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Evening Meeting FOURTH Tuesday

March 26, 2013

Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club
1525 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa
Social 5:30 - 6:30 No Host Bar

Guest Speaker: Allison Olson

Advocate for the California Federation of Republican Women.

"ISRAEL: WHY IT MATTERS"



Allison has worked for the CFRW since September of 2009. Allison tracks and analyzes state legislation in Sacramento for the Federation as well as organizes the annual CFRW Advocacy Workshop, held in April.

Allison graduated from UC Davis with a degree in political science. While there, she chaired the Davis College Republicans and was awarded a fellowship from the Foundation of Defense of Democracies. With FDD Allison studied counterterrorism in Israel and Washington D.C. Allison previously worked at Wilson Miller Communications and was Deputy Finance Director for McClintock for Congress in 2008. She interned with Wilson-Miller Communications in Sacramento, a position that included tracking California legislation for clients of that firm.

No stranger to Republican volunteer organizations, Allison chaired the Davis College Republicans from June of 2006 until May of 2008. She was also a fellow with the Foundation for Defense of Democracies from April of 2007 to May of 2008. During that time, Allison studied in Israel and Washington, D. C., with counter-terrorism experts. Allison volunteers as a Special Olympics coach and was awarded Volunteer of the Year by Team Davis, a non-profit that serves the special needs community in Davis, where she and her husband, Rob, live.

\$27 Pre-Register (called in by Monday night).

\$30 without advance reservation

Make reservation by Friday, March 22

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March has proven to be very exciting for our Republican Party and for SRRWF. I was appointed as a delegate to the California Republican Party (CRP) convention last weekend. That means I had the privilege to vote for Jim Brulte for chair of CRP. Jim and the CRP committee can make the changes from bottom up and help to get Republicans elected. First and foremost; "don't change our message". It doesn't matter who you are talking to: women, youth, Latinos, Black, Asian. We are all Americans who want better for our children, grandchildren and our great country. "Don't apologize for your beliefs as a conservative." We have 4 boxes in our lives that are important: The Jury Box, The Ballot Box, The Soap Box and The Cartridge Box. Take time to enjoy our newsletter and let's gear up to WIN. Congratulations to Sonoma County Central Committee Chair, Elissa Wadleigh, on being elected North West regional Vice Chair at the CRP.



Happy Spring Rosalie Parks

SRRWF Delegates to Convention

By Ruth Van Bemmell

Members of SRRWF attended the California Republican Party Convention in Sacramento March 1-3. President Rosalie Parks, Past Presidents Marie Derr, Edelweiss Geary and Ruth Van Bemmell enjoyed the weekend.



As I walked from the Hyatt Hotel to the Sacramento Convention Center, Federated Republican Women from all over the state were in attendance as delegates to the California Republican Party Convention. We attended the County Chairmens meeting, the rules and resolutions committees and the workshop for county Treasurers. Saturday morning Elissa Wadleigh was elected **Regional Vice Chair Elissa Wadleigh** by delegates from Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Yolo, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino and Lake counties. Elissa is serving her second

term as Chair of the Sonoma County Republican Central Committee.

Candidates for CRP offices introduced themselves and on Sunday the elections were held. We are happy to announce that the delegates elected Jim Brulte, as the new Chair and Bay Area's Harmeet Dhillon was the first women to become the Vice Chair. Both were elected by significant margins. They will serve a two year term. Please see page 6 for further information on these candidates and the convention.

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The Sequester is Coming! The Sequester is Coming! The Sequester is Coming! Oh dear, what is all this noise coming out of Washington? First of all: A formal definition. To sequester is to isolate or hide away. To remove or withdraw into

solitude or retirement.

On January 1, 2013 Congress approved a bill to avoid the so called fiscal cliff which would have raised taxes on many Americans. However, the bill delayed the sequester, a series of automatic cuts in federal spending for two months until March 1.

According to the President and the Democrats the sequester will bring the entire economy to a virtual halt. How about some facts?

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that for this year's sequester non-defense spending will be cut by 4.6% and defense spending will be cut by 7.9%. While spending authority will be cut by \$85 Billion, the actual cuts that will occur in 2013 will be \$44 Billion. That works out to a mere 1.2% of total federal spending this year.

There are many figures being tossed around about this whole issue. Remember, the sequester was President Obama's idea. He proposed it in 2011. Now, the business genius in the White House has warned about "the threat of massive automatic cuts that have already started to affect business decisions." He has proposed **tax increases** and "smaller" spending cuts to replace the sequester until Congress and he can agree to another not-so-grand-bargain.

