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2017 GOLD CLUB AWARD



Monthly Speaker:



Colleen Britton

VacaValley Tea Party Patriots Past- President
CFRW Election Integrity Project-Solano RWF
Central Solano Citizen/Taxpayer Group

In addition to her 25 year teaching career, Colleen owned and operated a home based photography business for eleven years. She was a licensed loan officer and certified mortgage planner. She has published several books and written countless articles over the years.

Active in her community, Colleen has served as past president of the Solano County Arts Council, and currently is the Bay Area Regional Coordinator for the **Election Integrity Project Ca.**

Colleen is also the founder and Chair of *Constitution Literacy Advocates (CLA)*, in Solano County. Twenty nineteen marks the eighth year that their group has sponsored an annual Constitution Essay Contest open to ALL Solano County students in grades 7-12, and the Annual Awards Presentation Dinner for winners, their families and teachers. Since the first year of the contest in 2012, more than 1,182 student entries have been received and \$8,000 has been awarded to Solano County Students. This year's topic will be, "Is Freedom of Speech under attack in America." Plans are underway to engage more schools and increase participation in this year's contest.

CLA volunteers also provide complimentary Pocket Constitutions to all seven of Solano County Public libraries.



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Senior Staff Attorney PLF National Headquarters

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Practice areas: Environmental Regulations, Property Rights, Water Rights

Mr. François joined Pacific Legal Foundation's National Litigation Center in 2012. He and his family reside in Sacramento.

As usual, Tony was a conversation stimulating hit!

Next Meeting

Monday

March 4, 2019

11 a.m. SHARP!

625 Jackson St

Fairfield

Optional Lunch

\$20

Hospitality



Camille LaSardo

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Solano Republican Women Federated

President's Corner

Janet Sirlin Roberts

In February, several SRWF members attended the California Federation of Republican Women/Northern Division conference in Sacramento at the Marriott in Rancho Cordova. The “theme” of the conference was the “Three ‘I’s’”: **Informed—Involved—Impactful.**

Informed: Information leads to reason, so entice, educate, and share our insights.

Involved: Emotion leads to action, so engage and advocate.

Impactful: Changing hearts, minds, and VOTES!

The symposium also set forth the 2019 goals for Republican Women Federated from top to bottom: On the national level, Trump, the Republican Agenda, maintaining the Senate, and working toward regaining the House are key. Here in California, we need to find electable republicans to serve as Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State. We have to continue trying to break the legislative democrat supermajority, and to repeal the “Top Two” re: the primaries and repeal the gas tax.

Most important to SRWF is what happens to us locally—we need to continue to educate people, as well as find and support republican candidates to serve as Sheriff, District Attorney, City Council members, and Board Supervisors.

SO—HOW do we do this? MOST IMPORTANTLY:

We need to define ourselves, rather than allowing the Democrats to do it! We have been reactive rather than proactive. The Democrats have told everyone who and what a Republican is and we have thereafter gone about defending that depiction.

According to Dottie Linden, our incredible Northern Division President, more than 2 million California Republicans failed to actually get out and vote in our last election. Two Million. That could have changed everything. Republicans in California have become unengaged and ill-informed.

That's where we come in. We need to canvas our neighborhoods, our churches, our business contacts, our relatives, and all of *their* neighbors, and friends and business contacts, and bring them into the fold. Bring them to our luncheons where they will have the opportunity to socialize with “like minded women” (and men), get information about current political events and how they affect us as Republicans, and hear interesting Republicans speak on a great variety of topics.

And when you leave one of our fun and educational meetings, don't keep what you learned to yourself—spread the word—educate others!

