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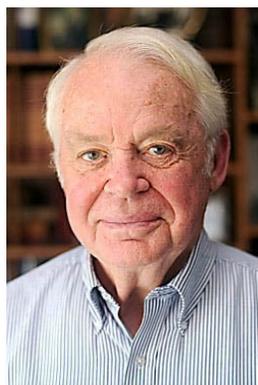
Speakers: The Right Stuff Columnists

Jim McCully and Earl Heal

Every week the Daily Republic, the local Fairfield newspaper prints a column “The Right Stuff”, that discusses relevant conservative issues. Jim McCully and Earl Heal, both influential leaders within the Solano County Republican party and our community along with Roger Oberbeck and Kevin Ryan, write these columns providing thoughtful commentary and information.

Here in the month of June, the Solano Republican Women’s Federated consider ourselves fortunate to have Jim and Earl speak at our Luncheon meeting.

Jim McCully is a former Chairman of the Solano County Republican Central Committee, former Regional Vice Chairman of the California Republican Party and a retired US Secret Service Officer. He and his family also own and operates a winery and vintner business which produces and markets Gunn Barrel Wines.



Earl Heal is a retired Air Force Officer, Vacaville resident, contributing member of The Right Stuff column and formerly a member of the Solano County Republican Central Committee. He is respected by many for his selfless contributions and leadership positions within Solano county including board member of the Solano Tea Party, Meals on Wheels, Taxpayers Organization, Constitutional Literacy Advocates and many others.

Links to the Right Stuff articles can be found n the Solano Republican Women Federated website blog.

We invite you to peruse the articles at

<https://www.srwfederated.org/blog/categories/the-right-stuff>.

Remember to Vote, June 7th!!!

And encourage all of your Republican friends and neighbors to vote also!

**There will be no July meeting because of Independence Day Celebration (July 4th. Weekend)
We will return in August with speaker information to be announced.**

June Meeting

**Monday, June 6, 2022
Arrive 11:00 am
Program Start 11:30 am
The Benicia Grill
2390 N. Texas Street,
Fairfield**

Donation \$5

**Optional Lunch Separate
Order from menu-**

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**Open Positions
Historian**

President's Message — Karen Powers

I've been on a roadtrip through many states recently. What I've seen by comparison to CA amazes me.

Outside of CA, gas prices in most other states are lower — \$3.00 - \$3.80 per gallon...compared to between \$5-\$6.00 plus per gallon in CA. Outside of CA, gas stations do not stop customers from filling up their tanks at a certain dollar amount. Within CA, I've recently experienced gas stations which stop the gas flow to my car at \$75.00 dollars.

At all grocery stores outside of CA, there is no .10 cent surcharge per grocery bag. Grocery stores outside of CA do not charge customers for grocery bags at all. And it should be noted that at every store I have shopped at in Solano County who charges me .10 cents per bag, not one store manager is able to explain how the money generated by grocery bag fees is spent; nor can they explain who is the ultimate recipient of the bag monies collected.

I've seen plenty of water flowing in the mountains of CA, and in many other states as well, including evidence of flooding due to excess water in some states. The main problem in CA is the horrible water management policies under Governor Newsom. Water is allowed to flow to the ocean instead of being saved in existing dams and storage infrastructure. Our legislators are returning CA to the status of a desert.

Currently, I've seen no evidence of food shortages — but, I have seen higher grocery prices for meats and some dairy products.

I have seen wind-powered generators installed on hills in many states and huge solar farms - miles and miles of solar panels near Death Valley in CA and in NV, AZ. No houses or businesses near any of them.

I've seen TESLA electric car chargers in some hotel parking lots and in some grocery store parking lots. It takes about one or more hours to recharge an electric car battery with power, add to that the inconvenience of hours-long wait times for available EV charging ports. However, EV charging stations don't work without electricity from fossil fuels. That's because it is fossil fuels which keep green energy functioning. Coal energy is essential in creating solar panels; natural-gas generators are installed to keep wind-turbines turning — winds are estimated to turn wind-turbines only 30% of the time, the turbines then use fossil fuel energy to operate beyond that. The three major energy sources of power which green energy runs on: coal, natural gas, and petroleum...fossil fuels.

