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Republican Women are...Leading The Way

Evening Meeting **FOURTH** Tuesday

April 23, 2013

**Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club
1525 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa**

11:15 Business Meeting

11:45 Lunch Buffett

A CHANCE TO MEET, GREET AND DISCUSS THE POLITICAL SITUATION



Our April meeting will consist of round table discussions on current political topics and what our solutions might be.

Come and meet and get to know your club members. The interviews we have conducted with Republican Women in our newsletter are a reflection of the knowledge and experience of our members. It is time for all of us to get to know our members and how they think we might solve some of our country's problems.

This would be a good time to bring a friend, treat them to a good lunch and relax at a table filled with like minded women!

\$27 Pre-Register

\$30 without advance reservation

Make reservation by Friday, April 19

RSVP 525-8085

Make your check out to SRRWF and mail to...

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I trust you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter or Passover. It is Spring and the flowers and allergies are blooming! Time to wake up and smell the roses and get vocal about our great country.

We all have a commitment to Republican Women, especially our local organization. Our promise is to preserve the wonderful country we live in and our God-given liberties. We must be diligent in growing our membership in order to be a proactive force against the current resident of the White House. It is clear his agenda and policies include the erosion of our United States Constitution and personal freedoms. Now is not the time to be disheartened or discouraged, but the time to stand tall and be heard. I ask each one of you to contribute to making SRRWF stronger and better. If you have not yet renewed your membership with SRRWF, please do so. If you are a current member, make an effort to bring a friend or relative to our next meeting on April 23rd. **YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

One of our own, Kathy Bruegger, Past CFRW President is running for President of the NFRW. The number of California voting delegates is determined by the total number of CFRW members we have on the May per capita report, which is the list of our local paid members. The more members in SRRWF and CFRW, the voices of California are louder with more delegate votes for Kathy.

Our goal for May 9, 2013 is 100 members strong! **YES WE CAN!** If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, please check your bulk/spam email, or contact me with a current email address or USPS mailing address.

ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL!

Happy Springtime Rosalie Parks

SRRWF President, guiltymoms@yahoo.com

Highlights of Senator Rand Paul's plan to balance the budget and bring prosperity.

My five-year budget plan addresses all of these problems by instituting real reforms including:

- *** Cutting the corporate tax rate to 17% to make our country competitive again in the global jobs market;
- *** Instituting a flat 17% income tax, because when people keep more of what they earn, the economy prospers;
- *** Eliminating the Department of Education, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- *** Repealing "ObamaCare" and Dodd-Frank, which radically hamper job creation;
- *** Freezing taxpayer handouts to foreign countries at \$5 billion because American taxpayers shouldn't be forced to hand their hard-earned dollars over to foreign countries when we're struggling here at home. And you and I can do all of this without raising taxes or touching Social Security or Medicare benefits.

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Well, whenever the United Nations comes up with some new treaty, it is certain that Americans will lose some of their rights. What is the latest attack on our rights? Well, of course it is the United Nations Arms Treaty.

The long-debated U.N. Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) requires countries to regulate and control the export of weaponry such as battle tanks, combat vehicles and aircraft and attack helicopters, as well as parts and ammunition for such weapons. It also provides that signatories will not violate arms embargoes, international treaties regarding illicit trafficking or sell weaponry to a country for genocide, crimes against humanity or other war crimes.

The General Assembly vote was 154 to 3 with 23 abstentions. The Obama administrations supported the final treaty draft.

According to American gun rights activists the treaty is riddled with loopholes. The treaty includes “small arms and light weapons” in its list of weaponry subject to international regulations. The U.N. states that the pact is meant to regulate only cross-border trade and would not affect domestic United States laws and markets. Gun rights activists do not trust the statements included in the treaty.

The treaty has been resisted in the U.S. Senate. Senator Inhofe, Oklahoma Republican, offered a non-binding amendment opposing the treaty. All 45 Republican Senators and eight Senate Democrats backed the amendment. The Senate has already gone on record opposing the Treaty since it does not specifically protect the individual right to bear arms and American sovereignty.

Many groups are backing the treaty including Amnesty International. Here is Amnesty’s statement. “The voices of reason triumphed over skeptics, treaty opponents and dealers in death to establish a revolutionary treaty that constitutes a major step toward keeping assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and other weapons out of the hands of despots and warlords who use them to kill and maim civilians, recruit child soldiers and commit other serious abuses.” Frank Jannuzi, deputy executive director of Amnesty International USA.

