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MARCH NEWSLETTER

March General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 11:30AM



Cork and Plough

200 Broadway King City, CA

Corned beef & Cabbage red potatoes & carrots

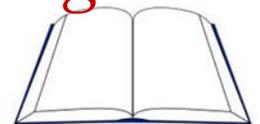
\$30 includes coffee, tea or soda, tax and tip

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

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

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



**March is
Women's
History
Month**

MARCH MEETING

The guest speaker for the March general membership meeting will be Nan Su, a senior reporter for The Epoch Times, a New York based newspaper. Mr. Su will discuss the legal basis for the U.S. to defend Taiwan.

NAN SU

NAN SU was born and raised in China and came to the United States in 1989. Over the past 2 decades, Mr. Su has delivered numerous speeches on a wide range of China-related topics. He has been married for over 30 years, has 2 daughters and resides in San Jose.



BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is March 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

Yukio Kawamoto born in Berkeley, California in 1919 was a decorated WWII veteran serving in the United States Army. Among many, many accomplishments, he also received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010 for his lifetime of service. He was the first full time Japanese American interpreter at the US State Department.



 **YUKIO KAWAMOTO**

View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell



A few days ago we witnessed what appeared to be the Supreme Court of the United States handing President Donald Trump a major defeat. On a six to three vote, the High Court told Trump that the International Emergency Economic

Powers Act [IEEPA] did not give him the authority to levy the tariffs he has been spreading around and using as bargaining chips on virtually every country doing business with the U.S. The key phrase in that decision was: "...there is no *wording* in the act..." to allow US presidents to levy these tariffs. After that ruling came down the legacy media went nuts! Finally, the King has been slapped down - caught red-handed doing something he had no business or authorization to do. Boy, that'll teach him! And, curiously, within a couple of hours of that seemingly devastating decision, Trump was in the press briefing room, live, on television, lambasting the members of the Supreme Court including a couple conservatives he had nominated to the court, calling them names and insinuating they were "political lapdogs" but was this just political theater? Progressive political leaders were ecstatic that the tariffs were deemed illegal because now the driving force behind a booming economy was kicked aside and the economy will fizzle out and Trump will end up on the political scrap heap.

How US Supreme Court justices voted on Trump tariffs

Nominated by: ■ Republican president ■ Democratic president

Found tariffs illegal



John Roberts



Neil Gorsuch



Amy Coney Barrett



Sonia Sotomayor



Elena Kagan



Ketanji Brown Jackson

Did not vote to strike down



Clarence Thomas



Brett Kavanaugh



Samuel Alito



That may seem to be the case but here is what really happened last week: President Trump and his economic team used IEEPA as a tool to slap tariffs on foreign goods and services and to encourage other countries to make their products here in the United States. It worked! Hundreds of plants are being built in this country and billions of dollars in tariff revenue has been collected but Trump and his very smart economic team knew that the IEEPA act was flawed. IEEPA never specifically mentioned *tariffs* but because Trump used it to levy tariffs...the Supreme Court had to strike it down to prevent future presidents who may be Democrats, from using the same act to regulate all kinds of stuff also not specifically mentioned like banning internal combustion engines in vehicles during a so-called *climate emergency*. The economic team President Trump put together knew this. They also knew that if and when the Supremes got around to ruling against tariffs under IEEPA, there were many other existing statutes under which tariffs could be levied and the economic engine would continue to chug along, unimpeded. The dissenting judges did their part. In fact, Justice Kavanaugh outlined exactly how Trump and his econ team could get around the apparently devastating ruling and, sure enough, Trump jumped right in and slapped a 10% tariff on EVERYBODY just to make his point that he wasn't to be stopped! It's going to be a little trickier and slower going, but Trump will soldier on and Americans will benefit. Democrats are still dancing in the streets, thinking they were handed a victory. Wait until they settle down and figure out what really happened last week.