Most refreshing on my trip was to drive through red states where candidates openly mention their Republican Party affiliation on their campaign signs; and to see TV commercials where Republican candidates actually reveal their party affiliation. Some candidates even include their endorsement by Trump proudly. In CA, Republican candidates often don't mention their party affiliation to the public. Republicans in California are instead looking over their shoulder, so to speak, exercising caution when expressing support for Trump or Republican positions. Some former CA Republicans now identify as Independents or unaffiliated.

As elections draw near, it is essential that you vote Republican. Encourage others to do so. Most essential is that we exercise our right to vote; don't let our frustration or fears prevent us from voting. Please encourage other conservative friends to vote. You can even carry their ballots to the registrar's office. Ballot harvesting is now legal in CA. Friends encourage friends to vote and now to carry your friends' ballots to the ballot box. Sadly, we Republicans now mimic Democrats in the act of ballot harvesting, an act previously against the law.

In this year's primary election, contact your favorite candidate to see if you are able to assist their campaign — from donations to door-knocking.

I wish each citizen voter the motivation and fortitude to complete your ballot (not the "sample ballot") and return it.

If any questions or concerns, contact Solano County's Central Committee at **707-422-5000**; contact EIP-CA (<https://www.eip-ca.com/incident.htm>); or contact the Solano County Registrar ([Solano County - Contact Us](#)).

May God bless and keep our nation safe, and protect our citizens and sovereignty as the threat of globalism encroaches. In addition to prayer, voting is part of that protective process.

Karen Powers, President, SRWF



News from our May Meeting

Speaker: Colleen Britton, VOTE SAFE in 2022

Colleen Britton, the Bay Area Regional Coordinator for the Election Integrity Project Ca, provided useful recommendations and spoke with us about the various issues regarding keeping our votes



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EVERY LAWFULLY CAST VOTE ACCURATELY COUNTED



The following articles are on the [Election Integrity Project[®]California website](#)

Part #1—"Everybody" Gets a Ballot—So What Now?

As an educational and research organization, it is always our joy to share with our fellow citizens things they need to know to make their voting experience more safe, secure and fulfilling

Our "Vote Safe in 2022" article series is designed to answer any questions you may have, as well as alert you to information you never knew you were missing. **We suggest you create a special folder to save them all for reference and sharing. They will also be available under a special tab on our website.**

[\[...read more\]](#)

Part #2— Weighing Your Voter Options

Political parties enthusiastically encourage you to fill out your vote by mail (VBM) ballot the moment you receive it, seal it into the return envelope, sign it and put it immediately back into the U.S. mail.

This advice benefits THEM (or so they believe). This is their rationale:

- The sooner you return your vote, the sooner they can remove you from their outreach list, thus saving them Get Out the Vote expenditures and volunteer time.
- The sooner you return your vote the less likely it is that you will "forget" to vote. They assume (perhaps correctly) that voter turnout will thus be greater. [\[...read more\]](#)

Part #3—Damaged Ballots—You'll Never Know

In discussing the many steps of processing ballots returned in an envelope (Vote Safe in 2022, Part #2), there was mention of "Ballot Duplication".

Few voters are familiar with this step of the ballot processing, and are horrified when it is explained. We think you should know. After vote by mail ballots are extracted from their envelopes, they are carefully inspected—for damage. What is damage? [\[...read more\]](#)

Part #4— How To Vote in Person

Voting in Person means to cast a vote without an envelope at a polling location in your county. To prevent double voting, you must surrender the vote by mail (VBM) ballot you were mailed prior to casting an in-person vote.

Great confusion lies in the fact that counties have different regulations. You must determine what is required in your county. One size does NOT fit all. [\[...read more\]](#)

Part #5— What Do I Do IF.....?

In this article, we will respond to a series of "What If" scenarios relevant to the mailing of vote by mail ballots to all active voters, and provide you with how to address each situation.

