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MAY NEWSLETTER

May General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 11:30AM



Happy Mother's Day

Wildhorse Café

50630 Mesa Verde Rd, King City, CA

Grilled Chicken w/ Swiss cheese & Ortega chilies on a Ciabatta roll

Or

Cobb Salad



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

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!! Credit Cards accepted with fee.

Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by May 7th.

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

APRIL MEETING

The guest speaker for the May general membership meeting will be Don Wagner, Republican candidate for California Secretary of State.

DON WAGNER

Don Wagner was born in Pittsburgh and moved to California at age 12. He earned his BA at UCLA and his Juris Doctor from University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. In 1993 he began his legal career specializing in business and real estate. In 2016 he was Mayor of Irvine. Don is married for over 40 years to his wife, Megan, they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren and reside in Orange County.



BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is April 28, 2026 at 11:00 am. See you at West Coast Community Bank large meeting room. No board meeting in May. Call Kathy at 682-2202 to let her know you will attend.

AMERICANISM: HERO MOM

Cheryl Treadway and her children were being held hostage by knifepoint in her own home by her boyfriend. She texted Pizza Hut silently and in the comment section she said please someone call 911. It worked, the police were dispatched to her home, arrested the boyfriend and all was okay. That was some creative thinking. Cheers to all our moms.



View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell



Once is an isolated incident also known as a "lone wolf". Twice is a coincidence. *THREE* times is a conspiracy! When three so-called lone wolves go after the same sitting president could we assume that these are not isolated incidents but a *pack* of wolves, motivated by the same political ideology, with a common



goal in mind: eliminate the influence of a bold and forward-looking leader who is astonishingly getting his agenda accomplished in an amazingly short period of time? Let's go back in time...there have been four successful presidential assassinations. Abraham Lincoln had just defeated a number of states which had broken off from the Republic and armed themselves to protect their decision to ruin the Union. James Garfield, William McKinley and John F. Kennedy followed Lincoln and all three presidents were making history by enjoying major political gains and influence. Along comes Donald J. Trump with a long term plan to make the United States *the* most influential country since native tribes began organizing into larger political groups to dominate their contemporaries. These guys were getting things done and the opposition was desperate to stop it.



Back to the present and to the analysis of three attempts on president Trump's life. All three incidents exposed cracks in the system set up to protect presidents. There was the exposed roof in Butler, Pennsylvania...an overgrown chain-link fence around a golf course in Florida. At the recent White House Correspondents Dinner at the D. C. Hilton hotel who would have thought that a would-be assassin would have the presence of mind to book a room in the hotel a day before the planned dinner, simplifying the task of smuggling firearms into the middle of what would eventually become a multi-tiered and very complicated secured area? Who checks the baggage of an incoming hotel guest for

weapons hours or days before an event in a hotel? Cole Allen, a college-level engineer with a master's degree, knew just how he could simplify his penetration of what would be an almost impenetrable security system, the night of the Correspondents dinner. He figured that once everybody attending the dinner had gone through security and had passed the test...taken their seats in the crowded room...and the officers manning the magnetometers out in the foyer figured their jobs just became much easier, he could blast through that lobby at full speed...armed to the teeth...burst through the doors to the dining room and kill or maim as many people as he could. The saying is: Shooting Ducks In A Barrel. Thank God Secret Service agents were able to stop him before he got into the venue.

But the question remains: are these isolated incidents or is there a pattern here? It could be that Democrats have labeled Donald Trump as a Nazi...a Hitler-like figure out to destroy democracy as we know it. This totally unacceptable rhetoric has apparently motivated a bunch of mentally fragile individuals to take up arms and solve the problem themselves. This is a prime example of political toxicity. The hate speech coming from the left has to stop. It's like pouring gasoline on these deranged individuals and then acting surprised when everything blows up! The short answer may be finishing that Big, Beautiful Ballroom adjacent to the White House. Anybody want to take bets on whether or not that ever gets built. Don't hold your breath.



