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March 7, 2022

Speaker: Ronald Kott, Mayor Rio Vista

Ron was raised in Auburn, New York, a small, lakeside community in the Finger Lakes Area of upstate New York. His career took him to major metropolitan areas including, New York, Miami, Buffalo and San Francisco, before moving to Rio Vista in 2008, recapturing the small community atmosphere he found so appealing.

He has 25 years of senior level financial and managerial experience holding the Chief Financial Officer, VP Finance, Controller and other top financial positions, both public and privately held companies. His experience covers; finance, accounting, budgeting, human resources, IT, operations and facilities management. He attended Rutgers University, then transferred to the University of Nebraska-Omaha where he received a BS in Economics and an MBA. Additionally, he earned Certified Managerial Accountant and Certified Financial Management designations. Beginning in 2010, Ron has volunteered his services providing free tax preparation to low- and middle-income taxpayers, mainly in Rio Vista, through the IRS sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.



Ron was elected to the City Council in November 2014. In 2016 he was appointed Vice Mayor and in November 2017, upon the passing of Mayor Norman Richardson, was appointed Mayor of Rio Vista. In addition to serving on various city committees and commissions, Ron also represents Rio Vista, serving on the boards of the Solano Transportation Agency, Solano County Water Authority, Yolo Solano Air Quality Board, the Delta Protection Commission and several other regional agencies.

Save the Date:

**April 4, 2022 Speaker Major Rudy Recile,
Candidate for Congressional District 8
Location: The Benicia Grill, 11:30 am.
Fairfield. CA**

**May 2, 2022 Speaker Chuck Timm,
Fairfield City Council Member
Candidate for Supervisor District 3
Location: The Benicia Grill, 11:30 am.
Fairfield. CA**

March Meeting

**Monday, March 7, 2022
11:30 am
The Point
120 Marina Drive
Rio Vista, CA**

Donation \$5

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

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**Open Positions
1st Vice –President
Historian**

President's Message — Karen Powers

Starting off as a registered Independent, I later registered as a Republican in the 1980s, during my college years. President Ronald Reagan, a former Democrat turned Republican, inspired the change. He had recently survived an assassination attempt. I admired his ability to not only survive the assassination attempt, but also the negative press reports surrounding his presidency. Critics included politicians and the media talking heads, and even some of Reagan's own Whitehouse staff. Sadly, some of Reagan's own grown children spoke against him as media pundits, hired to challenge Reagan in exchange for their own fleeting moments on camera. Reagan stood tall regardless. What was unique about Reagan was his ability and willingness to persevere in any storm. He offered solutions while most others dwelt exclusively on problems. Reagan built bridges of mutual understanding when others refused to consider building any bridge at all. Our nation and our world were better for his style of leadership. Reagan's ability to laugh at himself and at others was endearing, and helped to put others around him at ease. For example, as he was about to enter into surgery to repair damage from the assassination attempt, he jokingly stated to his surgeons, "Please tell me you're Republicans."

Reagan cultivated friendships with Democrats (in particular, with Democrat Speaker of the House Tip O'Neal); with Communists (in particular, with Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev) and as a result of those bridges built, we saw political walls torn down between East and West Germany. Under Reagan's presidency, we also saw the decline of communism and eventual rise of democratic states in Russia. President Reagan produced positive results during his time in office. He was far from perfect and did not try to be so. Reagan simply focused on the job he was elected to do, telling an occasional joke along the way. For all that and more, I admire President Reagan's proactive efforts to build bridges.

Recently, I was listening to a public radio interview. The radio guest was a local Democrat leader. She was upset with Democrat Senator Bill Dodd for having endorsed a Republican candidate for Yolo County District Attorney. The Republican candidate for Yolo County District Attorney won his election. The very blue County of Yolo now has a red GOP District Attorney. A probable factor in the republican's election success was a Democrat — Senator Bill Dodd — having endorsed the Republican's candidacy. The endorsement was made because of the quality behind the candidate himself. This is an example of bridge building.

