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## Monthly Meeting

# Tuesday, March 22, 2011



FountainGrove Golf and Athletic Club

1525 FountainGrove Parkway, Santa Rosa

11:15 am Business Meeting

### Speaker: Matt Rexroad

### Topic: What is the status of redistricting in the state of California

*Matt Rexroad has served as a policy advisor in state government, Mayor, US Marine, Attorney, businessman, and County Supervisor. As a political consultant Matt has been involved in races from local school board to President of the United States. He is an expert on redistricting, demographics in California, local government and voter communications.*

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## President's Message - Marie Derr

March is call to convention month for the California Republican Party. Many Republican Women Federated members will be there and so will members of our club. The convention is at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento March 18-20, and focuses on the party organization and structure for 2012 elections. We look forward to giving you a report and to listening to our speaker Political Consultant Matt Rexroad who will update us on the convention and the state of California politics. He has also written several articles about redistricting that could take place later this year. Please come to the next meeting to hear all about it. It will be very informative.

We look forward to working on activities for the club including our Bunco Night (March 3<sup>rd</sup>), Satellite Meeting (April 15) and a New Member Reception (May). If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact me as we have many committees to work on. We look forward to working with you to move Republican Women forward and growing our membership so we can be ready to support our candidates in 2012. Republican Women Federated provides a forum to become better educated on the issues to inform our families, friends and general community. Please bring a friend to an upcoming meeting.

Thank you for all the work that you do and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, March 22.



### **Matt Rexroad**

Matt has served as a policy advisor in state government, Mayor, US Marine, attorney, businessman, and County Supervisor.

Professionally, Matt and his two partners founded, California Meridian, an award winning public affairs firm with accounts all over the United States. The professional staff of thirty is located in Nebraska, Virginia, Washington State and throughout California. The headquarters is in Sacramento.

As a political consultant Matt has been involved in races from local school board to President of the United States. He is an expert on redistricting, demographics in California, local government and voter communications. He spent 11 years working in the State Legislature with the majority of that time being a Chief of Staff or Legal Counsel.

From 2002 until 2006 Matt served as Vice-Mayor and then Mayor of Woodland, CA. Woodland is a community of 53,000 people in Yolo County. In his role as Mayor, he was recognized as an effective community leader. Matt was elected to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in November 2006 and re-elected in 2010 without opposition. His term runs until January 2015.

Staff Sergeant Rexroad spent 13 years with Detachment 4th Force Reconnaissance in Reno, NV. Some of his many military schools include USMC Basic Reconnaissance, USMC Intelligence Analyst, US Army Military Freefall, USMC High Altitude High Opening Parachutist, USMC Mountain Survival Instructor, USMC Logistics Clerk, US Navy SERE and US Army Airborne. In 2003, Matt spent six months in Kuwait and Iraq with 1st Force Reconnaissance. For his service in Iraq, the National Conference of State Legislators awarded him the Medal of Civic Honor.

Matt earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Southern California in 1990. He earned his law degree at night from McGeorge School of Law while working full-time in the State Capitol as the Chief of Staff to a State Senator. In law school he won awards for oral advocacy. He later earned a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern California Sacramento Center. He is a member of the California State Bar.

In Woodland, Matt is active in the community. He is involved in a large number of community projects focused on service. He is a two-time bone marrow donor, who lost his "bone marrow brother" from Buffalo, NY in 2001. Matt and his wife Jenn live in a craftsman home in the historic part of Woodland. They have two young children



# THE SKEPTICAL OBSERVER

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.

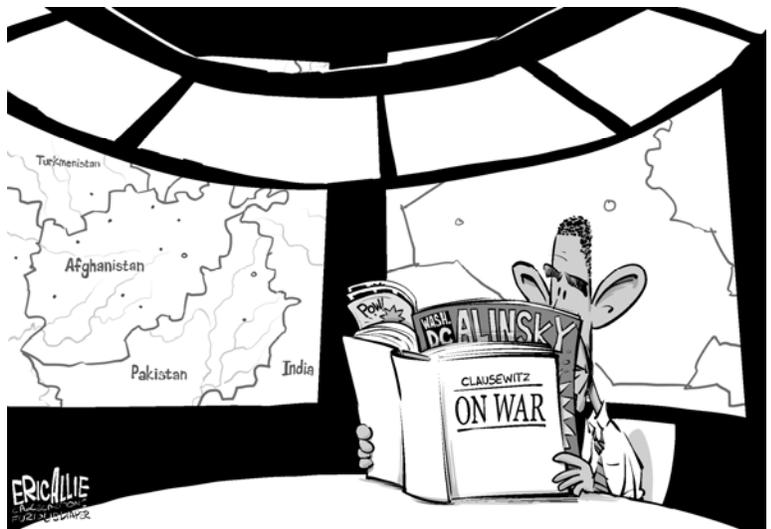
Alinsky's motto was: "The most effective means are whatever will achieve the desired results."

