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## Monthly Meeting

### Tuesday ~ January 26, 2010

FOUNTAINGROVE GOLF & ATHLETIC CLUB

1525 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

Business meeting 11:15 am; lunch to follow

### Allison Olson

### Legislative Advocate

California Federated Republican Women

Topic: Our Lobbyist in Sacramento advocating for the Federation

\$23.00 reservations in advance

### A Reservation made ~ is paid!

\$26.00 without advance reservation

### Reservations by January 22nd

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

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## Co - Presidents Message

Rosalie Parks and Edelweiss Geary

Happy New Year to Santa Rosa Republican Women.

I am excited to serve as Co-President and look forward to the coming year. I have been involved in politics since I was 5 years old when I walked precincts with my Dad. Our home was also Precinct Head Quarters for the Republican Party in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the 1960's, Mom was President of Republican Women in Fort Wayne. My siblings are also involved in Republican politics. This year my sister Jan is President of Simi Valley Republican Women Federated (SVRWF). I am presently the Chairperson of North Sonoma County Republican Club (PAC) starting my second term.

Joe and I have been married 22 years and have three sons between us, one who is serving in the Navy. We have three grandchildren with baby number four due in July.

I am honored to serve with Eddie Geary as Co-President. We have our work cut out for us. This is a very important election year! A good "tag line" could be **"LET'S WIN IN 2010!"**

See you on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Rosalie Parks, President*



I am very happy to welcome Rosalie Parks as Co-President of Santa Rosa Republican Women. Rosalie's enthusiasm and hard work have been a very important part of our club and she will be even more valuable in her role as President.

Our speaker this month is Allison Olson, the Federation's Advocate at the State Capitol.

The Advocate, along with a team of Legislative Analysts (members of the Federation), analyzes the most important legislation making its way through the state legislature. Then, the State President along with the three First Vice Presidents, vote on supporting or opposing the legislation. The Advocate is also available for information on specific legislation. She is available by phone or e-mail and can answer your questions.

Jo Danner, one of our members and a Major in the Air Force, is being re-deployed to Afghanistan in January. This is not her first tour of duty. She will be stationed at a hospital in Khandahar. We look forward to getting regular updates from her.

I trust you are all rested and have had a wonderful holiday season. We have a great deal of work to do this year. I know you are all aware of the importance of the elections this year. It is crucial that we reach out to more people and increase our membership. I look forward to seeing all of you at our January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bring a friend. *Edelweiss Geary, President*



January Speaker - Allison Daley Olson -

California Federation Republican Woman's Legislative Advocate!

Allison is a recent graduate of the University of California, Davis Campus, with a degree in Political Science. She and husband Rob were married in August, went on their honeymoon to Alaska and returned to begin her job as our Advocate at the Capitol.

Allie was the Deputy Finance Director for the McClintock for Congress campaign and previously 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, she 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-terror experts.

Allison is well acquainted with the internet and is well versed in using Facebook, Twitter and whatever new forms of communications there will be for Republicans these coming elections. Allison brings a new energy to the California Federation's 16, 160 member organization.



# AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU

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Happy New Year to all! Our Support the Troops project is off and running once again. With so many more being assigned to Afghanistan, there is more need than ever for us to continue sending our boxes of love to the troops there and in Iraq as well as other areas in the world. The week before Christmas we managed to send off six boxes to the newest names on our list. We are sharing our list with Gold Star Mothers who are equally concerned about the welfare and safety of our finest and brightest currently serving abroad.



It appears that about 12 of our recipients will soon be rotating back home. As usual, I am asking that you check with neighbors and friends and find out who has recently been deployed. I want to thank those members who personally contacted me about having sent cards and boxes to two of our recipients. Also thanks to those who had me stop by and pick up individual donations to our cause. Again, as usual, we are in need of as many \$\$\$\$ monetary donations as possible in order to cover expenses. Inflation has hit big time with the cost of snacks, toiletries and postage on the rise continually. **I want to remind you again of the need for Dr. Seuss books and SMALL stuffed animals.** *The troops can read bedtime stories now to their own children via the Internet and the stuffed animals provide the only soft item they may touch for days, especially those out in the harshest of conditions.*

Please don't forget to bring left-over snacks, powdered drinks including coffee, tea, spiced apple cider and a lot of oatmeal mixes to the next general meeting. Your donations at the luncheon the past two months have been spectacular and we thank you so much for your generosity. My motto is: 'If we don't do it, who will?' Maridale Smith, Americanism Committee



## One of our own!

**SRRWF member Joann Danner USAF** will be deployed to Afghanistan for her third tour of duty. This picture was copied from <http://lighthouse mama.blogspot.com/>.

