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Republican Women Leading The Way

Monthly Meeting

Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club

1525 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Business Meeting 11:15

Speaker: Candidate for

U.S. Senate, Elizabeth Emken



Elizabeth Emken is the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate running against Dianne Feinstein. Elizabeth graduated from UCLA in 1984 with dual degrees in Economics and Political Science. Her studies included course work at Cambridge University where she focused on political and economic issues in China and the Middle East. For many years, Elizabeth served in management, financial analysis, and corporate operations at IBM.

Topic: Elizabeth will be speaking about her campaign and plans for working in the U.S. Senate. She will also be taking your questions.

This is a luncheon not to be missed!

Learn about our next U.S. Senator and help get out the vote!

\$27 Pre-Register (called in by Monday night). Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club has begun charging for the use of the shuttle. To cover the extra lunch/mileage associated with speakers, the board felt we needed to raise the lunch price by \$2 to cover these additional costs.

\$30 without advance reservation (showing up at the door)

Please make every effort to make your reservation by Friday, 9/21

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome Back! I hope you had a great summer. It went by too fast, but I enjoyed the great weather, church camp with my son and trips to the Central Coast, LA, Canada and just last week Florida where I attended the Republican National Convention for the first time. I was privileged to represent the 2nd Congressional District as an Alternate Delegate. We did not let the threat of Hurricane then Tropical Storm Issac dampen our spirits. We had some wind and a little rain. It was so exciting to be there. I attach some photos. I was so inspired by all the speeches at the convention in addition to the wonderful speakers outside the convention for the CA delegation - Governor Pete Wilson, Governor Chris Christie, Speaker John Boehner, Congressman Darrell Issa and Republican Whip Kevin McCarthy. We also had the opportunity to watch the movie "2016" so please see it when you can. The citizens of Tampa were so kind and welcoming from the airport to the restaurants. All in the Tampa Convention Center were so moved by Paul Ryan, the Olympians, New Mexico Governor Suzanna Martinez and of course Ann and Mitt Romney. Even Clint Eastwood was a fun diversion for the evening. So let's get to work to help our candidates at all levels in the next 60 days. We will have literature from various campaigns and collateral materials available for purchase too so bring your check books!

Please come to our next meeting. It promises to be very informative on issues that affect us now and in the future! America needs our Republican Candidates now! America needs Mitt Romney!

Marie Derr, President



Elizabeth Emken – Republican Nominee for U.S. Senate

**Financial Manager ! National Non-Profit Executive !
Children's Advocate ! Special Needs Mom**

Elizabeth Emken is the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate running against Dianne Feinstein. Elizabeth prevailed over 22 other candidates in California's new open primary, becoming the first statewide candidate ever to win an official primary endorsement from the California Republican Party.

Elizabeth graduated from UCLA in 1984 with dual degrees in Economics and Political Science. Her studies included course work at Cambridge University, where she focused on political and economic issues in China and the Middle East.

For many years, Elizabeth served as an efficiency and cost cutting expert for IBM, where she helped streamline operations, eliminate waste, and save the company millions of dollars.

Elizabeth is a fighter and a problem solver. She was "drafted" into a second career as an advocate for developmentally disabled children after her son, Alex, was diagnosed with autism. She served as Vice President for Government Relations at Autism Speaks, the Nation's largest science and advocacy organization devoted to the public health emergency of autism.

At Autism Speaks, Elizabeth launched a multi-state campaign to secure insurance coverage for autism-related services. 30 states have enacted autism insurance reform laws, saving participating states millions in taxpayer funds that would otherwise have been directed to state health care and special education services. This groundbreaking legislation, aimed at ending marketplace discrimination against individuals with autism, passed into law in California on October 9, 2011.

Elizabeth has worked extensively on behalf of military families, advocating for support at the Department of Defense supporting health care coverage for autism-related medical services in TRICARE, the health care program for active duty service members and retirees.

She lives in Danville with her husband of 26 years, Craig. They have two daughters, and a 20 year old son, Alex, who has autism spectrum disorder.

For more information, including detailed Issue positions, please visit Elizabeth's website, www.emken2012.com.



Before I dive into this month's topic I feel it is imperative that I give some background information because the Washington bureaucracy is akin to a black hole in space.

