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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

January General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 11:30AM

Cork and Plough

200 Broadway King City, CA
Tri Tip Sandwich choice of Fries or Mixed Fruit
or
Farm Salad with Grilled Chicken Strips
\$30 includes coffee, tea or soda, tax and tip
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Note the date change.
Cork and Plough are
refreshing for the New
Year and will be
closed the week of our
regular date.

Please note the price
increase. It will
most likely increase
in February as well.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!! Credit Cards accepted with fee.
Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by January 7th.

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

JANUARY MEETING

The guest speaker for the January general membership meeting will be Shannon Kessler, Republican candidate for Assembly in the 30th District.

SHANNON KESSLER

Assembly candidate 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 and is active on the Pismo Coast Association of Realtors' Local Government Relations and MLS committees. Shannon and her husband enjoy surfing and hiking with their adult children along the Central Coast.



BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is January 27, 2026 at 11:00 am. There is **no** December board meeting. See you at West Coast Community Bank large meeting room.
Call Kathy at 682-2202 to let her know you will attend.

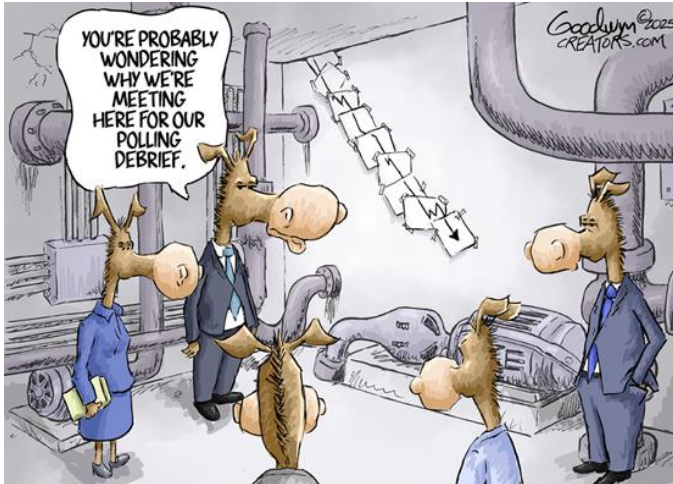
AMERICANISM

As we welcome in the new year let's do it proudly with a red, white and blue heart.



View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell

I started out writing "The View" in 2011 and have written roughly 168 columns. In the beginning I used to pick my topics from a few issues of the day. Now, my head spins with topics to consider and the difficult part of writing this piece is eliminating the myriad items that almost demand to be discussed. This month I am going to do what I am calling *one liners*. I'll try to fill this space with issues discussed in just one grammatically correct line of discourse. I'll start with a topic that came up at a recent meeting of the Monterey County chapter of the Lincoln Club, a group of elite, conservative movers-and-shakers whose sole purpose is to promote conservative candidates for public office in the Central Coast area:



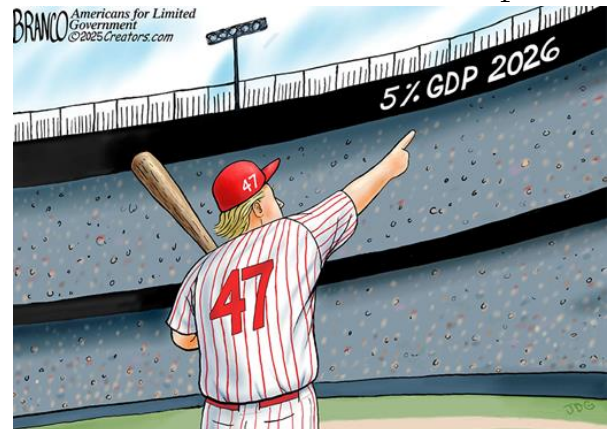
*There are conservative organizations who are trying to convince members of public employ unions such as the teachers union and the Service Employees International Union [SEIU] to opt out of these organizations because their dues go, not to help the member, but to liberal causes and Democrat candidates for political office who then pass laws that benefit the unions and not their membership. *The City of Pacific Grove is being sued for using tax payer money to hire a consulting firm whose task it would be to find a way to legally raise taxes in P.G., which would be the equivalent of tax payers paying someone to come up with ways to raise their own taxes.

*A strong case is now being made against almost all

vaccines, showing that the routine shots required of our kids to attend school can cause mini strokes and blood clumping that cause varying degrees of permanent, physiological harm and that the Covid {so-called vaccines because they are *not* really vaccines}shots were neither *safe* nor *effective*, but actually caused serious bodily harm and made recipients *more susceptible* to the various Covid mutations. *Since the year 2000, Democrats have conducted post election studies of every election they lost to figure out what went wrong but none of these after-action reports have ever been released because they are so damning that liberal leaders feel they would discourage people from supporting Democrat candidates in future elections and I did not make that up!