There is something very important to remember about Washington finances. **Baseline budgeting** is a way of life there as opposed to the way the average person operates their financial life.

What is baseline budgeting? Just a simple sleight of money. Cuts in Washington refer to the rate of growth and not to actual cuts. So, as an example, let's say the government is going to cut funds from a school lunch program. However, in D.C. what is cut is the scheduled increase. The baseline is not cut.

Democrats use this ploy all the time. They are currently screaming about the disastrous cuts pushed by those nasty Republicans. Of course, the President is talking about "cuts" to services that would be very painful for the country. Our good hearted leader has stated that he will veto any bill passed by the Republicans that would give him more flexibility to minimize any sequester damage. The President has the choice as to what cuts will be made. Since there is so much waste in the government he could cut many **non-essential** services. If the sequester is implemented in a very harmful fashion, he hopes the Republicans will get the blame. The President's current sequester demand is for more tax increases and no spending cuts.

Charles Krauthammer noted that a 2011 Government Accountability Office report gave a sampling of the vastness of what could be cut in Washington: 44 overlapping job training programs, 18 nutrition assistance programs, 82 programs on teacher quality, 56 dealing with financial literacy and more than 20 for homelessness. Total annual cost: **\$100 – 200 Billion**. That is two to five times the entire domestic sequester.

There is much work to be done by the grass roots both in educating the voters and in encouraging Republicans in Washington to ignore the negative comments and writings from the left.



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GOP Women Serve as Party's Strength

By Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway

I believe in the words of the late Maureen Reagan, who once said, "When you get to the top, stay there and make sure other women join you." This quote reminds me how important it is to capitalize on the strength of women within our party.

I serve on a national board called "Right Women, Right Now," and we are working to get more women elected to statewide office. Together, we are empowering women and giving them the tools they need to make their voices heard in State Houses across the country.

Here at home in California, our caucus also has two new women members, Melissa Melendez and Marie Waldron. Melissa represents Riverside County and is a Persian Gulf War veteran. She was also one of the first women approved by the Navy to fly aboard EP-3 reconnaissance aircraft overseas. Marie represents San Diego and Riverside Counties. She has owned and operated her own small business for almost two decades and also served on her local city council for 14 years.

Melissa and Marie demonstrate that as women, we have diverse life experiences – as business owners, community leaders, veterans and mothers. Those different life experiences bring a fresh perspective to solving the issues facing our state and nation. As Republican women, we want a quality education for our children, safe communities, good job opportunities, and economic freedom.

With these issues at the forefront, it's easy to see why women voters are a prime demographic for campaigns to target. We can make a positive difference on these core issues by growing the ranks of Republican women holding elected office.

I'm the first woman to serve as Assembly Republican Leader in 30 years. Currently, 9 Republican women serve in the California State Legislature. We are making strides, but clearly there is more work to do.

That's why it's so important that, as women, we get involved in the political process. This will not only benefit our state, but our nation as a whole and make the Republican Party stronger and more competitive.

Sneaky Infrastructure/Regional Government Bills

The CFRW Voting Body has voted to OPPOSE three sneaky bills: SB 1, 11, and 33.

SB 1 (Steinberg, D) has many duplicitous aspects, such as an unelected regional governance called the "Sustainable Communities Investment Authorities" created by cities, counties, cities and counties together, or special districts. Taxpayers would have no oversight in the selection or creation of these "authorities" and the "S.C.I." authorities would become their own legal entities separate from the cities and counties that created them. Sound scary? It is. **SB 11 (Pavley, D)**, is an urgency statute that would create a commission to promote hydrogen fuel vehicles and allocate \$20 million a year, each fiscal year, for establishing a hydrogen fuel network and fuel stations. Where would this money come from? From increases in smog abatement fees, vehicle registration fees and tire fees through 2024. Finally **SB 33 (Wolk, D)**, yet another sneaky bill that would use taxes without voter approval. SB 33 would repeal the voter approval requirement to create an infrastructure financing district and approve of bonds. This is egregious! Top consideration for funding for transit projects would be given to "a metropolitan planning organization's determination that the sustainable communities strategy or the alternative planning strategy would, if implemented, achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets." These bills are being heard in their respective committees soon!

