

# Solano Republican Women Federated—February 2022

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## Capitol Corridor Courier

\*2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 Award Winning Newsletter\*

**2019 DIAMOND CLUB AWARD**



**February 7, 2022**

### **Speaker: Rochelle Haskett, Founder Canine Guardians**

Canine Guardians is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, fully volunteer, donation-based organization in the beautiful Napa Valley. We raise and train and provide service dogs to assist and enrich the daily lives of wounded American veterans and veterans with PTSD, children and adults with physical disabilities, children with cancer, and diabetics.

We empower PTSD veterans and disabled people to live a more independent life by providing them with specially trained assistance dogs. Our dogs assist with physical needs, address and soothe emotional wounds, retrieve dropped items, bring needed items, help them feel safe in public, calm, comfort, adore and love them. We have a waitlist with people waiting anxiously for our dogs!

Currently, 16 dogs are in training: 14 are training with Puppy Parents Trainers and 2 dogs, while in training, are at Youth Detention Homes calming the children. Local students/adults raise our puppies in their own homes while receiving essential bi-weekly guidance and skills training for/with their dogs.

Each of our dogs is specially trained to address the needs of the individual they will be assisting. Canine Guardians' dogs not only help with physical needs but can also help heal emotional wounds, as well.

Our dogs comfort and calm, and provide love and understanding to their person.



Website: <https://canineguardians.org/>

### **Save the Date:**

**Solano Republican Women Federated Next Meeting —  
March 7, 2022 Speaker Rio Vista Mayor Ron Kott**

**Location: The Point Restaurant, 11:00 am**

**120 Marina Dr, Rio Vista, CA**

**April 4, 2022 Speaker Major Rudy Recile,**

**Candidate for CD8**

**Location: The Benicia Grill, 11:00 am.**

**Fairfield. CA**

### **February Meeting**

**Monday, February 7, 2022**

**11:00 am**

**The Benicia Grill**

**2390 N. Texas Street**

**Fairfield**

**Admission \$5**

**Optional Lunch Separate  
Order from menu-  
pay for yourself**

### **2022 Officers**

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**Karen Powers**

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**Open Positions  
1st Vice –President  
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## President's Message —Karen Powers

A definition of trust is “belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of a person or an idea.” Trust is an essential component in my own desire to befriend someone, to confide privately in a friend or a spouse, for myself to feel comfortable being associated with a group or organization, and to hold allegiance to a group, a state or a nation. All those situations require my trust. Even the simple act of my entering a vehicle with other persons or walking through the front door of another person's home: these require a sense of trust in the person who I am about to share time and space with in that moment. And if I lose trust in someone or something, I hesitate or completely avoid spending the precious minutes of my life with anything or anyone I find untrustworthy.

Stealing, telling lies, holding secret meetings, exclusion of members based on personal bias and not bylaws, breaking an oath or breaking the law, secretly recording or impeding honest conversations, positing and spreading slander as if it were truth: these are just a few examples of things which persons do that would probably cause them to be considered untrustworthy or to be avoided.

I grew up pledging allegiance to our nation's flag; I grew up praying to God; I felt safe walking into church and into school; I felt safe walking into the home of a friend or of a family member. I trusted my parents, my relatives and friends when ride sharing or when a guest in their homes. They gained my trust through their words and deeds, proven over time.

I realize that in some persons lives, disappointment has arisen because the trust they had in someone or some group was broken. Damaging words or behavior or both brought about distrust. I have experienced my own disappointments due to having placed trust in persons or groups, and had that trust completely eroded by lies and behaviors that were untrustworthy. And what was most disappointing was the realization that the broken trust was beyond repair. But it also helped improve my life to avoid such untrustworthy situations or persons and move on. I'm far from perfect, and I am flawed, but I always try to remain trustworthy and I expect that from others.

Kenny Rogers once sang in his song titled ‘The Gambler’ : “You've got to know when to hold ‘em, know when to fold ‘em; know when to walk away, and know when to run.” It rings true not only to my own life, but it is this mindset which causes so many California citizens to move away to other states. The trust in California politics is broken beyond repair.