I recently heard City of Fairfield Mayor Harry Price speak. I cite him as another example of a bridge builder. He spoke of cultivating a professional, cordial working relationship with Democrat Congressman John Garamendi. Even though Mayor Price acknowledged he and Congressman Garamendi did not always agree on politics, they both maintain a friendship to this day. Mayor Harry Price described his willingness to talk and listen to those who may hold opposite political views. That is a probable reason for his multiple re-elections as a Republican mayor in a county (Solano) and city (Fairfield) that both hold Democrat majorities. (<https://www.bestplaces.net/voting/county/california/>)

The GOP, in our efforts to register Republicans, should consider each registered Independent and registered Democrat as a person who may vote for a Republican in the November 2022 general midterm elections — regardless of their personal party preference. In California, in addition to the work of getting all Republican's to vote, the GOP is tasked with encouraging voters of other political parties to vote Republican; make convincing points regarding the benefit of voting for Republican candidates — for to do so could potentially bring about GOP election wins in CA.

Why make such an effort? Because the numbers do not lie. (<https://www.ppic.org/publication/california-voter-and-party-profiles/>) As of this writing in February 2022, the Solano County Registrar statistics indicate political party voter registrants numbers as Democrats: 127,664; Independent/Other: 77,245; Republicans: 57,603 (<https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/>). The GOP is presently in third place amongst registered county and state voters in California.

The Republican voters who have not fled the state, who choose to remain and call California their home must consider building bridges that can lead to potential election wins in November 2022. This will include complicated conversations at times. Republicans must avoid being constant critics, and position ourselves as a party with candidates willing to listen, understand, negotiate and offer effective solutions to all. Republicans should strive to be known as a party which, if elected, can repair damage done by the laws created under our Democrat-dominated California State Legislature.

In our sanctuary state of California, election laws don't require voter ID. Ballot harvesting is allowed and so are the top-two "jungle" primaries which can potentially advance only Democrat candidates to the general elections. California Republicans have an uphill battle by comparison to other red states. We must not only want change, but we must represent the change that a majority of California voters want to see implemented. For purposes of elections, we must set aside internal differences, educate others about our GOP perspectives on political issues and in so doing propose viable solutions. President Reagan summed up this sentiment best when he said:

"Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." ~~ Ronald Reagan



Karen Powers, President, SRWF



Capitol Update



SB-915 – Gun Control

Would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition on all state property. The law would build on legislation passed in 2019 that prohibits gun shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and in 2021 at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. Both venues had hosted the Crossroads of the West Gun Shows several times a year for decades. SB-915 would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition on ALL state property, effectively ending gun shows on all 73 state fairgrounds. This bill is currently being sent to the Senate Rules Committee. Additionally, the following would be added to the Penal Code. A state officer or employee, or operator, lessee, or licensee of any state property, shall not contract for, authorize, or allow the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on state property or in the buildings that sit on state property or property otherwise owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the state.

SB-871 – Immunizations

Existing law prohibits the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person as a pupil of any public or private elementary or secondary school, childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center unless prior to their admission to that institution they have been fully immunized against various diseases as specified. Existing law authorizes an exemption from those provisions for medical reasons. Under existing law, notwithstanding the above-described prohibition, full immunization against hepatitis B is not a condition by which the governing authority admits or advances a pupil to the 7th-grade level or a public or private elementary or secondary school.

This bill would remove the above-described exception relating to hepatitis B. *The bill would additionally prohibit the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person as a pupil of any public or private elementary or secondary school, childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center unless prior to their admission to that institution, they have been fully immunized against COVID-19.* To the extent that the bill would create new duties for school districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. *For purposes of the additional immunizations deemed appropriate by the department, and that would be mandated before a pupil's first admission to the institution, existing law requires that exemptions be allowed for both medical reasons and personal beliefs.*

SB-890 – Water Storage and Conveyance Fund

Under existing law, the US Bureau of Reclamation operates the Federal Central Valley Project, and the Dept. of Water Resources operates the State Water project to supply water to persons and entities in the state. Existing law requires the Friant-Kern Canal to be of such capacity as the department determines necessary to furnish an adequate supply of water for beneficial purposes in the area to be served by the canal. In 2014, the voters approved Prop. 1, a state bond act that provided the sum of \$2,700,000,000 for water storage. *The California Water Commission has allocated the entire sum. To date, not one of the projects specified in the bill, including the Friant-Kern Canal capacity is complete.* This bill would establish the Water Storage and Conveyance Fund in the State Treasury and would require all monies deposited in the fund to be expended upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the construction of the Sites Reservoir, and to restore the capacity of 4 specified water conveyance systems with 2 of those 4 expenditures being in the form of a grant to the Friant Water Authority and to the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority in support of subsidence repair and reservoir storage costs to accommodate capacity improvements. This bill would make these provisions inoperative on 7/1/30 and would repeal it as of 1/1/31.

