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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 11:30AM

Cork and Plough

Fried Chicken w/mashed potatoes & mixed vegetables

Or

Farmhouse Salad with Chicken

No substitutes by patrons unless allergies or dietary restrictions.

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

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

Respond to Karen Leonhard phone # (831) 385-1333 by August 27th.

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



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The guest speaker for the September general membership meeting will be Claudia Tantum. She is the treasurer of Safe and Skilled Sisters of Education, a firearms training organization.

CLAUDIA TANTUM.

Claudia Tantum was born in upstate New York. She is a retired administrative assistant at Cal Poly and treasurer of Safe and Skilled Sisters of Education. (SASSA) She is a member of Atascadero Republican Women Federated. Claudia is married with 2 adult children, 2 grandchildren, and 1 grand dog.



BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is August 26th at 11:00 am West Coast Community Bank. All are welcome.

AMERICANISM

There is one American war hero also known for his acting and singing career... you guessed it, it's Audie Murphy. Although he was not even old enough to join the military, he was bound and determined. His sister helped him falsify his birth records so he could get in. While serving in the military he was widely celebrated as the most decorated combat soldier. He served from 1942-1945, then from 1950-1966 in the Texas Army National Guard, and finally from 1966-1969 in the U.S. Army Reserves. With a total of 33 awards, citations, and decorations, I would chance to say that this man demonstrated the utmost display of Americanism.



View From The Edge Of The Crowd by Lee Schell

I was initially disappointed in the apparent lack of progress at the recent US-Russian summit in Alaska. I guess I, like a lot of people, expected Trump and Putin to walk out of that meeting and announce that the war was over, that Russia would be keeping Crimea but would give back all of the other territory it won in the past three years. That probably ain't gonna happen, but here is what is actually going on:

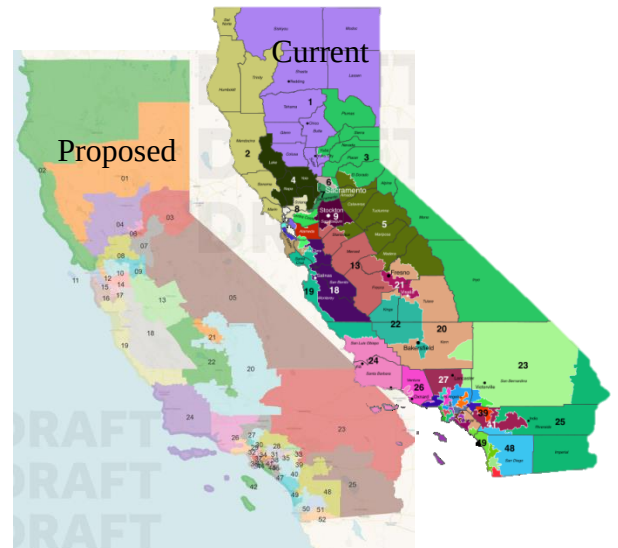
Way back when the old Soviet Union dissolved and Putin took over the reins of Mother Russia, Putin tried to "make nice" with the West. He asked to join NATO and was laughed out-of-town by Western countries that, now that the Cold War was over, wanted Russia to lick their boots in submission. The US and European countries squandered a perfect opportunity to welcome Russia back into the community of nations and by doing so, they humiliated Vladimir Putin in front of his people and those of the former USSR. Putin has been isolated and ticked off ever since and his attempt to grab Ukraine is a result of that festering humiliation.



President Donald Trump knows how Putin feels and what we saw on Friday, August 15th in Alaska was not a failure of diplomacy. On the contrary, what we saw was a master class in statesmanship and media manipulation. Trump literally laid out the red carpet and orchestrated the pomp and circumstance to impress Putin, to stroke his ego, and to welcome the Russian leader back to the select group of world leaders. According to President Trump, there was progress made in that three-hour meeting. We will probably never know what was actually agreed to

during that time but we do know that Putin is now aware that the US is willing to try and smooth over the Russian leader's hurt feelings and get down to the complicated task of working out some kind of a "deal" to end this terrible war. This is a sign of strength, a sign that America is bouncing back from four years under a weak, AWOL president and is, again, leading the thought and diplomatic processes of many of the world's most influential countries. Three years of war has weakened Russia's ability to defend itself. Witness China and North Korea helping restock Russia's weapons arsenal. Trump could rattle sabers to try and get a war-ending deal from the Russians but he is using this "teaspoon of honey" approach to get things done. Putin is no fool. He knows what Trump is doing but for Putin to regain some global respect as a legitimate leader of a historically important country, he needs to step up and do the right thing. Let's hope President Trump's strategy works.