*Knowing he can't get any of the alphabet news networks to cover the positive things he has done in the past 11-months, President Trump scheduled a 20-minute, nationwide address that all the networks felt obligated to carry, in which he succinctly noted all the actions he has taken to make things better for people living in this country. *More people found a job in November but, despite that good news, the unemployment rate went *up* because things are getting better and folks who had given up on going back to work suddenly saw a chance to get a job so its all good. * We should all go out and convert our savings into Tesla stock because all of Elon Musk's ventures; Tesla Electric Cars, Space X and Star Link are rapidly gaining in value despite liberal attempts to boycott these operations. *Don't believe all of the negative "press" about President Trump's tariffs because it is predicted that U.S. Gross Domestic Production will be up by 3% at the close of 2025, that Europe's economy is faltering, that Volkswagen is closing plants in Germany and opening plants here in America and domestic auto manufacturing is nearing an 8% increase over the years before Trump was re-elected.

Whew! That's all I can do this month and I still had to leave out a lot of other important stuff. May the New Year make us all healthy, wealthy and wise.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathy Imamura and volunteer Stephanie Domingos, made us proud for making the Wreaths Across America program held December 13th a memorable event. The coordination was amazing! Cissie Pace, (Region 5 CRWF Representative), joined us at the King City Cemetery, December 12th, by placing flags on the veteran's graves at the King City Cemetery!

I would like to thank all for your help in making 2025 year a success. Beginning with the Scholarship Luncheon, Packages for the Troops, Steve Hilton luncheon, Wreaths Across America Booth, and WAA event. We are growing thanks to Dorothy Errea and many of you who bring a friend! Whether you can attend meetings or not, you support us in many ways. Thank you Jeane Errea-Mills for the Pachyderm Newsletters. **Your input is needed** in the effort to include our working members who cannot attend our lunch meetings. We are considering holding our July, August and September meetings in the evenings (Cork & Plough). Please send me a text or let a Board member know your thoughts. We would not hold a meeting in June, recognizing graduation ceremonies.

God Bless all of you and your families this Christmas season.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - Kathy Forgnone

What a fun and entertaining time we had at our December 2nd, SMCWRF Christmas Luncheon. A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who made it memorable. First for the amazing array of condiments, appetizers, and meal that Sandy and Mel Casion, set up for all of us. We loved the delicious Republican Elephant cookies. Cheryl Harrison's generosity was amazing, from securing St. Mark's Church Hall, to providing the tablecloths. Bea Hayes came to open the hall for us to set up the day before. Barbara Wellong (as always), set up the festive table displays. Set up/clean up was done by Jeane Errea-Mills, Claudia Wollesen, Lu MacIntyre, Fred Forgnone, Brad Imamura, Sharon Hornlein, Dorothy Errea, and Kelly Wittstrom. *(Please forgive me for those I may have missed.)* Of course, the



highlight was the Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Traveling Band! They had us singing along and laughing. We asked them that day if they would return next year! They donate the funds they receive for performing back to the community. The Toy Drive was also a success headed by Sharon Hornlein. Cissie Pace, our new Calif. Republican Women Federated, Region 5 Representative, conducted our officer installation ceremony. Also attending were CFRW Bylaws Chair, Lori Noble (Estero Bay RWF), and Donnell Nichols, incoming President of the Paso Robles RWF.



KING CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS kcchambermanager@kingcitychamber.com

Congratulation 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 PRESEDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS



RECYCLING

Please bring your clean, empty, water bottles and all soda bottles and all soda cans to the next meeting you attend so we can continue to raise \$. Thank you all!



BIRTHDAYS

Liz Silva - January 12
Paulette Bumbalough - January 15
George Worthy - January 17
Steve Chaney - January 25
Robin Rist - January 26
Constance Denning - January 28
Melvin Casion - January 30



FLAG DAY

January 1 (fixed) New Year's Day
January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19 Inauguration Day

MEMBERSHIP 2026

Regular

Renewals	28
New	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	30

Associate

Renewals	14
New	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	21

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 2026 to date...51

Thank you. Membership renewals have been coming despite the busy holiday season. Don't forget, any new and renewed regular dues paid by January 1, 2026 qualify you for a drawing for a free lunch. New member information is listed below. 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.

