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Speaker for March 2, 2020 Meeting:



Solano Republican Women Federated Monday, March 2, 11:00 am Luncheon Speaker Honorable Steven Bailey 625 Jackson Street Fairfield, CA

Timely Political and Election Issues



Please join us on March 2, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at 625 Jackson Street, Fairfield CA. We provide a catered lunch for which we request a \$20 donation.

If you do not eat a lunch, there is no fee for attending this presentation.

Steven C. Bailey is a retired California Superior Court Judge, whose diverse assignments included civil, criminal, probate and juvenile during his 812 years of service. He was elected twice to the Superior Court of El Dorado County, where he served four years as the Presiding Juvenile Judge and was instrumental in the creation of the county's Veterans Court.

Mr. Bailey is known to be a problem solver, with 8 1/2 years as a Superior Court Judge and 19 1/2 years as an attorney, who is now providing trusted counsel for those facing complex and challenging legal situations — considering the facts and the law which are critical to the outcome of any action with a focus to develop a fair and just outcome for his clients.

Steven C. Bailey has returned to private practice where he concentrates in the areas of criminal and civil litigation. Prior to serving as a judge, he was in private practice handling administrative law, plus criminal cases as a Certified Criminal Law Specialist, certified by the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. Preceding his legal career, he served as Deputy Director, Legislation, for the California Department of Social Services under the late Governor George Deukmejian.

Last Month's Speaker:

Colleen Britton

Election Integrity Project



Colleen delivered an excellent presentation on the work of the Election Integrity Project, California and informed our members how they can become involved in protecting the integrity of our elections.

Persons interested in volunteering can contact Colleen at : vacatpp@gmail.com.

Next Meeting Monday March 2, 2020 11 a.m. SHARP!

625 Jackson St Fairfield \$20 Optional Lunch Hospitality



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President's Corner

As February 2020 comes to its end, I reflect on historical contributions honored and presidential birthdays celebrated this month.

First, in the month of February, three amazing U.S. Presidents were born: George Washington, born February 22nd, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia; Abraham Lincoln, born February 12th, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky; and Ronald Reagan, born in Tampico, Illinois, on February 6th, 1911.

George Washington: when the American Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, Congress appointed George Washington as the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

Washington and his troops eventually won that war, which in turn brought forth our nation, the United States. A newly-created Electoral College selected Washington as the first president in 1788. He received 100 percent of the electoral votes and remains the only U.S. president to be elected unanimously. He was re-elected, unanimously, in the 1792 election. President Washington refused to run for a third term, thereby establishing the tradition of a maximum of two terms for a president. The two-term tradition later became law by passage of the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution. As President, George Washington also established the US Navy in 1784. And, with passage of the Judiciary Act of 1789, he established a six-member Supreme Court, to include a Chief Justice and five Associate Justices

Abraham Lincoln: On January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which initiated the procedure for freeing the slaves in America. The proclamation, which was issued during the American Civil War, allowed black soldiers to fight for the Union against the Confederacy. It was also a precursor of the Thirteenth Amendment, which made slavery and indentured servitude illegal in the United States. Lincoln wasn't able to see passage of the Thirteenth Amendment in December 1865; he was assassinated in April the same year. Lincoln always promoted the notion of preserving the Union, always envisioning a effort at reconstruction and not destruction; and he sought a return of the secessionist states back into the Union. Lincoln also established the Revenue Act of 1862, creating the Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue which later became the IRS.

Ronald Reagan: Ronald Reagan ran for U.S. president in 1980 against the incumbent Democratic President Jimmy Carter. Reagan won the election by a landslide, receiving the highest number of electoral votes ever won by a non-incumbent presidential candidate. Reagan was sworn in as the 40th President of the United States on January 20, 1981. At that time he was the oldest person to be inaugurated as president at the age of 69. (In 2016, Donald Trump was elected President at the age of 70, surpassing Reagan's record.). In the 1984 US Presidential Elections, Reagan was re-elected. He won 49 of 50 states and won a record 525 electoral votes, receiving 59% of the popular vote. President Reagan survived an assassination attempt in his second term. He also appointed the first female Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor. In Reagan's second term, diplomacy led to his friendship with the reform-minded Mikhail Gorbachev (1931-), the Russian leader of the Soviet Union in 1985. In 1987, the Americans and Soviets signed a historic agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles (START 1). That same year, Reagan spoke at Germany's Berlin Wall, a symbol of communism since WW2's end, and famously challenged Russia's Gorbachev to tear it down. Months later, Gorbachev allowed the Berlin Wall to be dismantled in a very public display. Communist East German merged into West Germany and the two separate countries became one united Germany.

