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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

January General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 11:30 am

Cork and Plough

Blackend chicken with mushrooms and squash and garlic bread
Or
Salad

\$25 includes non-alcoholic drink, tax and tip

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by January 2nd.

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

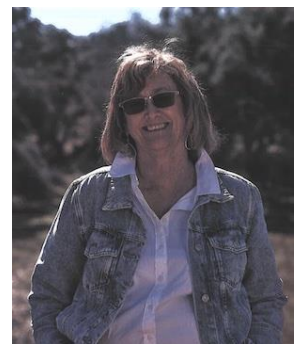
NOTE LOCATION, TIME AND PRICE!

JANUARY MEETING

The guest speaker for the January general membership meeting will be Cindy Wittstrom, author of the book "When The Brakes Fail". She will discuss recognizing and finding help for mental health issues.

CINDY WITTSTROM

Cindy Wittstrom was born in Paso Robles, attended Paso Robles High School and received her Bachelor of Arts at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. She is on the board of ECHO, El Camino Homeless Organization and a volunteer at CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate. Mrs. Wittstrom is married, has 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

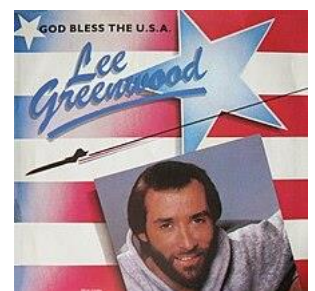


BOARD MEETING

No board meeting in December.

AMERICANISM

In the words of Lee Greenwood "I'm proud to be and American" Merry Christmas to all our members and their families.



View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell

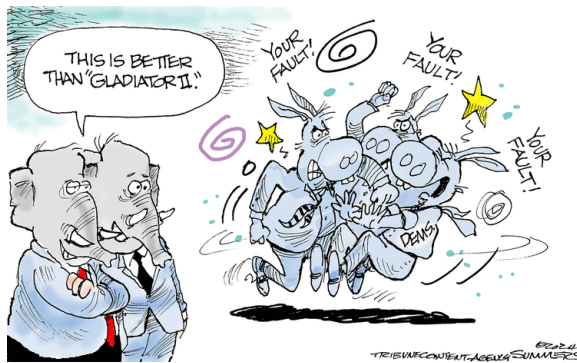
Last month I reported that the legacy news media were in a panic because, despite all of their efforts to support the Democrat narrative that Kamala Harris was beginning to edge-out Donald Trump, Trump was shoving *her* out of the way. Well, guess what folks...TRUMP WON!!!! And based on what we are seeing, pre-inaugural, we are in for an exciting and history making four years.



The media have a lot to still be panicked about. They look in the mirror and wonder if they are partially to blame for Harris's defeat. For a couple of years these so-called news outlets hid the fact that a zombie was allegedly running the country. We get a hint of this self blame from a recent piece in the Wall Street Journal *finally* giving us a glimpse into what has been happening inside the White House all these months leading up to Biden dropping out of his reelection campaign and the crowning of Harris as "Queen of the Democrats". According to the Journal, instead of the old narrative of Biden being..."sharp as a tack" ...he had to have all of his instructions written down. A voice coach was hired to help him mask a warble in his voice that was becoming more and more prevalent. Aides would cancel meetings with the president when he was having one of his frequent "bad days". What the Journal is alluding to is corporate media's role in perpetuating the most grotesque and egregious lie in American History. But, the American people were not fooled...Harris's candidacy did not solve the problem...and Trump is about to become the 47th president of the United States.



The alphabet news media, which has been in lockstep, prior to the election, has no talking points to guide them in dealing with the Democrats loss in last month's election. They have lost all trust from their audiences, which are fleeing in droves to internet-based news sources. I recommend we conservatives help out by not watching ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN or MSNBC. Unless and until these organizations reintegrate *real* journalism into their news programing, they don't deserve our viewership.



The Democrats are still in a panic over the fact they lost a lot of the youth vote. Hispanics are realizing that their values are consistent with Republicans. Black men have "had it" with all of the sissy wokeness the extreme Left has brought to their traditional party. Trump exudes a "don't mess with me" maleness that appeals to real men and even a lot of real women! We may be seeing a turning point with the election of Donald Trump. A lot of work is still to be done to bring more of these disgruntled Democrats over to our side. We have to welcome these folks with open arms and make sure they find a comfortable place

among us. Maybe common sense is making a comeback in this country? We've got four years to make that happen. Let's use that time to get this country back on track.

MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Karen Leonhard was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Monterey County Republican Party at their annual dinner.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE– *Kathy Forgnone*

Please congratulate our Member of the Year, Dawn Gerard, who stepped up to coordinate the shifts for members of the SMC RWF SV Fair Booth, sponsored by the Monterey County Republican Party. Recently, Dawn agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee with 2nd VP Sharon Hornlein. Our Associate Member of the Year, Fred Garcia, was chosen for 2024. Fred who has for many years, supported us financially at the annual Salad Bar Luncheon as well as generously contributed to several of the candidates who have spoken at our monthly meetings. The Board is extremely grateful for both members Dawn and Fred.

The SMC RWF is a club that holds elections of officers every two years. 2025 will be my second year as President. With the excitement that the November 5th elections has brought, I'd like you to consider stepping up and asking if there is any way you could help our club. We are still in need of a secretary. Barba Oetting has been kind enough to step in the last two & half years, filling in when our elected secretary had to move away. Minutes are short and cover the actions taken during the general membership meeting and board meeting the last Tuesday of the month. The format is in the monthly newsletters.

In closing, I'd like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year. The Golden Age is upon us, let's Make America Great Again!

Kathy Forgnone



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT– *Kathy Forgnone*



We had a full house for lunch on December 3rd, when we celebrated the Christmas Holidays at Pozzi Stampede in King City. Big thanks to Richard & Barbara Pozzi, for opening up their doors to us and fixing a great meal. Of course, no year-end celebration is complete unless the Los Vaqueros Hunting Party Traveling Band is playing! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed hearing and joining in with band members, Rich Casey and Randy Handley. Members also added extra Toys for Loaves and Fishes, which were greatly appreciated. Pictures were taken of members, by our stand in cut out of new President, Donald Trump. I personally want to thank Claudia Wollesen, Dee Taplin and Andy Pozzi, for their help in setting up the decorations.

IN MEMORIUM

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Diana McElmoyl on the loss of her daughter, Lyn Marie.

Associate member, Shirley Mark's husband, Bruce, passed away recently and we send her our deepest sympathy.



SUNSHINE

Cheryl Harrison will send a card to any of our members who are feeling under the weather or needing a bit of cheer. Give her a call at (831) 320-3256.

SECOND VICE PRESEDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

We still have rings for sale, they are \$5 each and all are size 7. Several were sold at our last meeting, and they told me they like to buy them so that when they travel, they are not afraid of losing them.

Also, I have the flag lapel pins for \$1 each.

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for our next big fundraiser – the Scholarship salad bar luncheon-it is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025

RECYCLING WITH SANDY

Please bring your clean clear plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (and Club)

Merry Christmas and Happy 2025! I want to thank the Southern Monterey Republican Women Federated organization and anyone affiliated with it who supported my campaign to continue to serve on the South Monterey County Joint Union High School board. I especially want to thank President Kathy Forgnone and her mother Karen Leonhard, two of the most welcoming women I have had the pleasure of meeting.

My last day on the board was December 11, 2024. I am proud of all that we were able to accomplish in the two years that I served as an appointed board member. The District now has leadership stability after having had multiple interim superintendents. It is fiscally sound and on schedule to pay off the state loan in 2028-29. Our state trustee has given the District positive evaluations as it moves forward out of receivership. The voters supported the two school bond measures on the ballot this November, proof, I believe, that they have confidence that the District is moving in the right direction. The bonds will make possible much needed facility improvements.

I am happy to have become a member of SMRWF; now, I have a place where I can speak openly about my political views. I am proud to be a conservative Republican, after having been a long-time Democrat. My decision was not an easy one to make. But as I reflected on the reasons for my political party transition, I found that I have always been conservative. Since 2016, when I first voted for Donald Trump, I realized that my values aligned better with the Republican Party. I was and am especially drawn to the patriotism that President Elect Trump exudes. God, family, country, these are all important to me. I love this country, but it was not until Trump ran for office that I realized how deep felt that love was. I am proud to be a Mexican born American. USA. USA. USA.

Lourdes Villarreal

REAGAN LIBRARY EVENTS www.reaganfoundation.org

Dec. 29 Hanukkah Celebration, Menorah Lighting, 3:30-5pm

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Celebration, 8:30pm-1am

Jan. 7 Virtual Conversation with Trey Yingst, 4pm



KING CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Please see Stage Hands poster for their play in the New Year!

BIRTHDAYS

Liz Silva - January 1

Paulette Bumbalough - January 15

Robin Rist - January 26

Steve Chaney - January 25

Constance Denning - January 28

Melvin Casion - January 30



FLAG DAY

January 1 (fixed) New Year's Day
January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20 Inauguration Day

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday, January 9th, 11:30am, Palo Corona Regional Park, Carmel Valley
Call (831) 624-5433 for RSVP and information.

