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- February 18 President's Holiday Weekend
- February 26 Monthly Meeting
- March 1 Board Meeting
- March 1-3 Ca Republican Party Convention, Sacramento
- March 26 Monthly Meeting
- March 31 Easter Sunday
- April 8-9 CFRW Board of Directors Meeting and Advocacy Workshop
- April 23 Monthly Meeting
- May 28 Monthly Meeting

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**Republican Women are...Leading The Way**

**Monthly Meeting FOURTH Tuesday**

**February 26, 2013**

**Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club**

**1525 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa**

**11:15 Business meeting, 11:45 A.M. Lunch served (buffet)**

NEW -Small plate/light lunch

½ sandwiches meat, vegetarian, gluten free

Salad and Soup

Dessert and coffee/tea served at table

**12:10 P.M. Guest Speaker—Clay Mitchell**

**Presentation Subject:** Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) is a proposal before the County Board of Supervisors for the County of Sonoma (through the County's Water Agency) to engage in "community choice aggregation". This involves the County either purchasing electric power or developing power generation facilities for it's residents. Find out the risks involved in this plan.

12:40 P.M. Announcements 12:45 P.M. Adjourn meeting

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great month! We get to celebrate so many birthdays and special events. Our greatest Presidents were born; George Washington – February 22nd, Abraham Lincoln – February 12th, Ronald Reagan – February 6th. I am glad I am of the generation that actually remembers the dates of their birthdays and not just a 3 day weekend (although that is nice). Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday are right here too. This is a good time to take inventory of ourselves and focus on how to remain positive and optimistic. We will have a new California Republican Party chairman very soon, who is focused and dynamic. Jim Brulte has a grass roots plan for California and Republican Women will be there to help.

**“Don’t stop believin”** Rosalie Parks, President



### CLAY MITCHELL RETURNS TO OUR CLUB TO SPEAK TO US ON THE SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY.

Clay is a small business owner and long time resident of Windsor. He has been active in community issues over the past few years. In 2010, he ran for school board in Windsor and just completed a term as Parks and Recreation Commissioner. He led the Sonoma County effort to demand greater accountability from the SMART District that culminated last year in efforts to qualify a ballot initiative.

Clay is married with 3 young children and currently serves as a director of the Sonoma County Taxpayers Association and is the Political Director of the Sonoma County Republican Party.

Sonoma County is moving forward with a plan to form its own power agency to compete with PG&E. This is a project that over time, county officials say, will lower electricity bills and Reduce dependence on fossil fuels in favor of locally generated renewable energy.

However, in the near term, the creation of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority will likely result in higher electricity bills for county residents who choose the authority as their power supplier, according to local officials. It remains unclear if programs such as this will lead to greater production and use of renewable energy.

Sonoma County is one of a handful of California counties forming their own power agencies that buy electricity from suppliers and sell it to local residential and commercial customers. To make this work a county must create a Community Choice Aggregation district that would compete with the local utility to supply power – establishing a retail electricity market with two players instead of one.



Sign up for the Sonoma Clean Power authority “monthly newsletter”. Keep informed on this issue. Bring your questions with you to our meeting. [http://www.scwa.ca.gov/files/January%20SCP%20Newsletter%](http://www.scwa.ca.gov/files/January%20SCP%20Newsletter%20Sign%20up%20form.pdf)

Born, February 6, 1911-One-hundred-and-two years ago, a new conservative era, as Ronald Reagan was born in Tampico, Illinois and the Ronald Reagan would emerge as a great conservative world has been a better place ever since.

The American people sure miss you and your patriotic leadership of the last, best hope for man on earth.

At a time when so many people feel so frustrated and defeated and want to give up on this great Republic, history shows us that there is hope if we keep fighting and persevere.

It was in 1964 that Reagan delivered his "A Time for Choosing" speech in support of presidential candidate Barry Goldwater. While Goldwater went on to handily lose the presidential race, that cam-



1980 when he was elected president.

Ronald Reagan never would have given up on this great Republic. He passionately believed in America, even when the liberals were in charge and doing grave damage to this nation. And his perseverance and optimism paid off.

Ronald Wilson Reagan 2/6/1911 – 6/5/2004 **“Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith.”**



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## Membership 2012



### Welcome New Members

Many thanks to those of you who have already sent in your renewals. If you have not yet renewed, please help us get to 100% before the end of February!