Sadly, I believe we are also experiencing such a time not only in our state but in our nation, and world — a time of distrust. Institutions and governments, elected office holders and even public schools, hospitals — most are behaving in a manner considered untrustworthy. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor relied on flawed medical data in making her recent judicial findings; the flawed science info and politicized data from Flip-flop Fauci wavers in the wind with every word he speaks; Biden relies on earpieces, teleprompters, written instructions from office assistants and emergency interruptions from his wife Jill when trying to survive any press conference. Biden wants to send newly-hired IRS agents to examine individual bank accounts with only a few hundred dollars in them while he pours billions of tax dollars which disappear into climate change programs here and abroad. Biden also mandates vaccinations for citizens while sick and unvaccinated illegal border crossers are welcomed to our nation, being flown to US destinations sight unseen, under cover of darkness. And those who are truth-speakers are seized upon by weaponized law enforcement agencies who behave more like Hitler's Gestapo than any legitimate policing agency. Even parents who are concerned for their children in public schools are being labeled as terrorists by a weaponized, corrupted DOJ, while Antifa and Smash-n-Grab criminals go for joy rides and protest marches in public streets, burning, looting and destroying many buildings and stores in their path. But according to the criminals, “it's ok cuz the businesses have insurance” and “stealing is just another form of reparations being paid”. Soros DA's obediently look the other way as Soros campaign contributions require them to do.

So much of this can be changed by one act: that act is encouraging republicans, centrist independent and democrat voters to consider voting for republican candidates. Do that by being trustworthy yourselves. Provide honest and reliable information. Behave and speak in ways which prove your own honesty and integrity; and gain trust because of that. Especially in California, where trust in both elected and appointed office holders is becoming increasingly difficult to find.

What I can assure you is this. At our own local level, and while I serve as elected president of SRWF, I will remain trustworthy and will encourage those officers around me to remain trustworthy as well. We, as a Republican women's group, can provide reliable information and a forum for you to hear conservative commentary without one tomato or rock being thrown. Our elected officers have bylaws and a Code of Ethics to adhere to. In every meeting that SRWF holds, we strive to be honest, transparent, and to earn and keep your trust. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and hopefully throughout the year. Be safe, be brave Americans, and come June (primaries) and November (general) midterm elections, vote Republican!



Karen Powers, President, SRWF

## FEDERATION STRUCTURE

The Federation of Republican Women has both a national and state structure. State Federations that fall under the auspices of NFRW run under their own set of bylaws. The California Federation of Republican Women is a permanently chartered organization of the California Republican Party.



*Capitol Update*



### **SB 1383 – Short-lived climate pollutants: methane emissions: dairy and livestock: organic waste: landfills**

SB 1383 was signed by the Governor back in 2016 but went into effect 1/1/2022. It aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions coming from our trash, including methane from organic waste. SB 1383 sets goals for California businesses and citizens to reduce disposal of organic waste in the landfill, including recovering the maximum amount of surplus edible food for human consumption. Each county will develop their own program. **WATCH WHAT YOUR COUNTY DOES BECAUSE THIS IS A MAJOR CHANGE ON HOW WE DISPOSE OF FOOD WASTE.**

### **SB 830 – Education finance: supplemental education funding**

Existing law establishes a public-school financing system that requires state funding for county superintendents of schools, school districts, and charter schools to be calculated pursuant to average daily attendance. In other words, “when kids actually attend school.” This bill would require a local educational agency to receive supplemental education funding for the difference between average daily attendance and average daily membership (not attendance).

The bill would require local educational agencies to use at least 50% of the supplemental education funding to supplement existing local educational agency expenditures to address chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy, as provided. The bill would condition implementation of these provisions upon the appropriation of funds for these purposes in the annual Budget Act or other statute. This bill is co-sponsored by the California School Association.

### **ACA 11 – Taxes to fund health care coverage and cost control**

This is a state constitutional amendment requiring voter approval and is a funding support bill for AB 1400 which more will be written about next week. Existing law imposes various taxes, including personal income and excise taxes. The California Constitution requires a 2/3 vote of both houses of the legislature for the passage of any change in statute that results in any taxpayer paying a higher tax.