This is her blog from December 2006 to June 2007! I urge you all to take a look. Jo promised to keep us up to date on her duties.

These are pictures and comments from her deployment.

Joann and Fred Danner  
At home in Santa Rosa!



June 2007

Estimated time of departure  
0730..actual time of departure 1530  
aboard a C-5! Coming home!

“This is the view behind me! Note the  
pallets of luggage! Next stop Manas,  
Afghanistan”





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*Because the Capitol has been "closed" for the holidays, there is not a weekly legislative update to report. This article is written by CFRW Northern Division Legislation Issues Chair Edelweiss Geary. 1/1/09*

When it comes to the state legislature and Congress, we have a small window of time to take a deep breath because during the first part of January, they are not in session.

However, that does not mean we cannot be alert. We still have city and county governments to monitor.

One area that we definitely need to keep track of is State Redevelopment Agencies.

These agencies are administered by cities and counties and are given power and authority to threaten and take private property by Eminent Domain and later give these properties to an investor or developer for their profit and gain. These agencies borrow by the sale of bonds without the vote of the people. If the Statewide Redevelopment Debt was brought current today, it would be approximately \$100 Billion.

Each year billions of dollars of Property Tax Increments are diverted directly to these Redevelopment Agencies and away from County, City and State General Funds that would otherwise pay for schools, libraries, parks, police/sheriff and fire protection and other needed services for the people.

The Gateways Redevelopment Plan in Santa Rosa encompasses 1100 acres extending from Santa Rosa Avenue up through much of Santa Rosa to Cleveland Avenue including Coddington. A law suit was filed against the plan. In February, 2008 Judge Elaine Rushing handed down a decision that the Plan met all legal requirements. The decision has been appealed to the State Appellate Court in San Francisco.

It will be interesting to watch how this whole matter plays out.



California Federation of Republican Women

Winter Conference

Hyatt Westlake Hotel, Westlake Village, CA

February 5 Evening Ambassador Event

February 6 at noon to February 7 at 9:00am to noon

Room costs \$ 100.00

Conference Package \$150.00 includes registration, Lunch and Banquet Saturday. Breakfast Sunday.

Speakers - Noon - Assemblywoman Jean Fuller -  
"Securing California's Water Future"

Banquet Speaker - Carly Fiorina -CA State Senate Candidate

Sunday Assemblyman Chuck Devore, CA State Senate Candidate.



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**Membership Dues:** Beginning January 1, 2010, national membership dues will be \$10.00 per member, per year.

## **Yearly Expenses from SRRWF to NFRW are**

\$15.00 Service Charge

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Online Magazine - Due to increased cost to produce and mail a magazine NFRW has only the online version. It is e-mailed to all members with a current e-mail address. If you would like to **SUBMIT LETTER TO THE EDITOR** or **SUBMIT IDEAS FOR ARTICLES** please talk to Rosalie Parks or Edelweiss Geary about the procedure of presenting your work.

## Important Dates 2010

### CFRW Northern Division

January 23/24 - Leadership Workshop, Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield.



### CFRW

February 6-7 Winter Conference, Hyatt Westlake Hotel.

