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January 9, 2023 11:30 am

Location: Denny's 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia, CA

**Speaker: Colleen Britton,
Election Integrity Project® California, Update &
Constitution Literacy Advocates Contest 2022**



Colleen Britton is a teacher, photographer, author of several books and has written countless articles on a wide variety of subjects. She is very active in our community and is also the Bay Area Regional Coordinator for the Election Integrity Project® California. EIPCa is a non-partisan, non-profit, volunteer organization that over the last 13 years has researched and observed California elections to provide citizen oversight to help ensure that the state and its counties are complying with laws that protect the integrity of elections.

Colleen is also the founder of the Constitution Literacy Advocates, whose purpose is to promote a greater appreciation and understanding of our country's founding documents and constitution. Every year this organization has a contest that invites all students attending public, private, and home schools in Solano County, in grades 10-12, are eligible and invited to participate in this annual contest.

January Meeting

**Monday,
January 9, 2023
11:30 am
Location: Denny's
304 Pittman Rd.
Cordelia, CA**

**Speaker:
Colleen Britton,
EIPCa Coordinator
And CLA Founder**

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Open Positions

Vice-President

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Save the Date:

January 16, 2023 Third Annual Peace in the Park Day

Celebrating the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Andrews Park, Vacaville 12-2 pm

February 6, 2023 Speaker Margie Keck,

NorCal Emergency Responders Organization NERO

President's Message — Karen Powers

Dear SRWF members and friends:

The traditional words to a Christmas song: "We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year" are a tried and true testament to the joy and celebrations that happen this time of year.

Regardless of your religion, your standard of wealth, or where you live in this world, there are many persons who bring lights, love to family and friends, and laughter filled with joy into their lives simply because this season helps to bring people together, inspire kindness and charity, and for those of faith it brings a religious significance to our hearts, our minds and souls.



Hoping you are able to set aside the noise of media and politics enough to enjoy the presence of friends and family who are near you, and to reach out to those far from you. It is the relationships we share in that help us to build a sense of community, trust and safety.

Solano Republican Women Federated wishes you wonderful holiday celebrations: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and New Years. May your travels be safe, your health be stable or improved, your dining filled with delicious drink and treats, and your hearts be filled with joy.

Though turbulent waters abound, please stay strong in faith and through informed decisions about safety and health. God bless you as we are all carried by linear movement forward in time, day by day, advancing toward the new year, which is itself still full of undiscovered opportunity and hope.

"What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet." —[Anne Frank](#)

In Liberty and Faith:

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

Karen Powers SRWF President

Be sure to read

Shirlee's Blog

And Right Stuff Articles



Tribute to Harry Price

From the Reporter, PUBLISHED: December 21, 2022

Much of Price's life was highlighted in a proclamation read by Vice Mayor Rick Vaccaro, which was intended to be presented to Price himself but was instead given to his family members present: daughter Pam Winaker, son-in-law Jeffrey Winaker and grandson Mike Winaker, all of Alamo.

According to the proclamation, Price was born in 1937 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, where he later had a career as news anchor for CBS affiliate WBPZ. His family moved to Fairfield in 1965 where he taught English at Vanden High School for 33 years, being named as Solano County's Teacher of the Year in 1986. He was appointed to the Community Services Commission in 1988, the Planning Commission in 1992, elected to the council in 1997 and as mayor in 2005

"He's been like a father to me," he said. "From the first day that I walked through these Council Chambers, Mayor Harry Price was saying, 'Son, you're still not done learning.' Every policy, politics and procedure, he was the guy you could go to."

Timm also referred to Price as a "gentle giant."

"Very quiet, very unassuming, but he packed a mean wallop," he said. "He was so very well-respected, that I am honored to call him my friend, our friend."

Police Chief Dan Marshall said he had known Price since he started working at the Police Department in 1999 and that the mayor led the charge in establishing a Police Activities League program. He recalled when his daughter was elected class mayor, Price took off his pin and gave it to her.

"Thank you for allowing us to have him for so long," Marshall said.

During the council reports portion of the meeting, council members took the time to share memories. Doriss Panduro said Price was one of her biggest supporters throughout all her campaigns and on the council.

"He would encourage me to get involved and always thanked me for attending events," she said.

Since the company is headquartered in Fairfield, Panduro said Price loved to give out Jelly Belly packets at any conference he went to.

"This was his way to share our little piece of the world with everybody else in this state and this country," she said.