Finally, something you can do to get yourself re-motivated, re-engaged, and well informed is to attend one of our conferences. The next one is coming right up and is presented by California Federated Republican Women (CFRW), so it will be even bigger than the February conference---more women from more places, with more ideas and more information. Please consider coming with us. It's also at the Marriott in Rancho Cordova, and SRWF pays the registration fee—that's free learning and fun for you. So, set aside some or all of Friday, March 8 through Sunday March 10—those who show up, go up ☺

Remember Our Presidents' George Washington & Abraham Lincoln

Military & Community Outreach

USO (Contact: Carolyn Cotton-422-2750)

Travis Fisher House Wish List

Household & Cleaning Items

HE liquid laundry detergent
Liquid fabric softener
Dryer Sheets
Cascade/Dawn dishwasher Action Pacs
Paper towels, dinner napkins
Kleenex white unscented
Comet cleansing powder
Pinesol – Lemon, Windex
39gal garbage bags

Personal Care Items

Toilet paper double ply, Liquid hand soap,
Disposable razors, Combs, Toothbrushes
&Toothpaste

Food Items

Canned: soups, vegetables, fruit, meats
Tuna fish or salmon
Cereals, Peanut butter, Jelly
Candy, hard or chocolate

Guest Entertainment

Telephone calling cards
Current Family oriented DVD's
Handheld electronic games

Gift cards:

Theaters, Restaurant, Gas & Stores

Office Items

Multipurpose printer paper
First Class Stamps

Checks may be sent to:

**Travis Fisher House
100 Bodin Circle
Travis AFB, CA 94535-1804
Phone 707-423-7550**

We are collecting all those toiletries you bring home from your many and various hotel stays. A container will be at each meeting until the year's end.

The Leaven

Mark Lillis, Founder

Needs:

- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Monetary Donations
- ✓ Volunteer
- ✓ Sponsor a Child
- ✓ Become a Partner

<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 well 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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***SAVE THE DATES*:**

**THURS FEB 21, 2019
6:30 PM
BLUENOTE BREWERY
WOODLAND
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
RSVP EVENTBRITE**

**SAT APRIL 13, 2019
WOODLAND ELKS LODGE
500 BUSH ST
HONKYTONK FOR HEROES FAMILY BBQ & DANCE
SEE EVENT FLYER FOR TICKET INFO**

**SAT SEPT 7, 2019
3RD ANNUAL BILL OREN MEMORIAL SHOOT
BIRDS LANDING**



Sunshine, Lollipops & Welcomes!

New Members:

New Associates: Marianne Haas

Birthdays: Althea Ward, Mary Coburn

Get Well: To anyone we have not been notified about!

Solano Republican Women Federated

Membership/Renewal Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

BD-Month ____ Day _____ Spouse _____

Newsletter Delivery- Mail or E-mail (Circle one please)

- I would like a phone reminder for meetings & events
- I would like to become more involved with 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 - \$35**
- 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
January 1**

Other Resources

www.cfrw.org

www.nfrw.org

www.solanorepublicans.org

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3rd District

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Fairfield, CA 94533

707-438-1822 Fax 707-438-0523

D.C. 202-225-1880

Email: Website form only

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Senator@Harris.Senate.gov

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One Post Street Suite 2450

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415-393-0707 Fax 415-393-0710

Senator@Feinstein.Senate.gov

President Trump - R

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20500

President@Whitehouse.gov

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!

RAFFLE!



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SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH 2019

WOODLAND ELKS LODGE
500 BUSH ST, WOODLAND

5:30 PM- NO HOST BAR
6:30 PM- BBQ DINNER

ADULTS \$30
CHILDREN 2-12 \$10
Children under 2 are FREE

ORDER TICKETS @
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EMAIL QUESTIONS TO
SECRETARY.100CLUBSYC@GMAIL.COM



SCRCC

Monthly Event/Dinner

Join Us Friday, February 22, at 6 pm
At the SCRCC Fairfield Headquarters
For dinner and discussion with our featured speaker

Jim Spring

Jim Spring served as Mayor of Suisun City from 1986 to 2006 and was elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors in June of 2006. Under Jim's leadership using the latest in New Urbanism design philosophy, Suisun City has a reinvigorated waterfront.

Supervisor Spring serves on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and was also instrumental in the formation of the Solano Transportation Authority, as well as the popular Amtrak Capitol Corridor intercity rail service linking Sacramento and the Bay Area.

