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March 6, 2023 11:30 am
Location: Denny's 304 Pittman Rd.
Cordelia, CA

Speakers: Rudy Recile and Katrina Garcia **Tools of Learning for Children**



Tools of Learning for Children

Tools of Learning for Children is dedicated to enabling children to learn holistically so that they succeed not just in school, but have skills for life. They are a 100% volunteer-run organization and every donation goes towards supporting children as they begin their life journey.

They partner with schools (public, private, home), parents, and community organizations to identify needs for learning. Creative fundraising events, seminars, and workshops are some of the

ways Tools of Learning for Children connects community members with children for fun educational opportunities.

They aim to open children's eyes to the endless opportunities and possibilities by providing them with skills training in different career fields. Tools of Learning for Children believes that every child has a tool kit, and they strive to fill that kit with skills that they can use for life. They know that when you put a tool, instrument, book, sports equipment, pen, or thought in a child's grasp, you unlock a world a child might not have known to exist.

<https://toolsoflearningforchildren.org/>

Save the Date:

CAGOP Spring 2023 Convention

March 10-11 2023, Sacramento, CA

May 6, 2023 Honky Tonk for Heroes

Elmira Fire Hall

March Meeting

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Open Positions

Vice-President

Historian

President's Message — Karen Powers

Dear SRWF members and friends:

The recent spy balloons, the ongoing disruption of food and gas supplies; potential water reserves sent to the ocean instead of farmers and storage, the cost of war between Russians and Ukrainians; the wavering economy, the open border, the continuous laundering and theft of tax payer monies, the indoctrination of our military and of our schoolchildren with woke ideology: all this and more are distractions caused by the environment promoted by the current administration. As Republicans, align with conservatives and vote for change. Encourage independent voters to do the same. If you come across Democrats questioning their own party's position, find ways to build bridges with that person or group.

Electing Republicans/conservatives will help to improve accountability; a willingness to abide by laws and hold respect for our constitution and republic.



Congratulations to the California Republican Party for the removal of Nancy Pelosi and election of Kevin McCarthy as House Speaker. Congratulations to Kevin Kiley for his election to Congress. Congratulations to the nationwide GOP for gaining a majority in the House. Prior to midterms, voting districts were restructured (gerrymandered) in a way that benefitted Democrat candidates. California has also suffered the loss of over 300,000 conservative citizen voters who have chosen to leave California, as of 2022. Yet, Republicans were still able to push through with some impactful victories in our State and our Nation.

In my initial involvement with politics, being a board member with our local Tea Party, also dabbling in Convention of States, I remember what one COS leader said: "we are not in the race as sprinters, instead we are running a long distance marathon." Having run track in younger years myself, I could identify with that. Pace yourself, maintain your gains when achieved, keep the bigger goal in mind. Our goal is to elect more conservative and Republican candidates, part of a team with hopes for a return to patriotism, constitutional adherence, and fiscal responsibility. Don't expect perfection, but do expect positive results as more Republicans/conservatives are elected.

Colleen Britton said it best when closing her January 2023 presentation to SRWF:

"I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. I will not let what I can not do interfere with what I can do."

Little accomplishments will add up to something big. We saw that with the ouster of Pelosi and election of a House majority and GOP speaker. Keep marching, soldiers. Slow and steady can win the race.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Powers".

Karen Powers SRWF President

Be sure to read on
the website

Shirlee's Blog

<https://www.srwfederated.org/blog/categories/shirlee-s-blog>

Notes from January Meeting

On Wed Jan 18, 2023, our featured speaker was Colleen Britton, who donned two hats: the first for [Election Integrity Project, CA](#) and the other for [Constitution Literacy Advocates](#). These are two conservative groups in Solano County in which she holds leadership positions.



Colleen informed us that out of 260,891 registered voters in Solano County, roughly half that amount voted in the 2022 midterm elections...that is, 56% of registered voters actually voted. Only 14% of Solano County registered voters voted in person, which equates to about 18,000 voters. Unfortunately, a majority of voters have chosen convenience when voting by mail, instead of personal participation by casting a ballot at their respective polling place.

