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# Day Change

# Monthly Meeting

## THURSDAY December 16, 2010

FountainGrove Golf and Athletic Club  
1525 FountainGrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

### Christmas Meeting

Installation of Officers with Carol Stein

CFRW Vice President Membership

Christmas Raffle..

Wine Basket \* Fresh Cookies \* Pie

YEAH! Time to have FUN!

\$23 reservations in Advance

\$26 without advance reservation

Reservation by December 14th

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## Co - Presidents Message Edelweiss Geary and Rosalie Parks

This is my last one: I can not believe this year is coming to a close. What happened to 2010? I thought about that and:

**January** - Eddie and I were elected as Co-Presidents (a first for SRRWF). We attended the Leadership Meeting.

**February** - CFRW winter conference – went to Southern CA and was with my sister She was President at Simi Valley Republican Women Federated.

**March** – milestone birthday the new “40”!

**April** – first SRRWF candidate’s forum; Jim Judd, Loren Hanks, Dana Walsh. Tea Party April 15th.

**May** – candidate’s forum Loren Hanks, Jim Judd, Karen Brooks – Healdsburg. Attended CFRWWD Conference in Sacramento.

**June** – Jon home from Guam/5 years in Navy. Brooks and Hanks candidates meet and greet in Windsor.

**July** – Happy Birthday USA and new grandbaby for me!

**August** – North Sonoma County Republican Club (NSCRC) annual bar-b-q at Brandt’s Beach with our candidates: Karen Brooks, Loren Hanks, Jim Judd, John Lemmon. Fundraiser for Hanks/Judd hosted by Marie Derr and Rosalie Parks in Windsor. Record heat! 105°!!!!!!!!!!!!!! They drank a lot of cold beer.

**September** – Cline Winery fundraiser for Jim Judd.

**October** – Fundraiser at Rand and Susie Dericco’s for Brooks and Hanks (not a country band)Lots of RAIN.

**November** – ELECTION some tears, some cheers, take down signs. Attended CFRWWD Conference in Santa Rosa.

**December** – Let’s get rolling now for 2012. A new President for SRRWF. A new Congress and new Legislature.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP LADIES, LET’S GET STARTED!**

Rosalie Parks, Co-President



Merry Christmas to all of the members of Santa Rosa Republican Women. This has been a very busy year for all Republican women as we have worked to elect our candidates. Although we did not succeed as much as we desired, we did lay the

foundation for future campaigns. As hard as it is to not get discouraged, we cannot give up. There is a great deal of work to be done to bring California back to the wonderful Golden State so many of us knew.

Northern Division’s fall conference which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Rosa was a great success. The speakers were very informative and the venue was great. The Hilton staff went all out to accommodate our group. These conferences are so important for the education of the members of the Federation. They are all part of building the network of dedicated, hard working women.

This year has been my fourth year as either your President or Co-President. I have been blessed with a terrific board every year and truly appreciate all of their hard work. It has been my privilege to serve as your President. Each of you has been a blessing for me.

With best wishes for your Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Edelweiss Geary Co-President



Installation—At our meeting in December the new officers for 2011 will be installed. Marie Derr has been elected President. Edelweiss Geary has been elected Vice-President. Rosalie Parks will be leading the Membership team and Dryden Bordin will be recording club activities. Rounding out the group of elected board members is Ann Galantine who will be our Treasurer. Carol Stein, Membership Chair for the California Federation of Republican Women, will install the officers.

We are also going to have some great raffle prizes which will include wine, baskets, gourmet cooked items and a mystery prize that we know everyone will enjoy.

New members will be joining us for the first time. Bring your friends and let’s get ready for the new year.



## THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

Well, the elections are over and everybody is getting ready for the holidays. Good Republicans, who want to just work and live their lives, are thinking about gifts, trees and family. Oh, that life could be that simple.

Currently, the lame duck Congress (don't we wish it was an Aflac duck?) is arguing in Washington about tax hikes for the wealthy and unemployment benefits for all the people who cannot find jobs in this economy destroyed by liberal economic principles.

I thought it would be useful to remind everyone exactly who these people are who are arguing over the financial life of the average citizen.

Do you know how many of our esteemed lawmakers are millionaires (real millionaires, not the Democrat definition of a millionaire)? The 50 wealthiest lawmakers were worth almost \$1.4 Billion in 2009. That was an increase of about \$85.1 Million from the previous 12 months. These figures come from The Hill's review of financial disclosure forms required of elected representatives.