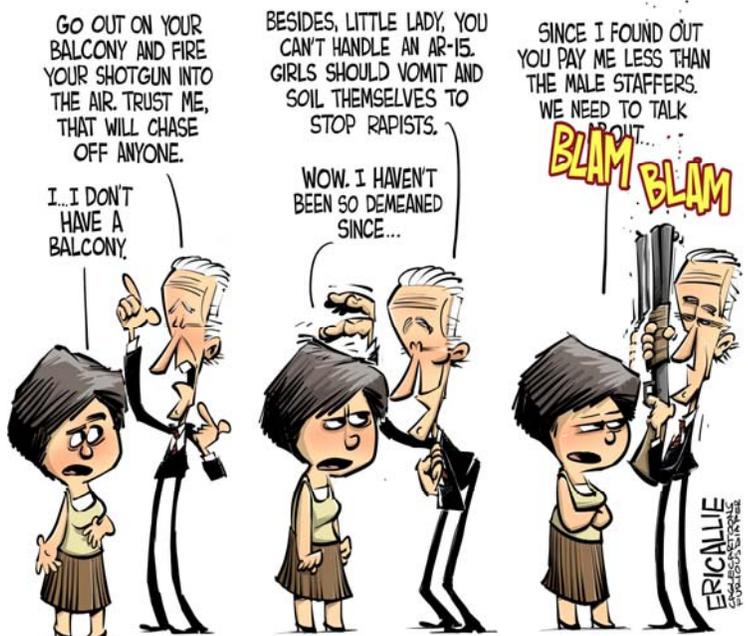
The American Bar Association released a white paper making the case that the treaty would not affect Second Amendment rights.

There is a fear that the pact could lead to a national firearms registry and disrupt the American gun market.

Senator Jerry Moran, Kansas Republican, noted that passing this treaty will only serve to limit the rights of law-abiding countries like the United States. Countries such as Syria, Iran and North Korea will not worry about abiding by the treaty.

Mr. Moran stated that “the United States Senate is united in strong opposition to a treaty that puts us on level ground with dictatorships who abuse human rights and arm terrorists, but there is real concern that the Administration feels pressured to sign a treaty that violates our Constitutional rights. Given the apparent support of the Obama Administration for the ATT, members of the U.S. Senate must continue to make clear that any treaty that violates our Second Amendment freedoms will be an absolute nonstarter for ratification.”

Information gathered from Newsmax.com and the Washington Times/4/2/13.



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Republican Principles

I am a Republican because:

- ◇ **I believe** the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.
- ◇ **I believe** in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.
- ◇ **I believe** that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.
- ◇ **I believe** government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.
- ◇ **I believe** the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.
- ◇ **i believe** the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.
- ◇ **I believe** Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.
- ◇ **I believe** Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.
- ◇ Finally, **I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.**

Thank you to our member, Dottie Vonderhaar who researched the question, "Why am I a Republican?"

Baroness Margaret Thatcher



“Ronald Reagan’s Political Soul Mate!”

Former First Lady Nancy Reagan called Margaret Thatcher "a dear and trusted friend" whose close relationship with President Ronald Reagan helped bring about the collapse of the Soviet Union. Mrs. Reagan went on to say, "The world has lost a true champion of freedom and democracy. Prime Minister Thatcher and President Reagan formed a strong, special bond as leaders of their respective countries during one of the most difficult and pivotal periods in modern history," the statement said.

"Ronnie and Margaret were political soul mates, committed to freedom and resolved to end communism. As prime minister, Margaret had the clear vision and strong determination to stand up for her beliefs at a time when so many were afraid to 'rock the boat'. As a result, she helped to bring about the collapse of the Soviet Union and the liberation of millions of people."

"The United States knew Margaret as a spirited courageous ally and the world owes her a debt of gratitude."

Reagan and Thatcher kept in touch and saw each other on several occasions after Reagan left the White House in 1989. Though she largely withdrew from public events after a series of mini-strokes in 2002, Thatcher attended Reagan's funeral in Washington in 2004. She lauded Reagan as "a great president, a great American, and a great man".

...Portrait on view at the Reagan Library

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 Northern Division Spring 2013 Campaign School Redding Red Lion Hotel

1830 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA 96002
Friday, April 26, 2013, 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Learn the skills needed to be a more effective candidate, a vital member of a campaign, or conducting a campaign.

Even if you are not a current candidate but are thinking about possibly running for office in the future, you will learn essential skills to help you make that decision. Club officers and members can also benefit from learning skills to help them be more effective as an officer or member of their club. You can earn points for the 2013 Achievement Awards for attending a campaign school.