Renewing your membership will keep you “in the loop” with continued receipt of our monthly newsletters, updates on current political issues & legislation, invitations to conferences & workshops, paid registration to conferences, membership in the California and National Federations and networking with other Republican women! By renewing your membership, you remain part of a dynamic team of women who believe that Republican Women can and do make a difference in the many challenges facing our state and nation. **Join the team and help Republican Women lead the way to a majority in both the House AND Senate in 2014!**



A lovely bouquet arrived at Daniels, Chapel of the Roses from Santa Rosa Republican Women in honor of my mother, Shirley O Hutchinson. Shirley was president of SRRWF in 1965-1966. Shirley joined the federation in 1958. She remained active until about 1983 when she gave me (her daughter Ruth) a gift membership to the organization. At that time the meetings were held at La Gare Restaurant. As it is today, the club featured speakers from local government (then Republican) and occasionally from around the bay area. I remember hearing speakers such as Governor and Mrs. Pete Wilson, Assemblywoman Bev Hansen, Assemblyman Jim Nielson along with Congressman Don Clausen. Fashion shows were common as yearly fundraisers. We traveled together to Sacramento for the yearly Advocacy Workshops where over 2000 women would gather and meet the Majority Party, Republican legislators and state office holders. Memories... thank you again, Ruth Van Bommel and sister Ann Porrino.



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- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30 Associate Member** (A non-voting membership for a woman who is an active member of another Republican Women Federated Club, or who is not a citizen of the United States, or a man who is interested in promoting the goals and objectives of the Republican Women Federated.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Free Honorary Membership** - Republican Woman 90 years plus. (You have to tell us!)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$10 Student Membership**

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**Americanism** - *Holidays have a tendency to make us remember those out of sight. Our military often fall into this group, they drop out of sight, ignored by the media. We go about our daily lives not thinking about what they are doing for our sake. Valentine 's Day is a day for love ones, couples and family. No greater party deserves out remembrance than the military. Help show you love them. From a mother to her soldier, From a Soldier's Mother on Valentine's Day*



Valentine's Day brings the memory  
Of a little boy smiling up at me  
His handmade Valentine held out  
Made just for me  
Saying I Love You  
Will you be my Valentine?  
So long ago  
That precious memory  
Fades to a red heart-shaped box  
Of chocolates on the table  
My little boy grown up-almost  
In those crazy teenage years  
Stopping to say I love you  
On Valentine's Day...  
Now you're so far away  
My precious son, the soldier  
All the memories  
End in the same place  
In my heart  
And come pouring out  
To say one thing  
I love you  
I love you so much  
You are still my dear Valentine...

Let us not forget about our deployed servicemen and women. We did send our valentine cards. There are still 66,000 troops in Afghanistan.

**Corresponding Secretary – Ina McElroy**

Happy Spring everyone! If you know of anyone who is blue, ill, birthday/special day or needs a little sunshine, please let me know. I will be happy to send wishes from SRRWF. 707.494.8988 [irmcelroy@aol.com](mailto:irmcelroy@aol.com)

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**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Our updated brochure, an example of our newsletter and hopefully information on issues will be shared with the community who attend these fairs. Please take the time to get involved with these events, they are fun and it is this time that we can show our



**Cloverdale Citrus Fair, Cloverdale CA**  
February 15 – 18, 2013 (President's Day Weekend)  
**Sonoma Co Home & Garden Show**  
Santa Rosa, Ca (So Co Fairgrounds)  
March 15-17 2013

Please contact Regina Miakinkoff, voter registration chair, 916.834.9416 Email: [reyork99@yahoo.com](mailto:reyork99@yahoo.com) Sign up sheet at the next lunch meeting.

**Website Management - A chairman is needed!** The website is [www.santarosarwf.org](http://www.santarosarwf.org). Our ads have been posted along with recent meeting information and the newsletter is posted by the monthly meeting date. Please refer your friends to this website for information.

**Ways and Means - A chairman is needed**

**HELP NEEDED COMMITTEE  
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- ◇ MEMBERSHIP
- ◇ TREASURER
- ◇ VOTER REGISTRATION
- ◇ WAYS AND MEANS—FUNDRAISING

Resignations accepted by:

Membership Secretary - Allison Fraser who had to return to her work and commute to San Rafael.