The **Congressional Budget Office (CBO)** is a federal agency within the legislative branch of the United States government that provides economic data to Congress. It was created as a nonpartisan agency by the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. It was signed into law by Richard Nixon on July 12, 1974. Official operations began on February 24, 1975 with Alice Rivlin as Director.

The mandate of the CBO is to provide Congress with objective, nonpartisan and timely analysis to aid in economic and budgetary decisions on a wide array of programs covered by the federal budget. The CBO is also required to gather information and estimates required by the Congressional budget process.

With this information in mind, let us move on to Paul Ryan's Medicare reform plan. According to our esteemed leader in the White House, Congressman Ryan's Medicare reform would force seniors to pay \$6400 a year more for health care. The claim is based on an outdated CBO estimate of the gap between the cost of health care in 2022 and the size of the House budget's premium support subsidy for a typical 65 year old in 2022.

The \$6,400 is unlikely to have any relevance for any senior ever because the CBO concedes that its number is highly uncertain and "will depend on the evolution of the health care and health insurance systems over time, which is hard to predict." **No kidding.**

Because Mr. Ryan has made major adjustments to his original plan the CBO admits that it "does not have the capability at this time to estimate such effect" in the new version. In other words it can't make the \$6,400 exaggeration again.

This is how the revised Ryan plan works. Traditional Medicare and all private insurers in an area would make bids to cover senior and compete for their business by offering the best value and prices. The government would then give everyone a subsidy equal to the second-lowest bid.

If seniors selected the second bid whether it was Medicare or another plan, they would break even and pay nothing extra out of pocket. If they picked the cheapest plan, they would keep whatever was left over after the government subsidy i.e. they would receive a cash refund. If instead they picked the third or fourth

etc. cheapest option they would pay the difference above the government subsidy.

This plan ensures that seniors would have at least two choices (and probably more) which would guarantee them to do better than they do now. The amount of the premium-support subsidy would also be tied to underlying health-care costs so costs would not be shifted to beneficiaries. The Ryan plan bets that costs would fall because seniors would have the incentive to switch to the most competitively priced Medicare plan.,

Various researchers have determined that seniors in tradition Medicare would have to pay \$64 a month more if they keep that coverage. Please note that total is \$768 a year, not \$6,400. Reading the data carefully it becomes clear that seniors would migrate to more cost-effective options, saving both themselves and taxpayers a bundle.

In other words, people would be able to make their own decisions and choices instead of the government being in the middle of it all.

Information gathered from August 20th Wall Street Journal editorial and Wikipedia article on the Congressional Budget Office.



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The editorial staff of this newsletter wishes to thank, our member (and NFRW Legislation Chairman) Edelweiss Geary, for the years of commitment to the Skeptical Observer. Many different subjects, always timely, are well researched, often provocative and down right informative.



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California voters will be faced with 11 ballot measures this November; including five that the state Federation of Republican Women supports, five that it opposes and one no position. These are just recommendations and local clubs are not bound by them.

Proposition 30 - Oppose. Jerry Brown’s Tax Increase, merges two previously competitive initiatives; the “Millionaires Tax” and Governor Jerry Brown’s first tax increase proposal. It raises the personal income tax on annual earnings of \$250-thousand for seven years and hikes sales and use tax by a quarter-cent for four years. The estimated revenue varies from seven to nine-billion dollars.

Proposition 31 - No Position. Two-Year Budget Cycle, would establish a two-year state budget, prohibit the Legislature from “creating expenditures of 25-million unless spending cuts are identified” and require performance reviews of all state and local programs and budgets. While this measure is not a blood-pumping one, it could possibly be the most important ballot decision in recent years. It would allow cities, counties, school districts and other local municipalities to coordinate their services and snub state regulations. Essentially, it would transfer a great deal of decision-making power to the local level, putting an end to decades of political centralization. Prop 31 would also put more power into Governor Jerry Brown’s hands by letting him single-handedly slash the state budget in case of a fiscal emergency. **See page 8 for different point of view.**

Proposition 32 - Supports. Ban on Corporate and Union Contributions, would put a stop to both corporate and union contributions to state and local candidates, prohibit contributions by government contractors to politicians who have power over the contracts awarded to them and bans corporations, unions and governments from automatically deducting employees’ wages to be used for political purposes.