A quick note on all of this talk of redistricting: For years Democrats have been gerrymandering red states to pack congress with liberals and mute the voices of Republicans. The fact that Texas is trying to give Republicans in the Lone Star State better representation in Congress and getting skewered by Democrats for doing it, is pure hypocrisy. Republicans are almost always underrepresented on the national level. In California, where Governor Newsom wants to overturn a state mandate requiring a non-partisan commission draw our political boundaries, Republican voter registration is approaching forty percent and yet we have only nineteen percent representation in the Legislature and in Congress. We must fight this move with all of our energy. This cannot happen.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PLEASE consider supporting the Monterey County Republican Party by attending the annual Reagan Dinner on Thursday, August 28th, at the Salinas Rodeo Room. Our speaker, Rob Schneider, is active with Turning Point USA, and is a rare conservative Hollywood entertainer/comedian. SMCRWF does have a table of 8, but there are seats available at other tables. The food is excellent, silent and live auctions have class items, including firearms. SMCRWF again the "His & Hers" Tool sets. Please call the MCRP office or my cell: (831) 682-2202, as soon as possible. \$95 a seat – bring a friend. I have a couple seats in my car open. You will ride with Arlene Azcona and Lourdes Villarreal. Mayor Mike LeBarre, Brad and Kathy Imamura, and my husband Fred will join us there.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - Kathy Forgnone

The Southern Monterey County Republican Women put on a great celebration for our annual dinner meeting



Kathy with Hayden and her Family

Scholarship winner, Amity Hearne on August 6th. Our guest speaker, Rob Bernosky, former Vice Chair of the California GOP, recognized Amity and discussed the challenges she may have when attending a college campus known for its liberal influences. Amity will be attending Cal Poly State University and plans to keep in touch with the SMCRWF.



Rob Bernosky and Kaeda

Sharon and Ivy Hearne

Due to an opportunity to enter into an internship before college, I met with our second scholarship winner, Hayden Munoz and her family for dinner in July. On behalf of the SMCRWF, I presented Hayden with our \$1,000 award. Hayden has been accepted to U.C. Berkeley where she will begin her studies in the fall.

SECOND VICE PRESEDENT/WAYS AND MEANS

RECYCLING

The recycling we received at the August meeting came to \$24.03 which brings our total to \$272.21. 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!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Join us Saturday, September 20th 10:00am til 2:00pm at the King City Safeway to inform people about the wreath ceremony and sell some wreaths for Wreaths Across America. National Wreaths Across America Day will is on Saturday, December 13, 2025. We will be at the King City Cemetery on Friday, December 12th to prepare for the ceremony happening on the 13th. Wreaths are \$17 again this year. Kathy Imamura is leading this program and would love the help. kdimmamura@sbcglobal.net or (408) 802-4437

SUNSHINE

If you hear about any of our members who may be under the weather or in need of a little sunshine greeting, give Cheryl Harrison a call at (831) 320-3256. She will send a card from our club.



KING CITY GRILL

Pachyderm Party Line has a new advertiser: King City Grill. Ronald Bonilla is the owner and he welcomes all of our members to stop in for breakfast or lunch.

BIRTHDAYS

Kaeda Barrios - September 1
Riggie Romo - September 1
Vicki Nohrden - September 2
Diana McElmoyl - September 4
Mikel Ann Miller - September 10
Betty LeLievre - September 14
Suzanne Krause - September 27



FLAG DAY

September 1 Labor Day
September 11 (fixed) (half-staff) Patriot Day
September 17 (fixed) Constitution Day and
Citizenship Day
September 18 (fixed) Air Force Birthday
September 19 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 28 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

MEMBERSHIP 2025

Regular

Renewals	57
New	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	68

Associate

Renewals	29
New	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	38

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 2025 to date...106

I am so happy to report we have two new Regular Members and one renewing Associate Member bringing our total membership to an all-time high of 106. Welcome to new members Nicole Shriner and her daughter Julia Echenique and renewing Associate Brian Higgins. Their information is below for you to clip and add to your rosters. I also remembered to add Matt Gildersleeve's information that I forgot in last month's newsletter.

NEW REGULAR MEMBERS

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October 28

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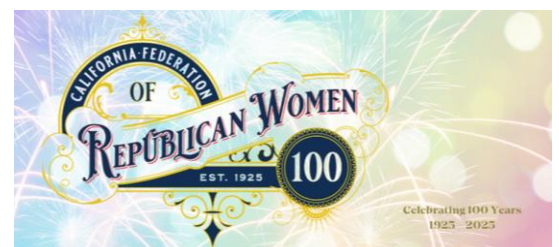
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June 27

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July 11

Thanks,
Dorothy Errea, Membership Chairman

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Registration for the 2025 CFRW in Costa Mesa is now open. Early price ends on August 26 - \$450, Aug 27 - Sept 23 cost is \$500. Celebrate 100 years October 17-19, 2025.