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**Given the results of the November election, The Skeptical Observer has decided to re-run a column that was originally written in 2011. The information in that article is more pertinent today since our President does not need to hide his true agenda. Republicans must pay attention.**

With the election of Barack Obama, people suddenly started hearing about a man named Saul Alinsky. Who is that? It turns out that Saul Alinsky is a very important man as regards to the functioning of our government and our country.

Alinsky was born on January 20, 1909 in Chicago, IL and died on January 12, 1972 in Carmel, CA. Depending on your point of view, he was either a champion of the poor or a Marxist trouble maker. He was definitely a Communist/Marxist fellow traveler who helped establish the tactics of infiltration coupled with a measure of confrontation that have been central to revolutionary political movements in the United States in recent years. Alinsky never joined the Communist Party, but as David Horowitz puts it, became an avatar of the post modern left. Alinsky considered Hillary Rodham to be one of his better students and wanted her to join him as an organizer. She, however, had other things to do.

It is interesting to note that Alinsky studied criminology as a graduate student at the University of Chicago. During that period he became friendly with Al Capone and his mobsters.

Alinsky wrote Reveille for Radicals in 1946 and Rules for Radicals in 1971.

A person can get insight into Alinsky's character by the tribute he wrote at the beginning of Rules for Radicals. "From all our legends, mythology and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins - or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom – Lucifer."

Although Alinsky talked a good talk about helping the poor, his real target was the middle class.

"Organization for action will now and in the decade ahead center upon America's white middle class. That is where the power is...Our rebels have contemptuously rejected the values and the way of life of the middle class. They have stigmatized it as materialist, decadent, bourgeois, degenerate, imperialistic, war-mongering, brutalized and corrupt. They are right; but we must begin from where we are if we are to build power to change, and the power and the people are in the middle class majority."

Have you noticed how so much of the public discourse today centers around the white middle class and how they have so many more advantages than the poor and people of other races? Alinsky knew that in order to take over institutions and get power, the middle class had to be convinced that they were somehow lucky winners in "life's lottery."

Republicans today are only slowly beginning to understand that they and the conservative agenda have been hammered by the left due to the successful use of Saul Alinsky's tactics. Today's Democrat Party has been infiltrated and taken over by Alinsky's disciples and they are skilled in using his Rules.

Alinsky's motto was: "The most effective means are whatever will achieve the desired results."

Here are Alinsky's Rules for Radicals.

1. Power is not only what you have but what the enemy thinks you have.
2. Never go outside the experience of your people.
3. Whenever possible, go outside of the experience of the enemy.
4. Make the enemy live up to their own book of rules.
5. Ridicule is man's most potent weapon.
6. A good tactic is one that your people enjoy.
7. A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag.
8. Keep the pressure on with different tactics and actions and utilize all events of the period for your purpose.
9. The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself.
10. The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition.
11. If you push a negative hard and deep enough, it will break through into its counterside.
12. The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative.  
Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it and polarize it.

It is possible to review every important campaign in recent American history and national debates on

current topics and see how liberals and members of today's Democrat Party have followed Alinsky's Rules.

Republicans have to study Alinsky's play book and figure out how to counter his rules and more importantly, be a step ahead of the opposition.

Our President is a committed follower of Alinsky's Rules and as a Community Organizer knew and used those rules in every detail. He is still operating as a Community Organizer and will use the rules as part of his reelection campaign. Republicans need to implement strategic thinking and get ready to be on offense.

Material gathered from The Union News, Summary of Saul Alinsky's Rules For Radicals and Saul Alinsky and DNC Corruption from News-Max.com.



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**February 8, Capitol Update**

**More Gun Control Legislation**

It should come as no surprise that Democrats in the legislature have introduced more bills regarding gun control. **Assemblyman Bonta (D) introduced AB 180**, which would place a tax on all ammunition sales in California. The funds created by this tax would, according to the legislation, be used to help prevent crime in areas of the state that have high-crime rates. **AB 169 (Dickinson, D) was also introduced** and would tighten restrictions on the sale, transaction, or transfer of firearms, even in cases whereas the firearm would not be used as a weapon. California already has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation. **Senator Gaines (R) introduced AB 127**, which would prevent those considered mentally disordered and a danger to others from possessing a firearm.