## 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.
13. 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 NewsMax.com. David Horowitz at [www.discoverthenetworks.org](http://www.discoverthenetworks.org) a guide to the political left.





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**OPPOSE SB 48**

**Our CFRW Voting Body voted to OPPOSE SB 48 (Leno, D-3). Prohibition of Discriminatory Content in Instruction.**

SB 48 claims that it is necessary for equality sake. This legislation would require that all social science textbooks and curriculum, from K to 12 to include in public instruction the study “of the role and contributions of Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans and other ethnic and cultural groups, to the development of California and the United States.” *What the bill fails to address is the negative impact this may cause in our public schools on our impressionable children. According to this law, all textbooks would have to include the liberal idea of social and racial diversity; any other textbook would be prohibited. There is also no “opt-out” option for parents who do not wish for their children to be taught gay, bisexual, or transgender lessons. This is clearly the LGBT agenda being forced into our K-12 public schools and protected by the law.*

**Now is your time to act! Please send letters and call your representatives to tell them you oppose SB 48, and especially object to the no “opt-out” option for parents.** If a Californian made a significant contribution to the state or country, their sexual orientation should not matter! **The CFRW is working with the California Resources Institute in opposition to SB 48 and the CRI is holding a lobby day on March 15th regarding SB 48.** If you would like to participate in the CRI lobby day in opposition to SB 48, please email La Tanya Wright at [ltgwright@gmail.com](mailto:ltgwright@gmail.com).

**Research SB 810 -** He is at it again! Senator Mark Leno has again introduced SB 810, which would legislate single-payer healthcare for all California residents. The CFRW opposed this same legislation last year and we are following it closely.

**COMMISSION CONTROL**

**The CFRW has taken on researching and identifying boards and commissions in California that are unnecessary and can be eliminated or significantly scaled back.** We need your help! We already have many members jumping onboard and researching commissions. Some have already identified boards that are superfluous and need to be eradicated.

How can you help, you ask? Well, coming up in March, the Joint Committee for Sunset Review will be meeting to assess a number of boards and commissions. We would like our members to research these boards, attend the Joint Committee on Sunset Review and report back to the CFRW!

The Joint Committee will be meeting on March 14th and 21st, from 11am to 4pm in Capitol Room 3191. There will be a short break at 2pm as well as a 15 minute public comment period during the meeting. **We need our members to research the boards** up for review and attend the meeting! If you can help, please contact our Legislative Advocate at [advocate@cfrw.org](mailto:advocate@cfrw.org).

**March 14th**

California Board of Registered Nursing  
Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians  
Dental Board of California  
State Athletic Commission

**March 21st**

California Board of Accountancy  
Professional Fiduciaries Bureau  
Contractors’ State License Board  
Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists  
California Architects Board  
Landscape Architects Technical Committee

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SACRAMENTO**

**April 18/19, 2011**

**CFRW ADVOCACY DAYS**

**Students Encouraged to Attend**

Our 36th Annual Advocacy Workshop on Tuesday will have an exciting program this year, with such speakers as Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway, NFRW President Sue Lynch and California Republican Party Vice-Chair Tom Del Beccaro. Be sure to register ASAP!

## Important Dates 2011

Mar 18/20 - California Republican Party (CRP) Convention, Hyatt Hotel , Sacramento  
 Apr 18/19 - CFRW Advocacy Day, Hyatt Hotel, Sacramento  
 Apr 30/May 1 CFRW Northern Division Spring Conference, Chico  
 Sept 29 - October 2 NFRW Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Missouri  
 Oct 21/23 CFRW 37th Biennial Convention, Visalia, CA Marriott Hotel  
 Nov 11/13 CFRWND Biennial Convention, tba



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**Sue Lynch, President**



### CFRWND Americanism Contest Two Essay Contests 2011

**8th Grade Students** - to be handed in by November 1, 2011 for students attending school beginning the 2011-2012 school year. Topic: "If you could spend 5 minutes with Abraham Lincoln, what would you ask him and why?"