Each president made great personal sacrifice to ensure the safety and cohesion of the United States of America. In Lincoln's lifetime, he made the ultimate sacrifice.

In February we also celebrate Black History Month, commemorating considerable achievements and contributions of African-Americans in the United States. In this month, we choose to honor generations of African American leaders who often struggled with adversity, overcame tragedy, and despite tremendous circumstances against them, surpassed their struggles, rose to prominence, gained respect and found their voice through public discourse and political efforts.

Historically speaking, the Republican Party can be proud of its own role in black history. It was founded in 1854 by forces opposed to the expansion of slavery. Abraham Lincoln was the first Republican President. At the 1856 Republican National Convention, a platform was adopted which opposed the expansion of slavery into U.S. territories. Republican Party founders sought to lead our nation away from slavery through legislation and later through congressionally-authorized military might. It was a republican majority in Congress that passed the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments. The 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution legally abolished slavery in the United States. The 13th, 14th and 15th amendments were known as "Reconstruction Amendments", providing civil rights protections to formerly enslaved African Americans. In all instances, these constitutional mendments were passed by a majority of republican votes in Congress. The first elected black congressmen were themselves members of the Republican Party, a tradition that continued up to the onset of the Great Depression.

Decades later, Martin Luther King became the noble voice and face of the Civil Rights Movement. Many Americans shared in his dream and still do.

More recently, Solano County Republican Central Commitee and the CA GOP have endorsed a republican and National Guard veteran named Tamika Hamilton, who is a candidate running for Congress against John Garamendi for a seat in Congressional District 3. In running for office, Tamika Hamilton shares in the ideals of freedom and equality that were envisioned by MLK and other black republican statesmen before her.

Present-day conservative black Americans such as Larry Elder, Thomas Sowell, Candice Owens, Ward Connelly, Burgess Owens, Craig DeLux, the Hodge twins (Kevin and Keith Hodge), Diamond and Silk, Joy Villa and even Kanye West continue to speak out in their own voice, telling truths which need to be told. Unafraid, they talk and write about political issues concerning elections, culture and government. Because of their eloquence and honesty, they are admired by many.

This February, please take time to consider the contributions of these three very special U. S. Presidents, their legacy and sacrifices made so that we might continue to live free as a nation. Also, reflect on the contributions to our nation of many known and lesser known black Americans. Our nation is better because of their vision, dedication and perseverance. They are all Americans who made a positive difference along the historical journey we travel together.

Karen Powers Interim President SRWF

Caring for America



The California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) strives to serve local communities in unique and thoughtful ways. Across the state, clubs participate in the National Federation of Republican Women's "Caring for America" project. Through the "Caring for America" project, women actively support local and national organizations helping to create a better future for our nation. By joining together in our support for the project, California women have the opportunity to prove that women working together for a common purpose can make a difference.

Working with NFRW Caring for America our clubs develop projects which assist our communities to flourish. Recently and still we have been supporting through gift cards and other assistance to help the communities devastated from the recent fires in Southern and Northern California.

The Caring for America program is based on the belief that problems can be solved most effectively through the generosity and combined energies of individual citizens. The NFRW presents the Caring for America Awards every two years to recognize successful projects that demonstrate significant value to the community.



Don't forget to vote on VOTE Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Every vote counts!

To check your current voter registration status, visit the Secretary of State website: https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/



Each year, the Solano Republican Women purchase an annual membership in the 100 Club of Solano and Yolo Counties.

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

The purpose of the 100 Club of Solano & Yolo Counties is to provide immediate financial assistance to families of public safety officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty, to provide resources to enhance their safety and welfare, and to further the education of their children through scholarship funds.