**CAL FIRE Corruption**

CAL FIRE is under scrutiny this week for misusing settlement money. CAL FIRE has been funneling settlement money to an external organization that in turn paid for luxury vacations and over 600 digital cameras. Jerry Brown's proposed budget directs a portion of the funds created by the new fire tax to CAL FIRE administrative and bureaucratic costs. The fire tax was proposed to fund fire prevention across the state, and while local fire departments are struggling to find revenue, CAL FIRE is misusing settlement money and the Governor is directing fire tax revenue to more bureaucracy. Finally, when questioned about the CAL FIRE finding, Governor Brown stated the issue was "a relatively boring story". This blatant disrespect for the taxpayer could not be more clear, especially at a time when corruption in state organizations is rampant. **SB 17 (Gaines, R) which would reverse the \$84 million tax increase on rural taxpayers, who already pay taxes that go to contracts with CAL FIRE.** In a press release, Senator Gaines stated, "This \$150 fire tax is illegal and unfair – plain and simple. My goal with these bills is to offer some hope and support to Californians who are still facing a 10-percent unemployment rate and struggling just to make ends meet."

**Yet Another Misuse of Public Funds...**

Perhaps even more disturbing is the recent development regarding the misappropriation of cafeteria fund money in Southern California school districts. It has been estimated that between

eight school districts, \$170 million in funds earmarked for school food was being hidden and used to fund administrative and maintenance costs. In California where 69% of school lunches served are free, we cannot afford any misuse of cafeteria funds. The districts that were hiding money did so by shortcutting lunch programs, shortening lunch periods, understaffing cafeterias, and serving processed instead of fresh foods. Los Angeles Unified School District hid \$158 million, but was consistently running deficits in their cafeterias. In most districts, there were internal warnings and cautions about the misdirection of money and funds that were continually ignored by district directors. Instead, officials at LAUSD ignored warnings and continued to fund salary bumps and new sprinkler systems using money that was supposed to be funding free lunch programs and cafeteria costs. This is another example of a lack of respect for state and taxpayer money and a lack of oversight on the state's behalf. We can no longer afford, nor can we allow, these kinds of misappropriations to slip through the cracks.

**Bad Bills on the Move**

There are several terrible bills on the move in the Capitol. Most bills are beginning to be heard in their first committees. Here are some of the bills the CFRW is tracking:

**AB 8 (Perea, D) CAR TAX:** AB 8 would extend vehicle registration taxes, among other taxes, for 9 years to fund projects such as hydrogen fuel stations. This bill is being heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee on Monday, February 4th at 1:30.

**SB 47 (Yee, D) GUN CONTROL:** Senator Yee seeks to broaden the definition of assault weapon and require those gun owners with such a weapon to register it with the Department of Justice. This bill is in the Senate Rules Committee waiting for further committee assignments.

But not all bills are bad! Here are a few creative bills that we are tracking as well:

**AB 138 (Olsen, R) HIGHER EDUCATION:** AB 138 would require that California State University regents and trustees set tuition each year for each incoming class that may not increase for 4 academic years. This bill is waiting for a hearing date in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 181 (Logue, R) HIGHER EDUCATION:** This pilot program bill would allow California college students to earn a Bachelor's Degree in 3 years for a total of \$20,000

**Politics of Reality by William J. Bennett, Former Reagan Cabinet Member**

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**4. Play offense.** One of the realities of political governance is that you cannot govern unless you have power. That means that congressional Republicans cannot govern with control of only one half of one third of the branches of government. They can block and prevent, but they cannot impose. Our agenda, our goals, and our expectations should be oriented to these facts of reality.

But just because you can't govern doesn't mean you can't be on offense. In this town, you are either on offense or on defense. You are on offense when you make your argument and take your argument everywhere. It is more important that we sell our ideas everywhere to every group — people of every race, ethnicity, and background — than that we recruit a few different-looking faces to present to the media.

He who initiates sets the terms of debate and forces the dialogue on his terms. Consider Governor Scott Walker. His aggressive fiscal reforms in Wisconsin are an example of effective political offense.