Thanks,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

NEW REGULAR MEMBERS

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Lorraine Worthy 1058 Zinfandel Cr. Gonzales, CA 93926 lorraine@worthywines.net October 5 831-675-0420 Marsha Tankersley P.O. Box 124 Lockwood, CA 93932 marshatank16@gmail.com May 30 805-610-3149	Nathan Nash P.O. Box 243 Gonzales, CA 93926 831-235-5616 Donnell Nichols 155 Cripple Creek Paso Robles, CA 93446 nichols.donnell@gmail.com October 30 805-217-5323 Adrian Pacheco P.O. Box 238 King City, CA 93930 831-594-6192 adrianpacheco37@gmail.com June 30 Terri Pope 7205 Valle Ave. Atascadero, CA 93422 661-319-5231 terripl@sbcglobal.net December 21	Richard Tankersley P.O. Box 124 Lockwood, CA 93932 805-610-3149 June 18 Hans Wittstrom P.O. Box 131 San Ardo, CA 93450 831-262-1574 February 7 George Worthy 1058 Zinfandel Cr. Gonzales, CA 93926 831-675-0420 January 17
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REAGAN LIBRARY EVENTS www.reaganfoundation.org

- Jan. 10 Ronald Reagan Oratory Finals, 1pm
- Jan. 14 Conversation with Ambassador Matthew Whitaker, 6pm
- Jan. 15 Cowboys History with Ellis Bryant Lunch & Tour, 12:30pm
- Jan. 20 Home School Days, Free Reagan Library Admission, 10:30am

SUNSHINE

Call Cheryl Harrison at (831) 320-3256 if you hear of any of our members who are ill or need a bit of sunshine in their lives 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, Jan. 12, 11am Bellasera Hotel, 206 Alexa Ct., Paso Robles
Speaker, Cissie Pace, Reg. 5 Director. RSVP (805) 217-5323



Monterey County Republican Christmas Party

Left: Carina & Anthony Powers, candidate for City of Monterey Mayor, Monique Kaldy & husband Kevin. Right: Karen Leonhard, Kathy Forgnone, So. County Dist. 3 Max Schell, his wife Maria.



Paso Robles RWF Christmas Party

L-R Paso Pres. Donnell Nichols, Reg. 5 CFRW Rep. Cissie Pace, SMCRRWF members, Karen Leonhard, Kathy Forgnone, Barbara Wellong, Outgoing PRRWF Pres. Shelly Gill.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA by Karen Worcester | WAA Executive Director and Co-founder

This year's Wreaths Across America program reached an extraordinary milestone. Together, we served 5,598 participating locations, sponsored more than 3.1 million veterans' wreaths, and mobilized millions of volunteers, nearly a third of them children, across all 50 states and abroad.

From the first shots of the Revolutionary War to those serving this very moment, we must promise never to "forget to remember," and answer the quiet plea of every fallen hero:

"Remember me." In 2026, this will be our battle cry, and we will work together to ensure all those who served are remembered and their stories are told.

Thank you all for taking the time during this busy season to join us in letting veterans and military families know that their service and sacrifice are both seen and appreciated, and that they are not alone in their loss.

With gratitude,
Karen Worcester



Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated
General Meeting
Tuesday December 2nd, 2025
St. Marks Episcopal Church Hall, King City CA

Presiding: Kathy Forgnone, President

Conducting: Kathy Forgnone, President

Meeting Called to Order: 11:57am

Board Members present: Kathy Forgnone, Jeane Errea-Mills, Sharon Hornlein, Dorothy Errea

Invocation: Sandy Casion

Pledge of Allegiance: Sandy Casion

Introductions and Welcome: Kathy Forgnone welcomed all and introduced Los Vaqueros Hunting Band as the Christmas music entertainment, Brad Imamura from Marina Coast Water District, Liz Silva Gonzales City Mayor, Lorraine Worthy Gonzales City Council, Cissie Pace CFRW Director and Laurie Noble CFRW By-laws Chair Estero Bay RWF SLO

Reports:

Correspondence- Kathy updated on current correspondence.

Minutes- Nov 4th Minutes in Newsletter approved unanimously

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

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 Fri Dec 12th and Sat Dec 13th setup at the KC Cemetery. Also cards available to sign for troops.

Membership Report- Dorothy gave the current report and reminded renewals are due for all members.
Newsletter Deadline Dec 18th.

Calendar Events & Announcements: as listed

Plated luncheon commenced.

Installation of Officers-

President- Kathy Forgnone

Vice President- Sharon Hornlein

Treasurer- Jeane Errea-Mills

Secretary- Darcy Conatser- Pacheco

Opportunity Drawing- Donnell Nichols

Adjournment- Sandy Casion

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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