He will be speaking at our monthly event about the closing of Mission Solano and the opening of Shelter Solano.



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California Federation
of Republican Women

Official Email Correspondence

www.cfrw.org



Allison Olson, CFRW Advocate

[Nam-Yong Horn, President](#)

Governor Newsom's Housing Crusade - Last month, Governor Newsom declared war on Huntington Beach when he and Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced a lawsuit to force high density housing into the city's home development. Filing lawsuits against your own cities is not the way to solve our state's housing crisis. Reforming CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and the burdensome building requirements within it, is the way we ease our housing woes. Assembly Tyler Diep (R-72) wrote a compelling Op-Ed that we think is important to share. We are pasting it in entirety here. It originally appeared in the OC Register January 29th. Please read and share!

LITIGATION ISNT THE ANSWER FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MR. GOVERNOR, CEQA REFORM IS

By Tyler Diep PUBLISHED: January 29, 2019 at 3:00 pm, Orange County Register

In one of his first official acts as Governor, Gavin Newsom has declared hostility against one of the cities that I have the honor of representing in the Legislature: Huntington Beach. Governor Newsom announced the lawsuit this past Friday, along with Attorney General Xavier Becerra, to litigate high density housing into our neighborhoods.

Like many other immigrants, I still believe that owning a home is part of living the American Dream. However, for the Governor to exclusively file suit against Huntington Beach is not only unfair but he also fails to recognize the true impediment to more affordable housing – the California Environmental Quality Act, known as CEQA. According to Joel Kotkin and Marshall Toplansky's California Feudalism, the Squeeze on the Middle Class, "Barely 5 percent of the state is developed, including all the suburbs and exurbs, and California has the highest urban densities in the nation, even higher than New York."

The push by the Governor and Sacramento to force cities to accept higher densities is a plan for failure. Even in the Governor's backyard, "the 2040 regional plan for the Bay Area calls for 75 percent of new housing development to take place on barely 5 percent of the land mass, all but guaranteeing high prices."

According to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Governor's home city of San Francisco, where he served as mayor and launched his political career, will meet its 2040 housing goals by 2063. There are many large, urban cities such as Oakland and San Jose that are falling behind in its housing goals, yet Governor Newsom only singled out Huntington Beach.

I recognize that there is a housing shortage and that the lack of affordable housing particularly affects my generation, young professionals, and the homeless throughout the state.

Prior to my election to the State Assembly, I served as vice mayor of Westminster. The city council approved a 24-unit affordable housing project to help alleviate the housing needs of our community. This development meets all of the state's requirements and city zoning standards. Unfortunately, five months later, construction for this project still cannot move ahead because of a lawsuit filed under the guise of CEQA. Former Governor Jerry Brown, in one of his exit interviews with National Public Radio, conceded that "There's a lot of resistance to changes, to density in neighborhoods that don't want density. In many ways, I don't blame them."

Brown also admitted to serious issues with CEQA, "So in the CEQA arena, you have two very powerful forces: building trades and environmentalists. And those two forces are going to block any particular change."

The Governor should acknowledge his predecessor's admission and redirect his energy and priorities in completely overhauling CEQA. It's long overdue.

Mr. Newsom has an opportunity of a lifetime as he and his party dominate both houses of the State Legislature. Instead of bullying one city, he should work with Democrats, Republicans, and labor organizations to fix the real cause of this housing shortage.

Assemblyman Tyler Diep was elected in 2018 and represents the 72nd Assembly District, which includes Huntington Beach.

Three times a year, the California State Federation, CFRW, prepares workshops, conferences and board meetings to continue our goal of educating our membership. Each Conference-Board of Directors' Meeting is planned by the Vice-President from each region. Normally, the first one of the year is held in the South and, if it is before the CRP's reorganization meeting, the Board of Directors, Presidents of Unit Clubs, Region Directors have an opportunity to vote to endorse the candidates for CRP offices. The 2nd workshop/conference and meeting is held in conjunction with CFRW's Advocacy Day. This one is always held in Sacramento and is therefore prepared by the Vice-President North. Finally, Central Division holds the Fall Conference.