For SB 1 and SB 33, they are being heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee **next Wednesday!** Please call the committee at Phone: (916) 651-4119 or fax in a letter of opposition to Fax: (916) 322-0298 and let them know we OPPOSE! SB 11 is being heard in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on April 2nd. Please call or fax (Phone: (916) 651-4121 Fax: (916) 445-2209) and tell the committee we OPPOSE!

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

April 8-9, 2013 CFRW Advocacy Workshop
April 27, 2013 CFRW No Div Spring Conference



September 20-23, 2013 37th Biennial Convention
Louisville, Kentucky
November 9-10, 2013 CFRW Northern Division
Biennial Convention



CFRW 37th Annual Advocacy Workshop

April 8-9, 2013

Sacramento Sheraton Grand Hotel

Annually, High School, College Students and members of Federated Women travel to Sacramento to attend Advocacy. On Monday the CFRW Board of Directors meet, conduct their business, have a Red Jacket Photo on the Capitol Steps, Lobby Legislators, venture to the advocate's office and enjoy the Ambassador's Legislative Reception. Tuesday, students from high schools throughout CA attend with their local club members. They have a hands-on opportunity to visit with Republican Legislators from both the Assembly and Senate, to ask questions and learn about the process of how a bill becomes a law. Please call Rosie for more information.

CFRW Northern Division SPRING CONFERENCE Saturday, April 27, 2013 REDDING, CALIFORNIA

2 Optional Workshops on Friday Afternoon
an early 6 PM Banquet on Saturday with a
Silent and Live Auction that will have a Western theme
Red Lion Hotel
Rooms - Single \$99 or Double \$109 includes Breakfast
Hotel Registration online:

<http://www.redlion.com/our-hotels/california/redding/>

CFRW Northern Division 2013 Biennial Convention

November 9-10, 2013

Sacramento Marriott/Rancho Cordova -
Phone 1-916-638-1100

Rooms \$85 Single - \$95 Double

The purpose of these events is to help educate our membership, share ideas and network with other Republican Women. Our Northern Division Executive Board has planned the locations and times for the Conferences, Workshop and Convention to make it easier and more affordable for more clubs and members to attend. Plan ahead to attend. We hope to see more of our membership attending conferences, workshops and the 2013 Convention. Your attendance is so important to the success of Northern Division!



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On February 8, 2013, NFRW President

Rae Chornenky was invited to participate in the Republican National Committee's Women's Outreach "listening session" as part of RNC Chairman Reince Priebus's Growth & Opportunity Project (GOP). GOP is an initiative to grow the Republican Party and improve future Republican campaigns.

The Women's Outreach listening session was designed to analyze the outcome of women's 2012 voting and outreach efforts made during that election cycle, as well as to discuss innovative ways to engage and encourage women in future Republican campaigns. Points were raised regarding the need to recruit Republican women to run for office at all levels: local, state and national; the importance of having more women visible in leadership and speaking roles; overcoming the notion of Republican indifference to women's issues; changing the ways in which Republicans relate to women voters; and reversing Republican candidates' missed opportunities to connect with women on the issues women had identified as those about which they were most concerned.

NFRW was again invited to participate in a February 27 Women's Outreach session with the five co-chairs of Chairman Priebus's Growth & Opportunity Project. The session was intended to more deeply analyze the outcome of women's voting, outreach and messaging in 2012 and to further investigate methods to encourage women to support Republican candidates in future elections. Recruitment of women to run for the many State and local offices available and the need for more visible women Republican leaders was again discussed.

The report by Chairman Priebus's Growth and Opportunity Project Co-Chairs, who have traveled across the country and have met with individuals and politically diverse groups gathering information and data, will be given this week at the NFRW Board Meeting.



VOTER REGISTRATION

Our updated brochure, an example of our newsletter and information on issues was shared with the community who attend this fair.

Cloverdale Citrus Fair, Cloverdale CA

(President's Day Weekend)

President Rosalie Parks,

Voter Registration Chair Regina Miakinkoff
and the Citrus Fair Queen

The booth was shared with North Sonoma County Republican Club (NSCRC). Our club has been sharing this responsibility for many years and the cost of \$300 for the booth. Thanks to NSCRC, they cover the million dollar policy for insurance! Thank you SRRWF members for working: Edyth Gonsalvez, Mary Lou Kilmer, Marilyn Koenig, Edelweiss Geary, Beth Benjamin, Joan Dayton, Regina and Rosalie.