Join us from 8:30 AM to 4 PM on Friday, April 26, 2013, and we will pull open the dark curtains on how to run a successful campaign. Running a campaign is not a mystery. You just need to learn the skills and you can also

Network with elected Republican officials and potential candidates; hear from experienced candidates who have been there! Among the "hot" topics:

- ◇ Public speaking, speech preparation (for those who fear it more than death)
- ◇ Learn tips on how to run a successful campaign from a seasoned veteran campaign manager Money....how to get it, who do I ask, how much will I need????
- ◇ Press... print, television, radio, and social media
- ◇ Hearing from the "pros"....asking questions of our panel of local elected officials

Invest a day and come away with a much better understanding of running for office, conducting a campaign and/or being a vital member of a campaign. This is a must if Republicans are going to be more successful in getting our nominees elected. The Campaign School topics are also valuable information for club officers and members assisting with local campaigns or working with community involvement projects. Build a stronger presence in your community! Come, be part of the further development of our Republican farm team.

Presenters/coordinators: Former Assemblywoman, the Honorable Lynne Leach and Campaign School Supporter, Darcy Linn.

Registration fee \$50 (includes box lunch)

TO REGISTER FOR THE CAMPAIGN SCHOOL: Make check payable to "CFRW Northern Division". Mail check to Laura Riffle, 1649 South Main Street, #103, Milpitas, CA 95035 laura.riffle@comcast.com. Campaign School Registration Deadline is April 15, 2013

For Campaign School questions contact: Roseann Slonsky-Breault 510-531-0567



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Editorial note: Kathy Bruegger, Past President of California Federation Republican Women, is running for NFRW President. The NFRW President serves a two year term and must spend much time in Washington DC. This is a full time leadership role, traveling the country educating our members and is involved in public policy. Kathy would have a seat at the table at the RNC. Kathy Bruegger has a long history with Republican Women from her club in Oxnard to Southern Division President, onto the state president and presently on the board of NFRW. Our President, Rosalie Parks, Edelweiss Geary and Ruth Van Bommel will be attending the convention where we hope our California delegation will carry Kathy to the finish line.

Indiana's School Choice Voucher Law

Last week, in a 5 to 0 ruling, the Indiana Supreme Court upheld Indiana's school voucher program put in place two years ago by then Republican Governor Mitch Daniels. The State law offers families up to \$4,500 to attend schools outside of the public education system, coming into conflict with claims against it made by the public schools' teacher-based unions. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a similar Ohio program in 2002.

The Indiana program is more ambitious than most, making all families eligible to apply for vouchers, not just low-income families or those with children in failing schools. Middle-class families are eligible to apply for vouchers and vouchers are offered statewide, even to families living in areas with adequate public schools. Thus, all parents are able to choose where their children go to school, according to Republican Governor Mike Pence.

In 2011, President Obama's Education Secretary Arne Duncan was quoted as saying that education is "the civil rights issue of our time," so one would think the administration would embrace programs such as the Indiana law. The opposite is true, however, where Obama has sought unsuccessfully to defund Washington D.C.'s Opportunity Scholarships voucher program, which is very popular with D.C.'s low-income parents. As The Washington Times claims, Obama "is dead set against any reform that might upset powerful public-sector unions."

SRRWF COMMITTEE NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

VOTER REGISTRATION

Our updated brochure, our newsletter and information on issues was shared with the community at the

Sonoma County Home & Garden Show
Santa Rosa, Ca So Co Fairgrounds)
March 15-17 2013

In our picture to the right, our new student member, Kaitlin Church is featured here as she turned 18 today, she registered to vote and then went on to help register republicans along with Marilyn Koenig, Regina Miakinkoff.

Thanks to the Santa Republican Women who spent time at the So Co Home & Garden Show last month.

Meeting Sonoma Co residents and educating them about our Club is priceless. Please say "thank you" to: Edyth Gonsalves, Marilyn Koenig, Joan Gatley, Kaitlin Church (who is now a registered Republican Woman), Rosalie Parks, Eddie Geary, Yvonne Giambrone-Martin, Beth & Marian Benjamin, Dottie Vanderhaar, Mary Lou Kilmer, Mickey Hoffman, Joan Dayton, and Nancy Maier. Five (5) new Republicans were registered!

Regina Miakinkoff, Voter Registration



March 28th

Dear Santa Rosa RWF

We're writing today with good news: there is light at the end of the tunnel! As the new Chairman and Vice Chairman of the California Republican Party, we've identified the biggest challenges facing Republicans in our state-low voter registration numbers, disconnected messaging, candidates who fail to connect with their constituents, and limited resources - and we're crafting a strategy to overcome them so that we can elect Republicans to federal, state, and local offices in November 2014.