The California Constitution generally prohibits the total annual appropriations subject to limitation of the state and each local government from exceeding the appropriations limit of the entity of government for the prior fiscal year, adjusted for the change in the cost of living and the change in population, and prescribes procedures for making adjustments to the appropriation limit. *This measure would impose an excise tax, payroll taxes and a State Personal Income CalCare Tax at specified rates to fund comprehensive UNIVERSAL SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of every resident of the state, as well as reserves deemed necessary to ensure payment, to be established in statute.*

The measure would authorize the Legislature, upon an economic analysis determining insufficient amounts to fund these purposes, to increase any or all of these tax rates by a statute passed by a *majority vote of both houses of the Legislature*. (Note: this says a “majority”, not 2/3 vote to raise taxes). This measure would establish the CalCare Trust Fund in the State Treasury and would deposit these tax revenues in the fund for the purpose of funding this health care coverage, cost control system and reserves and would authorize the Legislature to appropriate these funds by a statute passed by a MAJORITY vote of the membership of both houses.

This measure would exclude appropriations of revenues from the CalCare Trust Fund from the limitation on appropriations and from consideration for purposes of educational funding mandated by the California Constitution.

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Jan 10 [The Right Stuff: Support credible voting reform, not HR 1: Part 2](#) By Earl Heal

January 10, 2022 | Posted in Local Opinion Columnists |

*"The times, places and manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such Regulations. . . ." — U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 4*

That section focuses on the power of state legislatures to regulate national elections. It adds Congress's authority only in a subordinate clause which is what lawyers and judges call a "proviso" – both in the Founding era and in modern times.

Provisos traditionally are interpreted narrowly, leaving the state legislatures' power to be interpreted broadly. If there's reasonable doubt about whether Congress has authority, the issue is decided against Congress and for the states.

Giving Congress power to revise state election laws was highly controversial because the Founders understood the danger of allowing incumbent politicians to dictate the laws governing their own re-election. A current glaring example is the Democratic Party's support of House Resolution 1, which specifies the only court where HR 1 can be challenged is in heavily Democratic Washington, D.C. After much public resistance and constitutional debate, the compromise was the proviso would be limited to emergencies such as "injury to the general government."

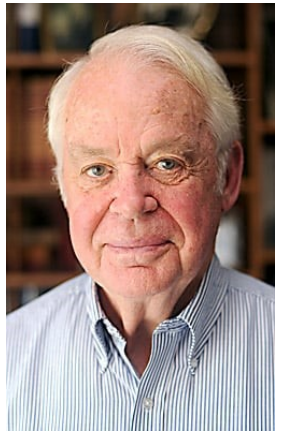
Chief Justice John Roberts referenced this proviso in a 2015 Supreme Court case, *Shelby versus Holder*. If Congress approves this bill, it will probably be declared unconstitutional.

Thomas Jefferson said, "We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." It is wise and necessary to encourage maximum voting and participation in civic activities, but never to lose voting integrity. Seventy-five years ago, elementary and secondary schools provided intense training in "civics" and parents of that era participated in school board and city council meetings. What happened since?

Citizens vote or address governmental boards when there is confidence in the results. HR 1 throughout will weaken voter confidence. Its' worst proposals follow.

- The hazards of universal voting by mail and ballot harvesting were defined last week. Have you seen any documented data to confirm that VBM increases voting substantially? No. Even Washington state, Colorado and Arizona representatives, all from mandatory VBM states, attending the Carter Center and Baker Institute joint conference in April 2021 to review voting reform, stated VBM voting participation in local issues increased somewhat but only increased national voting by 2%.
- Absentee voting should be continued but only with former adequate protections, i.e., the voter must certify in writing that he will be unavailable to vote Election Day and only the voter or family member will personally deliver the voted ballot to the precinct or registrar. Unlike VBM, absentee ballots can be processed safely.
- Register residents without proof of identity or citizenship. Name another country so dumb! These advocates are not dumb; they know what this will produce – voter cheating.
- Universal voting with no ID required. Polling has consistently found two-thirds of Americans want photo ID. For the 2020 election, 33 states did require some identification and 17 of those specified photo ID. The Democratic Party line is that voter ID is voter suppression. Does anyone believe that? For those few potential voters who do not have a photo ID card, any state requiring the same provides that voter with one. Texas and Georgia found a small increase in active voting when they implemented photo ID. Perhaps because potential voters had more confidence in voting.
- Register all children at the age of 16 or 17 to vote if the election is before their 18th birthday. This might work if those children's schools were evaluated to teach a "civics" or government course that taught citizenship responsibilities.
- Establish a 30-day voting period. Why? If voting is not important enough to accommodate on one day or use an absentee ballot, is that person knowledgeable enough to vote?