Senator John Kerry (D.- Massachusetts) who fought in Vietnam, is at the top for the second year in a row. According to his disclosure form, at the end of 2009 his net worth was \$188.6 Million, an increase of more than \$20 Million from 2008.

Representative Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) was a new face in the top 50, having received an inheritance from his father, the late Senator Edward Kennedy. Some other new faces on the list were Senator Ron Wyden (D.-Oregon) and Representative Tom Petri (R-Wisconsin).

Representative Darrell Issa (R-California) is the second richest member of Congress using The Hill's formula. His wealth decreased by more than \$4 Million to \$160.1 Million in 2009. Representative Jane Harman (D-California) had a net worth of \$152.3 Million which was an increase of more than \$40 Million from the previous year.

The remaining of the top 10 are Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia), Senator Mark Warner (D-Virginia), Representative Jared Polis (D-Colorado), Representative Vern Buchanan (R-Florida), Senator

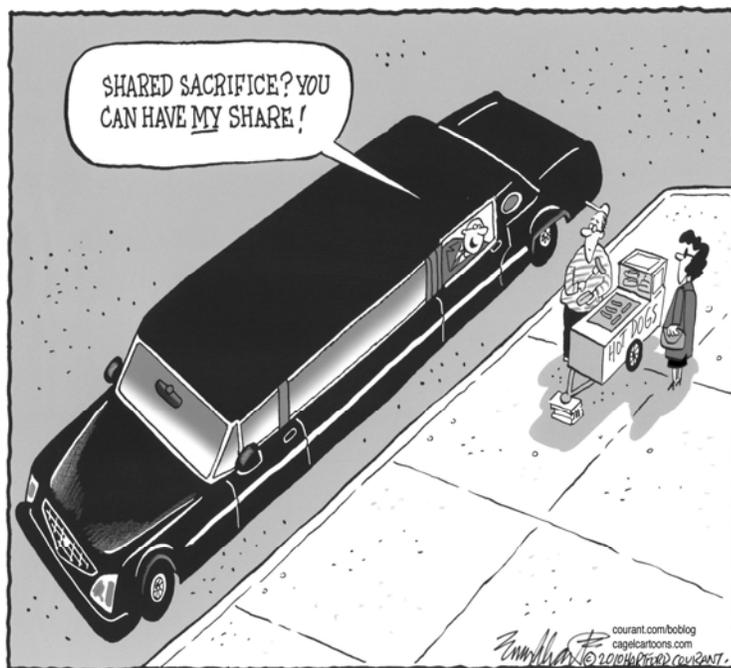
Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey) and Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-California).

Some of these elected officials were wealthy before they came to Washington. Darrel Issa made his money by starting Directed Electronics which manufactures the Viper Car Alarm. Most of Jane Harman's wealth comes from her husband's businesses. John Kerry apparently married his money, both times.

Now, I do not begrudge these people their money. I question however, if some of them would have had this money without strong government connections.

The more important fact is that the argument over the extension of the Bush tax cuts deals with income taxes and not taxes on wealth. Wealthy Representatives will not pay the proposed increases on their assets. They will pay the increase on their wages and their investment returns. There is a wide disparity between those figures. Meanwhile, the average taxpayer who doesn't want to pay more taxes is described as a greedy person who doesn't care about the rest of the citizens.

*Information taken from Michelle Malkin, Which party is the fat cat party? 9/1/10.*



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Budget Updates Friday, December 3rd.

Next week we will finally have some activity in the Capitol! Governor Schwarzenegger has called a special session for Monday, December 6th, to address the \$5 billion deficit left-over from the 2010-2011 budget. But that's not all. The Governor is also imploring legislators to reconsider the bill to ban plastic bags. As you may recall, this bill was defeated in the Senate and opposed by the California Federation of Republican Women. Governor Schwarzenegger is worried about his legacy, but I'm not sure asking the legislature to consider the failed plastic bag ban will help.

Also in the budget buzz, Governor-elect Jerry Brown has arranged for an extraordinary budget forum for Wednesday next week. This comes after the news from the Legislative Analyst's Office that the new Governor and Legislature face an estimated \$25.4 billion deficit in the coming year.

The Results Are In...