SCOTUS:

6-3 decision

Majority opinion: President needs authorization from Congress

Trump to enact 10% global tariff under trade law

Would only be in place for 150 days until vote

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every year, I am totally amazed, but not surprised by the generosity of our SMCRWF members. This coincides with donating to the campaigns of candidates running for office. Please see all the fabulous things below our SMCRWF member's support all year:

Scholarship Applications & Interviews, March, Chair, Sharon Hornlein

Scholarship Luncheon, April 24th, Chair, Sharon Hornlein

Troop packages October 13th, Chair Kathy Imamura

Recycling all year, with Chair Sandy Casion

December Christmas Luncheon Toy Drive, Chair Sharon Hornlein

Wreaths Across America 2nd Sat. in December, Chair Kathy Imamura

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - Kathy Forgnone

Our February speaker was Candidate for State Assembly District 29, Dennis Sanchez. Dennis is a lifelong Central Coast resident whose life is strongly rooted in faith, family and hard work. Dennis has been a small business owner for over 30 years. He has trained with the Salinas Police Department and has experience in private security and construction. Dennis is running to bring back common sense, accountability back to Sacramento, focusing on public safety, small businesses, infrastructure and protecting California families.

FLAG DAYS

March 9 (fixed) U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day
March 17 (fixed) St. Patrick's Day
March 29 (fixed) National Vietnam War Veterans Day



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.

Wildhorse Café will be celebrating their 55th Anniversary on March 17th. Stop by to congratulate them and have some corned beef and cabbage.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

April 24th Scholarship Luncheon will be here so fast! Tickets will be handed out at this meeting. The price may be going up to \$15 this year. Still well worth the money for all the delicious food you all bring! Please let Sharon Hornlein (sharonhornlein@att.net or (831) 594-2094) know what salad you will bring and any other ways you can help.

BIRTHDAYS

David LeBarre - March 6
Marianne Madson - March 7
Chuck Krause - March 8
Fred Garcia - March 9
Arlene Azcona - March 10
Joe Grebmeier - March 22
David Lawson - March 24
Susan Shaw - March 27
Sonoma Clark - March 29
Rebecca Hallett - March 30



RECYCLING

Our recycling has jumped a little over 50 more dollars. As it stands, we have \$77.08.



MEMBERSHIP 2026

Regular		Associate	
Renewals	53	Renewals	25
New	<u>2</u>	New	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	55	TOTAL	32

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 2026 to date...87. New members are always welcome. There are still 12 members who have not renewed their dues for 2026. Even if they all renew we will not make last year's record membership. Unfortunately, some can't rejoin for various reasons, (sadly illness). So encourage your Republican friends to join to help spread conservatism.

New 2026 Rosters will be published in May so keep your 2025 updated roster on hand until then.

Thanks,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday, February 12th Call (831) 624-5433 for information and RSVP.

PASO ROBLES RWF

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.



PROPOSED RULES CHANGES

The changes are 1. The rules are renumbered. 2. Rule 4 changes the month from November to October to align with state membership dates. 3. The day of the meeting from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday of the months we meet.

Just a note. The rules are silent on which months we meet. Starting this year we will not meet in June. Scholarship winners will be honored in July. July, August and September meetings will start at 5:30 pm.

STANDING RULES

1. These standing rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of members present with 30 days notice.
2. Dues shall be \$35.00 annually for General members.
3. Dues shall be \$10.00 annually for Associate members.
4. Anyone joining after October 1 shall be considered a paid member for the following year.
5. The regular meeting of the club shall be at noon on the second Tuesday of the month except as prescribed by the membership approved calendar.
6. Registration or part of registration shall be paid for members who are in good standing to attend State meetings, provided funds are available.
7. Additional funds shall be budgeted each year to cover expenses for the President's attendance at State meetings; and expenses to specific events as a representative of SoMoCoRWF, providing funds are available.
8. All approved requests for reimbursement are to be presented to the Treasurer with supporting receipts. The Treasurer is to receive a copy of any minutes where spending is authorized.

- Mar. 10 Jonathon Turley- Conversation and book signing- 6pm
- Mar. 12 Cowboys History & Hollywood lunch with Ellis Bryant-12:30pm
- Mar. 30 45th anniversary of assassination attempt on Pres. Reagan's life.

SUNSHINE

If you know of any of our members who are ill or may need a cheery "hello", give Cheryl Harrison a call at (831) 320-3256 and she will send a card from our club.