April 18-20 Advocacy Days in Sacramento

#### CFRW Northern Division

### Women in Numbers - Building the Team.

Saturday, January 23, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield

\$50.00 with leadership guide

\$35 hand outs

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Breakout sessions

- Presidents and Vice Presidents - Agenda, Bylaws and Standing Rules, Parliamentary Procedures, protocol and programs.
- Per Capita Reporters - Procedures, Due Dates, Forms
- Treasurers - Budgets, Record keeping, Reports
- Secretaries - Minutes, Record Retention, Reporting
- Newsletter Editors - Content, Format, Contests
- Selling our Organization through New Media, Web pages, and Social Networking

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Full Membership

- NFRW and CFRW Programs
- Achievement Awards
- Advocacy Workshop and Ambassador Program
- Americanism
- Caring for America
- Voter Registration and Bounty
- Scholarships

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch with speakers

- Those Running for Office
- Partnering with County Central Committees

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 pm Roundtable Discussions

- Fundraising
- Membership Recruitment and Commissions
- Make your Voices Heard - Power of the Pen

#### Know your Republican Heritage

*Republicans would benefit tremendously from appreciating the heritage of our Grand Old Party, born in 1854 to oppose the Democratic Party's pro-slavery policies. See [www.RepublicanBasics.com](http://www.RepublicanBasics.com) and the Grand Old Partisan blog for more information.*

#### One - How many Democrats in Congress voted for the 13th Amendment, to abolish slavery?

- 1) 127                      2) 95                      3) 34                      4) 0

#### Two - Which park was established by a future Chairman of the Republican National Committee?

- 1) Central Park                      2) Griffith Park  
3) Franklin Park                      4) Lincoln Park

#### Three - Which former Republican presidential nominee declined a nomination for Chief Justice?

- 1) James Blaine                      2) Wendell Willkie  
3) Thomas Dewey                      4) Bob Dole

#### Four - Who was the first Vice President to attend Cabinet meetings?

- 1) Levi Morton (R-NY)                      2) Theodore Roosevelt (R-NY)  
3) Calvin Coolidge (R-MA)                      4) Charles Dawes (R-IL)

#### Five - Which archaeological site was discovered by a future Republican U.S. Senator?

- 1) Angkor Wat                      2) Machu Picchu  
3) Great Zimbabwe                      4) Stonehenge

#### ANSWERS:

One - 4) Zero. Not even one congressional Democrat voted for the 13th Amendment, while Republicans voted unanimously to abolish slavery.

Two - 1) In 1853, state senator Edwin Morgan introduced into the New York legislature the bill establishing Central Park. Three years later, he was elected the first Chairman of the RNC.

Three - 3) In 1969, President Richard Nixon offered to nominate Thomas Dewey to replace Chief Justice Earl Warren, but Dewey thought he was too old for the position.

Four - 3) Calvin Coolidge, Vice President during the Warren Harding administration. Before then, Vice Presidents were regarded exclusively as members of the legislative branch.

Five - 2) The ruins of Machu Picchu were discovered in the Peruvian jungle by explorer Hiram Bingham in 1911. Bingham would later be elected Governor of Connecticut and U.S. Senator.

#### Websites of Interest

<a href="http://www.americanthinker.com">www.americanthinker.com</a>	<a href="http://www.brietbart.com">www.brietbart.com</a>
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## The Healthcare bill would be Obama's "Enabling Act"

December 18, 2009 - Michael Zak

Why are Barack Obama and other Democrat leaders so intent on passing a government takeover of healthcare now Now NOW?



They must know that costs will rise and the quality of care will fall, right? They must know that Obamacare would destroy the economy, right? Of course they do. But, they also know that the federal government would tighten its grip on the nation. They know that Obama's czars and other appointees would be authorized to bypass Congress in enacting sweeping regulations on nearly every aspect of a person's life. And, they know that these new powers of the federal government would be concentrated in the hands of the Democratic Party and the President.

Here's what else they know. History affords many examples of regimes whose motto was "Never let a crisis go to waste." In 1933, having campaigned for "hope" and "change," the National Socialist Worker's Party forced through the German parliament a Law to Remedy the Distress of the People and the Nation, also known as the Enabling Act.

This new law enabled the German chancellor and his appointees to bypass parliament in imposing sweeping regulations on the people: "In addition to the procedure prescribed by the constitution, laws of the Reich may also be enacted by the government of the Reich [i.e., the Cabinet]."

Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning last November's Presidential election:

Number of States won by: Obama: 19  
McCain: 29

Square miles of land won by: Obama: 580,000  
McCain: 2,427,000

Population of counties won by: Obama: 127 million  
McCain: 143 million

Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by: Obama: 13.2  
McCain: 2.1

It was by this vote that the National Socialist Workers Power assumed absolute power and the chancellor made history.

## Democrat Corruption is turning Capitol Hill into Tammany Hill

December 23, 2009 Back to Basics, Michael Zak, refer tp cartoon on page 12

Tammany Hall, now a metaphor for Democrat corruption, began as a real place. It was a building, in fact, the headquarters of the New York Democratic Party. During the 19th century and early 20th centuries, Tammany Hall was the foremost center of power and financing in the Democratic Party nationwide.

The origins of Tammany Hall date back to the 1790s as a fraternal organization, The Society of St. Tammany. No, there was never a real Saint Tammany. Anyway, along came one of the archvillians of American history, Aaron Burr. Senator Burr took over the society and made it a political organization, which evolved over time into a pillar of the Democratic Party.

In the late 19th century, Tammany Hall, aka the New York City Democratic Party, stole staggering amounts of taxpayer funds - billions of dollars in today's money.

The head honcho of Tammany Hall was William "Boss" Tweed, a former Democrat congressman. In addition to larceny, Boss Tweed's Democrat gangsters also excelled in vote fraud.

Tammany Hall faded in the 1930s as it lost its reason for existence. With the New Deal, why should the Democrat leadership have a stand-alone organization devoted to shifting money from the government to their own coffers when the federal government could do it for them? It was at this point that the Democratic Party became the Party of Government.

Now, seven decades later, the Democrat leadership, indeed all Democrats in Congress who vote for the stimulus package and socialized medicine and all the payoffs of Obama's agenda do so knowing full well they are shovelling billions of dollars from taxpayers to their own coffers. They're all Boss Tweed now.

By the way, Boss Tweed died in prison.

<http://grandoldpartisan.typepad.com/blog/2009/12/democrat-corruption-has-turned-capitol-hill-into-tammany-hill.html>

Michael Zak's message is that Republicans today would benefit tremendously from appreciating the heritage of our Grand Old Party



Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the map of the territory McCain won was mostly the land owned by the taxpaying citizens of the country. Obama territory mostly encompassed those citizens living in low income tenements and living off various forms of government welfare..."

Olson believes the United States is now somewhere between the "complacency and apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy, with some forty percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.

# The Real Fat Cat Party

*If Republicans are 'the party of big business,' why are the Democrats raking in big bucks from industry after industry?*

Jonah Goldberg December 8, 2009

One of the great frustrations of the libertarian-minded right is how Republicans got stuck being "the party of big business."

The quotation marks around the term are at least somewhat necessary because, in many respects, it's not true.

**The notion that big business is "right wing" has always been more sloppy agitprop than serious analysis.** It's true that historically, big business is against socialism and communism -- and understandably so. Socialism and communism were once close to synonymous with expropriation of wealth and the nationalization of industry. What businessman or industrialist wouldn't be against that? But many of those same industrialists saw nothing wrong with cutting deals with statist regimes. For example, the Swope Plan, put forward by Gerard Swope, president of General Electric, laid out the infrastructure for much of the early New Deal.

Yet the debate is always framed as if the choice is between "government intervention" on the one hand and free-market capitalism on the other. From 30,000 feet, that division is fine with me. My objection is the glib and easy association of big business with the free-market guys (Milton Friedman was no champion of public-private partnerships and industrial policy).

This identification allows self-described progressive Democrats to run against big business when they are in fact in bed with the fat cats.

For instance, the standard line from the Democrats is that the plutocrats and corporate mustache-twirlers oppose healthcare reform because, in President Obama's words, they "profit financially or politically from the status quo." That sounds reasonable, and in some cases it is reasonable. But it makes it sound as if Obama is bravely battling "malefactors of great wealth."