WHAT IF I receive more than one ballot directed to me at my address?...[\[read more\]](#)



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VOTE SAFE IN 2022 (continued)

Part #6— It's Only the Primary

Primary elections in California historically generate low voter turnout. Understandably, people haven't quite engaged in the election season, knowing that the "real" election is still five months away. (In Presidential election years, the gap is eight months!!)

But when Californians short-sightedly adopted Proposition 14 (Top Two Primary) in 2010, **the Primary election became more important than the General Election in many ways.** We'll get to the explanation momentarily. [[...read more](#)]

Part #7 - Three Warnings as Ballots Go Out

Warning #1:

Today begins the mandatory Ballot Mailing period. Not later than Friday the 13th, your ballot must be in the mail to you.

If you have wisely signed up for ballot tracking, watch for a notice that your ballot has entered the USPS.

If your ballot does not arrive within a reasonable period of time (no more than 5 days after mailing), **DO NOT WAIT:** [[...read more](#)]

Part #8 - NOW IS THE TIME: STEP UP, STEP OUT, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Kudos and appreciation to those who were able to receive EIPCa Observer Training for the 2022 Primary. They will be key forces for election integrity.

Extra Kudos and appreciation to those who have reached out to say they missed the training but are still eager to do what they can.

GOOD NEWS: There is MUCH you can do as a CITIZEN OBSERVER: [[...read more](#)]

Part #9—Voting Procedures at the Polls

When you vote in person, **which EIPCa encourages you to do the FIRST day polls are open in your county**, it is wise to know the proper procedures for the safety of your ballot and the integrity of the entire election.

Here are some things to know. NOTE: County procedures vary in details. The following is true for all locations. [[...read more](#)]

Part #10 - What Do I Do IF..... (at the polls)?

Poll workers are individuals just like the rest of us. Most just want to do their best to conduct a fair, honest and lawful election.

But poll workers are limited by the quality of their training, and that varies significantly from county to county. In addition, the way elections are held is quickly changing: new systems, new technology, multiple voting days, new laws and regulations---it's hard to keep up!

Voters need to become educated so they can be the "wind beneath the wings" of poll workers who are doing a very difficult job. [[...read more](#)]



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR BALLOT IF . . . WHICH PATH IS MOST SECURE? YOU DECIDE

VOTE IN PERSON



Step 1. YOU privately mark YOUR ballot



Step 2. YOU send YOUR ballot through the Scanner/tabulator. YOUR vote is recorded onto a thumb drive

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Prepared By	
Reviewed By	
Date	Time
Received From	
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Received From	
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Step 3. At the close of polls, thumb drive and voted ballots are sealed and securely transported to ROV office where results are downloaded into the data system.



**IMMEDIATE,
SAME DAY,
ACCURATE
RESULTS**

VOTE via an ENVELOPE (VBM VOTE BY MAIL)

Step 1. You mark your ballot at home (may be private—may be under coercion) **seal and sign envelope** (up to 29 days prior to election)

Step 2. You place ballot in mail, or drop box (often unstaffed or emptied only every 96 hrs.)

Step 3. Your ballot goes through mass handling, often careless, prone to damage

Step 4. Hopefully, your ballot arrives at the counting center to begin processing (a multi-step, time-and labor-intensive, i.e. counting delay—prone to error and manipulation.

Step 5. Your envelope is sorted, scanned, prepared for signature verification

Step 6. Your signature is verified

Step 7. Your ballot is extracted from the envelope and examined for damage.

Step 8. If deemed 'damaged', it is duplicated in a largely unsupervised process OR your ballot is "ajudicated"— subjective and largely unsupervised.

Step 9. Your ballot is finally tabulated — This can be weeks after Election Day

Step 10. FINALLY
(up to 30 days after Election)



ACCURATE RESULTS?? Or is YOUR BALLOT subject to MANIPULATION?

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE
YOU DECIDE**



Capitol Update



SB 1389- Vehicles: traffic stops.

Existing law authorizes specified peace officers, including agents of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, county sheriffs, and city police officers, to require a driver to stop and submit to an inspection in specified circumstances. This bill would prohibit a peace officer from initiating a motor vehicle stop for a low-level infraction, unless there is separate, independent basis to initiate the stop.

