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There is no meeting in July.
**Celebrate
Independence Day
July 4**

August Meeting

**Monday,
August 7, 2023
11:30 am
The Point Restaurant
Rio Vista, CA**

**Speaker:
Mayor Ron Kott**

President's Message — Karen Powers

Dear SRWF members and friends:

I simply wish to say stay strong as we approach 2024 elections. This ongoing political theatre will become increasingly dramatic on national and global scales. Stay in faith with God.

Take your health seriously — make and keep your medical appointments. If possible, volunteer for and donate to local and/or state Republican campaigns and causes. Seek ways to insert joy into your life. Each breath of your life is God-breathed. Honor your heavenly maker in prayer. Take care of family and friends. Reach out to those with wisdom which can benefit your life... share that same wisdom with others.



Be brave, my friends. God bless each one of you and your families as the storms around us seemingly strengthen. I pray for all Republicans, all Christians and faithful pilgrims, that they may find refuge and safe passage when needed. I pray that Republican candidates may persevere in elections and in lobbying efforts for conservative causes.

Sincerely:
Karen Powers, SRWF President,
Solano County, CA

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Four Fun Facts for the Fourth

1. Thomas Jefferson was not the only author of The Declaration of Independence

While Thomas Jefferson is often called the “author” of the Declaration of Independence, it was not a solo project. Jefferson was a member of a five-person committee appointed by the Continental Congress to write the Declaration that also included Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman. (Source: [ConstutionFacts.com](https://www.constitutionfacts.com))

2. George Washington did not sign The Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies, but George Washington was not one of them. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration, Washington did not sign it because he was in New York preparing to defend Manhattan against the British. (Source: [Harvard.edu](https://www.harvard.edu))

3. The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45

The youngest was Thomas Lynch, Jr (27) of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin (70) of Pennsylvania. (Source: [ACEI-Global](https://www.acei-global.com))

4. Only two signers of the Declaration of Independence later served as President of the United States

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who did much of the writing of the document, were the only two signers to go on to be President. (Source: [Grand Valley State University](https://www.grandvalleystate.edu))









Elections dates and schedules re 2024:

- **January 22:** Iowa Republican caucuses (scheduled)
- **February 3:** South Carolina Democratic primary
- **February 6:**
 - Nevada Democratic primary (tentative)
 - New Hampshire Democratic primary (tentative)
- **February 13:** New Hampshire Republican primary (scheduled)
- **February 27:** Michigan Democratic primary
- **March 5:** Super Tuesday
- **March 12:** Georgia Democratic presidential primary
- **March 25:** The trial for *The People of the State of New York v. Donald J. Trump* is set to begin.
- **July 15–18:** The Republican National Convention is scheduled to be held in Milwaukee
- **August 19–22:** The Democratic National Convention is scheduled to be held in Chicago
- **November 5:** (the Tuesday after the first Monday of November): Election Day.
- **December 10:** (at least six days prior to the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December): the "safe harbor" deadline under the Electoral Count Act, where states must finally resolve any controversies over the selection of their electors of the Electoral College.
- **December 16:** (the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December): The electors meet in their respective state capitals and the District of Columbia to formally vote for president and vice president.