**11th Grade Students** - Open to all students immediate and must be handed in by May 15, 2011. Topic: What do you believe made Ronald Reagan the effective leader that he was and why is he considered one of the best Presidents in our lifetime."

**President Ronald Reagan Scholarship** - offered to an undergraduate registered Republican Women who is majoring in political science, communication, or directed toward law. Must be a US citizen, a CA resident who has completed two years of college. Deadline August 1. A complete application must include the following; Official application form is available at [www.cfrw.org/programs/ronaldreagan.pdf](http://www.cfrw.org/programs/ronaldreagan.pdf), all sections completed in full. Three letters of recommendation an official copy of the most recent college transcript, optional photo and a California Federation of Republican Women Official Certification.

### NFRW Executive Board and Spring Conference, March 9-12 Washington DC

*Edelweiss Geary, SRRWF Past President, is a member of the Legislation Committee for NFRW and will be wearing red on Legislative Day, Wednesday, March 9, 2011.* In our Nation's Capitol NFRW board members, committee members and guest will meet with 45 Members of Congress and national speakers about the agenda of the 112th Congress and important legislative issues. There will be an evening cocktail reception at the Bell Haven Country Club in Alexandria, VA honoring our Republican women who serve in the House and Senate with special recognition for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

### Northern CA Federated Woman is running for Northwest Regional Chair for the CA GOP.



Division Executive Board endorsed Janet Kirtlink, a member of the Napa Valley Republican Women and Past Chairman of the Napa County Central Committee. Janet is a candidate for Northwest Regional Vice Chair. She will work within the region and build a stronger organization. Janet is committed to networking and bringing all of the groups together to achieve real change in the Northwest Region.

#### Websites of Interest

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## Union Power for Thee, But Not for Me

*If the president is so upset with Wisconsin's labor law reforms, why won't he allow federal workers to bargain collectively?*

By KIMBERLEY A. STRASSEL,  
Wall Street Journal

The union horde is spreading, from Madison to Indianapolis to a state capital near you. And yet the Democratic and union bigwigs engineering the outrage haven't directed their angry multitudes at what is arguably the most "hostile workplace" in the nation: Washington, D.C.

It will no doubt surprise you to learn that President Obama, the great patron of the working man, also happens to be the great CEO of one of the least union-friendly shop floors in the nation.

This is, after all, the president who has berated Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to limit the collective bargaining rights of public employees, calling the very idea an "assault on unions." This is also the president who has sicced his political arm, Organizing for America, on Madison, allowing the group to fill buses and plan rallies. Ah, but it's easy to throw rocks when you live in a stone (White) house.

Fact: President Obama is the boss of a civil work force that numbers up to two million (excluding postal workers and uniformed military). **Fact: Those federal workers cannot bargain for wages or benefits.** Fact: Washington, D.C. is, in the purest sense, a "right to work zone." Federal employees are not compelled to join a union, nor to pay union dues. Fact: Neither Mr. Obama, nor the prior Democratic majority, ever acted to give their union chums a better federal deal.

Scott Walker, eat your heart out.

For this enormous flexibility in managing his work force, Mr. Obama can thank his own party. In 1978, Democratic President Jimmy Carter, backed by a Democratic Congress, passed the Civil Service Reform Act. Washington had already established its General Schedule (GS) classification and pay system for workers. The 1978 bill went further, focused as it was on worker accountability and performance. It severely proscribed the issues over which employees could bargain, as well as prohibited compulsory union support.

Democrats weren't then (and aren't now) about to let their federal employees dictate pay. The GS system, as well as the president and Congress, sees to that. Nor were they about to let workers touch health-care or retirement plans. Unions are instead limited to bargaining over personnel employment practices such as whether employees are allowed to wear beards, or whether the government must pay to clean uniforms. These demands matter, though they are hardly the sort to break the federal bank.

Public employee protests spread across the Midwest.

Which is precisely the point. Washington politicians may not know much, but they know power—in particular, the art of keeping it. Even Carter Democrats understood the differ-

ence between being in electoral debt to the unions, and being outright owned by them. And as Gov. Walker will attest, allowing unions to collectively bargain over pay and benefits is allowing them the keys to the statehouse.

Innocent Americans assume that unions use collective bargaining solely to obtain better pay and benefits. Not exactly. The real game is to insist that the dough runs through the union—giving it power over the state.

