet at cemetery to place flags. Saturday, December 13th 10 a.m. Wreaths Across America at King City Cemetery. January 6th SMCRWF general meeting speaker Shannon Kessler candidate for Assembly District 30, February 3rd tentative gubernatorial candidate. **Minutes:** of October meeting approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance 10/31 \$9,312.25, deposits \$3,790.40, payments \$8331.37, cleared \$2,959.03. uncleared transactions \$3,897.47 & \$50 for ending balance of \$8,323.72, attached, filed for review. **2nd VP:** Sharon reminded all toys are needed for boys & girls infants to 3 yrs., girls 4-5 yrs & 7-8 and boys & girls 9 & up toys. Report attached. Sandy said November 11th is Veteran's Day, thanked all who have served or are serving in military. **Recycling:** Sandy stated we now have \$436.32. **Caring for America:** President Kathy reminded all that help needed Friday afternoon 1 pm, December 12th placing flags, Saturday morning 10 am, December 13th. Dorothy has tickets for VFW bbq on November 11th. **Membership:** Dorothy stated membership stands at 106 for year. Club received NFRW Bronze award for achievement & membership development. Dues can be paid, they are \$35 for regular members and \$10 for associates. Pay before January 1st and be eligible for free lunch drawing. Report attached **Sunshine:** get well to Janice Ramsier's daughter. **December newsletter due November 14th.**

Nominating Committee Report: chairperson Dorothy stated the following have agreed to serve another 2 yrs. President Kathy Forgnone, 1st. VP Kaeda Barrios, 2nd VP Sharon Hornlein, **Treasurer** Jeane Errea-Mills. Darcy Pacheco nominated from the floor for Recording Secretary. It was moved by Barba Oetting & 2nd that Darcy be elected Recording Secretary, Report attached.

Meeting Calendar – Events & Announcements

November 25th SMCRWF board meeting 11 am West Coast Bk

December 2nd Christmas Party luncheon St. Mark's 11 am, Sandy & Melvin Casion doing lunch, toys for kids

December 12th 1 pm help put flags out

December 13th 10 am Wreaths Across America at cemetery

January 6th SMCRWF luncheon meeting Shannon Kessler, Candidate for Assembly 30

February 3rd tentative gubernatorial candidate

Opportunity Drawing won by Dorothy, other winners Ruthie Lopes, Eileen Bennett, Dawn Gerard. President Kathy thanked Lu & Lee for setting up sound system.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15

Barba Oetting, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Approved_____



Friday, December 12, 2025

Wreaths Across America

About 1:00 pm

Flag placement

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Wreaths Across America

Ceremony and Wreath lying

10:00 am



PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN
FEDERATED INVITE YOU TO THE

Annual Holiday Luncheon

December

8

11:00 AM

QUAIL RUN CLUBHOUSE
1400 QUAIL RUN DR, PASO ROBLES

\$35 if paid by check by Nov 28th

\$37 if paid online

(Checks payable to PRRWF
P.O. Box 1856, Paso Robles, CA 93447)

**Bottomless mimosas,
local vendors, good food &
holiday magic awaits!**

Lets celebrate together!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Birthday (Mo/Day) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Regular Member /Year \$35 _____ Associate Member /Year \$10 _____

Regular 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 _____

Please make check payable to SoMoCo RWF

Mail to: SoMoCo RWF

P. O. Box 221

King City, CA 93930

ELECTED OFFICIALS		
MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		U.S. HOUSE
Chris Lopez D District 3 South County 599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927 (831) 755-5033 district3@co.monterey.ca.us 1011 Broadway, Suite C., King City		Zoe Lofgren D District 18 1401 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-3072 142 West Alisal Street Room E116 Salinas, CA 93901 Phone: (831) 837-6000
KING CITY CITY COUNCIL GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL		GOVERNOR
Mayor Mike LeBarre	Mayor Robert White	Gavin Newsom D 1303 10th St, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA. 95814 (916) 445-2841
Carlos Victoria	Ariana Rodriguez	
Carlos DeLeon	Rachel Ortiz	
Oscar Avalos	Belen Garcia	U.S. SENATE
Rob Cullen	Marcy Jones	Sen. Alex Padilla D 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-3553
212 S. Vanderhurst St. King City, CA 93930 (831) 385-3281	P.O. Box 127 Greenfield, CA 93927 (831) 674-5591	
STATE SENATE		Sen. Adam B. Schiff D 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-3841
Sen. John Laird D District 17 1021 O Street, Suite 8720, Sacramento, CA. 95814 (916) 651-4017 99 Pacific Street, Suite 575 F, Monterey, CA 93940; (831) 657-6315		
STATE ASSEMBLY		Speaker of the U.S. House of Rep Mike Johnson R H-232, THE CAPITOL Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-4000
Robert Rivas D District 29 1021 O Street, Suite 8330, Sacramento, CA 95814 P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249 (916) 379-2029 525 Monterey St, Soledad, CA 93960 (831) 759-8676 60 W. Market St, Ste 110, Salinas, CA 93901; (831) 759-8676		
Dawn Addis D District 30 1021 O Street Suite 5350 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0030 Tel: (916) 319-2030 99 Pacific Street Suite 575G Monterey, CA 93940 Tel: (831) 649-2832		Sen. Majority Leader John Thune R United States Senate SD-511 Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-2321 Toll-Free: 1-866-850-3855
		PRESIDENT
		Donald J. Trump R The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, DC 20500 (202) 456-1111

SoMoCo RWF thanks the following sponsors for helping defray the costs of publication and distribution of this newsletter. Copy information reproduced and been provided by the sponsor and does not constitute endorsement of any product, service or candidate by NFRW, CFRW of this Federated Club.



5 Broadway Circle
King City, CA 93930
(831) 386-1112



Paula Jeanne Matelli,
Owner/Computer Programmer
paula@pjgraf.com
www.pjgraf.com
(831) 596-0458 (mobile)
(831) 208-7879 (office)



Darren Nutt
News and Sports Director
Office: 831-385-5422
darren.nutt@dimescentralcoast.com

Eric Fahnoe, President
eric.fahnoe@dimescentralcoast.com

Astoria Range

31500 San Vicente Road
Soledad, CA 93960

JR Nuño
info@astoriarange.com
(831) 386-0513 ext 206
Astoriarange.com Fax (831) 386-9976



Tavernetti, Layous & Clark
Insurance Services

PAUL J. LAYOUS, CPCU
RES.: 385-5287
LIC. #0247940
E-MAIL: playous@tlcinskc.com

P. O. Box 950 • 333 Broadway
King City, CA 93930
(831) 385-3227
FAX (831) 385-6980

KING CITY ACE HARDWARE
The helpful place.

John Alcantar and family

600-B Broadway
King City, CA 93930

Phone: 831-385-5898
Fax: 831-385-7517
Fax: 831-385-5822

CARMEL STONE

100 AIRPORT DRIVE
P.O. BOX 671
KING CITY, CA 93930

WILL CLARK
TEL. (831) 385-5939



WILDHORSE CAFE

50630 MESA VERDE RD
P.O. BOX 633
KING CITY CA., 93930
831-385-4312

WILDHORSECAFE71@YAHOO.COM