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Peter Coe Verbica, Candidate for Congress CD-19, will join us for lunch as our Guest Speaker on Thursday, March 19th. California's 19th congressional district stretches from south San Jose in Santa Clara County, into the hills of Santa Cruz, down the coastline of Monterey County, and into northern San Luis Obispo County.

Pete's stated goals are to: End the high taxes on gas and ill-conceived reformulated blends, Lower Food Costs by Providing Water for Farmers, Fix the CA Insurance Crisis, Provide Neighborhood autonomy over housing, Stop PAGA's Assault on CA Businesses, Reform Immigration to Help Tech and Ag and End the Assault on Independent Contractors.



Also joining us for lunch is **Carol Pefley**, Candidate for CA Assembly District 28. District 28 encompasses much of both Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Carol came to the United States as a young child. She is a mother to two wonderful children and, as a single parent, has experienced firsthand the challenges of raising a family in California's increasingly unaffordable economy. For over a decade, one-party rule in Sacramento has led to rising costs, excessive regulations, failing schools, and an exodus of working families who simply can't afford to stay. I'm running for State Assembly to help restore balance and bring common sense back to California's government. I believe in a future where families can thrive, small businesses can succeed, and opportunity is within reach for all.



And finally, appearing via zoom, will be **Sonja Shaw**, another Republican Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction (*we heard from Gus Mattammal in January*). Sonja aims to fix a system where only 46.7% of the students read at grade level. Believing classrooms have become battlegrounds for radical agendas, she wants to transform schools into launchpads for dreams by returning to core education. With a back-to-basics approach.

Currently the Chino Valley Unified School District's Board President, Sonja has decided to run for CA Superintendent to give parents a seat at the education table!

Reserve now - and bring a friend!

CALL: Grace Russo, 408-499-1695

LOCATION: Boulder Ridge Golf Club

1000 Old Quarry Road – San Jose, CA 95123

Check-in Begins @ 11:30am

12:00 Noon, Call to Order

Cost of Program: \$38.00

(Includes the program, lunch, coffee & tea, taxes & gratuity!)

March Lunch: Salad, Hot entrée, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter

WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR RSVP AND PAYMENT BY THURSDAY MARCH 12TH!
YOUR LUNCH MUST BE PRE-ORDERED.

Checks payable to "West Valley RWF" can be mailed to:

Grace Russo - 2393 Karen Dr. #3 - Santa Clara, CA 95050

Food is ordered in advance based on # of RSVPs; no refunds will be issued after Thursday, March 12th.