The two of us combined have decades of experience in Republican politics, and we're excited to use our knowledge and experience to rebuild our party by focusing on:

- ◇ Candidate recruitment;
- ◇ Candidate and staff training;
- ◇ Voter registration and turnout;
- ◇ Strategic use of technology to communicate with voters and support campaigns;
- ◇ Outreach to independents, disaffected Democrats and minority voters;
- ◇ Funding to provide candidates in key races support throughout the election cycle.

The next 19 months will be challenging, but we're confident that we'll succeed if we have your continued support. Please stay tuned to learn what you can do to make a difference and help the California Republican Party succeed. And please do not hesitate to contact us with any comments or concerns about the direction of our party.

Sincerely, Sen. Jim Brulte, (Ret.), Chairman, Harmeet K. Dhillon, Vice Chairman
P.S. Your continued support is critical to reviving the California Republican Party.

WANTED!! Used books for our Ways and Means table! Please bring them with you to our next members meeting! Recent (non-fiction) best sellers preferred.

If there are any specific jewelry items you would like to see on our table, please email Joan Gatley at joaniegat@yahoo.com to let me know.

MEMBERSHIP 2013



Our Republican Woman in Business this month is Joan Gatley, our Recording Secretary. Joan has had a fascinating life. She was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The family moved to Sioux City, Iowa when Joan was five years old. Joan's father was a meat packer at a time when the area was a major meat processing center. Joan had one brother who is deceased.

Joan attended high school in Sioux City. Her mother had insisted that she take typing and shorthand which turned out to be a very good career move. Joan could type 125 wpm and take shorthand at 200 wpm. Gregg Corporation had to devise a special test for her in shorthand since she was much faster than the standard tests.

After high school her secretarial skills got Joan a job at the Iowa State Highway Commission during the day. In the evening from 7 to 11 she worked at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio teaching dancing. Joan has also studied French and she has been bilingual and fluent in Spanish.

Joan had worked two jobs because she wanted to go to college. She was able to attend two years at the State University of Iowa in Iowa City where she studied Theater Arts.

When Joan was 20 years old she followed her dream and went to Hollywood. Those secretarial skills got her a job as corporate secretary at MGM working for Harris Clayton, Vice President in charge of MGM Television. In this job she had the opportunity to meet many movie stars. She found Elizabeth Taylor, besides being beautiful, to be extremely kind and considerate.

Joan met her husband Alex, who was from Montreal in 1961. They were married in 1962. Alex was a Design Engineer in the aerospace industry. He had designed the breathing apparatus system used for the moon landing. He had also designed a flare during the Vietnam war which pinpointed the exact spot where a helicopter should land safely. This flare saved the lives of many soldiers.

After Joan and Alex were married they moved to El Segundo. She went to work for Aerospace Corporation which designed space suits and did work on the Saturn rocket.

From 1962 – 1967 Joan worked in Beverly Hills for the Janss Investment Corporation. Again those great secretarial skills got her a job as Corporate Secretary for a company which owned major real estate in southern California.

Joan and Alex made a trip to Northern California and fell in love with Santa Rosa. Alex promptly got a job at Reitz Foods. The family moved and two weeks after they arrived Reitz let Alex go. However, he immediately got a job at National Scale where he worked for the rest of his career.

Joan wanted to continue working while raising her children. Therefore, she became a Home and Interior Gifts Representative and states that she did that for 30 years very successfully.

Joan and Alex had three sons: Andy, Tom and Danny. In 2006, Alex died.

Joan's parents were Democrats and she was also until Jimmy Carter. She was also influenced by William F. Buckley. She has been a Republican since 1980 especially after hearing Ronald Reagan.

Santa Rosa Republican Women Federated is very fortunate to have Joan Gatley as a member.



Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated

Membership Form 2013

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**

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“If you want something spoken about, ask a man.
 If you want something done, ask a woman.”

— Margaret Thatcher



U.S. President Ronald Reagan, and Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, share a laugh during a break from a session at the Ottawa Summit in this file photo dated July 21, 1981, at Government House in Ottawa, Canada. Personal papers from 1981 released Saturday March 17, 2012, by the Thatcher archive at Cambridge University in England, reveal that Thatcher was fascinated by U.S. President Reagan and that she snatched and kept a page of his doodles from this G7 summit in Ottawa. Reagan left the piece of paper adorned with his sketches, sitting on a table at the Ottawa meeting when Margaret Thatcher picked it up and kept it. (AP Photo/File)



2013

April 23 Monthly Meeting

May 28 Monthly Meeting

June 22 **BBQ - annual fundraiser**
Speaker confirmed: Jim Brulte
California Republican Party Chairman

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. April 17, 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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www.maringop.org

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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