But that's not really how it works, as Timothy Carney documents in his powerful new book, "Obamanomics." In 2008, Obama raked in more donations from the health sector than John McCain and the rest of the Republican field combined. Drug makers gave Obama \$3.58 for every dollar they gave McCain. Pfizer gave to Obama at a 4-1 rate, as did the hospital and nursing home industries. In 2008, the insurance industry gave more money to House Democrats than

House Republicans. HMOs give to Democrats over Republicans by a margin of 60 to 40.

So far, the healthcare industry has mostly been trying to cut insider deals with the government, not fighting to defend the status quo. Discussions between Big Pharma and the White House have been more like pillow talk than a shouting match.

This pattern is hardly unique to healthcare. The U.S. Climate Action Partnership, led by GE, includes many other Fortune 500 companies, including Goldman Sachs -- the company that has profited mightily from Obama's brand of hope and change. CAP is an aggressive supporter of the Democrats' climate change scheme. Why? Because GE and company stand to make billions from carbon pricing, thanks largely to investments in technologies that cannot survive in a free market without massive subsidies from Uncle Sam. GE chief Jeffrey Immelt cheerleads big government as "an industry policy champion, a financier and a key partner."

Going back to U.S. Steel and the railroads, the story of big business in America is often as not the story of fat cats rigging the system. And the story of progressivism is the same story. The New Deal codes were mostly written by big business to squeeze out smaller competitors. The progressives fought for these reforms on the grounds that it's easier to steer a few giant oxen than a thousand cats.

But healthcare is the most troubling example of the trend. Washington Post columnist Robert Samuelson notes that while everyone has been debating the government takeover of healthcare, what's really transpired is healthcare's takeover of government -- thanks to what he calls the "medical industrial complex." Already 1 in 4 federal outlays are for healthcare; government pays, directly or indirectly, for half of all healthcare costs; and the entire industry is heavily regulated. Obama's answer to this state of affairs is more -- much more -- of the same, on the phantasmagorical grounds that it will cut costs.

My biggest objection is not to what isn't true about the claim that the right is the handmaiden to big business, it's to what is true. Too many Republicans think being pro-business is the same as being pro-market. They defend the status quo against bad reforms and think they've defended economic freedom. The status quo stinks. And the sooner Republicans learn that, the sooner they'll deserve to win again.

*jpgoldberg@latimescolumnists.com... Article from weekly e-mail updates Bill Leonard, elected to the Board of Equalization, sends out.*

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**2010 Census to Begin**

**Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers**

*by Susan Johnson*

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

**The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist?**

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, *they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before* answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

**REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.**

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.**

**AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU IS NOT WORKING WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.**

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## A Slowly Dawning Realization

American Thinker Article by Thomas Lifson

Barack Obama could get you killed. That's the reluctant conclusion more and more Americans are contemplating in the wake of the bizarre handling of the Northwest 253 attempted bombing. "Feckless" is one of the kinder terms one could use to describe the Keystone Kops approach of the Obama team to the War on Terror.

Janet Napolitano's reassurances to the public that "everything went according to clockwork" were so wacky as to be alarming. Obama's first interruption of his golf game to speak to the American people was so detached as to create the impression that the many simply is not taking seriously his responsibility to protect and defend the American people and their Constitution. His second interruption of his golf game was slightly less detached, but featured disembodied language ("a systematic failure has occurred") with no actual people failing. The buck never even gets close to this president, though Janet Napolitano may soon be hearing a bus motor revving up, and the wheels approaching.

Once the label "unserious" begins to attach itself to a leader, there is no going back. Dick Cheney, understanding exactly what is transpiring in the public mind, has encapsulated the fears: "As I've watched the events of the last few days it is clear once again that President Obama is trying to pretend we are not at war. He seems to think if he has a low key response to an attempt to blow up an airliner and kill hundreds of people, we won't be at war. He seems to think if he gives terrorists the rights of Americans, lets them lawyer up and reads them their Miranda rights, we won't be at war. He seems to think if we bring the mastermind of 9/11 to New York, give him a lawyer and trial in civilian court, we won't be at war.