Additionally, the members of the 100 Club of Solano & Yolo Counties help guide and mentor young men and women and support them in their efforts to become good citizens who value education and civic responsibility. Their goal is to help them to reach their potential and encourage a life of public service.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020

Woodland Police Department 1000 Lincoln Ave., Woodland 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

All members and interested parties are welcome to attend.

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.

Each month we will ask members to volunteer to bring cookies to our next meeting where they will be prepared and delivered to one of our local agencies.

Thank you to Margie Keck, Georgia Wright, and Shirlee Pierce for their generous baking efforts.



Above are containers of cookies delivered to:

- Fire Station #37 -- home to Fire Administration, Fire Prevention (including arson investigations) and Public Education and,
- 2. Fairfield Police Investigations Unit

Military & Community Outreach USO

(Contact: Carolyn Cotton-422-2750)

Travis Fisher House Wish List

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Personal Care Items

Food Items

Guest Entertainment

Gift cards

Office Items

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The Leaven

Mark Lillis, Founder

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Hand Soap

Sponges

Magic Erasers

Garbage Bags (small/large, etc.)

Gallon and sandwich size Ziploc Bags

Paper Clips

AA Batteries

If you choose to send something direct (i.e., from Amazon, etc.), or drop it off yourself, here is the address:

The Leaven 2220 Boynton Avenue, Suite A Fairfield, CA 94534

Ladies and Gentlemen let's show the Leaven along with the children and families they are helping that Solano Republican Women Federated **cares**, and that we're here to help!

https://www.myleaven.com

Literacy Program

(Contact: Carolyn Cotton-422-2750)

Reach Out and Read: is a pediatric literacy program (age 0-5) supported in partnership with Solano County Library, small health clinics in the county and larger medical groups such as North Bay Healthcare Foundation, Sutter Regional Medical Foundation and Kaiser Permanente. It makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric care.

Understanding that the time to start reading to children is in infancy, pediatricians and healthcare providers incorporate books and reading into wel baby checkups for children from birth to five years old.

During the checkup, health-care providers give parents concrete, developmentally appropriate advice about reading, as well as use books as an assessment tool in determining the child's development.

At the end of each visit, the child is given an age and language appropriate book. Trained volunteers also share books and stories with children while they wait for their appointments, showing, by example, successful techniques for reading aloud

*Each guest speaker at a Solano Republican Women Federated meeting is asked to sign a bookplate in a child's book indicating a donation of the book is being made by Solano Republican Women Federated and the book is then donated to the Solano County Library Reach Out and Read Program.

Under the NFRW/CFRW umbrella, we also support various scholarships and other programs!



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Please consider *joining* and or *donating* to this charity that supports First Responders in Solano and Yolo Counties.



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CONSTITUTION LITERACY ADVOCATES

Constitution Literacy Advocates promotes a greater appreciation and understanding of our country's Founding Documents and especially the United States Constitution. They hope to provide opportunities and resources for Constitution education in homes, schools, local communities, and throughout our country.

Sunshine, Lollipops & Welcomes!

New Members: Tamika Hamilton

New Associates:

Birthdays: Anna Conger, Mary Coburn

Get Well: Janet Roberts Get well soon please

Solano Republican Women Federated

Membership/Renewal Application

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Name			-
Address			_
City	State	Zip	
Phone	Cell	Fax	
E-mail			
BD-MonthDay	Spouse		
Newsletter Delivery- Mail or E-mail (Circle one please)			
I would like a phone reminder for meetings & eventsI would like to become more involved with Republican WomenI would like to become an SRWF Committee MemberI would like to do Voter RegistrationI would like to attend Regional MeetingsI 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, or a Republican man who is interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the Republican Women Federated all with no voting rights on Republican Women Federated business. Student Membership - No Fee for High School or College			

Make checks payable to SRWF & mail to: SRWF -Carolyn Cotton-Membership Secretary 3317 Spyglass Ct Fairfield, CA 94534 707-422-2750

> Membership renewals due annually are you up to date?

Other Resources

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As a member of Solano RWF, you could live in a different District than denoted, so please check before contacting the above legislators. Take the time to know who your representatives are!