Now, two examples of issues we can go on offense on: **Education** Never yield compassion — real compassion — to the Democrats. It is a virtue (one of the ten in The Book of Virtues). It is so still, though many Republicans regard it as a dirty word with a bad legacy. But never yield the high ground of compassion to the liberals. Never yield to the idea that they care more about the children than we do. Millions of fatherless children are awful policy. And caring doesn't mean more money.

Please, let's at long last seize this issue from them. They have owned the issue in the public mind, have controlled most of the levers of the education system, and have totally screwed it up. Let's take it back. Go on offense. I will be glad to tell anybody how.

**Energy!** Let's go on offense on the master resource — energy. In addition to being opposed to dumb climate-control measures, let's make the case for the huge public and private benefits of developing our natural resources through fracking and other means.

Do you know that, done right, we could restore the economy to health solely on the strength of this resource? Second, it will give many individuals great wealth. Third, it will increase our energy independence and free us from people who hate what we stand for and sell us most of our oil. Fourth, it will give us an almost endless supply of cheap energy. Go on offense.

**5. Finally, don't become cynical or make others cynical.** Do not make people more cynical or pessimistic about politics or the political system. Sadly, every day on my radio show since November, I hear people say they are withdrawing from the political arena into a cocoon of

disengagement and discouragement. We cannot allow this to happen.

Things have been worse, much worse. Let's give some perspective, please. They were far worse for us after Watergate. In the 1974 elections, Republicans in the House lost 49 seats. In the Senate, they lost 4 seats. Democrats had substantial majorities in both houses. Gallup polling in 1974 said 30 percent of the electorate was less likely to vote Republican after Watergate. At the state level, Democrats won 628 legislative seats around the country in 1974. That was a record that stood for more than 30 years.

Many commentators and historians said that the post-Watergate Republican party was the walking dead. Haley Barbour recalls that we were thinking of getting rid of the name "Republican" altogether. But a mere six years later, after Bill Brock took the reins and brought the GOP back, Ronald Reagan walked into the White House, leading the modern conservative revolution.

We've come back from worse than what we are experiencing today. In 2010, after the passage of Obamacare, the Republican party gained 63 seats in the House, taking back the majority and making it the largest seat change since 1948. Republicans also gained an incredible 680 seats in state legislative races, shattering the Democrats' record after Watergate.

We must encourage the American people to be active and involved and engaged in important policy decisions. It was my favorite modern novelist, Walker Percy, who warned of America's downfall, not at the hand of a great outside power, but from crumbling within. From cynicism and withdrawal.

Asked what his greatest fear was, he said, "Probably the fear of seeing America, with all its great strength and beauty and freedom . . . gradually subside into decay through default and be defeated, not by the communist movement, but from within, from weariness, boredom, cynicism, greed and in the end helplessness before its great problems."

As all great coaches say, "Keep your head up." As the very great Texas football coach Darrell Royal, said, "Keep your damn heads up. The only reason ever to look down is if you've pee'd on your shoes." Keep your head up.

Or as Margaret Thatcher put it, in a more Thatcher-like, statesmanlike way, "Don't go wobbly." And as she often said on American television to skeptical interviewers, "Oh stop now. Cheer up. This is America." It still is.

## Politics of Reality by William J. Bennett, Former Reagan Cabinet Member

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following text is adapted from Secretary Bennett's speech delivered at National Review Institute's summit on the future of conservatism on January 27, 2013.*

It was National Review's eminence, Bill Buckley, who described conservatism as the politics of reality. Let's look reality square in the eye. Let me tell you some things that I think are true.

**1. First, two honest looks back and a word of encouragement.** I am one of the last standing members of the Reagan years. I was in the Reagan cabinet and let me tell you this: I take second place to no one in my regard for Ronald Reagan. He was my friend and my mentor and he gave me a great opportunity.

At the same time, I want to say that the team we have now in the conservative field, scattered here and there, is better, pound for pound, man for man, woman for woman, and more conservative than what we had then. It lacks Reagan, but it has more depth and it has more breadth. And the next Reagan or two is almost certainly among this group.

Think back to Reagan. Who else was there? Not many. I'd say Jack Kemp. The list of great company, this list of great promise, is much longer and larger now.