In Wisconsin, for instance, the teachers union doesn't just bargain for more health dollars. It also bargains to require that local school districts buy health insurance for their teachers through the union-affiliated health-insurance plan, called WEA Trust. That requirement gives the union (not the state) ultimate say over health benefits. It also costs the state at least \$68 million more annually than it would if schools could buy the state-employee health plan—money that goes to a union outfit.

Since Washington pols aren't about to let unions run *their* town, the result is a weird bifurcation. On the state level, union campaign dollars are primarily contingent upon Democrats agreeing to allow public-employee unions to milk taxpayers dry. On the federal level, union dollars are primarily contingent upon Democrats agreeing to pervert federal laws and institutions so that private-sector unions get special privileges over employers and nonunion companies—consider project-labor agreements, Davis-Bacon and card check.

All of this helps explain why Mr. Obama has gone quiet on Wisconsin, and why Organizing for America is scurrying to hide its involvement. The president's initial instinct was to jump into the state, a 2012 battleground area where he might build points with his liberal base.

The White House has since sensed danger. As the world is painfully aware, Mr. Obama is under no obligation to balance his budget. So to whack Gov. Walker for his efforts to do so might strike some Americans as irresponsible, especially as the president is working to convince them that he really does care about deficits.

The other risk: The spotlight turns back to D.C. If the president is so worried about Wisconsin's "assault," why has he never taken up federal bargaining rights? If the Badger State's current system is the gold standard, why has he not replicated it? If it is so important that all parties "sit at the table"—as White House Press Secretary Jay Carney recently lectured Wisconsin—how dare Mr. Obama unilaterally declare a federal pay freeze? (Honestly, the union-busting gall!)

The debate over public-union giveaways has only started. That debate would benefit were Mr. Obama to explain how it is that Wisconsin is wrong to ask for the same budget flexibility that he enjoys as president. If he's unable to do that, perhaps the debate ought to be over.

*Potomac Watch*, February 22, 2011 *WSJ* online [kim@wsj.com](mailto:kim@wsj.com). Note from editor - "Bill O'Reilly reported this information on his *No Spin Zone*."

## Dan Walters: State budget gets even more convoluted

Reader, beware: You are about to enter a twilight zone in which the finely shaded nuances of constitutional law collide with power and money politics.

For weeks, the Capitol's \$64 billion question has been whether at least a few Republicans would break ranks and vote for Gov. Jerry Brown's budget, specifically for giving voters the option of extending temporary income, sales and car taxes, which are expiring, for five more years.

Brown has beseeched GOP legislators publicly and privately to ignore pressure from anti-tax groups, but with scarcely a week remaining in his 60-day window for action, they haven't yet moved.

The governor's deadline – March 10 – is 89 days from June 7, the date on which he would like to have a special tax election, and the number is significant.

The plea for Republican votes hinges on an assumption that because the state constitution provides no direct mechanism for voters to approve taxes, it would have to be done by constitutional amendment – a clumsy process at best – and thus would require a two-thirds legislative vote, and support from at least a few GOP legislators.

But that's where the situation really gets complicated.

Last week, The Bee revealed that GOP senators had obtained an opinion from the Legislature's lawyer confirming that there is an alternative method of placing taxes before voters without a two-thirds vote. It gives Republicans some political cover since they can argue that Democrats can seek a tax election on their own.

The Legislative Counsel Bureau said the Legislature could, by a simple majority vote, propose to voters an amendment to a previously approved statutory initiative, assumedly one dealing with taxes, that could include tax extensions.

To have an election on such a measure (or multiple measures) in June, however, action would have to occur in a special legislative session, allowing the measure to become law 90 days after its adjournment.

Convoluted? Absolutely. And to Brown and other Democrats, it would be a very unsatisfactory alternative because they want some GOP support for a veneer of bipartisanship. The backdoor approach not only would strip that facade, but would also make the ballot measure appear to be some kind of trick that could alienate voters already leery of raising taxes. And it would invite a legal battle.

Would Democrats take that route if it's the only way to get billions of dollars in revenue to stave off even deeper spending cuts?

Would they instead, as Brown says he'd advocate if taxes are blocked, whack spending more deeply, take the heat from public employee unions and other Democratic constituencies, and try to deflect it to Republicans?

Or would they turn to gimmicks, as they have in the past? We should know some answers in about a week.