Proposition 33 - Supports the Automobile Insurance Persistence Discounts Initiative, would allow insurers to offer discounts to new customers who can prove they were consistently covered by a licensed auto insurance company over the previous five years. Under current state law, the so-called “loyalty discounts” can only be offered to existing customers.

Proposition 34 - Opposes. End the Death Penalty, would eliminate the death penalty and replace it with life in prison without the possibility of parole. The CFRW opposes this proposition.

Proposition 35 - Supports. Prohibition on Human Trafficking and Sex Slavery, seeks to increase jail time for human traffickers and mandate law enforcement training on human trafficking. It would also require convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders, all registered sex offenders to disclose their internet accounts and criminal fines from convicted traffickers to go toward services to help the victims.

Proposition 36-- Opposes. Repeal of the “Three Strikes” Law, would modify elements of the state’s “Three Strikes” law to impose a life sentence only when the new felony conviction is serious or violent. If voters pass the measure, some 3,000 convicted felons who are currently serving life terms would be able to petition for a reduced sentence, saving the state up to \$200-million a year. .

Proposition 37 - Opposes. a Mandory Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food Initiative, would require labeling on raw or processed food if it’s made with a genetic material changed in specific ways and prohibit advertising food as “natural.” The proposition is also referred to as “The California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act.” .

Proposition 38. - Oppose, State Income Tax Increase to Support Public Education, seeks to temporarily increase state income tax rates for most Californians. It would generate about \$10-billion annually.

Proposition 39 - Oppose. Income Tax Increase For Multistate Businesses, would require multistate businesses to calculate their California income tax liability based on the percentage of their sales in the state, repeal an existing law that gives multistate businesses an option to choose a tax liability formula that provides favorable tax treatment with property and businesses outside of the state and dedicate \$550-million annually for five years from the measure’s anticipated revenue to fund clean energy projects in the state.

Proposition 40 - Supports. Referendum on the State Senate Redistricting Plan, would use California’s veto referendum process to nullify the Senate redistricting plan approved by the state Citizens Redistricting Commission. Voting “yes” will help maintain the work of the redistricting commission while a “no” vote would overturn it.



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CFRW Northern Division 2012 Fall Conference "Where Do We Go From Here/Our Next Step"

A full one day schedule with 2 optional workshops on Saturday, November 17, 2012

Early 6PM banquet on Saturday, featuring Congressman Tom McClintock,
Special Christmas Bazaar Silent Auction!
Sacramento Marriott/Rancho Cordova

Over 80 California Republican Women were delegates (35), alternates (30), delegate at large or guests at the Republican National Convention. Our Northern Division President, Roseann did some blogging which you can find on www.cfrwnd.org. She did have a grand time meeting the Congressmen from CA and many more of the elected officials, candidates who were present.



NFRW President Asked to Address Convention

On the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, NFRW President Rae Chornenky delivered a speech highlighting the results of the 2012 NFRW Table Talk Survey. Citing the over 8,500 Republican women who took the survey, she touched on the two issues they are primarily concerned about: "less interference and fewer regulations controlling businesses," and "the kind of strong fiscal conservative leadership that only Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan can deliver."

President Chornenky also addressed the so-called "Republican War on Women," stating that "850,000 women have lost their jobs under Obama, and the family household income has dropped \$4,300 since this president took office." She cited the Bureau of Labor Statistics, where it has been reported that "women lost 92% of all the jobs lost under the Obama administration."



NFRW Campaign Committee Introduces: Women Swing the Vote 2012, Part 1

The National Federation of Republican Women are some of the most influential leaders in our nation. We are called on to return our country to the people, bring prosperity, security, and good health care to our families, to support women in business, to improve education for our children. We hope you will use these ideas to "Get Out the Vote." It has never been so important and we have total faith in your ability to Swing the Vote.

The Church Lady Program:

No place in your county do more people meet regularly than your place of worship. Your faith is being tested and questioned and it is entirely appropriate to ask your fellow worshipers if they have registered to vote. Since it is a public place you must stay nonpartisan.

Ask your clergy if you can hand out voter registration forms after church or at church events. Make it clear that you will not mention political parties. If at all possible, have the voter fill out the application when you give it to him or her, so that you can take it directly to the Election Administrator's office. Some will want to take them in themselves so be sure to be polite and let them know that this would be perfectly fine.