This week the last outstanding election for constitutional offices was called as Steve Cooley (R) conceded to Kamala Harris (D) for Attorney General. Harris won by less than one percentage point. Since the election, I get asked by many of our members, "What happened?" Well, here are some numbers from a post-election survey from the Public Policy Institute of California. Take away from it what you will... To see the full survey click here.

-Governor Schwarzenegger, a Republican, is leaving office with 32% approval rating.

-For Prop 23 (to suspend AB 32), only half of Republican voters supported it while the vast majority of Democrats and independents opposed it.

-2/3rds of voters polled said the 2010 propositions were too confusing.

-Large margins of independents, Latinos and women voters helped to elect Jerry Brown and Barbara Boxer.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR SACRAMENTO**

**April 18/19, 2011**

Save the date for the Spring CFRW Executive Board Meeting and Legislative Day. **The Advocacy Workshop** will be held in Sacramento at the Hyatt Hotel on April 18/19th. Patty Bagley from the Central Valley introduced her dvd on the Advocacy Workshop which all clubs will be able to show to schools in hopes to attract more students to this 2 day event. Both the students and the RWF members will have a chance to hear from our Republican Assembly and State Senators... new and returning.

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**Sue Lynch, President**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 9-12, 2011**

**Legislative Day and the 2011 Spring Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 9 Legislative Day

Morning: Featured Guest Speakers and Special Guests

Afternoon: Individual Meetings with Senators and Representatives, Committee Hearings

Regents Event (NFRW members who donate \$1000 to support NFRW Office) Past events was a special tour of the Pentagon.

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting Luncheon featuring Special Guest Speaker Board of Directors meeting reconvenes

Midday: Workshops Evening: Special Event for all NFRW members

March 11th Free Day in Washington

Saturday, March 12 Standing and Special Committee meetings

Board of Directors meeting Luncheon featuring Special Guest Speaker

## Important Dates 2011

January 22 Leadership Meeting, Rancho Cordova  
— one day meeting for all board RWF club members new and returning



February 6/7 CFRW Executive Board Meeting,  
Burbank CA.



## Northern Division Fall Conference

**Post Election.. November 13/14.** Edelweiss Geary, Rosalie Parks, Marie Derr, Barbara Holmes, Joan Dayton, Marie Burr, Sally Hopkins, Maridale Smith, Ann Galantine and Ruth Van Bommel attended the two day conference at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Rosa. NFRW Member at Large and CFRW Immediate Past President Kathy Brugger and RNC Committeewoman from the State of Arkansas, Reta Hamilton were in attendance and spoke on behalf of their respective appointments.

Under the leadership of our **Regional Director, Eddie Geary**, the host club presidents and their teams outdid themselves in making this conference a most hospitable conference. **President Muriel Oles** and her team kept to the program schedule. President Oles has chosen as her theme "**Women in Numbers: Building the Team**". A positive goal for our clubs to work towards in increasing our members and working together as teams.

**The Lunch Speaker**, Susan Tully represents FAIR *Federation for American Immigration Reform.*, a non profit, public interest membership organization concerned with our nation's immigration policies. FAIR seeks to improve border security, to stop illegal immigration and promote immigration levels consistent with more traditional rates of about 300,000 a year. Ms. Tully's information on how **illegal immigration is an enormous fiscal burden on the American taxpayers** was 1) depressing; 2) overwhelming; 3) a wake-up call to all Republican women to become more informed. [www.fairus.org](http://www.fairus.org)

**A Proposal for a "Circle of Honor" was voted on.** This is a supporter organization for Northern Division to support CFRWND general fund in hopes that this will help to forestall the necessity of a raise in per capita dues. A \$75.00 annual dues was passed. More on this special proposal will be dis-

cussed at the Leadership Workshop in January.

**Saturday afternoon workshops - Northern Division members who have the credentials to speak on their issues.**

- Karen Klinger (Sacramento RWF) spoke to us passionately on property rights;
- Cindy Eisenhower (Marin RWF) encouraged each club to "market" themselves and
- Nadine Bailey from Senator Sam Annastads office discussed California water issues

**Barbara Holmes** was in charge of the SRRFW sales table. Because of her efforts we sold almost \$736 worth of books, purses, jewelry and other patriotic items to the ladies from as far north as Crescent City and as far south as King City.