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## Misery Loves Company

California, in its never ending quest to be unique, has managed to do what no other state in the country can boast: to become home to eight of the most miserable cities in the nation.

Forbes magazine recently announced its top 20 miserable cities. The magazine uses 10 factors to calculate the America's Most Miserable Cities, including unemployment, crime, taxes, commute time, housing prices and weather. Yet, even taking good weather into account, four California cities made it into Forbes' top 5.

Can you guess what really put these miserable cities so high up in the rankings? A little hint: it's not about sports. It's about taxes!

When judging economic misery, California's state income tax rate is a real tear jerker. The highest sales tax in the nation hurts all Californians, but it's especially hard on the poor. And don't even start with the corporate tax. Ron Pollina, president of Pollina Corporate Real Estate, the site selection firm that has ranked California as the worst state for business for seven consecutive years told Forbes that "If I even mention California, they throw me out of the office.... Every company hates California."

Haven't we been shamed enough? The ancient Roman, Publilius Syrus, a freed slave turned philosopher, once said "learn to see in another's calamity the ills which you should avoid." Other states are looking to California and doing the opposite of what we've done, and they're recovering. By contrast, what's coming out of Sacramento is the same old, same old, search for new and higher taxes.

What we need in this state are jobs, more jobs, and still more jobs. More jobs will generate more paychecks and the dignity that comes with work. This in turn will generate higher incomes, and higher tax revenues. We can get there by doing the opposite of what we've done in the past: by lowering confiscatory tax rates, by spending within our means, and by cutting burdensome regulations. These policies will encourage growth instead of discouraging it, but only if the policymakers get up the courage to give them a try.

As long as we continue to ignore the lessons of our past calamities, we will continue to repeat them; more businesses will avoid this state, and more citizens will leave it. Let's for once do the opposite of what we've done in the past. Let's put ourselves out of this misery.

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# History of the NFRW

The Republican Party began out of the frustration of Americans who were opposed to slavery. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln became the first Republican President. After the Civil War, Republicans passed the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. The 13th Amendment outlawed slavery, the 14th guaranteed equal protection under the law and the 15th guaranteed voting rights for African Americans.

Women have always played a critical role in our country's history. The Women's Rights

Convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y. in 1848 marked the beginning of the women's suffrage movement in the U.S.

In 1872, the Republican National Convention approved a resolution favoring the admission of women to "wider fields of usefulness".

In 1878, at the request of Susan B. Anthony, a Republican, Senator A.A. Sargent, a Republican from California, introduced the women's suffrage amendment in the U.S. Congress.

In 1888, Judith Ellen Foster of Iowa established the Women's National Republican Association, the first woman's partisan organization formally recognized by the Republican Party. She was also the first woman, who in 1892, addressed the Republican convention in Minneapolis, M.N.

In the late 1800's, the oldest Republican Women's Club on record was founded in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1916, Jeannette Rankin of Montana was the first woman elected to Congress.

**The 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, finally passed the House and Senate in 1919** when the Republican Party regained control of Congress. The amendment had been defeated four times by a Democrat controlled Senate. On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment.

In 1924, women were given equal representation on the Republican National Committee.

Marion Martin of Maine spearheaded the federating of local Republican Women's Clubs in 1937.

**In 1938, votes were taken and the Federation was officially born as an auxiliary to the RNC.**

On September 23rd and 24th, 1938 the first official meeting of the National Federation of Women's Republican Clubs of America was held at the Palmer House in Chicago, Ill.

Today, the National Federation (NFRW) consists of approximately 1825 local clubs in all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

In 1953, the NFRW President was designated as the liaison officer between the National Federation and the RNC. The objectives of the NFRW are

- to promote an informed public through political education and activity.
- to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good Government.
- to promote a wider knowledge of the principle and policies of The Republican Party.
- to encourage active citizenship.
- to cooperate with the Republican State and County Central Committees for the election of Republican nominees.

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## Obama Offers Flexibility to Implement Single Payer Faster

The Morning Bell

Obamacare remains tremendously unpopular with the American people. According to the latest Kaiser Family Foundation poll, only 14 percent of Americans believe they have benefited from the law, compared to 17 percent who say the law has already harmed them. Only 28 percent of Americans believe Obamacare will help the nation's economy, compared to 45 percent who believe it will make it worse. Overall, 48 percent of Americans oppose Obamacare while only 43 percent favor it. Some provisions, like the individual mandate, are particularly unpopular, with a full 67 percent of Americans favoring its repeal.