Declared major candidates in the 2024 Republican Party presidential primaries

Name	Born	Experience	Home state	Campaign Announcement date
 <u>Doug Burgum</u>	August 1, 1956 (age 66) <u>Arthur, North Dakota</u>	<u>Governor of North Dakota</u> (2016–present)	 <u>North Dakota</u>	<u>Campaign</u> <hr/> June 7, 2023 FEC filing ^[13]
 <u>Chris Christie</u>	September 6, 1962 (age 60) <u>Newark, New Jersey</u>	<u>Governor of New Jersey</u> (2010–2018) Candidate for president (2016) <u>U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey</u> (2002–2008)	 <u>New Jersey</u>	<u>Campaign</u> <hr/> June 6, 2023 FEC filing ^[15]
 <u>Ron DeSantis</u>	September 14, 1978 (age 44) <u>Jacksonville, Florida</u>	<u>Governor of Florida</u> (2019–present) <u>U.S. Representative</u> from <u>FL-06</u> (2013–2018)	 <u>Florida</u>	<u>Campaign</u> <hr/> May 24, 2023 FEC filing ^[17]
 <u>Larry Elder</u>	April 27, 1952 (age 71) <u>Los Angeles, California</u>	Host of <i>The Larry Elder Show</i> (1993–2022) Candidate for <u>Governor of California</u> in 2021	 <u>California</u>	<u>Campaign</u> <hr/> April 20, 2023 FEC filing ^[19]
 <u>Nikki Haley</u>	January 20, 1972 (age 51) <u>Bamberg, South Carolina</u>	<u>Ambassador to the United Nations</u> (2017–2018) <u>Governor of South Carolina</u> (2011–2017) <u>South Carolina State Representative</u> (2005–2011)	 <u>South Carolina</u>	<u>Campaign</u> <hr/> February 14, 2023 FEC filing ^[21]
 <u>Asa Hutchinson</u>	December 3, 1950 (age 72) <u>Bentonville, Arkansas</u>	<u>Governor of Arkansas</u> (2015–2023) <u>Under Secretary of Homeland Security</u> (2003–2005) <u>Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration</u> (2001–2003)	 <u>Arkansas</u>	<u>Campaign</u> <hr/> April 6, 2023 FEC filing ^[23]

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 <p><u>Perry Johnson</u></p>	<p>January 23, 1948 (age 75) <u>Dolton, Illinois</u></p>	<p>President of Perry Johnson International Holdings</p>	 <p><u>Michigan</u></p>	<p><u>Campaign</u></p> <hr/> <p>March 2, 2023 FEC filing^[25]</p>
 <p><u>Mike Pence</u></p>	<p>June 7, 1959 (age 64) <u>Columbus, Indiana</u></p>	<p><u>Vice President of the United States</u> (2017–2021) <u>Governor of Indiana</u> (2013–2017) <u>U.S. Representative</u> from <u>Indiana</u> (2001–2013)</p>	 <p><u>Indiana</u></p>	<p><u>Campaign</u></p> <hr/> <p>June 5, 2023 FEC filing^[27]</p>
 <p><u>Vivek Ramaswamy</u></p>	<p>August 9, 1985 (age 37) <u>Cincinnati, Ohio</u></p>	<p>Executive chairman of <u>Strive Asset Management</u> (2022–present)</p>	 <p><u>Ohio</u></p>	<p><u>Campaign</u></p> <hr/> <p>February 21, 2023 FEC filing^[29]</p>
 <p><u>Tim Scott</u></p>	<p>September 19, 1965 (age 57) <u>North Charleston, South Carolina</u></p>	<p><u>U.S. Senator</u> from <u>South Carolina</u> (2013–present) <u>U.S. Representative</u> from <u>SC-01</u> (2011–2013) <u>South Carolina State Representative</u> (2009–2011)</p>	 <p><u>South Carolina</u></p>	<p><u>Campaign</u></p> <hr/> <p>May 19, 2023 FEC filing^[31]</p>
 <p><u>Francis Suarez</u></p>	<p>October 6, 1977 (age 45) <u>Miami, Florida</u></p>	<p><u>Mayor of Miami</u> (2017–present) 80th <u>President of the United States Conference of Mayors</u> (2022–2023) Member of the <u>Miami City Commission</u> (2009–2017)</p>	 <p><u>Florida</u></p>	<p><u>Campaign</u></p> <hr/> <p>June 14, 2023 FEC filing^[33]</p>
 <p><u>Donald Trump</u></p>	<p>June 14, 1946 (age 77) <u>Queens, New York</u></p>	<p><u>President of the United States</u> (2017–2021) Chairman of <u>The Trump Organization</u> (1971–2017)</p>	 <p><u>Florida</u></p>	<p><u>Campaign</u></p> <hr/> <p>November 15, 2022 FEC filing^{[35][36]}</p>

Notes and photos from May Meeting

(NOTES AND PHOTOS
BY Karen Powers)



Our esteemed speaker on May 1st, 2023, was **Chief Counsel Kevin Snider** of Pacific Justice Institute (pacificjustice.org or pji.org). Chief Counsel Snider addressed ongoing issues and litigation concerning attempted power grabs by the administrative state during the recent Covid pandemic. The administrative state continues to try to take away core constitutional rights such as freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, Miranda advisement of rights, freedom of religion, the right to confront your accuser, and the requirement for signed warrant prior to onsite searches.

