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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

February General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 11:30AM

Please note the price

Cork and Plough

200 Broadway King City, CA
Lasagna w/garlic toast

or

Farm Salad with Grilled Chicken Strips

\$30 includes coffee, tea or soda, tax and tip

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Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by February 5th.

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

FEBRUARY MEETING

The guest speaker for the February general membership meeting will be Dennis Sanchez, Republican California candidate for Assembly in the 29th District.

DENNIS SANCHEZ

Dennis Sanchez is a lifelong Central Coast resident whose life is rooted in faith, family and hard work. Dennis trained in law enforcement with the Salinas Police Department, built a career in construction and private security. He is a small business owner with over 30 years of experience.



BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is February 27, 2026 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

American---ism... Note the space between the word Americanism. See the last 4 letters of American, they are "i can". Your vote counts! In 1784 part of North Carolina seceded and called itself Franklin. It would have become our 14th state..... but it needed only 2 more votes. As I said your vote does count.

View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell

History is moving at the speed of Trump! It's almost as if he spent the four years between his first and his second term planning everything he wanted to change and get accomplished the next time he had control of the White House. Trump is moving so fast he has scared the Democrats to death. They have no idea how to handle what's going on and national news outlets are bent on not giving DJT *any* credit for what he is getting done but it's hard to hide or ignore all of this activity because it's all out in the open for everyone to see. That's why nobody believes what they see on TV, hear on the radio and read in the newspapers because Trump is going around them like a football running back dodging the defense.



Before he left for the World Economic Summit in Davos, Switzerland, and we'll talk more about that later, President Trump took the podium at the daily White House news briefing where he knew all the cameras and microphones would be covering him in real time, and told the world about all of the things he had gotten either started or accomplished in his first year in office. (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2026/01/365-wins-in-365-days-president-trumps-return-marks-new-era-of-success-prosperity/> added by Ed) It was staggering to listen to after four years of Biden's afternoon naps in a useless and damaging four years in the White House. Trump has been on an almost military offensive, shifting the way things are done both here in this country and, as I'll get into in a minute, around the world. Here are just a few of his accomplishments that the media is totally ignoring and that the President wants to remind us of:

He shut down the border and is hunting down "the worst of the worst" of the millions of illegals who swam the river during the Biden years. The crime rate is dropping and we have the lowest number of homicides ever in a one year period. Trump has brokered 8-peace deals...has encouraged over 10-billion dollars in economic investment in America...he signed the largest middle-class tax cut in history...cut the smuggling of fentanyl in half...is cutting government bureaucracy and forcing our NATO allies to pay for their own defense. That's just the tip of the iceberg...oh, did I say that? Trump is going to get his hands into Greenland just as slick as an earwig gets through your back door and look at what happened in Davos.

By getting the big wigs in Switzerland to sign-on to his "Board Of Peace" and making him chairman *for life*...we may be seeing the end of NATO, the UN, the World Health Organization, and that whole, useless bureaucracy and the total waste of billions of dollars...maybe even the end of the European Union. What Trump wants to do is cut all of the red tape holding up worldwide progress and funnel all of these ideas through his Board Of Peace. Wow! Are we ever seeing history unfold before our very eyes?



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2026 definitely started off with a delay in holding our first meeting of the year. Due to remodeling at the Cork and Plough, we met the second Tuesday of the month. After a lot of thought by the Board and input from our members, it seemed to be a possible permanent solution to move all meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. This will avoid Election Day. This change will allow members to work the polls, assist those who need a ride to the polls, and/or join the Election Integrity group through the Monterey County Republican Party. Members at the January meeting were unanimously in agreement for the change. Our Parliamentarian, Jeane Errea-Mills will look into making the change per our Bylaws.

At our January 27th Board meeting, we will have discussed changes to the times of our meetings. Summer months, July, August, and September, could be dinner meetings, 5:30. This would allow our daily working members the chance to attend, and daylight for returning home. We have had a suggestion that June be the month off, leaving a better chance to catch our Scholarship Winners and their families to attend our July meeting to receive their award before they leave for school, which is often early in August.

In conclusion, we had a sit down with the Cork and Plough Manager, Ronald Bonilla. It was clearly obvious he has been serving us at a loss. At this time, our meals will be \$30, which includes, tax, tip and beverage (water, tea, soda).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - *Kathy Forgnone*



Our first guest speaker for 2026, was Shannon Kessler, candidate running for California Assembly District 30. Shannon is the founder of "Save Girls' Sports Central Coast" where she has become a leading voice against the forced inclusion of biological males in female sports, locker rooms and restrooms. Shannon currently serves on the San Luis Obispo County Republican Central Committee. Shannon is running against Democrat incumbent, Dawn Addis (D). When Shannon requested to meet with Dawn Addis, her representative, Ms. Addis refused as she did not want to discuss Shannon's concerns regarding males in female sports.

At the January 13th meeting, we recognized our 2025 SMCRWF Member of the Year, Lu MacIntyre, and our 2025 SMCRWF Associate of the Year, Mel Casion. It was totally obvious that neither one of them expected this award, although the Board felt they both well-deserved it. Lu assists Lee Leonhard with the PA system, she sets up the flag, helps and volunteered to help with our outside meetings (Steve Hilton event and Christmas Party).

Mel Casion hardly misses a meeting, and is always offering to help set up for events and assists his wife Sandy with the amazing recycling project all year. A sincere thank you to both from the SMCRWF Board and Members.