You may be surprised at how many people in your congre-

gation are not registered and would be grateful that you have made it so easy for them. Remember, your faith is being challenged in this country. We will need every vote and you are in the best organization to get those votes.

Table Talk Registration:


Where it is permissible, set up a table to register voters in your county. Remember, do not identify yourself as a Republican at a public location. Voter registration is nonpartisan unless at a Republican event. If you have a Republican headquarters, a grocery store, an event at the park, a movie theater or a county festival, a table with candy or donuts and coffee can attract people to register.

Signs that say, "The Vote is a Precious Gift, Use It!" or "Being an American is a Privilege," or "Vote!" can be effective in making people respond to your table. Make sure that you use patriotic colors and decorations to call attention to what you are doing. Many of you have followed these suggestions before and we know that you will do an effective and beautiful job to register as many voters as you can to help our candidates. This year it is imperative that we win and you are a major player in that win. Good luck!

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN ACTION

CONGRATUATIONS TO SALLY HOPKINS

Sally was accepted as a member of this years Civil Grand Jury. Sally has made a commitment to attend weekly general meetings and weekly committee meetings. We appreciate Sally's willingness to serve her county. We look forward to Sally informing our members about the Grand Jury.

YOUR SONOMA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

The principle function of the Civil Grand Jury is to exercise oversight of all aspects of county and city government and special districts within the county to ensure that the best interests of its citizens are being served. California has used this system since it became a state and each county has its own grand jury.

Sonoma County has 19 Grand Jurors who serve for one year commencing on July 1st and ending on June 30th of the following year.

The jury is authorized to:

- ◇ Inspect and audit books, financial expenditures of county and city departments and special districts to ensure that public funds are properly accounted for and legally spent.
- ◇ Inquire into conditions of jails and the treatment of inmates.
- ◇ Inquire into the performance of any county, city or special district public official or employee.

The committees also evaluate the procedures, methods, and systems used by various agencies to determine whether they are conducting their operations in a fair, efficient and economical manner and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Look for more information on your Sonoma County Grand Jury in next month's newsletter.

Submitted by
Sally Hopkins, SRRWF Treasurer
2012-13 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury Member

The Republican Winds Are-A-Changing

By Twila Le Page, member of SRRWF

A. The Paul Ryan Choice.

Thomas Sowell, highly intellectual Republican writer, says Governor Mitt Romney's choice for vice president is one of those decisions that seem obvious--if not inevitable--in retrospect, even though it was not obvious to most of us beforehand.

Sowell says, "Anyone who wants to get a quick sense of who Paul Ryan is should watch a short video of a Feb. 2010 meeting in which Ryan politely, but devastatingly, "schools" President Barack Obama in the utter fraudulence of the statistic that the Obama administration was using to claim that ObamaCare would reduce the deficit. See the Drudge Report for that video.

Sowell proclaims that if this years election is determined on hard facts the Obama administration is doomed.

B. The Next Step is Anarchy.

"Hold onto the Constitution for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world." --Senator Daniel Webster, 1861.

Our nation's system of checks and balances, as defined by the Constitution, is being systematically dismantled, declares Liberty Counsel, Mathew Staver, Founder and Chairman. He says we have been forced into a constitutional crises of the first order by Leftists radical activists, and elected officials in our own government.

Enemies of the US. of both foreign and domestic varieties--would love nothing better than to destroy the very foundation of this nation.

"Tyrannical leaders around the world and in all time periods since our founding have despised our Constitution, because it's everything despots hate: *Government of the people, by the people and for the people.*"

C. No-Bama 2012. Age 18-29.

Young voters fed up with the economy, says Drew Zahn, "young voters--the ones who so nobly turned out for Barack Obama in 2008--are fed up with being unemployed and many are beginning to turn against the president's big government solutions to America's economic woes." One group tracking this turnaround is Generation Opportunity(G.O.)- <http://www.generationopportunity.org>, a non-profit that seeks to mobilize Americans 18-29 toward solutions to joblessness and the flailing economy using Facebook and other media means. They have tapped over 4 million "likes."

Every day is spent looking for meaningful full time work and instead they experience first hand the stark reality imposed by the poor economy. The President's message is no longer connecting. Their polls on the president's job performance is 37% approve and a whopping 57% disapprove. The unemployment rate for this age group is 12.7%. If adding in those who have quit looking the rate is 16.7%. G.O. is now working to register young people to vote. This age group is fast realizing that this huge 5 trillion and growing debt will be on their backs.