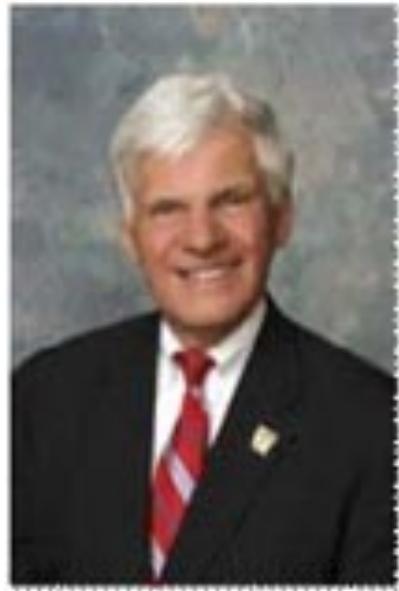
Councilman Scott Tonnesen said Price would always refer to Fairfield as "the sweetest town this side of the Mississippi."

"He was so jovial and fun to be around," he said. "We just learned so much from him, and I'm gonna miss him and I love him."

Bertani said Price was a figure all council members have learned from.

"Everybody on this dais has never been to a City Council meeting without Mayor Price being here," she said. "In fact, we all expected to see him in person today, but we know that Mayor Price is with us in spirit and always will be."

Bertani then invited her daughter, Tyler, to sing a rendition of the Lord's Prayer in honor of Price.



The Right Stuff: Election integrity imperative to preserve liberty

By [Colleen Britton](#) : published in the Daily Republic November 14,, 2022

The Constitution Literacy Advocates presented awards Thursday to Solano County 10th- through 12th-grade students who competed in the 11th annual Constitution Essay Constitution. The assigned topic this year was to define election integrity and why it is imperative if “We the People” are to “secure the Blessings of Liberty for ourselves and our Posterity”? Since 2012, this committee has received 1,700 student essays and awarded a total of \$12,700 to competing Solano students.

Stephanie Choi, a senior from Rodriguez Early College High School and consecutive year winner, will receive the Best of School and the Grand Prize awards, totaling an \$800 mini-grant. Her winning essay is below....

Election integrity is the right to confidently vote in a free and fair election, safeguarded from voter fraud or interference of any kind. The three words which head the Constitution, “We the People,” encapsulate and underscore the fact that the document derives its power from none other than the very people of the United States who are governed by it: a concept upon which the entire Constitution is built. Elections empower “We the People” to control the government because they allow for “We the People” to participate in determining who will represent and “exercise the powers of government” (Article IV Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution) upon us. As a constitutional federal republic, it is in the peoples’ interest to ensure their government is the outcome of an honest election concluded with their benefit and the national good in mind.

Voter fraud, which puts fair, honest, and transparent elections at risk today, takes many forms: bribing or intimidating people to vote for a certain candidate, impersonation and false registration, voting while ineligible, etc. A recent instance of voter fraud can be seen in the case of the June 2021 Compton City Council race whose results, decided by a mere one vote difference, were overturned succeeding criminal charges against its victor: Isaac Galvan. A judge ruled that four votes were casted by non-residents of the district and Galvan was accused of attempting to bribe an elections official with concert tickets. Relatedly, Elizabeth Gale from San Diego was sentenced to two years of felony probation after pleading guilty to voting in place of her deceased mother in the 2021 gubernatorial recall election earlier this year. Gale claimed to have witnessed her mother signing the ballot, but in reality, she had forged her signature.

When elections are compromised, Americans are robbed of their voice in government and constitutional right to vote. Evident in the case of Isaac Galvan mentioned prior, voter fraud can completely change the outcomes of elections and make way for intentional misrepresentation and deceit.

Election integrity flourishes under the active involvement of citizens devoted enough to watch over it. Given much of the electoral process depends on the states, legislators and election officials, they can implement measures which will make ensuring election integrity that much more possible. States can pass laws that make it mandatory to provide an ID to vote; verify their voter registration lists through government records and databases; and forbid people like party representatives from collecting absentee ballots from voters.

When election integrity is abandoned, the peoples’ right to a free, fair election is no more: votes are tainted and people lose their faith in the process. Elections not only call attention to ensuring all eligible individuals are able to vote, but that each individual vote is accurately accounted for. They empower us to secure our and our posterity’s ability to have a voice in government and society, protecting our rights from fraudsters. If we can offer our participation, we can keep our republic.

Visit the Election Integrity Project California website, <https://www.eip-ca.com>.

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.100clubsonline.org/>



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 Sinese 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 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