The banquet speaker was **Nonie Darwish**, an Egyptian American human rights activist who spoke eloquently about **Islamic Law**, or *sharia*. Her information was extremely informative as she speaks from experience and another wake-up call to Republican women to become informed and to be *intolerant* towards the radical **Muslim plan** to take over the United States in this century. Ms Darwish came to America, became a Citizen and a Christian. She knows what she is talking about. [www.nonie@arabsforisreal.com](mailto:www.nonie@arabsforisreal.com)

**The conference voted on the FOCUS topic for 2011. It will be Sharia Law — its impact on the United States.**

**Sunday morning speaker was Karen Green** Immediate Past President National Association of Youth Courts. Her topic was Courting at-risk Youth. We learned about the changes in the court system and the positive outcome when the "offender" attends the Youth Court vs Adult Court and punishment.

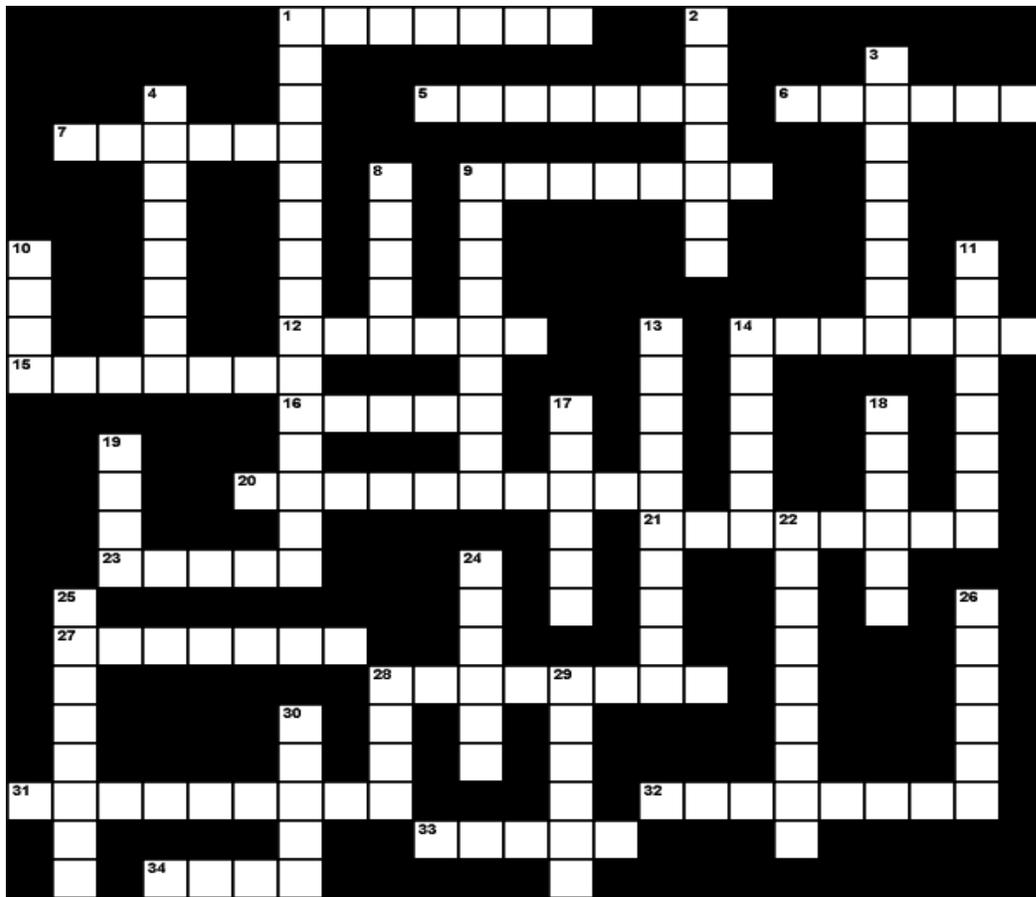
**CFRW ND January Leadership Workshop** is one of the most important events the Santa Rosa RWF women participate in. SRRFW has two members who are active on the Northern Division Board, Edelweiss Geary, Regional Director and Legislative Chairman and Ruth Van Bommel, Membership Chair. All club members are encouraged to attend but especially all the board members and the committee chairs. This workshop provides training for all the positions to run a successful club.