One moment . . . and the entire room hit the floor.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is our VERY BUSIEST TIME OF THE YEAR. TWO BIG EVENTS - 1ST - A BIG thank you to everyone who helped by selling tickets, bringing raffle/silent auction items for our **Scholarship Luncheon** on Friday, April 24th at the King City Recreation Center. Sharon Hornlein, our Chair, did a fabulous job organizing and making a lot of calls to coordinate the food that we needed. Thank Lee Leonhard for playing jazz guitar for us and Doc Harrison for adding to the guitar music. Shar Hughes took charge of our raffle/silent auction for us this year, while son Ricky helped fold up tables and load into cars. Thank you to Mel & Sandy Casion and Brad & Kathy Imamura for bringing items in and set up. Monique Creamer-Todd, you are not able to attend meetings, but may not see you at a meeting, however, you live by a spirit of volunteering. Food service included help from Robin Rist, Marsha Tankersley, Dee Taplin, Dorothy Errea and Monique. Hope I included everyone.



2nd - **SMCRWF Booth Salinas Valley Fair Booth** Expo Building. - Thursday, 11am-8pm. Friday & Saturday, 11am-10pm, Sunday, 11am-7pm. We have 3-hour shifts for two members; associates welcome. PLEASE give me a call (831) 682-2202, to pick your slot. Sunday is a great day for any members who speak Spanish. I'll sign off with our President's frequent saying: "THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER"!

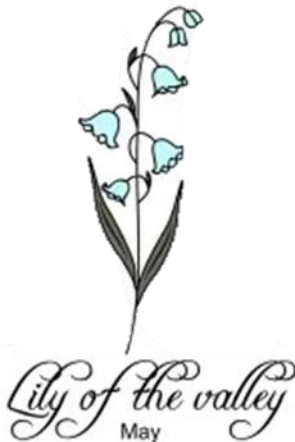
CASE YOU MISSED IT - Kathy Forgnone

Our speaker at the April 14th meeting was Stacy Korsgaden, who is running for California State Insurance Commissioner. Stacy was a Farmer's Agent for 35 years and was voted as among the best 150 agents out of 15,000 in the United States. Stacy said the safety net of insurance in California and the foundation of our State, family and business is crumbling. She said the way to fix it is to allow free markets, lower the risk by managing the forests and water. Stacy, has a business degree and is the only candidate with insurance experience since 1988, as the owner of an insurance and financial service agency. [More about Stacy at StacyForInsuranceCommissioner.com](#)



BIRTHDAYS

- Sandy Casion** - May 1
- Janice Smith-Ramseier** - May 4
- Fred Forgnone** - May 13
- Mike Oliveira** - May 14
- Yadira Roberts** - May 16
- Kathy Forgnone** - May 22
- Lourdes Villarreal** - May 23
- Irene Hearne** - May 25
- Barbara Plaskett** - May 26
- Dee Taplin** - May 28
- Marsha Tankersley** - May 30



RECYCLING

We now have \$132.27.

SUNSHINE

I am happy to report that Arlene Azcona is feeling well and everyone was glad to welcome her to our April meeting. Call Cheryl Harrison at (831) 320-3256 if you hear of any of our members who need some "sunshine" and she will send a card.



NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday, May 14 Call (831) 624-5433 for meeting information and RSVP

PASO ROBLES RWF

Monday, May 11, Bellasera Hotel, 5pm. Speaker, Don Wagner, Republican Candidate for California Secretary of State. RSVP (805) 217-5323

REAGAN LIBRARY EVENTS www.reaganfoundation.org

May 5 Conversation and book event-U.S. Sup. Court Justice Gorsuch-Nitze-6pm

May 19 Conversation with Jack Carr-“ The Fourth Option”-6pm

May 25 Memorial Day Commemoration at The Reagan Library-9am

MEMBERSHIP 2026

Regular

Renewals 55
New 4
TOTAL 59

Associate

Renewals 31
New 7
TOTAL 38

TOTAL Membership 97

Our membership keeps growing! We can beat last year’s total!! Thanks to all of you for recruiting new members. I’d like to welcome two new Regular members. So glad that Julie Diggs and Gwen Stanley decided to join. Their information is below.

Julie Diggs
P.O. Box 9
San Lucas, CA 93954
831-233-8453
hediggesme@regan.com
March 3

Gwen Stanley
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King City, CA 93930
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MurphyNZ@aol.com
December 5

The new roster will be available at the Spring Scholarship Luncheon on April 24, 2026. The roster is for Regular members only. Associate members may have one upon request. See you at the luncheon.