More About Proposition 13

Two Letters to the Editior, Daily Republic, January 31, 2020

Prop. 13 will raise rents

I explained recently how Proposition 13 dealt with project labor agreements. The typical terms in PLAs cut out the great majority of local construction workers. They hurt school districts because projects cost more than they would with open competitive bidding. And we taxpayers pay for the inefficiency.

The other significant part of Proposition 13 increases the dollar amount of bonds which school districts can sell – the bond cap. This is a limit based on the assessed valuation of taxable properties in the district. A district can issue bonds based on a percentage of those assessed values, currently 1.25 percent for community college districts and 2.5 percent for unified school districts.

Proposition 13 increases the bonding percentage to 2 percent for community colleges and 4 percent for unified school districts, a 60 percent increase! To get an idea of how this affects us, I asked the County Auditor-Controller's Office for past years' valuations on which Measure Q (Solano Community College) and Measure J (Fairfield-Suisun School District) were based.

Remember, our two school districts essentially maxed their old bond caps with those measures. But, because of rapidly rising property values and the increased caps, taxable property valuations are now huge numbers – eyeglazing – so I won't trigger you with the math.

Bottom line, Proposition 13 will enable Fairfield-Suisun School District to propose up to about \$390 million in new bonds (after subtracting current debt from the caps). Solano Community College District could propose up to about \$760 million in new bonds. These are staggering numbers – scary when bond payments show up on our property tax statements.

Renters aren't left out. Your landlord's property tax increase will quickly appear in your rent.

Spread the word: This Proposition 13 is disaster!

John Takeuchi Fairfield

Proposition 13 will create more property tax increases

John Takeuchi's latest column, "The Taxwatchers: This Prop. 13 is not what you think it is" (Daily Republic Jan. 18, 2020) made the case for voters to defeat the upcoming \$15 billion school bond on the March 3 ballot by emphasizing an important point. It mandates Project Labor Agreements for construction of the school projects, which will raise the cost of the projects by 15 percent on average.

But the other point he touched on was even more alarming to me.

This proposition doesn't just provide \$15 billion in matching funds to the school districts, it allows *all* school and community college districts to increase their bonding authority from 2.5 percent of the taxable property of the district to 4 percent . . . an increase of 60 percent.

What that means for all of us is that school districts will be able to go into even more debt in years ahead by passing future bond assessments on top of the ones they already have.

And of course, they have been able to do this quite successfully since 2000 when the voting threshold for school bonds was changed to 55 percent, not two-thirds of the vote.

Since then, of the 1,056 school bond elections held from 2001 through November 2017, 885 – or 84 percent – succeeded. Of the 954 elections under the previous two-thirds requirement vote from 1986 through November 2016, 522 – or 55 percent – succeeded.

This should alarm every homeowner and renter. Think your housing costs are high now?

Cathy Ritch Fairfield



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Federation News

NFRW PRESIDENT: FOR WOMEN, THE 'STATE OF THE UNION' HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER

President Trump Rises Tall to Deliver Historic Results for America

"Tonight, Americans saw President Trump rising tall above Democrats' petty partisan games. The President has remained focused and is delivering historic results. For women, the 'State of the Union' has never been better!



Women are enjoying record low unemployment and a booming economy; America is safer and stronger; and education programs, healthcare initiatives and more set the stage for an even brighter future."

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is the largest grassroots Republican women's organization in the nation. NFRW provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas. NFRW objectives are to recruit, train and elect Republican candidates, promote the principles of the Republican Party, educate the public and protect the integrity of our electoral process.

To NFRW success,

Ann Schockett

NFRW President

The Right Stuff: Now for the rest of the story . . .

By Jim McCully

Jim McCully: The Right Stuff

In homage to the great broadcaster Paul Harvey, I'm responding to the column from my colleague Jack Batson concerning the 5th District Board of Supervisors election. Paul Harvey would open the broadcast with a topic then he would say to his listeners – "And now the rest of the story!"

We were told biographical data about both candidates Mitch Mashburn and David Isom but perhaps not enough. I have known Mitch for many years professionally and personally. I only recently met David spending some time speaking with and listening to him.