The bill was introduced in January 2022 by Republican Senators Nielsen and Borgeas and addresses the fact of changing climate that could significantly reduce snowpack and produce storms that feature more atmospheric rivers of precipitation in the form of rainfall, so California must prioritize storing water in the wet years for use in the drier years. This bill contains an urgency statute that would declare that it is to take effect immediately.

For further information on any of the bills mentioned here, click the Bill # in the email. Or you can [CLICK HERE](#) and simply enter the bill # or keywords where designated.

Find/contact your local Legislators, click [HERE](#) to inquire, or let them know your opinion about bills or issues.

To contact your U.S. Representatives, call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121

Listen to hearings on bills that interest you - http://www.legislature.ca.gov/the_state_legislature/calendar_and_schedules/audio_tv.html

NFRW Online Campaign School 2022



REPUBLICAN WOMEN MAKING WAVES

SCHEDULE

(classes meet on Tuesdays at 2PM Eastern Time)

MODULE 1: Fundraising (March 8-22) [Register for the Fundraising Module](#)

March 8, Fundraising – Personal Solicitation [Register for this Class](#)

March 15, Fundraising – Direct mail and emails [Register for this Class](#)

March 22, Fundraising - Events [Register for this Class](#)

MODULE 2: Technology (April 12-26) [Register for the Technology Module](#)

April 12, Technology - Targeting and data management [Register for this Class](#)

April 19, Technology - Electronic Advertising [Register for this Class](#)

April 26, Technology - Social Media [Register for this Class](#)

MODULE 3: Voter Contact / Grass-Roots Organizing (May 3-17) [Register for the Voter Contact Module](#)

May 3, Voter Contact - Door Knocking on Red Bull [Register for this Class](#)

May 10, Voter Contact – Direct mail & phones [Register for this Class](#)

May 17, Voter Contact - Earned Media - How to get it / How to answer the hostile press [Register for this Class](#)

BONUS CLASS FOR ALL REGISTRANTS

May 24, Ballot Security and GOTV [Register for this Class](#) (no registration needed if you registered for any of the previous classes)

OR [Register for the Entire Series](#) (Best Value)

Republican women are making waves in the 2022 midterm elections. Keep your campaign on track with the NFRW's online Campaign Management School. Held on Tuesdays at 2PM Eastern throughout the spring, the one-hour classes will prepare you to ride the Red Wave all the way to victory in November!

Classes are \$15 per session for NFRW Members (if you are a member of a local club, you are a member) and \$20 for nonmembers. Even better, registration for any one of the three modules (Fundraising, Technology, and Voter Contact) is only \$35 for members; \$45 nonmembers. Best yet, the entire series is just \$95 for members; \$125 for nonmembers.

News from our February 7 Meeting

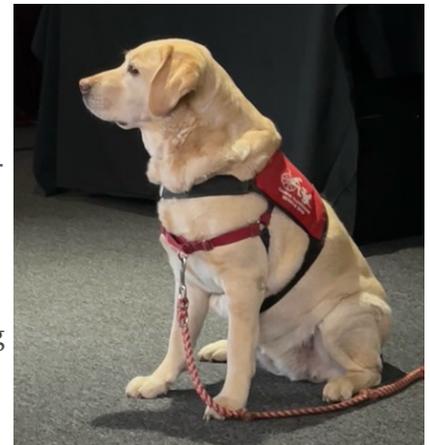
Our Speaker at the February Meeting was Rochelle Haskett from Canine Guardians. She brought Gracie, one of the trained dogs, with her. Rochelle spoke about her organization and demonstrated some of the ways that the dogs are able to help people.

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 and people with disabilities.

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.

There are opportunities to become puppy trainers, which involves the following duties and responsibilities.

- Socialize their pup by taking them out in public and getting them accustomed to all sorts of sights, sounds, smells, experiences and different kinds of people and animals.
- Train their pup in basic obedience at home and with bi-weekly classes.
- Provide the pup with toys, and food. (We provide the flea/tick and heartworm meds.) Because Canine Guardians is a non-profit 501(c)(3) agency, these expenses will most likely be tax-deductible. Check with your tax professional for guidelines.
- Groom pup regularly - including teeth, ears and nails.
- Report regularly to the agency on the pup's social and obedience training progress using our progress reports.
- When outside, keep the pup safely confined in a fenced yard (must be a physical one - not an invisible fence) or on a leash at all times.