REAGAN LIBRARY EVENTS www.reaganfoundation.org

- Sept. 5 Win Dinner Rombauer Vineyards, 5:30pm
- Sept. 6 21st Annual Constitution Day mini conference, 8:30am
- Sept. 9 Conversation & book signing, Supreme Court Justice Amy Barrett, 6pm
- Sept. 10 Conversation & book signing with Ben Shapiro, 6pm
- Sept. 16 Home School Days, 10:30am
- Sept. 30 Teatime at the Reagan Library, 12:30pm

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORING CLUBS

MONTEREY PENINSULA RWF

Thursday, Sept. 11, 11:30am, Palo Corona Regional Park, Carmel Valley.
Call (831) 624-5343 for information and RSVP.

PASO ROBLES RWF

Monday, Sept. 8, 5pm, Quail Run Clubhouse, 1400 Quail Run Ave., Paso Robles
Speaker is Mike Harvey, founder of 511 Medical Group. RSVP (805) 217-5323

KING CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Stop by the Downtown Plaza at 326 Broadway on September 19.
Paradise Road will perform music there from 6-8pm.



**Downtown Plaza
Concerts**

SEP. 19 **PARADISE ROAD**
6 pm - 8 pm

LOCATED AT: 326 BROADWAY ST, KING CITY, CA 93930
CORNER OF BROADWAY & VANDEHURST

FOR MORE INFO:
atrujillo@kingcity.com



September 5 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Traveling Band ends Sol Treasures backyard concert series. Support our favorite Christmas Band! Sol Treasures has tables and chairs set up in the backyard. They also have water and wine available for a small (or big) donation. The last couple of concerts they have sold hotdogs or bring your own picnic!

Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated
General Meeting
Cork & Plough, King City
August 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Forgnone at 6:15 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Sandy Casion. President Kathy welcomed all and introduced the following: Ron Bernosky former Vice Chair of CAGOP, Greg Fuller 1st vice chair MCRP, Brian Higgins Political Director MCRP, Scholarship recipient Amity Hearne, parents Trina & Jim, brother Wiley & sister Ivy, Yvette Adams Assistant Superintendent of So. Monterey County Union School District, Julie Echenique & Nicole Shriner guests of President Kathy, Jackie Laredo guest of Ruth Lopes, Brooke Iverson guest of Barbara Plaskett, Chuck LeLievre guest of Betty LeLievre. **1st VP:** Kaeda introduced speaker Rob Bernosky and announced speaker for September Claudia Tatum of Atascadero RWF will speak on Safe & Skilled Sisters of Education, October ??, November is Loren Spivack of "The Free Market Warrior in 2009". December is our Christmas Party. **2nd VP** Sharon Hornlein introduced our scholarship recipient Amity Hearne. **Correspondence:** A thank you was read from a recipient of our Care & Comfort package. **Minutes:** were approved as sent. \$1270, expenses \$ \$1724.09 & Munoz scholarship check \$1,000, ending balance \$11,190.22 Filed for review, attached.

Recycling: Sandy reported \$248.18. **Membership:** Dorothy reported Regular renewals 58, 9 new for 67, Associate renewals 28, 10 new for 38 for grand total of 105. We welcomed new member Barbara Plaskett with packet and welcomed new members Julie Echenique & Nicole Shriner. **Parliamentarian** Jeane Errea-Mills stated she is looking for 3 volunteers & 1 alternate to be on nominating committee to select next terms officers. **Caring for America** Kathy I. stated there will be a booth to see wreaths at Safeway Saturday, September 20th from 10-2 and wreath will be placed Saturday, December 13th. **Sunshine:** Karen would like prayers for all those who are suffering. **Monterey County Republican Party** Brian Higgins stated the governor wants gerrymandering election. He also stated the office needs volunteers any day and any time you can spare. He reminded all of Reagan dinner August 28th. **Newsletter August 15th.**

Meeting Calendar – events & Announcements

August 8th Paso Robles RWF dinner, Gub. Candi. Leo Zacky

August 14th Monterey Peninsula RWF

Monterey Bay Conservatives 277-6227

August 26th SMCRWF board meeting 11 a.m. West Coast Bank

August 28th Reagan Dinner Fundraiser – see Brian Higgins guest Rob Schneider

September 2nd SMCRWF luncheon meeting 11:30 Cork & Plough

October 17th CFRW annual convention Costa Mesa

Opportunity drawing won by Dorothy, other winners: Lu, Kaeda & Barbara Plaskett.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Barba Oetting Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Approved_____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Birthday (Mo/Day) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Active Member /Year \$35 _____ Associate Member /Year \$10 _____

Active 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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