"He seems to think if he closes Guantanamo and releases the hard-core al Qaeda trained terrorists still there, we won't be at war. He seems to think if he gets rid of the words, 'war on terror,' we won't be at war. But we are at war and when President Obama pretends we aren't, it makes us less safe. Why doesn't he want to admit we're at war? It doesn't fit with the view of the world he brought with him to the Oval Office. It doesn't fit with what seems to be the goal of his presidency - social transformation-the restructuring of American society. President Obama's first object and his highest responsibility must be to defend us against an enemy that knows we are at war."

And Sarah Palin has yet to be heard from on the subject.

George W. Bush never really recovered from his PR errors in handling Hurricane Katrina. Of course, Bush had the entire press corps invested in belittling him and exaggerating the damage (remember the reports of cannibalism inside the Superdome?). The media will no doubt be

more generous to Obama, but Bush never renamed hurricanes as a "domestic weather contingency" and was not invested in denying that hurricanes were a serious problem. Nor did he insist on treating hurricanes as a law enforcement matter.

Obama's disconnect is rooted in his policies, and he will be loath to change them. If Yemeni sources are to be believed, more attacks are on their way soon. Unlike hurricanes, terror attacks know no season.

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## Leanord Letter December 21, 2008

### Bill Leonard, Board of Equalization

\*\*\*Health Care Debate – the Other Side\*\*\*

*What is really unfortunate about the big push for single payer health care is the lack of debate over a few easy reforms that would not cost taxpayers anything but would bring greater choice for consumers and more competition for health care providers. This excellent Reason.tv video simply asks what the other 5/6 of the economy can teach us about how to get better and better products or services for less money over time. The comparison with Lasik is an excellent illustration because Lasik is a service within the health care industry.*

Make no mistake about it. Health care reform is coming. But what's the best way to fix our health care system, which is an inefficient, complicated mess of private actors, third-party payers, public subsidies, and innumerable state and federal regulations? Should we place our faith in the government or in the free market?

ObamaCare supporters argue that the answer lies in more government—more subsidies, more regulations, a law mandating individuals buy health-insurance coverage and, of course, more taxes to pay for it all.

The alternative is to base reforms on what works in the other five-sixths of the U.S. economy, where choice and competition increase quality and drive down prices over time.

Can a market-based health care system work? We can begin to answer this question by looking at Lasik, a medical procedure that's not covered by health insurance. And has gotten better—and cheaper—over time.

"How to Fix Health Care" proposes three simple reforms that will put us on a path to a health-care system that's better, more affordable, and more accessible. And get this—these market-based reforms can be implemented without creating new government programs or raising taxes. *Approximately 8 minutes. Produced by Paul Feine and Meredith Bragg. Hosted by Nick Gillespie*

<http://reason.tv/video/show/how-to-fix-health-care>



## THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

We have heard a great deal this last year about how Washington politicians have gone their own way and are ignoring many of their constituents. In large part, this is true. So who is responsible for this sorry state of affairs?

I believe there are a number of causes. However, the major cause, in my opinion, is to be found in the American voter.

How can the voter be blamed for what is going on in Washington? Let's name a few reasons: Ignorance, Apathy and Laziness.

**Ignorance:** Our school system is not, for the most part, teaching and passing on the history and culture of America. The emphasis by many teachers and textbooks is on all the things that are wrong with the American political system and everything that has been done wrong throughout our history. There is nothing wrong about teaching accurate history. What is often being omitted is educating students about the goals and principles the founders established in our constitution and wrote about in the initial documents and writings at the start of our current government. Schools should be teaching students what the basic principles of America are and how to make sure that the nation maintains those principles. Unfortunately, many teachers have been trained by radicals in universities and are not equipped to present accurate information.

**Apathy:** Apathy is defined as a lack of interest, indifference and a lack of emotion. Because of our busy lives and the need to make a living, many citizens take their responsibility as citizens casually. They don't always vote, are unaware of the issues and don't delve into the record of candidates. *What is happening with Michael Jackson is more important than what law is being passed in the state or national legislature.* I have had people tell me that they don't vote and don't pay attention because it doesn't make any difference. Well, if a majority of the population responds like that, it doesn't make a difference.