PJI has represented cases that demonstrated violation of the constitutional right of freedom of assembly and “THE GENERAL LAW OF NEUTRAL APPLICABILITY”. During the pandemic, churches were denied the right to assemble (including receiving fines) although protestors were allowed to assemble.

PJI represented New Harvest church vs the city of Salinas. The city had an ordinance that forbade the assembly of patrons on a building’s first floor. The New Harvest church was denied gathering to conduct services in the building’s first floor, but a cinema just down the street was allowed to

have its patrons gather to watch movies in its first floor. The issue being, secular and sacred should both have equal application of the right to assemble.

In another pandemic legal challenge, the California Department of Social Services took it upon themselves to fine preschools first, then shut them down completely, for lack of mask-wearing by their 2, 3 and 4 year olds. PJI representing the pre-schools resultantly sought to legally challenge Department of Social Services policies which allowed them to 1) conduct searches of any preschool’s financial and business records/files without a warrant; 2) to interview preschool employees without advising them of their constitutional rights to remain silent, 3) to act against a preschool based on an anonymous complaint — allowing the Department of Social Services to act as both the police and prosecutor. Furthermore, when and if a decision against Department of Social Services is rendered by a Court, the DSS agency itself currently has the legal right to change any opinion made by a judge! This California agency, Department of Social Services which has authority to license preschools also has veto power over a judge’s decision and can change that decision to the benefit of DSS itself. This case is currently being litigated in court.

Of concern by Chief Counsel Snider are California bills SB 107 and SB 407. SB 107 basically would allow legalized kidnapping by the state — it relates to divorce proceedings. If one parent opposes their own biological child transitioning and the other biological parent supports it, the parent who opposes their minor child transitioning to a different gender would be forced to surrender custody to the family court system, which then takes jurisdiction of the child, ie the government punishes a parent who is against their minor child transitioning by assuming custody and denying custody to the parent.



SB 407: this Senate Bill would deny parents of faith the possibility of being foster parents. Religious faith would be deemed a disqualification for being a Foster Parent. There are several negatives to this bill actually passing. First there are over 60,000 children in need of foster care but only 48,000 actually housed. Also, it is the faith community where the majority of foster parents are found. This bill assumes that persons of faith would not understand LGBTQ and would not help transgender transition and so tries to eliminate persons of faith altogether from the possibility of being foster parents. This bill requires foster parents to support and assist in transitioning any foster child, from ages infants through teenage years. Chief Counsel Snider notes that in 2020 there were 2,900 homes that stopped being foster care providers because of legislation like SB 407.

Chief Counsel Snider still has hope. He points out that “people need to love their liberty more than the administrative state loves their power.” He advises: “You must fight — such as fighting in court, be financially supportive of those who are brave enough to fight in court, go to the State Capitol to assemble and peacefully protest, go to lobby legislators and appear at hearings to speak in favor of or against pending legislation. Be people of conviction. You will have to resist things which arise. It will cost you something. Fighting for liberty is worth it. Stay the course. This republic is an experiment. We are just one generation from failure and there is absolutely no other nation on this earth such as ours.

Currently we are getting into a win or lose situation due to rampant and intense political divisions. Compromise can only be found in our Constitution and Bill of Rights which must stay in place as an absolute requirement for our republic, our liberty and our constitutionally-protected, God-given rights and freedoms to survive.



Notes and photos from June 5 Meeting



Delon Jackson speaking to SRWF



Delon Jackson was our featured speaker at the SRWF meeting held on June 5th, 2023. He's a retired Richmond Police Officer, having worked in law enforcement for 23 years, and mostly enjoyed working in the juvenile division. He also worked within the schools system for 9 years. He now works within the Foster Care system here within our county and state.

Delon says that he grew up in Richmond and was a troubled child. He had run-ins with law enforcement and at times could be a bully. In reality, he wasn't a bully, but was often scared, hiding behind the facade of being a bully for his own protection and to feel less scared. Today he draws from that childhood experience and enjoys working with and helping youth and foster kids.