CALL TODAY AND TAKE AN HOUR!

Sonoma Co Home & Garden Show

Santa Rosa, Ca (So Co Fairgrounds)

March 15-17 2013

Please contact Regina Miakinkoff, voter
registration chair, 916.834.9416

Email: reyork99@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY



Starting in 1990, Jim Brulte served three terms in the Assembly and two terms in the State Senate. He was elected Assembly Republican Leader and led the operation that elected the LAST Republican Assembly Speaker. After moving over to the State Senate, Jim Brulte was elected in 2000 as Senate Republican Leader. He led Republicans to a successful result in the 2002 elections. He forcefully united Republican senators against the proposed 2003 tax increase.

After leaving office in 2004, Jim Brulte joined California Strategies, a public affairs consulting firm as a partner.

Jim Brulte proposes to

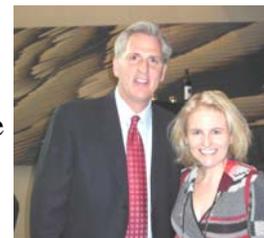
- ◇ Establish an independent fundraising network that can support the CRP
- ◇ Recruit and support candidates
- ◇ Work to grow grassroots operations around the state
- ◇ Re-double efforts to broaden our base by reaching out to various communities.

He is quoted as saying "I want to be the nuts and bolts chairman"

Harmeet Dhillon is best known to Bay Area Republicans as Chair of the San Francisco Republican Party. She has served on the central committee since 2005 and was elected in 2011. She ran for Assembly in 2008, the first Indian American major party nominee for state office in California history. She also ran for State Senate in 2012. Harmeet was born in Chandigarh in Northern India and moved to the US when she was two. She is the daughter of conservative Sikh parents. Her father an orthopedic surgeon. She grew up in a rural town in North Carolina, attended Dartmouth College where she edited the conservative Dartmouth Review. After graduation Harmeet worked at the Heritage Foundation in Washington D.C. where she was the assistant editor of Policy Review Magazine. She is founder of the law firm Dhillon and Smith. Their primary focus is commercial litigation and arbitration but also handle some election law and civil rights issues. She even served a term on the board of the ACLU of Northern California after defending Sikhs who were attacked after the 9/11.

Harmeet is most interested in working behind the scenes including encouraging California Sikh citizens in getting more involved with the Republican Party. She is also an advocate to bring all Americans Citizens to the Republican Table.

There were many political people in attendance. Congressman Kevin McCarthy hosted an event attended by Marie Derr. All the Republican Assembly and state Senators were in attendance and introduced themselves to our group.



A new group was introduced to the convention called "Grow Elect". The president is Ruben Borrales, a former Bush appointee. This 527 political action committee recruits, endorses, trains and funds Latino Republican candidates for public office. Visit their website: Growavelect.com for more information.



This month Santa Rosa Republican Women in Business highlights the career of Marie Derr, our immediate Past President.

Marie was born in San Francisco, CA. Her father was a General Practitioner who most unfortunately died when Marie was 10 years old. She attended West Portal Lutheran Grammar School and Wallenberg

High School in the city. Just prior to the time her father died, the family lived in Ecuador for two years. At that time Marie was fluent in Spanish. Marie spoke Serbian as a child and has also studied German. When Marie went to UCLA she majored in Political Science and History. Marie graduated in 1992 and moved back to San Francisco.

In 1991, as an intern, Marie worked for the United States Department of State. She was the Albanian Analyst which meant that she received intelligence reports, gathered information and wrote a daily summary. The focus of the report was: What does the President need to know?

Marie had top secret clearance and states that she enjoyed this job and her time in D.C. where she was living in Georgetown.

In San Francisco, Marie went to work for Kristen Heuter, a fund raiser for the Republican Party. Her job was to call donors to obtain money for the Republican Party. This was the time of the second Bush-Quayle campaign and Marie's focus was primarily on donors north of Los Angeles. Three people were calling and they brought in millions. Marie also organized events and set up venues for the events.

In 1996, Marie worked on the Dole-Kemp campaign and in between also worked on the Mike Huffington campaign for Senate. She had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with Ariana Huffington.

Marie was married in 1996 and she and her husband moved to Napa.

Marie started her career in the wine industry as a temp and then worked six months at Sutter Home Winery. In 1997, she went to work for Cuvaision in Calistoga as the Exports Manager. During this time she attended evening classes at Napa Valley College where she earned an Associate of Science degree in 2000 in viticulture and wine making.