INTERNET ARTICLE - Educating Our Members

Prop. 31 - Takes Tax \$\$ From Suburbs and Give to LA, San Fran and Other BIG Cities by Stephen Frank on 08/31/2012

Your city receives money for projects and programs from the State. If Prop. 31 passes, then an unelected regional body will get the money and decide where the money is spent. That means the local library, park or cultural center may not be as important as a regional bus line, affordable housing or using tax dollars to cut off cars from whole areas of a city—as San Fran has been working towards for years.

“According to Cox, regionalization strategies are “aimed at transferring tax funding from suburban local governments to larger core area governments.” The Prop. 31 version of regionalization would not amalgamate city, county, special district and school district governments. Nor would it create new taxes. But it could authorize the state to withhold or divert taxes from local governments unless those governments adopted a “Strategic Action Plan” to distribute the revenues from the suburbs to the large urban cities.

In essence, a Strategic Action Plan, or SAP for short, would sap the wealth out of suburbs. SAPS might also sap the bond ratings from suburban communities.”

They want to bankrupt smaller cities while propping up corrupt, union owned San Fran and LA. Is that what you want?

Editorial note: (CFRW takes no position). The SEIU is asking members to vote NO and states in the labor day pamphlet: “CA Government Performance & Accountability Act - Another ballot measure written and financed by a billionaire, this measure is a patchwork of so-called budget reforms that will only add to the current ineffectiveness of the state legislature.”

Reasons Why Clint’s Talk Was “Chair Genius”

Clint Eastwood is an Oscar winning actor, an award winning Director and not a fool. Thanks to a totally unorthodox (for politics) presentation, the public will hear about the Obama lack of leadership for days or weeks. Just a reminder of why we are in a recession and few nations respect us.

“No. 1 — Clint picked the perfect metaphor. Whether you’re a Democrat or Republican, or whether you don’t follow politics, can you really disagree with the idea that the chair of leadership in this country is empty? No one is in charge in Washington, D.C. No one can get anything done. No one can govern. An empty chair really defines the American problem right now.”

This was not a rant or a spur of the movement presentation—it was well rehearsed and effective. It is memorable and to the point. Great and values from the speakers at the RNC convention—but this will be remembered for years.

Republican activists have been asking Mitt Romney to talk about his plans to give America's middle class families a better future, with more jobs and higher take-home pay. The following are Romney’s first 5 items...

Energy Independence

- ◇ Increase access to domestic energy resources
- ◇ Streamline the permitting process for energy exploration and development
- ◇ Eliminate regulations that are destroying America's coal industry
- ◇ Approve the Keystone XL pipeline

The Skills to Succeed

- ◇ Give every family access to a great school and quality teachers
- ◇ Provide access to affordable and effective higher education options
- ◇ Focus job training programs on building valuable skills that align with opportunities
- ◇ Attract and retain the best and brightest from around the world

Trade That Works for America

- ◇ Curtail the unfair trade practices of countries like China
- ◇ Open new markets for American goods and services
- ◇ Build stronger economic ties in Latin America
- ◇ Create a Reagan Economic Zone to strengthen free enterprise around the world

Cut the Deficit

- ◇ Immediately reduce non-security discretionary spending by 5%
- ◇ Cap federal spending below 20% of the economy
- ◇ Give states responsibility for programs that they can implement more effectively
- ◇ Consolidate agencies and align compensation of federal workers with their private-sector counterparts

Champion Small Business

- ◇ Reduce taxes on job creation through individual and corporate tax reform
- ◇ Stop the increases in regulation that are tangling job creators in red tape
- ◇ Protect workers and businesses from strong-arm labor union tactics
- ◇ Replace Obamacare with real health care reform that controls cost and improves care

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CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY - State/Local Issues



We are need to work together to elect our 2012 Dream Team of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. What can you do?

1. Sign up for emails - www.mittromney.com. This is the easiest way to know about volunteer opportunities, deployments into swing states this fall, events in the area, campaign nest, etc.

2. Phone from home – Help the team using the campaigns online phone from home system. It's easy to do, and all you need is a phone, a computer and internet connection. With this program, you can call any time that is convenient fo you. To get started, you need to create a “My Mitt” ac-

count on the website: <http://www.mittromney.com/call-home-landing>. Once you create your account and login, you'll see the option to phone from home, instructions and a video about how it all works.