**Laziness:** Now, most Americans are hard working people who do not like to be considered lazy. However, when it comes to politics, many citizens are lazy because they are busy with their lives and worried about just making it through the day. Being an informed citizen takes **time** and **work**. That lack of involvement is what a lot of politicians are counting on. The last thing many of them want is an informed, active public. That is evident by the reaction of many politicians to the Tea Party movement. They have either chosen to demonize it or to ignore it. Democrats want

nothing to do with the movement and some Republicans don't quite know how to react. There is one other thought I have that falls a bit into the category of laziness. There have been messages on the internet that voters should vote all of Congress out. I have real problems with that stand. We have worked very hard to get certain Congressional Representatives elected such as Tom McClintock. I don't think we want him out after two years. Being informed means that a representative's record has been studied and evaluated. Then a determination regarding support can be made.

If Congress introduces bills that are not in line with the principles of this country, members need to be inundated with messages from their constituents and citizens around the country. We can always let the President know how we feel but more often the pressure needs to be on Congress. Remember, bills authorizing expenditure of money must originate in the House of Representatives. The White House submits a budget but, Congress ultimately has to pass that budget.

That same vigilance must be shown towards state legislatures, many of which have been spending money they don't have and then expressing annoyance with voters who do not want to pay more taxes.

**Remember: Liberals are on duty 24/7. They don't quit at 5:00.**

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# Membership 2009

Nancy Maier—Membership Chair

**NFRW Diamond Award Winning Club**

**Please welcome our newest members:**

**Donna Bertch  
Barbara Holmes  
Sally Jo Smith**

**Leslie Cook  
Joanne Murray**

2010 is an election year and there is much to change. For beginners there is ObamaCare. Investor's Business Daily says "this is not about improving the health of the American people. It is about passing something - anything to keep the Obama administration from ending up with egg on its face." Then there is the issue of Northwest Airlines Flight 253 on Christmas Day, once again proving that the terrorists are not only still out there, but in resurgence. And of course, the big spenders in Washington and California who just can't restrain themselves from using our money for their pet projects are still there. And the list goes on and on. Republican Women need to get out there and register voters, work for conservative candidates, write letters to our representatives and the various newspapers and, bring friends, neighbors and relatives to our meetings to learn the straight scoop about our Government and elected officials. By working smart and together, we can accomplish great things - taking our America back!

Nancy Maier, Membership Chair



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Please indicate the appropriate membership:

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Membership form also on the website [www.srrwf.org](http://www.srrwf.org) and may be charged to your credit card.



**Help Wanted - New Chair**

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

**Looking for a few good women!**

It is time for a new chairman! We need new participants to become responsible for voter registration. 2010 will be an important year with the gubernatorial race and of course to beat Barbara Boxer to name one.



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### Calendar 2010

- January 5      **Board meeting**
- January 23    **Leadership Workshop** in Fairfield for all those in SRRWF to meet with fellow members of CFRW North (58 clubs) to learn about the federation, with time for round table discussion. SRRWF members registration/lunch with speaker will be paid for through our treasury.
- January 26    **Monthly Meeting**

***What does Government fear?  
 Patriots who educate their neighbors!***

*We will be setting a date for our January Satellite meeting. An e-mail will be sent to inform our members and phone calls will be made to those interested. We welcome input regarding a night meeting or a Saturday meeting. Satellite meetings are an opportunity for like minded women (and men) to gather and discuss the politics of the day. Occasionally there will be a speaker.*

### Republicans Meeting Around the County

Sonoma County Republican Party meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.. Information-707 542-7066  
[www.sonomagop.org](http://www.sonomagop.org)

**North Sonoma County Republican Club (Healdsburg) will meet at 7:30 am at Adels on January 20- Rosalie Parks Chair 707-578-0414**

#### Republican Women Federated Clubs -

#### North Bay Region

- Marin RWF** - Meets fourth Wednesday  
[www.maringop.org](http://www.maringop.org)
- Napa Valley RWF** - Meets second Thursday of each month  
[www.napagop.org](http://www.napagop.org)
- Napa Vintage RWF** - Meets third Thursday - 707-554-4710
- Novato RWF** - Meets third Tuesday [www.novatorwf.org](http://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