All are always invited and encouraged to attend board Meetings, conferences and conventions. For all members these activities add not only to their knowledge of how the Federation works but allows them to meet individuals throughout the state who can work with all of us at the Club level.

Winter Board of Directors and Advocacy Meeting *"Power of the Past – Force of the Future"*

March 8–10, 2019 Workshops and General Meeting
Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Capital Connection

Around the Federation...



Hamilton County Republican Women's Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is very proud to have three members now serving in the Tennessee State Legislature - Representatives **Patsy Hazlewood**, **Esther Helton**, and freshman legislator **Robin Smith**.

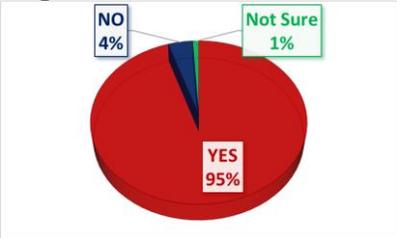


Republican Women continue to step up to leadership positions in Arizona. In January, **Arizona Federation** President **Loraine Pellegrino** was re-elected as an Arizona State Republican Party Member-at-Large for the Ninth Congressional District and the Federation's 2nd VP, **Cyndi Love**, was elected as Secretary of the State

What do you think?

This Week's Question: Should President Trump sign Congress' border wall deal?

Last Week's Results: During his State of the Union Address, **President Trump** called on Congress to ban late term abortions. Should Congress pass this federal legislation?



Although most Members agree late-term abortions should be banned, some commented the issue should be addressed at the state level while others felt abortion does not belong in the political arena. Read full comments from NFRW members

Racing to Indy

National Federation of Republican Women 40th Biennial Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana
September 26-29, 2019



CAPITOL RESOURCE INSTITUTE

Citizen Lobby Day

SAVE THE DATE
Monday, March 4, 2019
9AM - 4PM
(Complete Info TBA)

LOCATION:
California Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Our 2019 Spring Lobby Day will be centered on the topic of the progressive sex education that is currently being pushed in our public schools.



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HJTA IS THE TAXPAYERS' RESOURCE



Defending direct democracy, defending taxpayers

By Jon Coupal

The powers of direct democracy — initiative, referendum and recall — are powerful tools to control slow-moving or corrupt politicians. These powers are enshrined in the California Constitution for reasons that are just as compelling in 2019 as they were in 1911 when Gov. Hiram Johnson, seeking to suppress the absolute control the railroads had over the state Capitol, pushed to give ordinary citizens a “legislative battering ram” — using the language of the Supreme Court — to address issues that for whatever reason the Legislature refuses to address.

Political elites hate the initiative process. From their perspective it allows the great unwashed and unsophisticated to deal with matters such as taxation, victims’ rights, insurance and most importantly political reform. These are issues over which politicians strongly desire to exercise a legislative monopoly.

Like any political process, however, direct democracy can be abused. Some matters are indeed complicated and not well suited to a sound-bite campaign. Also, special interests with a lot of money can overwhelm the airwaves with TV and radio ads to convince most voters (especially in a low-turnout election) to pass something they might later regret. Nonetheless, for taxpayers, direct democracy remains one of the few tools we must protect ourselves.

Landmark initiative measures such as Propositions 13 and 218 have given taxpayers the kind of protection against greedy government entities that we would never have obtained but for rights granted through direct democracy. But taxpayers must do more than propose initiatives and convince voters to enact them. We must also defend them in court against never-ending assaults. For years, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has maintained a potent litigation capacity with three full-time lawyers and access to dozens more willing to defend not just taxpayer-sponsored initiatives but the very power of direct democracy itself.

And so, it is that HJTA finds itself back before the California Supreme Court on an important direct democracy case.



“A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.” ~ Ronald Reagan