To show the audience the perspective of a foster kid, Delon asked us to imagine being a child who is transferred many times to different homes and different schools, who rarely — if ever— hears the words “I love you” from a parent. Most don't even know their parents or were re-

removed from abusive or violent homes, sometimes separated from brothers and sisters, too. It is very difficult to make friends and connections of trust and longevity for foster kids.

Delon says that conservatives and Republicans need to get involved with foster care more often. As a law enforcement officer, Delon found that if you want to make change, you need to go inside the system that needs changing, not as an outsider,

He mentioned having Foster Care Conferences, wherein foster kids in attendance learn about life topics like dating, etiquette, how to find jobs and dress for interviews and success. Community and other leaders who are admired by youth can be potential motivational speakers at such conferences.

Delon approaches foster care as a way to let these kids know they are loved, that they matter, that they can have a good future that is not based on hate and division. It's important to give them respect so that respect will be returned by the foster kids. It's important to step into their world in order to try and change it for the better.

Delon wants to put together a blueprint and form a conference for kids in Solano County. He has conversed with Supervisor Jim Spering, who was very supportive. Delon recommends that any who hold interest in working with him in the foster kids programs drop him an email at.

Bryan Pritchard CAGOP Northwest Region Vice-Chair also spoke at our June 5 meeting. He was recently elected to this position within the California State GOP at a Sacramento convention by state delegates in attendance. He visited our group in June 2023, bringing kernels of wisdom on state politics to share with us.

As a father, Bryan became involved in state politics for his 3 children, due to his concerns about liberal legislators and Democrat policies which make no sense in the State of CA. Bryan first voted in elections when President Trump ran for office. He currently serves as Lake County GOP Chairman and is also running for County Supervisor in Lake County.



Bryan believes Republicans need to run for office and participate in politics as human beings first. The Democrats run as a machine. Republicans must appeal to voters on issues which voters are passionate about. It is less about which party one belongs to and more about letting your community know who you are and see who you are: be a good person, show respect, attend social and political events such as Farmers Markets; go door knocking for campaigns. Bryan noted that we live in a state where we see the results of liberal policies and the destruction they cause, sarcastically stating “but thank heaven we have gender neutral restrooms”.

We must take the state back by winning local races such as commissions, city councils, board member seats. Issue positions must be presented from a non-partisan perspective. The trend in California is to move toward liberalism. Being prominently known as an endorsed Republican is not going to help you in the blue state of California. But being a Republican who wants to make California safe, who cares about the state and safety of its citizens will help those GOP candidates running for office.

Thank you Delon Jackson and Bryan Pritchard for sharing your time and expertise with our group.

Shirlee Pierce provided an update about Agenda 21. We also watched a video with **Catherine Austin Fitts and Tucker Carlson** on the danger of CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency).

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The 100 Club of Solano & Yolo Counties

This club has been formed to support the families of the fallen heroes of Solano and Yolo Counties. We also provide crisis intervention and peer support services through our affiliation with local police agencies and community groups.

<https://www.100clubsync.org/>



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NorCal Emergency Responders Organization NERO provides community education and engagement. Educating the public about the difficult job all First Responders endure and what First Responders go through, in the line of duty.

NERO also provides helpful safety classes for the community. They also provide classes in fire safety, CPR, first aid, and 9-1-1 for children and senior citizens.

Cookies for Cops

Cookies for Cops is a community service project suggested by the Northern Division at our last conference. It is a way to tell our law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders that we appreciate them, value them, and want to lift their spirits. It is a way to extend our thanks to first responders for being there for us and to let them know we think about them and want them to know it.

Contact Carolyn Cotton for more information 707-422-2750



Solano Republican Women Federated

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Birthday (Month/Day) _____

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Newsletter by mail or e-mail

I would like a phone reminder for meetings and events.

I would like to become more involved in Republican Women.

I would like to become an SRWF Committee Member.

I would like to do Voter Registration.

I would like to attend Regional Meetings.

I would like to help with fundraising.

Membership Levels

Active Member - \$50

Associate Member - \$15 *an active member of another Republican Women Federated Club, someone who is not old enough to vote, a woman who is not a U.S. citizen or a man who is interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the Republican Women Federated.*

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SRWF –Membership Secretary

c/o Carolyn Cotton

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