### Websites of Interest

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Sean Hannity 12-3	Dennis Prager 9-12
Mark Levin 3-6 pm	Hugh Hewitt 3-6 pm
	<a href="http://www.knew.com">www.knew.com</a> (910am)



Across

1. He was the first president to be impeached and was acquitted in the Senate by just one vote; he is the only president not to have any type of schooling
5. He was president during the War of 1812 which his critics named HIS war; both of his vice presidents (George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry) died in office
6. He was the oldest man elected president; he appointed the first woman to the supreme court, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
7. He made the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which led to the end of World War II; he approved the creation of NATO
9. He survived the first attempt to assassinate a president; he was the first president to ride on a railroad train, the first to be born in a log cabin and the first president to be nominated by a political party
12. During his term, the Panama Canal treaties and the Camp David Accord were signed; defeated in 1981
14. While in office, he was the first president to visit both Alaska and Canada; 29th President
15. He received the Pulitzer Prize for his book, "Profiles in Courage."; served exactly 1,000 days in office
16. He was the first president to live in the White House--then referred to as the Executive Mansion; died on July 4, 1826, the same day as his friend and political rival Thomas Jefferson

20. The only president to be elected unanimously; he never lived in DC, although he was interested in the construction of the city and brought property in DC
21. He served one month, the shortest term of any president; he was the first candidate to have a campaign slogan--"Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too."
23. He ended Reconstruction and withdrew federal troops from the South
27. He was the second president to be impeached; he was elected Governor of Arkansas for five terms
28. He signed the Compromise Measure of 1850, which included the Fugitive Slave Act
31. He is the only president to have been elected to two non-consecutive terms; during his term, the Statue of Liberty was unveiled in New York Harbor
32. He was president when Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs; 30th President
33. He is the only president to have resigned; the SALT agreement passed while he was in the White House
34. He was the first president to have a presidential car; he was the first president to go to the Supreme Court after his presidency

Down

1. He is the first president whose father was also president; at the time of his inauguration, all of the former presidents except for Washington were still alive (3 words)
2. He was the first president to be assassinated. he was shot five days after the end of the Civil War

3. On September 19, 1881, after only serving a few months in office, he became the second president to be assassinated; he was the last president born in a log cabin
4. He was the only president never to be married; during his term, the Confederate States of America declared their independence
8. He was the first president to be widowed and re-married; he was nicknamed "His Accidency," due to the way in which he assumed office
9. He wanted to be remembered not for his Presidency but for the roles he played in the creation of the Declaration of Independence, the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom and the University of Virginia
10. He was president during the California gold rush; he helped settle the Northwest boundary of the United States
11. He was the first president born as a United States citizen; 8th President (2 words)
13. He was the allied commander of the D-Day invasion; he was responsible for the creation of NASA
14. During his term as President, Adolph Hitler came into power, and he was president during the 1929 Stock Market Crash

17. He dedicated the Washington Monument on February 21, 1885; 21st President
18. While he was in office, the United States fought in World War I, despite his campaigning against it; awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to world peace
19. He presided over the American invasion of Panama and his son will become the 43rd U.S. President
22. He was the first president to win the Nobel Peace Prize; he was awarded it for the Russo-Japanese Treaty
24. His nickname was "Old Rough and Ready," due to his slovenly dress; 12th President 3/5/1849 - 7/9/1850
25. During his term, the United States was involved in the Spanish-American War; 25th President; assassinated in 1901
26. He was the first president to memorize his inaugural address and recite it from memory; 14th President, 3/4/1853 - 3/3/1857
28. He issued Richard Nixon a presidential pardon in 1974; he gave amnesty to Vietnam War resisters
29. He agreed to purchase Florida from Spain in 1819; in the election of 1820, he received all but one vote from the electoral college
30. Even though he had throat cancer, he finished his memoirs and had them published with the help of Mark Twain; 18th President, 3/4/1869 - 3/3/1877



## Julian Assange's EgoLeaks

WikiLeaks is the journalistic equivalent of the art world's Piss Christ — a product of the cynical postmodern West.

Julian Assange, the public face of WikiLeaks, is, among many things, cowardly.

Courageousness would involve meeting with Iranian dissidents, Russian journalists, Pakistani Christians, or Chinese human-rights activists — and then releasing any confidential information that they might have about the torment institutionalized by their countries' authoritarian regimes. That would be risky to Assange, however, since such governments do not customarily go to court against their leakers; they gulag them — or liquidate them.