Before I tell you who they are, let me make this point too. There is a lot of well-deserved regard and reverence for, and invocation of, Bill Buckley. But this new National Review and NRO team, this Lowry team, is better than the old NR team. Again, more breadth, more depth. And more humor, more balance, and more fun, with not as good a vocabulary perhaps as Bill — even added all together — and no harpsichordists among this group, but again, pound for pound, a better group.

So first of all, take encouragement from this. Now Let's go to the list:

Paul Ryan	Ron Johnson	Rick Scott
Marco Rubio	Pat Toomey	Mary Fallin
Bobby Jindal	Duncan Hunter Jr.	Pat McCrory
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Nikki Haley	Jeb Bush	Rob Portman
Scott Walker	Tim Scott	
Mike Rogers	Mike Pence	

And the 30 Republican Governors and 23 states with Republican governors and Republican-controlled legislatures. That should give you a lift.



**2. Don't blame the GOP leadership.** If we are to prevail, in part because of leaders like the ones I just mentioned, we must refrain from something: We cannot afford to continue firing upon and wounding or maiming our own officers and current leaders. We need everyone in the fight — unwounded, able. Criticize, but don't wound.

It is more difficult to be in a position of governance, such as John Boehner, Mitch McConnell, and Paul Ryan are, than to be a journalist, a pundit, or even a conservative talk-show host. Trust me, I've been in both arenas. It's much harder to be Boehner than Limbaugh; it's harder to be McConnell than Hannity; it's harder to be Ryan than Bennett.

For unlike those who operate primarily in the arenas of commentary, opinion, and philosophy, Republicans in Washington bear the responsibility and burden of actual governance, where ideological purity must often yield to compromise. In his biography of Talleyrand, Duff Cooper explained the difference between willingness on principle to compromise and willingness to compromise on principle.

And lately, much of the blame placed at our leaders' feet is misplaced. If there is ultimate responsibility for what has come to pass, it rests, as in all things with a democratic republic, with the choice of the people.

Boehner and McConnell didn't put us here. Obama, and the American people behind him, did. If you want to take issue and complain to somebody, take it to them. Talk to your neighbors.

**3. Await the parlous consequences of big government.** The American people must be made to realize what they voted for when they reelected Obama and a Democratic-controlled Senate. So far, they've been immunized from many of the consequences. But now, with the expiration of the payroll-tax cut and the gradual implementation of Obamacare, the taxes of almost all Americans have risen, along with many of their health-care premiums. And more will come.

It is the duty of conservatives to draw the direct link among elections, Democratic policies and misery. As St. Paul instructs, misery teaches lessons that success doesn't. The American people voted in big government, and they will be punished and made to pay for it in immiseration, and they will learn from this immiseration, at least I hope.

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April 8-9, 2013

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### What You Need to Know About the Sequester:

1. The sequester was an idea brought forth by the Obama administration during debt ceiling talks involving the "super committee" of 2011. The sequester was the administration's threat over the super committee to bring about budget cuts of 1.2 trillion dollars over 10 years. The sequester was supposed to be so distasteful to both Democrats and Republicans that it would serve as an impetus to achieve the administration's desire for specific budget cuts. The super committee failed, and the sequester stayed.
2. **When will it go into effect?** It was originally supposed to take effect in January of 2013, but the fiscal cliff deal postponed the date until March 1, 2013.
3. **What happens if it takes effect?** If the sequester goes into effect on March 1, it will set off a series of automatic cuts to defense and entitlement programs that equal \$965 billion over the next ten years. But what do "cuts" mean in this case? As Michael Tanner observes in National Review Online, "the sequester is a 'cut' to federal spending only in the Washington sense of 'any reduction from baseline increases is a cut.' In reality, even if the sequester goes through, the federal government will spend \$2.14 trillion more in 2022 than it does today." Further, "the sequester would reduce the growth in domestic discretionary spending by \$309 billion over ten years. But annual spending on these programs will increase by \$90 billion over that period." In other words, even with the sequester "cuts," we are going to spend more money on domestic programs in 2022 than we do today.

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## Santa Rosa Republican Women in Action

Santa Rosa Republican Women newsletter is initiating a new column. We will be interviewing club members who are in business. We are very happy to highlight in this first interview our new First Vice President, Karen Moyers.