3. Host a Phone from Home Party – To make it fun, some supporters are hosting phone bank parties at their homes and inviting friends to come with their laptops, iPads and cell phones. Calls are a big help!

4. Deployments – As we get closer to the fall, the campaign will be deploying teams of volunteers from California into Nevada to provide additional boots on the ground for voter contact, get out the vote efforts to offset the Union efforts. Please sign up as a volunteer at www.mittromney.com to receive information. See article on the next page about Mitt in Nevada! NobamaNevada!

5. Legal Team – We will need teams of volunteer attorneys this fall to help us with election activities in the battleground states. If you or anyone you know is an attorney and would like to help, please sign up at www.mittromney.com/forms/legal-volunteers. The campaign's legal team will be in touch with those who sign up to give them additional details.

6. Donate – Donations are, of course, very helpful and appreciated. If you are financially able or have friends who would like to donate, the Bay Area contact is Julie Westlake, email Julie@liquidllc.net.

7. Free bumper Sticker – Sign up to receive a free bumper sticker. <http://www.mittromeny.com/s/believe-america-bumper-sticker>.

8. Receive Important Updates

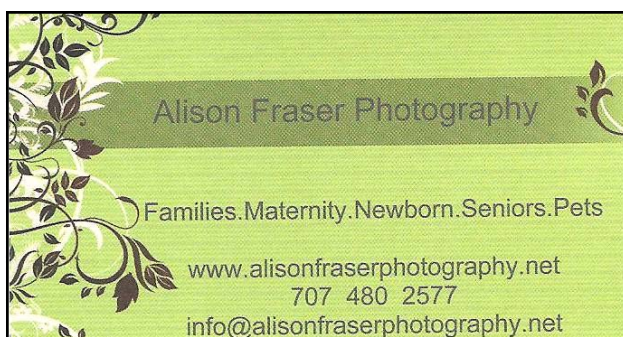
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ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 6, 2012

- ◇ Absentee Ballots will be mailed on October 9th
- ◇ Last day to register to vote is October 22
- ◇ Absentee ballots received by November 5th will be in the first count on Election Day Evening
- ◇ Voting at the Office of the Registrar of Voters is always an option for people who prefer to vote early as well.



Americanism - Rosalie Parks Chair - Committee member Liz Gatley reports: "I had the pleasure in July of sending 10 boxes to the troops in Afghanistan. I received over \$400 in donations including lots of food and candy and many many toys. We had a packing party at my home with about 20 people including many Republican women helping to pack the boxes. These boxes were going to my husband's friend who was deployed to Afghanistan, as well as providing security to the region, they also spend lots of time with the locals and play with the kids.

Here is a message he wrote to me after receiving the packages.

"Liz, you are my hero. I am so blessed with such great friends.

Please let everyone know that *your love and never forget idea* will be appreciated by the 4-23 Recon platoon and the area they are operating in. Just wanted you to know that the 10 wonderful packages have arrived and the guys have enjoyed handing out the toys and candy to the local **kids** as well as indulging themselves a bit. Your contribution will not be forgotten and every soldier that I serve with has asked me to let you all know that they appreciate all that you have done and wish you all the best."

We plan to send more packages to the troops this fall and if you would like to donate cash for shipping costs or food or toys please do so. You can bring items to the next luncheon, or contact Liz Gatley. Liz@gatleygunsmithing.com.



Photo of Chris and friends receiving the packages

Caring for America - Joan Dayton, Chair. No report

Literacy Program - Susan Stark, Chair. No report

Voter Registration - Rosalie Parks, Chair: Two opportunities for Republican Women to Shine!

The 18th Annual Sonoma County Home Show is on **September 21, 22, 23**. SRRWF has been asked by the Events Company to host a booth again this year. This is a great opportunity to showcase Republican Women, engage the public and register voters. It is indoors in a safe environment. We will be in the Garden Bldg, (behind Hall of Flowers) in the courtyard #504... it is a great spot. We need volunteers in 3 hr shifts.

Friday, September 21 - 1:00 - 4:00 * 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 22 - 10:00 - 1:00 * 1:00 - 4:00 * 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 23 - 10:00 - 1:00 * 1:00 - 4:00 * 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Please call Rosalie Parks at 849-1454 or e-mail guiltymoms@yahoo.com.