So, instead, Assange navigates through the European northwest among the good-life elites whose economic and security protocols he does so much to undermine. Being summoned to a trumped-up Swedish hearing for being an exploitative cad who fails to wear a condom in his ephemeral hook-ups is not the same thing as being dragged into the basement of the Pakistani intelligence service or appearing in an orange jumpsuit on an al-Qaeda execution video. Why does not the peripatetic Assange at least drive about, say, the back roads of the Middle East, Mexico, or Central Africa in his quest for conduits to spread cosmic truth and justice?

In truth, Assange is a sorry product of the postmodern West. He reminds us of the morality of Western shock artists who freely caricature Christianity on the hallowed principle of free speech, but, in a nano-second, censor themselves when Islam might provide an even larger target for their cynical secular disdain. WikiLeaks is the journalistic equivalent of a Piss Christ exhibition of the contemporary art world — a repellent reminder of the cowardly selectivity of the shock-jock huckster.

Julian Assange is without principles. He seems to think leaking confidential communications proves that the vast right-wing military-industrial-financial complex is harming either the most affluent, free Western population in the history of civilization or the globalized world itself — one that has done more to eliminate poverty and extend freedom in the last two decades than had been done at any other time in recorded history. We know from Climategate that the world's green scientists are every bit as conniving, petty, and mean-spirited as any American diplomat. I would like to see the secret communications that buzz back and forth among Hollywood agents, producers, and financiers to learn of the real criteria that led to box-office bombs like *Redacted* and *Rendition* being written, cast, financed, and made. Maybe to calibrate the level of sincerity and honesty among our movers and shakers, we can read the minutes of Harvard or Yale tenure committees, some correspondence from the minions of George Soros, or the communications of the U.N. secretary general — or, better yet, the encrypted e-mail transcripts of exchanges among the WikiLeaks board. Apparently Assange thinks that confidentiality is trafficked only among the suspicious Western ruling classes, while dissidents like himself are fueled instead by "truth." But if a man can-

not be honest with a woman during intimacy, what can he be honest about? — whoops, one should not rush to an Assange-like judgment on the basis of gossip and innuendo; one should wait until the suspicious personage has had his day in court

So Julian Assange is also a juvenile. Like some warmed-over let-it-all-hang-out Sixties loudmouth, he seems to think that transparency to the fullest is honesty, without a clue that truth is the final product that emerges from a combination of self-reflection, self-doubt, and introspection. These diplomatic cables contain raw gossip, half-baked impressions, innuendos, self-serving snideness, trial balloons, and witticisms among supposedly sober and judicious diplomats. Yet entering such confidential conversations in mediis rebus short-circuits, rather than enhances, the truth. In the adult world, venting to others does not necessarily translate into duplicity; actions are often a better indicator of veracity than rumblings and musings. Only a perpetual adolescent believes that one has to be perfect in word and thought to be good. The United States no doubt is told all the time by preening Gulf sheiks to hit Iran, but that does not mean that we or even they wish to reify such braggadocio. So far the real truth is our actions, which suggest that we do not think it is wise to bomb Iran

Julian Assange is a narcissist. Like all self-absorbed egos who deny their selfishness, he protests that he wished WikiLeaks to remain an anonymously run, collective effort — while he ensured that it most certainly would not be, as he jetted the globe, giving dozens of media interviews, leveling threats, pontificating about world leaders who should resign, and promising to drop embarrassing megatonnage of gossip should he, Julian Assange, ever be charged.

Julian Assange has more or less ensured that WikiLeaks would be synonymous with Julian Assange and that he would be its man-of-the-year face on Time magazine. Like all narcissists, when reminded that his recklessness will lead to violence, mayhem, and deaths, he dismisses such dangers as insignificant in comparison to the benevolence that he bestows. Note how easily a computer hacker with a criminal record has established himself as judge, jury, and executioner on behalf of world truth. When he says, "I have become a lightning rod," he means, "I am the Lady Gaga of leaking."