Karen was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts where her father at the time was in the Air Force. They eventually settled in Northbrook, Illinois which Karen says is known for developing champion speed skaters. She attended school from kindergarten through high school in Northbrook.

When it came time for college, Karen decided to attend the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. She graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Upon graduation, Karen then moved to San Diego where she attended paralegal training at the University of San Diego. Karen said she attended paralegal training to determine if she wanted to attend law school. While at the University of San Diego, Karen was recruited to work for the University as a Program Coordinator. She then went on to work as a litigation paralegal for three years. Instead of law school, Karen obtained her Master's degree from USD in International Relations in 1986.

Karen and her husband were married in San Diego and had their first child. They moved to Santa Rosa in 1992, where their second child was born. Her two boys are now 19 and 20 and attend Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Karen's husband is an Underwriter for the Nonprofit Insurance Alliance of California, a company which insures nonprofit organizations.

After settling in Santa Rosa, Karen was a homemaker and also volunteered at her church. She then did some part time work for a Realtor friend and decided that she wanted to become a Realtor herself. She obtained her real estate license in 2007 and worked at CPS Realty until 2011. At that time she joined Bradley Real Estate and states that she is very happy with this company.

Karen says that she is a Republican because she believes in the principles of the party, especially limited government and personal responsibility. She believes that the government should only provide a framework and then stay out of our lives. She is convinced that the party needs to regroup and check its methods and its message and get back to basics.

Karen believes that women have a huge role to play at every level. They have many opportunities to serve their families and the greater community. Dryden Borden invited Karen to her first club meeting and she enjoys being with like minded women who are interested in becoming more informed on issues and what is going on in the country.

Her hope for the future of Republican Women is for the organization to continue with the strong focus on education and to support local people. Karen believes that being a Realtor and being a Republican go hand in hand. Both help people achieve the American dream.

Santa Rosa Republican Women welcomes Karen Moyers as our First Vice President.

## Are We Living in Exile?

By Twila Le Page

The day after the November election was a dark day for most of us. We had just experienced a resounding political defeat that seemed to defy all polls and projections. We didn't see it coming. As a result we find ourselves plunged into political exile.

The center of Judaism was a monarchy. They were thrown into exile for 2500 years. The Babylonian Captivity, as difficult as it was, turned out to be a turning point for Jewish civilization. Lessons learned during this period of exile equipped the Jews to survive long years of exile. They survived and thrived and became the most prosperous, successful, most innovative people in the history of civilization. According to *Thriving in Exile* by Steve Elliott of Grassfire Nation ([grassfirenation.com](http://grassfirenation.com)) he explores how to build, plant, bless and pray through tough times.



Exile is not easy. People thrown into exile often experience horrible atrocities. They are deprived of basic human rights. Scorn! Ridicule! What do you do when you don't own or can't work the land? You earn money in other ways. You buy and sell. You become traders, merchants, entertainers and bankers. The U.S. has proven to be a safe haven for immigrants with Jews blossoming here. Successful Jewish Americans such as: Albert Einstein, Albert Michelson, Carl Sagan, Marcus Goldman, Samuel Sachs, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Levi Strauss, Mortimer Zukerman and Stephen Spielberg have thrived in the USA.

Hitler's fundamental hatred of the Jews was that they were cheating his survival of the fittest theory with their swindling and cheating.

You can also be in exile after something major happened to you--loss of a loved one, divorce, being fired, a vet severely wounded, a major move. As you look back you realized it was a period of growth and renewal.

A former Calif. governor found himself in exile--he who became one of our greatest Presidents--Reagan. In 1976, that election was considered the "Gipper's" final shot. Reagan turned 65 so few people were thinking about a bid in 1980. Ford won. Reagan in losing, even without a teleprompter, gave a stirring speech at the convention. Many delegates thought we might have nominated the wrong person.

But Reagan never gave up. The next 3 years in exile, at his ranch in Calif., he spent thinking and writing. Those writings were communicated through his 5-minute radio commentaries. This exile helped to make the man who would become a great President. He understood living in exile and built and planted.

So let's use our imagination and creativity here to build and plant something even better--as the Jews in exile, like Reagan did.