The bill would define "low-level infraction" for this purpose as a violation related to vehicle registration and equipment or the operation of a bicycle, a violation pertaining to the secure fastening of a license plate to the vehicle, and a violation for lighting equipment not illuminating, as specified. The bill would exclude from "low-level infractions" vehicle registrations that have expired for more than 6 months and violations relating to commercial vehicles. *My Chief of Police tells me many arrests for more serious crimes are the result of traffic stops for "minor" reasons.*

SB 1000- Law enforcement agencies: radio communications.

Existing law establishes the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) to make specified criminal justice databases, including individual criminal histories, wanted and missing persons, and stolen firearms, vehicles, and property, available to participating law enforcement agencies. Existing law prohibits unauthorized access to CLETS and the unlawful use of CLETS information by authorized users.

Existing law authorizes the Attorney General to adopt policies, procedures, and practices related to the use of CLETS. These rules require a participating agency to restrict access to CLETS and define "access" as the ability to see or hear any information obtained from CLETS. This bill would require a law enforcement agency, including the California Highway Patrol, municipal police departments, county sheriff's departments, specified local law enforcement agencies, and specified university and college police departments, ~~to~~ *to, by no later than January 1, 2024, ensure public access to the radio communications of that agency, as specified. In short, any member of the public would be able to access any and all radio transmissions by your local police/sherriff or other law enforcement. This is a boon to the bad guys, who will be able to monitor police radio transmissions – nice job, Sacramento!*

SB 1038- Law enforcement: facial recognition and other biometric surveillance.

Existing law, until January 1, 2023, prohibits a law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer from installing, activating, or using any biometric surveillance system in connection with an officer camera or data collected by an officer camera. Existing law allows a person to bring an action for equitable or declaratory relief against a law enforcement agency or officer who violates this prohibition. This bill would extend these provisions indefinitely. *Because a bad guy's privacy is more important than your safety.*

AB 2644- Custodial interrogation-

Existing law authorizes a peace officer to take a minor into temporary custody when that officer has reasonable cause to believe that the minor has committed a crime or violated an order of the juvenile court. In these circumstances, existing law requires the peace officer to advise the minor that anything the minor says can be used against the minor, that the minor has the right to remain silent, that the minor has the right to have counsel present during any interrogation, and that the minor has the right to have counsel appointed if the minor is unable to afford counsel.

Existing law requires that a youth 17 years of age or younger consult with legal counsel in person, by telephone, or by video conference prior to a custodial interrogation and before waiving any of the above-specified rights. This bill would prohibit law enforcement officers from employing threats, physical harm, deception, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics, as specified, during an interrogation of a youth 25 years of age or younger.

Upon a minor initially being detained, existing law requires an officer to take immediate steps to notify a minor's parent, guardian, or a responsible relative that the minor is in custody and the place where the minor is being held. This bill would require a probation officer, no later than 2 hours after a minor has been taken into custody, to immediately notify the public defender or if there is no public defender, the indigent defense provider for the county, that the minor has been taken into custody. *So cops must now politely ask the detainee to "pretty-please let us know if you've done anything wrong..."*

For further information on any of the bills mentioned here, click on the bill # highlighted in the body of the above articles.

Find/contact your local Legislators, click [HERE](#) (Assembly) or [HERE](#) (Senate) to inquire about or let them know your opinion about bills or issues.

To contact your U.S. Representatives, call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Listen to hearings on bills that interest you click [HERE](#) (Assembly) or [HERE](#) (Senate).

California Legislative Portal links - Express your support or opposition to a bill directly to the Legislative committee currently reviewing it (as an individual, not as a member of RWF or CFRW) - [click here](#), or the bill's author- [click here](#), enter your bill # and look for the tab at top of the bill page labeled "Comments to Author".



Meet the CAGOP Endorsed Candidates

To search for California Republican Party endorsed candidates by your address, please visit our [Voter Guide](#)

National Federation Republican Women Poll



This Week's Question: Should the United States intervene militarily to protect Taiwan if it is invaded by China?