His one mistake? Assange unfortunately got his sweepstakes trove from Bradley Manning during the Obama administration. Up until then, the global liberal media culture had less of a problem with WikiLeaks, since government disclosures only confirmed the nefarious nature of reactionaries like George W. Bush. But now in the age of progressive governance, we are learning that Secretary Clinton spies, that President Obama's diplomats are jaded and cynical, and that such disclosures have hurt the presidency of a liberal progressive. It is one thing to canonize a Daniel Ellsberg or transmogrify the serial deceiver Joe Wilson into a victim of Dick Cheney's dark plots, but quite another to deify a leaker whose machinations will serve to undermine the agenda of Barack Obama. To paraphrase George Orwell, Assange is learning that all leaks are essential — but some leaks are more essential than others.

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December 01, 2010

## Change Tea Party Goals?

By Jim Yardley

In the past week, there has been a call for the Tea Parties to introduce social issues into their "platform."

Same-sex marriage, abortion, repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the teaching of abstinence over contraception, and numerous other agenda items of importance to social and religious conservatives have been put forth as issues that the Tea Parties should embrace. Not only should these issues be embraced, but the Tea Parties have been told that they must reconfigure their existing agenda and work toward solutions that satisfy the yearnings of these very same social and religious conservatives.

Of course, these issues are of overwhelming importance to a significant number of people. I respect that these people are sincere and truly feel that the country will be hurt beyond redemption should things continue as they are. But a significant number of vocal people do not a political majority make.

The recent midterm elections were a decisive repudiation of the direction that the Democratic Party has taken the nation in the past four years, but there has been a seismic shift in what issues the majority of Americans believe to be important. What many of these religious and social conservatives fail to understand is that not one of their issues had any real bearing on the outcome of an election that swept sixty-plus Democrats from Congress and countless others from state and local offices. To be sure, some of the Republican winners might support some issues that social conservatives feel are important, but it was not those issues that garnered the candidate votes from independents.

This doesn't mean that the average American believes these social issues to be unimportant, but rather that issues important to social conservatives are not critical to voters at this time. According to a post-election article in the Washington Post:

Social issues barely rated in this year's economy-centric midterm elections. More than six in 10 voters who cast ballots on Election Day cited the economic downturn as their top concern, according to exit polls. And this year was the first in more than a decade in which same-sex marriage did not appear on a statewide ballot.

It means that most Americans don't believe that preventing gays from serving in the military is as important as putting food on the table.

It means that there are more Americans who don't value school prayer as much as having a stable and reasona-

bly compensated job.

It means that a strong majority of Americans value the idea of keeping most of what they earn over their concern about who marries whom.

These and other social issues are not unimportant. They simply didn't sway the election. They certainly do not have the unreserved support of the independent voters in this country. And today, independents are the most important component of the electorate.

Social and religious conservatives, like their Progressive counterparts on the left, have deluded themselves. They have fallen into the trap of believing that achieving the social outcome they prefer trumps the need to build an electoral majority based on those issues that they embrace. They are trying to piggyback their agenda on top of the successes of the Tea Parties, thus (in their worldview) gaining the ability to legislate changes in society which they feel are necessary. In this, they are exactly like the Liberal/Progressive/Democrats. They are displaying a willingness to legislatively coerce the majority because of their belief that they, and they alone, know what's best for all of us. The social and religious conservatives fail to recognize that it was just such an attitude that was a major cause of the disaster that hit the L/P/Ds on November 2.

Paternalism, from either the left or right, is not something that Americans will accept. Americans being told, directly or indirectly, that they are not competent to recognize what's best for them is viewed, quite accurately, as insulting. The Democrats and their media acolytes tried that approach and found out that at least 50 percent plus one of their constituents felt insulted...and responded forcefully. Should social and religious conservatives follow the same path, the result will be similar, if not identical. And if Republicans think that they will gain politically by embracing and campaigning wholeheartedly on the agendas of these religious and social conservatives and still garner a majority of independent voters, then they will find themselves a permanent minority party.

The country is at a crisis point, and the election of 2012 -- and probably the 2014 midterms as well -- will be easily as critical as the 2010 midterms were. Roiling the electoral waters with extraneous and highly divisive issues (at least as evaluated by independents) will only insure that the Democrats regain power, Barack Obama is reelected, more L/P/D judicial appointments are made, more power is transferred unconstitutionally from the Legislative to the Executive branch of the government, and the dreams of social and religious conservatives will die a slow death.

Even worse, the dream of liberty in a free nation peopled by free people will die as well.