Thanks,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

MEMORIAL DAY

On May 25 at 11:00 am the annual Wreath Laying ceremony will take place at King City Cemetery. This event is hosted by King City VFW Post 6747 and honors all veterans interred in King City. We along with many community groups and families will post wreathes at the flag pole.



FLAG DAYS

- May 4 (fixed) International Firefighters Day
- May 3 (half-staff) National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service
- May 8 Victory Day for World War II
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 15 (fixed) (half-staff) Peace Officer's Memorial Day
- May 16 Armed Forces Day
- May 25 (half-staff to noon) Memorial Day



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

It is that time of year we needed everyone's help to raise money for our scholarships and other expenses. Did you come though! With all your work we are giving 3 scholarships this year! Have you turned in your ticket money?



NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORS

ASTORIA RANGE

Astoria Range Gun Classes

May

- 2nd HGI Cinco de Mayo Special
- 3rd Handgun 2
- 16th Handgun 1 (Female only)
- 23rd & 24th Red Dot Sight

June

- 20th- Armalite Rifle 1
- 27th & 28th Red Dot Sight



WILDHORSE CAFÉ

CINCO DE MAYO MAY 5th

2 CHICKEN CHEESE ENCHALDIAS

SPANISH RICE AND REFRIED BEANS DESSERT



MOTHERS DAY May 10th

MOMS RECEIVE A PLANT AND A 10% OFF THEIR MEAL

COME AND JOIN US FOR A MEAL SIGN UP WITH OUR REWARDS PROGRAM AND RECEIVE \$5.00 OFF NEXT VISIT (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)



WILDHORSE CAFÉ 831-385-4312

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ENDORSEMENTS

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GLORIA ROMERO Candidate for California Lieutenant Governor	JENNIFER HAWKS Candidate for State Treasurer	STACY KORSGADEN Candidate for State Insurance Commissioner
  ENDORSED	  ENDORSED	  ENDORSED
MICHAEL GATES Candidate for Attorney General	DON WAGNER Candidate for Secretary of State	HERB MORGAN Candidate for State Controller
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SONJA SHAW Candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction	SHANE LEWIS Candidate for Congressional District 18	SHANNON KESSLER Candidate for State Assembly District 30

Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated

General Meeting

Tuesday April 14th, 2026

Cork & Plough Restaurant, King City CA

Presiding: Kathy Forgnone, President

Conducting: Kathy Forgnone, President

Meeting Called to Order: 11:59am

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

Invocation: Sandy Casion

Pledge of Allegiance: Sandy Casion.

Introductions and Welcome: Kathy Forgnone welcomed all and introduced Stacy Korsgaden, Republican candidate for CA Insurance Commissioner, guest Liz Silva, Gonzales Mayor pro-tem & Salinas Valley Solid Waste Board, Gwen Stanley guest of Kathy Forgnone, & Jamie Frazier-Smith recipient of free lunch drawing.

Speaker : **Stacy Korsgaden**, Republican candidate for CA Insurance Commissioner

Reports:

Correspondence- Jeane updated on SVF fair booth notice.

Minutes- March minutes in newsletter approved unanimously and filed.

Treasurers Report- Jeane gave the current report, ending balance \$9,430.48.45 -see attached article A

1st VP Report: Kaeda announced upcoming speaker in Sept, Chad Bianco, next meeting May to be held at Wildhorse Café.

Ways And Means- Sharon announced Scholarship Luncheon Fri. April 24th, signups still needed for salad, setup help and raffle items. Tickets funds due April 24th, members to sell 4 tickets each at \$15 per ticket. Sandy updated on current recycling total: \$100.10.

Caring for America- Kathy I reporting on recent CA GOP convention in San Diego.

Membership Report- Dorothy gave the current report announced two new members, Julie Diggs & Gwen Stanley. Current total is 92, see attached exhibit B.

Newsletter Deadline April 17th.

Calendar Events & Announcements: as listed

Opportunity Drawing- Arlene Azcona

Adjournment- 1:08pm by Kathy Forgnone



Save the date!

— PLEASE JOIN US FOR A —

Barbecue with
Steve Hilton

Candidate for Governor
of California



Sat | May 2 | 11am - 3pm

\$25 Per Person
Sponsor \$250

FOR MORE INFORMATION

— 831-324-0617 —



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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