*Earl Heal is a retired Air Force officer, former airline pilot and former member of the Solano County Republican Central Committee.*





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**Jan 17 [The Right Stuff: Covid vaccine mandates versus personal choice](#)**

By Karen Powers January 17, 2022 | Posted in Local Opinion Columnists |

I recently spoke with two local Kaiser Permanente hospital nurses. They each had a story to tell.

When Covid-19 first presented itself within the U.S., these nurses were employed at Kaiser Permanente Vacaville Medical Center and were long-term employees. They complied with safety protocols although they were not vaccinated. These nurses are hardworking, responsible health care providers.

Under the Trump administration, vaccines were not required for hospital employees. People could make their own choices to be vaccinated.

Rules related to vaccinations for health care workers have changed under President Joe Biden. He chose to mandate them. The U.S. Supreme Court this week sided with the Biden administration.

These nurses tell me that if a hospital employee applies for a vaccine exemption, for various reasons including religious objections, the exemptions are being denied – without an alternative testing option by Kaiser Permanente administration and probably others. Hospital employees, nurses and others – once deemed “heroes” in Kaiser’s own words for their tireless dedication when the Covid-19 virus arrived – are now being disposed of by hospital administrators, “as if putting out the trash.” The nurses’ written submissions for religious or medical exemptions are questioned by the administration in such a manner as to “harass and belittle” the employee, instead of being taken seriously. Labor unions have provided “no legal or personal support” to the hospital employees seeking exemptions, even though nurses pay monthly union dues under California labor laws.

And who is harmed? Hospitals are causing harm to themselves. Hospital employee shortages are less about a shortage of qualified employees, and more about the hospital’s elimination of their own highly skilled and trained employees, terminating the unvaccinated with punitive intent for having the audacity to make a personal choice not to vaccinate. Thus, patient care might also be adversely affected.

And, hospital staff themselves are harmed, personally injured, as it were.

After the medical staff vaccine exemptions are denied, their jobs are lost; those affected employees suffer the loss of income, loss of benefits, loss of an opportunity to retire, and loss of dignity to provide for themselves and for their families. This financial injury is coupled with the emotional deprivation of being separated from a professional career that some spent years preparing for through extremely expensive college classes, residencies and specialized training courses. The denial of vaccine exemptions becomes an administrative tool used to terminate non-vaccinated employees. This behavior is enabled by the Biden administration’s policy, which continues to extend emergency powers, thus extending the legislative and administrative mischief that accompanies such powers.

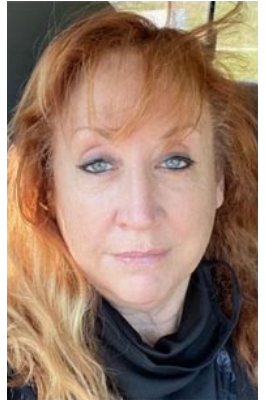
Covid-19 in some form is here to stay. Under the Biden regime, so the vaccine mandates will remain for organizations that receive federal support, i.e. most hospitals (per the U.S. Supreme Court ruling).

Tyranny sometimes can find footing when “emergency powers” are declared. It is a tenuous relationship because there will always be a seeming emergency that conveniently arises. It is essential that U.S. citizens remain vigilant against overreaching leaders. They will make policies and laws to retain and extend their power base, often at a cost of citizens’ liberties and freedom.

This is why the dominance that accompanies one-party rule in the political arena is dangerous. It will lead to tyranny. This is why your vote in our upcoming 2022 midterms matters. Voting is a nonviolent tool that can change the course of a nation and state for the better. Conservatives must encourage and convince centrists and independents to vote for conservative and Republican candidates. The continued liberty and personal freedom of each American citizen literally depend on the upcoming election results in November 2022.

Get out the vote as if your freedom and our constitutional republic depend on it, because they do.

*Karen Powers is a 30-year resident of Solano County. She is retired from working within the California Superior Courts of both Solano and Contra Costa counties. She is a Republican, currently serves as a California GOP delegate, and serves as president of the Solano Republican Women Federated.*



# 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*