President Barack Obama knows all of this, which is why he told the visiting National Governors Association at the White House yesterday that he supports changing the date that states can begin applying for waivers from some Obamacare mandates from 2017 up to 2014. Specifically, the President endorsed legislation by Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Scott Brown (R-MA), claiming: "It will give you flexibility more quickly while still guaranteeing the American people reform." President Obama is at least half right here. Wyden-Brown would give states some flexibility—but only the flexibility to implement a government take over of health care faster. Heritage Foundation Center for Policy Innovation Director Stuart Butler explained in the New England Journal of Medicine:

One [problem] is that [Wyden-Brown] still locks the states into guaranteeing a generous and costly level of benefits. True, a state could propose alternative benefit requirements if they had the same actuarial value as those in the [health care bill]. But the requirements go well beyond basic coverage, and the HHS secretary is the one who defines "at least as comprehensive" benefits.

Another major problem with the bill is that since ultimate waiver authority rests with the HHS secretary, the waivers granted would probably reflect the administration's

preferences. Senator Wyden claims that his legislation would allow conservative states to opt out of much of the [bill] and implement consumer-driven coverage. But he admits that the secretary, not the state, has the final word over what is permitted.

In essence Wyden-Brown is simply a vehicle for giving deep-blue progressive states the power to institute a single-payer government takeover of health care faster. Politico even confirmed this later in the day when it reported on a White House conference call with liberal allies:

Health care advisers Nancy-Ann DeParle and Stephanie Cutter stressed on the off-record call that the rule change would allow states to implement single-payer health care plans—as Vermont seeks to—and true government-run plans, like Connecticut's Sustainet.

The source on the call summarizes the officials' point—which is not one the Administration has sought to make publicly—as casting the new "flexibility" language as an opportunity to try more progressive, not less expansive, approaches on the state level.

"They are trying to split the baby here: on one hand tell supporters this is good for their pet issues, versus a message for the general public that the [President] is responding to what he is hearing and that he is being sensible," the source emails.

That is exactly what is going on here. The President knows his signature accomplishment, Obamacare, is fundamentally unpopular with the American people. So he is trying to appear "flexible" on the issue, while in reality all he is doing is enabling his progressive allies to expand the reach of government even faster. Conservatives cannot let the President get away with this deception. This episode only proves once again that there is only one path to real health care reform, and it begins with the full repeal of Obamacare.

Copied directly frm Heritage Morning Bell - March 1, <http://blog.heritage.org/?p=53416>

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### Gubmint and how Gubmint works

Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Congress said, "Someone may steal from it at night." So they created a night watchman position and hired a person for the job.

Then Congress said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?" So they

created a planning department and hired two people, one person to write the instructions and one person to do time studies.

Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" So they created a Quality Control department and hired two people, one to do the studies and one to write the reports.

Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So they created two positions, a time keeper and a payroll officer, then hired two people.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?"

So they created an administrative section and hired three people, an Administrative Officer, an Assistant Administrative Officer, and a Legal Secretary.

Then Congress said, "We have had this command in operation for one year, and we are \$918,000 over budget. We must cut back." So they laid off the night watchman.

**NOW** slowly, let that sink in. **Quietly**, we go like sheep to slaughter. Does anybody remember the reason given for the establishment of the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.... during the Carter Administration?

Anybody? Anything? No? Didn't think so! Bottom line: We've spent several hundred billion dollars in support of an agency...the reason for which not one person who reads this can remember!

Ready?? It was very simple . . . and, at the time, everybody thought it very appropriate.

The Department of Energy was instituted on 8/04/1977 TO LESSEN OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL.

Hey, pretty efficient, huh???

AND, NOW, IT'S 2011 -- 34 YEARS LATER -- AND THE BUDGET FOR THIS "NECESSARY" DEPARTMENT IS AT \$24.2 BILLION A YEAR. IT HAS 16,000 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND APPROXIMATELY 100,000 CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, AND LOOK AT THE JOB IT HAS DONE! THIS IS WHERE YOU SLAP YOUR FOREHEAD AND SAY, "WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?"

A little over 34 years ago, 30% of our oil consumption was foreign imports. Today 70% of our oil consumption is foreign imports. Ah, yes -- the good old Federal bureaucracy!!