The Harvest Fair (don't confuse with Home Show in Sept) has about 10,000 people attending these three days, **Oct 5,6,7 (Friday - Sunday)**. Admission is \$10.00 (doesn't include wine tasting). There will be a few "free" tickets for those members who volunteer to sit at our booth, register citizens, educate the public on the Ballot Propositions, the local measures and Republican Candidates. We will have information available about Republican Women as well. All the booths are in Hall of Flowers for vendors. The cost to SRRWF is \$125.00 for the three days and we hope to share this cost with North County Republicans who will also volunteer. The CRP pays a bounty of \$3 per republican registration. Please call Rosalie Parks 849-1454

Ways and Means - Joan Gatley, Chair. No report

Website Management - Liz Gatley, Chair. Our next luncheon with Candidate Elizabeth Emken is up on the Press Democrat newspaper. Please go "like it" "tweet it" and write a review, otherwise it will go unnoticed. The more people that facebook "like it", "tweet it" and write a review, the higher in the search results for an event it shows up. Let's be the #1 event for that day! http://events.pressdemocrat.com/santa_rosa_ca/events/show/279694385-elizabeth-emken-for-us-senate-luncheonwebsite.

www.santarosarwf.org and facebook link www.facebook.com/srrwf

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Membership 2012



Welcome New Members

Membership 106

Per Capita Report June - Renewed Members 94
and New Members 12



The RNC has spoken to us on many different levels this past week. Chris Christie reminded us of our obligation to America. Ann Romney showed her love for our future President with stories that many of us can relate to about our beginnings. Clint Eastwood gave us an inspired speech. Our candidates for President and Vice President gave stellar speeches. Now the rest is up to you!

Now is the time to bring our Republican friends and those who are undecided into the fold. We need them more than ever. There is much to be done in the next 60 days, and it is up to us help bring California back to "red".

As I have stated before, there is success in numbers. This success is up to you!

God bless all of you and God bless America.

Ina McElroy, Chair and committee member Barbara Holmes

Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club has begun charging us for the use of the shuttle and to cover the extra lunch/mileage associated with speakers, the board felt we needed to raise the lunch price by \$2 to cover these additional new costs. We will continue to raise funds through our Ways and Means to support other club activities.

One should always be prepared.

"So, if some one asks you what the main difference is between most of the Obama supporters, and Romney supporters, instead of stammering, and stuttering and looking for an answer, just tell them that the Romney supporters sign their checks on the front, and the Obama supporters sign their checks on the back."
From an e-mail friend.



Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated

Membership Form 2012

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____@_____

Spouse's name _____

Newsletter by mail _____ or E-mail _____

Please indicate the appropriate membership:

_____ **\$35 Active Member**

_____ **\$50 Sustaining Member** (Registered Republican woman interested in supporting the Club, receiving our newsletter and information.)

_____ **\$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!)

_____ **\$10 Student Membership**

Make checks payable to SRRWF & mail to:

SRRWF - Treasurer

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Membership form also on the website

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WE WILL NEVER FORGET

September 11



Today we remember the 2,977 victims who were killed when Islamic terrorists struck the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and only by the bravery of passengers of United Flight 93 would have struck the US Capitol.

We will never forget the nearly 8000 soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan defending our freedom since the attack in addition to the tens of thousands of our brave soldiers who have been injured protecting us from further attacks. Let us pray for

the victims and their families whose lives have been forever changed.

We ask that you would take a moment of silence during your busy day to honor the victims and remember just how fragile our lives and freedoms really are.



Scheduled Events and Monthly Meetings 2012

September 25 Speaker: Elizabeth Emken

Presidential Debates

October 3 – PBS with Jim Lehrer

October 17 – CNN with Candy Crowley

October 22 – CBS with Bob Schieffer

Vice Presidential Debate

October 11 – ABC with Martha Raddatz

October 23 Speaker: Dr. Charlie Self

November 6 Election Day

November 27 Speaker: Allison Olsen

December 18 Christmas Holiday Party

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

North Sonoma County Republican Club. meeting Adel's Restaurant, Lunch. 198 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448 call 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,

Republican Women Federated Clubs

Marin RWF - Meets fourth Wednesday of each month www.maringop.org

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