[Click HERE to make your voice heard](#)

Prayers for Uvalde and Our Nation

NFRW members are invited to join together in a prayer of comfort and healing from the NFRW Faith Coalition:

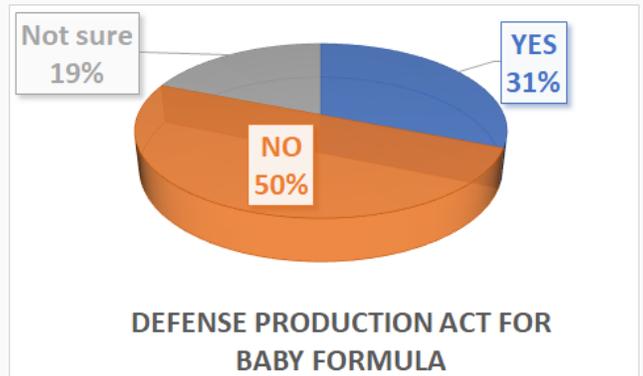
"Father, we pray that you comfort the families and children of Uvalde, Texas.

"Father, protect, guard and keep our children. We pray that you give us wisdom on how to keep them safe.

"As we go forward, give us strategies to recognize warning signs and stop these violent incidents. More than anything, bring our nation back to Holiness and goodness. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

"We commit these families and our nation to you. Make us once again, One nation under God!"

Last Week's Results: The Biden Administration has invoked the Defense Production Act to increase the nation's infant formula supply. Do you agree with this?



Comments: Members were divided on the Defense Production Act, some fearing "another step in the de-privatization of commerce." The real question, one member posits, is how did it happen. Once again, the **Biden Administration** is dealing with a crisis of its own making. See full comments [here](#).

Be sure to read Shirlee's Blog on our website

[The Importance of Prepping - Supply List](#)

We are being frequently warned by the Biden Administration, that food shortages "are gonna be real". We have also been warned of possible cyber attacks that may take down our power grid. Someone seems to be helping the food shortages along, with the burning down of 17 food processing plants since the first of the year. We also have farmers being paid not to grow crops, and supply chain problems in delivering food to our stores and restaurants. It makes sense to make preparations and prepare for a possible catastrophe that we hope will never really happen. [\[...read more\]](#)

Solano Republican Women Federated Support and Donate to:



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/>



COMPASSION
+ CARE

Alpha Clinics of Vacaville

We extend compassion to those facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. We offer 100 % free care to those who have nowhere else to turn.

We minister to those who are hurt by abortion. The effects of abortion are deep and wide. Every life lost leaves a wake of unfulfilled potential.

By saving lives we are transforming families, building communities and shaping the future.

<https://www.supportalphaclinics.org/>



Leaven Kids

Leaven Kids is defined as “a pervasive influence that modifies something or transforms it for the better.” We believe that when children are successful in school, and have a positive adult influence in their lives, they are significantly less likely to drop out, commit a crime, or join a gang.

Leaven Kids learning centers are situated in the apartment complexes where our students and their families live. We work to eliminate crime in neighborhoods by providing year-round tutoring and mentoring, as well as a safe place where parents know their children are protected and well cared for.



Constitution Literacy Advocates CLA

CLA Constitution Literacy Advocates

Celebrate Our U.S. Constitution

Our purpose is to promote a greater appreciation and understanding of our country's Founding Documents and especially our United States Constitution. We hope to provide opportunities and resources for Constitution education in homes, schools, our local communities, and throughout our country.

<https://celebratetheusconstitution.webs.com/>



Gary Sinise Foundation offers all of us, who benefit from what freedom affords, the opportunity to support those who provide it – our brave military defenders and their families.

“We can never do enough, but we can always do more.” Gary Sinise

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

Membership Application/Renewal January to December 2022

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Birthday (Month/Day) _____

Spouse's name _____

Newsletter by mail or e-mail (Circle or mark one please)

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.*

Student Membership - No Fee High School/College

Make checks payable to SRWF & mail to:

SRWF –Membership Secretary

c/o Carolyn Cotton

3317 Spyglass Court

Fairfield, CA 94534

Membership renewals due January 1, 2022