KING CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS kcchambermanager@kingcitychamber.com

March 11- State of the City lunch

March 21- Annual Awards Dinner

Call (831) 385-3814 to RSVP

Congratulations to Wildhorse Café, one of our newsletter sponsors, for receiving "Business of the Year" honors. Come help them celebrate at the Chamber's Annual Dinner on March 21 at the Orradre Building.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

April is rapidly approaching! This means the Scholarship Salad Bar luncheon will be here soon! The date will be announced soon, we are working on not scheduling the same day as another event. Brush off your favorite recipe and maybe think of a good raffle or silent auction item. This is our only fundraiser! Thanks for all your support in past years.

BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Kovacs - February 1
Kurt Mills - February 1
Justin Patterson - February 13
Nita Tully - February 14
Gary Oetting - February 20
Lu MacIntyre - February 24
Juanita McDaniel - February 24
Sharon Robinson - February 28



MEMBERSHIP 2026

Regular		Associate	
Renewals	49	Renewals	22
New	<u>2</u>	New	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	51	TOTAL	29

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 2026 to date...80. Only 26 memberships to go to reach last year's total and we are still in January! New members are always welcome.

Congratulations to Jamie Smith! She won the free lunch drawing for paying her renewal dues before January 1, 2026.

Thank you. Membership renewals have been steadily coming despite the busy holiday season. New member information was listed in the January Newsletter. It's easy to cut the information out and add it to the current Roster. New Rosters are published in May so keep your 2025 updated roster on hand until then. We have 18 non-renewal members. They will be contacted with a gentle reminder soon.

Thanks,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

REAGAN LIBRARY EVENTS www.reaganfoundation.org
Feb. 6 Ronald Reagan 115th birthday commemoration-10:30am
Feb 12 Leadership Event with Medal of Honor recipients-10am
Feb. 16 Annual Presidents' Day Celebration-10am
Feb 23 A Conversation with Walter Isaacson-4:30pm
Feb 25 Teatime at Reagan Library-12:30pm

SUNSHINE

Happy to report that Arlene Azcona is back home from the hospital and is feeling well again. Cheryl Harrison will send a card to any of our members who may need a little sunshine greeting, give her a call at (831) 320-3256.

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

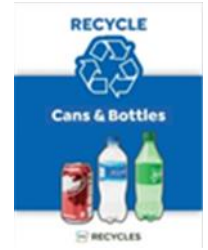
MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday, February 12th 11:15 am speaker: Brad Dacus from Pacific Justice Institute
\$40 2026 members \$50 nonmember guests Call (831) 624-5433 for information and RSVP.

PASO ROBLES RWF

Monday, February 9th 11:00 am Speaker: Kathleen Goble, author "Fight for the Future of Humanity"
\$30 Members, \$35 non-Members RSVP February 2nd Nichols.Donnell@gmail.com

Hosting Steve Hilton on Saturday, March 14 1:00-4:00 pm at Ancient Peaks Barn, 5991 West Pozo Rd, Santa Margarita. \$75 per person which includes appetizers and drinks. To purchase tickets use the QR code or Mail and check to P. O. Box 1856, Paso Robles, CA 93447
Pre-paid reservations are required.



RECYCLING

Recycling To date we have \$23.94. We are on our way to \$600.00 this year. Thank you for contributing. Please bring your clean, empty, water bottles and all soda bottles and all aluminum cans to the next meeting you attend so we can continue to raise \$. Thank you all!

FLAG DAY

February 12 (fixed) Lincoln's Birthday
February 16 President's Day
February 16 Washington's Birthday



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Thank you to everyone who helped recycle wreaths on January 17th. We disassembled over 500 wreaths!



CFRW

Spring Board of Directors Meeting and Conference will be March 20-21 in Redding. Registration is \$250 from January 19th to February 19th. It goes up to \$300 until February 28th and starting March 1st it is \$350. Rooms are \$130 per night. Call Kathy F. for more information.



Wildhorse Cafe is giving out free cookies on Valentine's Day!



Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated

General Meeting

Tuesday January 13th, 2026

Cork & Plough Restaurant, King City CA

Presiding: Kathy Forgnone, President

Conducting: Kathy Forgnone, President

Meeting Called to Order: 12:01pm

Board Members present: Kathy Forgnone, Jeane Errea-Mills, Sharon Hornlein, Dorothy Errea, Kaeda Barrios, Darcy Conatser-Pacheco

Invocation: Sandy Casion

Pledge of Allegiance: Sandy Casion.

Introductions and Welcome: Kathy Forgnone welcomed all and introduced Shannon Kessler, Candidate for CA Assembly District. 30, Liz Silva Gonzales City Mayor, Jackie Laredo, Dawnell Nichols, Stacy Rice, and Gwen Stanley.

Member of the Year & Associate of the Year:

Lu MacIntyre & Melvin Casion

Reports:

Correspondence- Kathy updated on current correspondence.

Minutes- Dec 4th minutes in newsletter approved unanimously

Treasurers Report- Jeane gave the current report, see attached exhibit

1st VP Report: Kaeda reported on the upcoming Feb 10th meeting and Kathy introduced motion to approve moving general meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Motion was 1st by Kaeda Barrios and 2nd by Dorothy Errea and unanimously approved.

Ways And Means- Sharon thanked all for the generous toy donations for Loaves & Fishes Christmas Toy Drive. Sandy updated on the current recycling donations.

Caring for America-Kathy Imamura reminded volunteers needed for wreath recycling and that media coverage of the December event was in both local newspaper and KSBW local tv news. Also cards available to sign for troops.

Membership Report- Dorothy gave the current report and reminded renewals are due for all members. Newsletter Deadline January 23rd.

Calendar Events & Announcements: as listed

Opportunity Drawing- Dorothy Errea

Adjournment- Kathy Forgnone

February 16th



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 _____

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