Both are talented. The question is who's able to shoulder the burden of leadership. One either has the moral fiber leadership requires or not. We see far too many posers today in politics. We cannot afford more at any level.

Mitch Mashburn's family has deep roots in Solano County going back more than 100 years. He understands the rich history of the county and its economic and social diversity. He has been in law enforcement on the custody side of the Sheriff's Office for 33 years. He rose through the ranks to become the facility commander, which means he is responsible to Sheriff Thomas Ferrara for county jail facilities with 250-plus sworn and civilian employees, and with managing a budget of more than \$10 million.

Mitch, like many of us in law enforcement, realized the justice system is, in reality, a warehouse with a revolving door constantly recycling people. He and Sheriff Ferrara realized many of the people were functionally illiterate. So, this along with a criminal record, ensures offender had little success.

It's simple: If you can't read, write, or count – just look at California's educational system ranking – it's hard to get gainfully employed. If you can't, you end up back inside.

So, they decided to do something about it. Sheriff Ferrara put Mitch in charge of writing up a grant proposal to the Board of State and Community Corrections to update jail facilities. The grant, totaling \$100 million, was submitted, approved and funded. Solano County got the modernized facilities necessary to get the program moving.

Next, the Rourke Vocational Center was envisioned, funded and built to teach inmates real job skills, facilitating rehabilitation and return to normal life as productive citizens, taxpayers and members of the community. Remember these folks have families, too, and return to their homes in Solano. The example shown, by them going forward, affects everyone: spouses, children and we the general public.

The other aspects of his career included the creation of partnerships with local nonprofits and private organizations (trade unions) to help provide the needed services for our incarcerated population. He wrote contracts for services, policies for the Sheriff's Office, negotiated with public unions over implementation of policies and procedures, etc. He worked with almost every department and division within county government. He knows the people involved, who does what and how to get them together to get things done.

Jack said, as a city councilman, Mitch was not showing due diligence with regard to unfunded liabilities for pensions and health insurance costs. However, the truth is he was the only councilman offering to meet with a group of concerned citizens over the issues.

Jack praised David, listing his accomplishments. David is a pastor of a large church, a veteran and an educated man. He has served on the Fairfield-Suisun School Board for 10 years and was its president twice. Jack claims the school district is financially stable. Yet, the very issue he raised about Mashburn (unfunded liabilities) begs the question as documented June 30 in the Fairfield-Suisun School District Audit Report, which reports: Post-retirement health care benefits liability is nearly \$73.5 million and the net pension liability is nearly \$240.9 million. Why? Who's responsible? Who was in charge?

Elections truly do have consequences, folks. Vote.

Appeared in Daily Republic, February 17, 2020

<u>UPCOMINGEVENTS</u>

Join Us Friday, February 28, at 6 pm

At the SCRCC Fairfield Headquarters 625 Jackson Street

Speaker Event/Dinner with Daniel Wilhelm National Rifle Association



Daniel Wilhelm is the Senior Field Representative for the NRA for northwest California. He has worked for the NRA since 2006. As Field Representative, Dan has worked on more than 200 fund raising events for the NRA. He is responsible for the Friends of NRA program and has overseen all of the northern California grant program for 5 of the last 7 years. He has spoken to thousands about gun legislation and has appeared multiple times on the Brian Sussman KSFO radio show.

The NRA Foundation's mission is preserving the core of our American values and traditions in our steadfast effort to Teach Freedom through the following:

- Protecting our Second Amendment freedoms with activities that promote safe and responsible firearms ownership.
- Bringing families together through hunting and shooting sport traditions and Friends of NRA activities.
- * Investing in the next generation of America's leaders, a significant majority of The NRA Foundation grants support youth shooting sports programs.

Italian Dinner

Minestrone Soup, Salad Lasagne, Rolls, Gluten-free Eggplant Parmesan Dessert and Refreshments Also enjoy:

- ~ Award-winning Gunn Barrel Wine
- ~Trump and Patriot Merchandise
 - ~ Fundraising Raffle

~ An Evening with your Neighbors and friends!



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