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**Our member, and speaker in September, Air Force Lt. Col. JoAnn Danner, the 451st CASF flight commander (Contingency Aero medical Staging Facility) will leave the U.S. for Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany for another 6 months duty. This time Joanne will bring her husband along. We look forward to hearing from her and her experience in a non war zone.**

*Another Thank You from our package recipient...*

November 2010

Dear Maridale,

I wanted to write you again and tell you that my friends and I really appreciate all of the packages you have sent. I am sorry I have not written more often. The schedule here can be hectic. I also wanted to tell you that my mail service here has been terminated so please do not send any more packages. Thank you again. Bye. Andy Duckhorn

***Member Joan Dayton was among the many patriots seen at the Petaluma Veterans Day Parade!.. Joan wrote this article for our newsletter.***



November 16, 2010

If chivalry, as they say, is dead, let me tell you patriotism is alive and well in Sonoma County .as witnessed by me in Petaluma on Veterans Day. It is the largest "shout out" for our vets north of the Golden Gate Bridge. I have not missed it since moving north from San Diego County in 1970. Some years an umbrella was required but a small inconvenience compared to that which our vets endured for us not only in our wars but showing up and suiting up rain or shine. They remind us they still HAVE OUR BACKS allowing us to sleep at night and go about our daily routines each day.

The folks shouted, waved the flags, stood tall for the elders and present day combatants and the men in wheelchairs all the way from Yountville Vets Hospital. I touched the hands of each of them because I think the human touch is important.

I stood behind a little five year old as this larger than life soldier in cammies, rifle on shoulder, walked over , bent down and gave the little fella a high five. As I left the staging at the end to walk to my car, my hands were sore from clapping, my eyes were wet from weeping but my heart felt too big for my chest with the lingering refrain in my head that I have not heard in recent parade history, a march by John Phillip Souza. I am grateful for the reverie. Joan Dayton



*Happy Veterans Day! We think of you all year long!*



# Membership 2010

Nancy Maier—Membership Chair

2009 NFRW Diamond Award Winning Club

2010 CFRW Northern Division Circle of Excellence Award Winner

2010 Renewal Members 92 and New Members 22

It is that time of the year again - to renew your membership in Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated!

The Club thanks those members who have already renewed their dues. If you joined after October 15th, your dues include all of 2011. Let's all make this a 100% dues renewal before January 1, 2011. *Nancy Maier, Membership*

## SRRWF came away with TWO!



Santa Rosa Republican Women Federated received a number of awards at the Northern Division Conference held in Santa Rosa on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

The club earned a **Circle of Excellence** award for being a 100% Club meaning that the club matched the number of members from the previous year. (exceeding 2009 membership (106) to 2010 (114 an increase of 8).

The club also won **Second Place** in Category 4 for the largest Percentage of Renewals.

The club won **First Place in Category II** (86 to 150 members) for our newsletter which includes a \$50 check. SRRWF's newsletter met all the criteria required to win but most importantly the criteria is a tool to bring the members the information they need each month.

We encourage our members to bring in new members so that our club will grow and like minded women will know that there is a place where they can share their views and learn more about the political situation.

Our Newsletter is available by subscription if you have a friend or family member who might like to receive a copy. Cost of subscription is \$25 for 10 issues per year.



*Santa Rosa Republican Women, Federated*

## Membership Form 2011

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** (Non-participating 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$10 Student Membership**

**Make checks payable to SRRWF & mail to:**

**SRRWF - Treasurer**

**1585 Terrace Way, Box 306**

**Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

**srrwf@yahoo.com**

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

December Meeting will be the Installation of the 2011 Officers.

President	Marie Derr
1st Vice President (Programs)	Edelweiss Geary
2nd Vice President (Membership)	Rosalie Parks
Secretary	Dryden Bordin
Treasurer	Ann Galantine



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**We proudly say Merry Christmas**



**Look for this tree at the Christmas Meeting of proud Republican Women!**



**Calendar 2010**

**Dec 16 Monthly Meeting will be  
 Dec 16 - THURSDAY!!!  
 DAY CHANGE FOR  
 MONTHLY MEETING**

January board meeting will be announced by the new President, Marie Derr.

Mark your calendar for the year. 4th Tuesday of each month from September thru June meetings will be held at the Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club unless there is a need for a change of date.

January 25 General Meeting

**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. No Decem-berng meet at Adel's, 198 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448 call 707.578.0414**

**Republican Women Federated Clubs -**

**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 Evening  
 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