Marie currently works for Foley Family Wines as the International Sales Manager. She is doing more traveling and in the next few weeks will be in London, The Hague, Amsterdam and Dusseldorf meeting with distributors.

The light of Marie's life is Nicholas, her seven year old son. This is a very happy child.

Marie joined Republican Women in 1992 with the Pacific Heights Club and then was also a member in the Upper Napa Club when she moved to Northern California. In 2002, she joined Santa Rosa Republican Women where she was Secretary for the club. She became President in 2010 and served a two year term.

Marie states that her trip to the 2011 NFRW convention in Kansas City was a highlight of her time in the Federation.

Santa Rosa Republican Women thanks Marie Derr for all of her hard work for the Federation and the Republican Party.



Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated

Membership Form 2013

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Please indicate the appropriate membership:

_____ **\$35 Active Member**

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_____ **\$30 Associate Member** (A non-voting membership for a woman who is an active member of another Republican Women Federated Club, or who is not a citizen of the United States, or a man who is interested in promoting the goals and objectives of the Republican Women Federated.)

_____ **Free Honorary Membership** - Republican Woman 90 years plus. (You have to tell us!)

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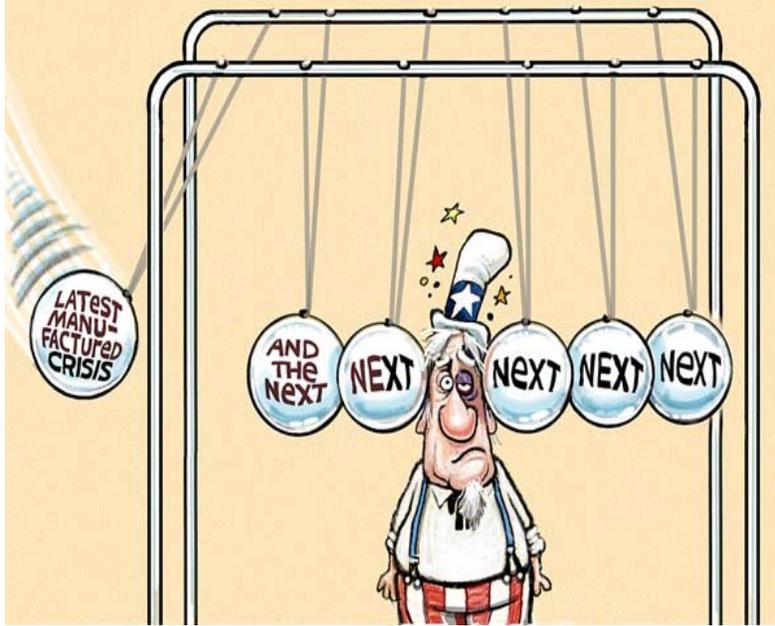


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- March 26 Evening - Monthly Meeting
- March 31 Easter Sunday
- April 8-9 CFRW Board of Directors Meeting and Advocacy Workshop
- April 23 Monthly Meeting
- May 28 Monthly Meeting

Highlights from our Past

March 27, 1856 - The First meeting of Republican National Committee in Washington DC. The purpose was to oppose Democrats' pro-slavery policies.

March 1, 1875 - Civil Rights Act of 1875, guaranteeing access to public accommodations without regard to race signed by Republican President US Grant, passed by 92% Republican support over 100% Democrat Opposition.

Sonoma County GOP. Meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Information-707 542-7066 www.sonomagop.org

North Sonoma County Republican Club. meeting held every other month starting February 20, 2013. Adel's Restaurant, 198 Dry Creek Rd., Healdsburg, CA 7:30 a.m. Please call Rosalie Parks for more info 707.849.1454

Oakmont Republican Club. Oakmont East Recreation Center, Contact Barbara Russell 293-8938

North Bay Patriots. Veteran's Memorial Hall, 8505 Park Ave, Cotati, Contact Gary Hahn 795-8223

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Napa Valley RWF - Meets second Thursday of each month www.napagop.org

Napa Vintage RWF - Meets third Thursday Evening 707-554-4710

Novato RWF - Meets third Tuesday of each month www.novatorwf.org

Sonoma Valley RWF - Meets Second Thursday each month 707 938-5055

Upper Napa RWF - Meets Second Monday. Call Marjorie Preston 707-226-2914