Voting in person constitutes casting your completed ballot at the polling place and placing your ballot into the voting machine. We need to increase the percentage of ballots which are being cast by voting in person. Colleen would like to see much more voter participation. It's an important task for voters to be educated on the issues and make the effort to vote in person on Election Day.

One example: Measure S, a \$249 million dollar bond initiative passed by two votes. In a recount of provisional ballots, the process revealed if just 3 out of 400 voters had voted "no", that would've saved taxpayers a huge amount of tax dollars. Voter research is essential prior to informed voting; equally important is sharing said information with family and friends.

In 2022, the Solano County Board of Supervisors reduced the number of available polling stations (in person voting) by 30%. The Board of Supervisors will likely reduce polling places further in the 2024 election based on only 14% of in person voters having voted in last election. The VIP numbers continue to decline. Voters can become confused when polling stations are relocated or discontinued. It is important for the BOS to know that polling stations are important and should remain open.

In person voting is better for 3 reasons:

1. Eliminates labor-intensive signature verification processes
2. Shortens the Elections Day waiting period from 60 days to just 1 day.
3. Vote counting can be processed immediately.

To postpone the Election Day result is to invite opportunity for elections fraud through manipulation and lack of chain-of-custody.

You can go to the [EIP-CA website](#) or Facebook page for ongoing updates. (<https://www.eip-ca.com/>)

Colleen also spoke on Constitution Literacy Advocates. In its 12 years of service, students have submitted over 1700 essays, and resultingly over \$12,700 dollars in awards have been given to students

CLA has an annual constitution essay and awards dinner to acknowledge all participants in the essay competition and honor its winners.

Also, this group provides free constitution pamphlets to county libraries and to any teacher (usually requested by history and government/political science teachers).

Several volunteer participants from SRWF volunteered to take pocket constitutions to various local libraries upon conclusion of Colleen's presentation. Way to go SRWF volunteers!!

Notes from February 6 Meeting

At our February 6th meeting, we invited both Margie Keck and Joyce Oren, founder of NorCal Emergency Response Organization (NERO), to speak with us. They both addressed our group, though Joyce was our primary speaker.

Joyce Oren explained her inspiration behind founding this group — a way to pay tribute and honor to her deceased husband, his having passed at age 57 in year 2017. Her husband spent 38 years between serving in Suisun and Fairfield Fire Districts prior to his passing. Joyce’s daughter suggested that Joyce should look into creating a non-profit agency which could honor the legacy of all fire-fighters and other first responders. They reached out to a group called FOUNDATIONS in Nashville, TN, and received excellent guidance from those involved with that organization.

Joyce became a wife on a mission to make sure all those who help fight fires are taken care of on assignments which require food and drink during their service. There is a need for this type of service nearly every day.

Usually dispatch centers contact NERO, which is informed by the dispatcher of the location of the fire or incident and number of firefighters or emergency personnel involved who will need food and beverage during their assignment. NERO has a group of about 20 volunteers who are available to help consistently. Some situational examples that NERO assists with include structure fires, wildfires, hostage stand offs — any emergency situation in which emergency personnel are involved which is going to take a long time to resolve, NERO is there to provide food and beverages for the first responders. NERO makes arrangements with local restaurants and grocery stores to provide drinks and edibles as needed.



NERO also has a scholarship component to their organization. They will help cover costs of training and provide scholarships for younger and older adults actively pursuing fire fighter training. NERO scholarships will include helping to cover costs of training in private learning settings and not be restricted by funding training in public sectors only, which many other scholarships require.

A May 6th, 2023 “Honky Tonk for Heroes” fundraiser is coming up. Tickets will be on sale soon.

[NorCalEmergencyResponders.org](https://www.NorCalEmergencyResponders.org)

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/>



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They extend compassion to those facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. We offer 100 % free care to those who have nowhere else to turn. They 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. <https://leavenkids.org/>



Constitution Literacy Advocates CLA

CLA Constitution Literacy Advocates

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://celebratethusconstitution.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



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<https://www.eip-ca.com>



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

Membership Application/Renewal January to December 2023

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Birthday (Month/Day) _____

Spouse's name _____

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.*

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, 2023