VOTE! MEET THE CANDIDATE EVENTS

Monday, March 2 at 5:30pm Mixer Location in Salinas Meet Stacy Korsgaden, Insurance Commissioner Shane Lewis, U.S. Congress Dist 18, Peter Verbica U.S. Congress Dist 19, Dennis Sanchez State Assembly dist. 29 and Shannon Kessler State Assembly Dist 30. Event is free but donations are appreciated. RSVP to Brian Higgins 831.324.0617

Saturday, March 14 1:00-4:00 pm Steve Hilton, Paso Robles RWF event already mentioned.

Tuesday, March 24 8:00 – 10:00am Gloria Romero running for Lt Governor, Growers Pub, Salinas, Steak and Eggs Breakfast. \$85 for Info call Karen Reissman 831.277.6227



Tuesday, April 21 Meet the Candidates, Seaside See info below. Contact Karen Reissman 831.277.6227



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MEET AND GREET MIXER

**MONDAY, MARCH 2
5:30 PM**

Salinas (Exact Location Provided with RSVP)
Admission Free, but donations appreciated

Meet the Candidates

- **STACY KORSGADEN**
Candidate for Insurance Commissioner
- **SHANE LEWIS**
Candidate for U.S. Congress Dist. 18
- **PETER VERBICA**
Candidate for U.S. Congress, Dist. 19
- **DENNIS SANCHEZ**
Candidate for State Assembly Dist. 29
- **SHANNON KESSLER**
Candidate for State Assembly Dist. 30

For More Info or to RSVP, Contact Brian Higgins 831-324-0617

TAKE BACK CALIFORNIA!

2026 CANDIDATE FORUM

Tuesday, April 21 | Meet & Greet 5:30 PM
Forum 6:00 PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES

 <small>MICHAEL GATES Candidate for CA Attorney General</small>	 <small>DON WAGNER Candidate for Secretary of State</small>	 <small>HERB MORGAN Candidate for CA State Controller</small>	 <small>STACY KORSGADEN Candidate for Insurance Commissioner</small>	 <small>SHANE LEWIS Candidate for US Congress Dist 18</small>
 <small>PETER VERBICA Candidate for US Congress Dist 19</small>	 <small>TUKA GAFARI Candidate for US Congress Dist 19</small>	 <small>DENNIS SANCHEZ Candidate for State Assembly Dist 29</small>	 <small>SHANNON KESSLER Candidate for State Assembly Dist 30</small>	 <small>JW PAINE Candidate for State Assembly Dist 30</small>

Featuring personalized video messages
from Gubernatorial Candidates,
Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco!

Guest Speakers!
Meet and Greet Mixer!
Live Music!

Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside

Food and Refreshments are Provided

This is a **FREE** event! Donations are greatly appreciated!

Please RSVP: Karen Reissman 831-277-6227 or email kreissman5@gmail.com

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Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated

General Meeting

Tuesday February 10th, 2026

Cork & Plough Restaurant, King City CA

Presiding: Kathy Forgnone, President

Conducting: Kathy Forgnone, President

Meeting Called to Order: 12:02pm

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 Brian Higgins MCRP Political Director, Dennis Sanchez Candidate for CA Assembly District 29, & Liz Silva Gonzales City Council Mayor Pro-Tem.

Speaker : Dennis Sanchez, candidate for Assembly Dist. 29

Reports:

Correspondence- Kathy updated on no current correspondence.

Minutes- Jan 13th minutes in newsletter approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report- Jeane gave the current report, ending balance 9,845.48 -see attached article

1st VP Report: Kaeda reported on the upcoming Mar 10th meeting speaker Mr. Nan Su, Epoch Times China expert.

Ways And Means- Sharon announced Scholarship Luncheon Fri. April 24th, signups for salad and raffle items needed. Discussion on raising tickets to \$15 brought up by members, will be decided at board meeting. Sandy updated on current recycling total: \$23.94.

Caring for America- Kathy F. reporting for Kathy I. Recycling success and great turnout.

Membership Report- Dorothy gave the current report and reminded renewals are due for all members. Current total is 86, see attached exhibit.

Newsletter Deadline Feb 20th.

Calendar Events & Announcements: as listed

Opportunity Drawing- Mike Cuffney

Adjournment- 12:45pm by Kathy Forgnone

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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