PASO ROBLES RWF

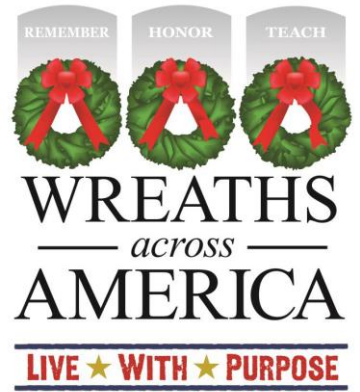
Monday, December 13, 2025 Loren Spivack "Why the Left is Wrong about EVERYTHING" Quail Run Clubhouse, 1400 Quail Run Ave. Paso Robles Call (805) 217-5323 for RSVP and information

MEMBER TRIP

Associate Member Brad Imamura went to Turning Point's America Fest 2024 in Phoenix, Arizona. We are looking forward to a visit about this amazing trip!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY AT KING CITY CEMETERY



MEMBERSHIP 2025

Regular	Renewals	20	New	3	TOTAL	23
Associate	Renewals	11	New	0	TOTAL	11

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 2025 to date...34

As you can see we have had a good start with paid memberships for 2025. New members are always welcomed and we welcome two so far. Their information is below. We appreciate your membership even if you can't be active. We will always keep you inform through our newsletter.

Renewing members don't need to fill out all the information on the envelope UNLESS there has been a change. Also, members who pay dues before January 1st will be eligible for a drawing to win a free lunch.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION to keep your roster up to date.

<p>Darcy Conatser-Pacheco P.O. Box 238 King City, CA 93930 831-594-6192 darcydew@hotmail.com November 3</p>	<p>Elizabeth (Betty) LeLievre P.O. Box 138 San Ardo, CA 93450 831-627-2474 blelievre_914@yahoo.com September 14</p>
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Thanks and Happy New Year,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

**Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated
General Meeting Pozzi's Stampede December 3, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President Kathy Forgnone. Sandy Casion led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The following guests were introduced: Lourdes Villarreal, Irene Bray guest of Kathy Forgnone, Betty LeLievre guest of Kelly Wittstrom, Jackie Loreda guest of Ruth Lopes, Darcy Pacheco and Rosa's son guest of Rosa Pacheco & Cindy Smith daughter of Janice Smith-Ramsier. Thank you to Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Traveling Band for Christmas music & Barbara Pozzi & crew for lunch. **1st VP Report:** President Kathy reported speaker for January will be author Cindy Wittstrom, February will be State of the City by Mayors LaBarre of King City & White of Greenfield. **Minutes** of November meeting approved. **Correspondence:** Letters sent to King City & Greenfield High that we will again be giving scholarships. Sharon and Dawn Gerard will do the interviews. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance \$6,894.72, deposited \$1,390, paid \$1,470 ending balance \$6,814.72. Report filed for review attached. **2nd VP Ways & Means Sharon** reported there are still a few rings and flag pins. She thanked everyone for bringing toys for Loaves & Fishes and stated the money given will be used for gifts. Remember scholarship luncheon will be April 25 at the rec. center. **Membership:** we have 13 renewals & 1 new member & 10 associate renewals for grand total of 24. She reminded all that if you renew before end of December you will be eligible for free lunch drawing. **Sunshine:** sympathy card to be sent to Diane McElmoyl whose daughter passed away. **Newsletter deadline: December 20. Wreaths** All hands on deck to help place flags of Friday, December 13th at 1 pm & wreaths at cemetery on Saturday, December 14th, arrive by 9, ceremony starts at 10. Presentations were made to Member of the Year Dawn Gerard. Associate member Fred Garcia was not at the meeting. President Kathy thanked Lee & Lu for sound system, Claudia for her help, Dave Lawson for wine, & Sandy for doing recycles.

Meeting Calendar-Events & Announcements (Other December events announced)

No December board meeting for SMCRWF

Jan 3-5 Stage Hands murder mystery, Sunday matinee or Friday/Saturday dinner show, see Eileen Bennett for more info

January 7th SMCRWF general meeting at Cork & Plough

Opportunity drawing won by Dave Lawson. Other winners Rosa Pacheco wreath, Dorothy pen & note pad, American flag Susan Shaw, free lunch Janet Smith Ramsier, Trump calendar Eva Cabrera and Grinch won by.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30

Barba Oetting, Recording Secretary, Pro Tem

Approved_____

The Stage Hands Presents

Ken Ludwig's

THE GAME'S



A FOOT

OR

HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FOR RESERVATIONS:
tinyurl.com/JanStagehands
or
CALL (831) 222-0177

Directed by Andrew Niederbrach



DINNER SHOWS: \$40

JANUARY 3rd AND 4th

Refreshments 5:30, Dinner 6:00, Curtain 7:00

MATINEE: \$20 JANUARY 5th AT 2PM

Included light refreshments

740 South First Street
King City



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