If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please email us at info@canineguardians.org. Put Puppy Parent Application in the Subject. We will email you the form. Then, please fill it out and scan/email it back or mail it back. You will be contacted within 36 hours for an interview and a home visit. There is also a Puppy Parent Agreement to sign.

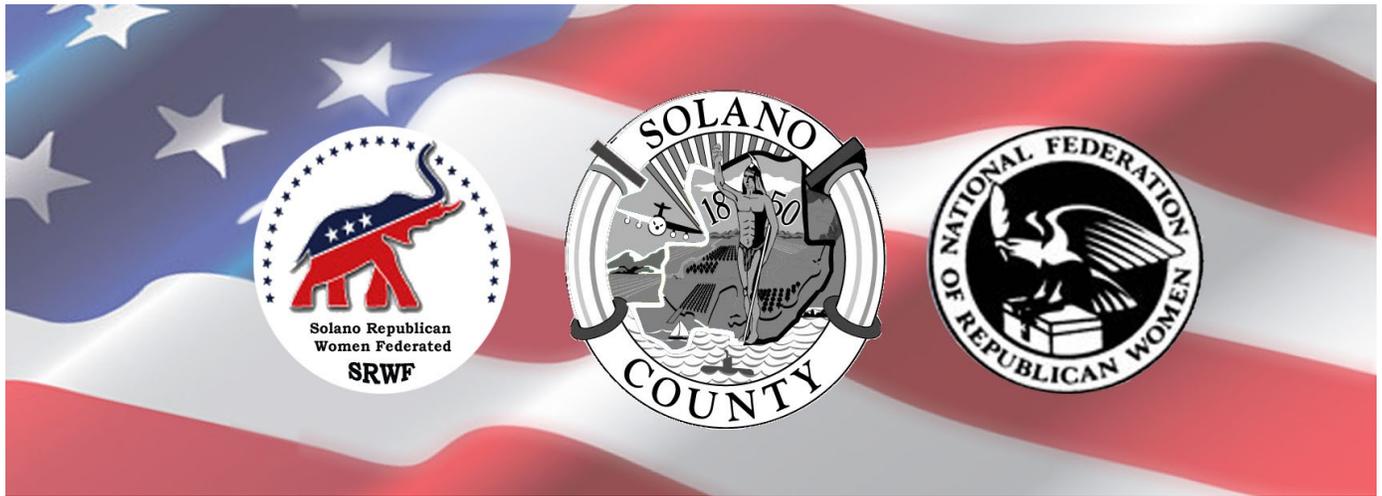
Canine Guardians also appreciates donations <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/1350725>



Also introduced was Jenny Callison, candidate for Assembly District 11

“As a mother, United States Army Veteran, and native Californian - I am running to represent California State Assembly, District 11, to advocate on your behalf. I am passionate about educating our youth, empowering our communities, enriching our neighborhoods, and improving our state to ensure a healthy and fulfilling future for the next generation.

As an Assemblymember, I hope to reduce the costs and the amount of red tape involved with municipal repairs, and empower local non-profits to collaborate with the government to provide the best life for the residents of Assembly District 11 and California. “



Announcing our new Webpage <https://www.srwfederated.org>

We include basic information about Solano Republican Women Federated, our goals, monthly meetings and philanthropic activities.

We also include our current newsletter and an archive of prior newsletters.

[The Right Stuff](#) articles that represent the conservative voice of our community, that are published each Monday in the Daily Republic newspaper, along with links to the Daily Republic article are included.

We welcome contributions from our membership. Other [articles of interest](#), including the monthly report by our recording secretary Shirlee Pierce can be read in [Shirlee's blog](#).

Please click on the above link and take time to review our webpage. If you have suggestions for improvement, or corrections that need to be made, Contact Karen Powers or email Georgia Wright at gwright.srwf@gmail.com



Each week an article is published in Fairfield's Daily Republic about various issues that are reviewed by "The Right Stuff" team . These articles are included in SRWF webpage and linked to the original publication in the Daily Republic.

[The Right Stuff: Are we discouraged by our actions?](#) By Jim McCully Feb 28, 2022

[The Right Stuff: Has truth left us at altar of political ambition?](#) By Jim McCully Feb. 21, 2022

[The Right Stuff: True intention of Jan. 6 crowd not what's being said](#) By Earl Heal Feb 14. 2022

[The Right Stuff: You cannot legislate human nature](#) by Earl Heal Feb 07, 2022

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

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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