NOW, WE HAVE TURNED THE BANKING SYSTEM, HEALTH CARE, AND THE AUTO INDUSTRY OVER TO THE SAME GOVERNMENT?

Hello!! Anybody Home?

## Committee News

**The Americanism Committee** is growing. Dryden Bordin and her gals have joined Maridale and Marilyn Koenig in being pro active in their work—collecting and preparing boxes for mail. Please contact Americanism Chair Maridale Smith 707.765.2664 [maridalesmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maridalesmith@sbcglobal.net)

**Voter Registration** had a kick off at the Citrus Fair in Cloverdale... with the four day event filled with SRRWF Members on the front line talking to fair goers and recruiting new members. We met and talked at length to over 15 women who showed interest in joining our club. Yes, there were Republicans at the Fair. SRRWF registered 4 new Republicans. Workers: Joe and Rosalie Parks, John Reyes, Maria Burt, Sally Hopkins, Eddie Geary, Marilyn Pozas, Allan and Shirlee Evans, Phil Lanterman, Joan Dayton, Janis Laurian, Marie Derr, Ina McElroy, Susan Stark and The North Sonoma County Republican Club helped to staff the table and paid 1/2 the booth fair entry fee.

**Marie Derr 707.495.0983** [mariederr@comcast.net](mailto:mariederr@comcast.net)



Ann Galantine, Marie Derr, Susan Stark, Ina McElroy



Ina McElroy, Joan Dayton

**Social Media and Web Communications Manager:** New Member Liz Gatley has agreed to be our Chair for this very important task. She will be working on our website and get us connected on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. Welcome aboard!

**Membership:** Rosalie Parks 707.849.1454 [guiltymoms@yahoo.com](mailto:guiltymoms@yahoo.com). A BIG thanks to Maria Burt and Ina McElroy who have joined the membership team! Do you want to join the "membership team"? Contact Rosie and help with upcoming membership events. We would value your participation.

**Satellite Group:** Sally Hopkins 707.542.0495 [mimi37@comcast.net](mailto:mimi37@comcast.net). Our inaugural meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 15 from 6:00-8:00 PM. If you are unable to attend our monthly lunch meetings this will be an opportunity to join like minded women. There will be no business meeting associated with the evening meetings. We will gather at a member's home in Windsor. All members, guests and friends are welcome so please mark your calendars. Our speaker will be Susie Iventosch who has written Tax Bites and Tasty Morsels.

### VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

**Education and Literacy** - The NFRW Literacy Committee strives to sponsor and support a variety of programs, and we hope there is at least one to fit each NFRW club, regardless of club size or location. We sincerely believe in our motto – *Readers Become Leaders*. Ideas are on the NFRW website at <http://www.nfrw.org/programs/literacy/index.html>

**Events** - This committee has the responsibility of raising the additional money in excess of dues to fund the club's educational activities. Our first obligation is to support our own club's education programs by providing the necessary financial help to ensure that the club is represented at Northern Division Conferences, CFRW Advocacy Workshop with sponsorship for students to attend and by its rightful number of delegates at the Federation Biennial Conventions. Our events are intended to increase our membership and to encourage the broadest possible participation by our members in active political work.

# Membership 2011

Rosalie Parks—Membership Chair

Committee members: Maria Burt and Ina McElroy



## NFRW Diamond Award Winning Club

2010 CFRW Northern Division Circle of Excellence Award Winner

**Our 2011 Roster will be updated with paid renewals and new members. Please make sure your payment is made by March 10th.**

## Welcome New Members

**Joyce Garcia, Liz Gatley, Ina McElroy,  
Marilyn Pozas, Sandra Smith, Deborah Deckard**

### ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

We offer monthly meetings and socials. Our newsletter keeps you informed on the latest legislation and political news (10 issues per year). It's a great value.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ◇ *Network with like-minded women*
- ◇ *Learn about current political issues*
- ◇ *Voter education/election participation*
- ◇ *Meet political leaders and candidates*
- ◇ *Learn about current legislation*
- ◇ *Assist with running for public office*
- ◇ *Attend conferences and workshops*
- ◇ *Interact with the political community*
- ◇ *Participate in community projects*

### ABOUT OUR CLUB

Our goals are to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government, to promote political education and activity, to work with the Republican Party to promote its principles and ideals and to work for the election of Republicans at the local, state, and national levels. Bring a friend and join us.



*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:**

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**CRP Convention in Sacramento March 18-20**

**Sonoma County Republican Party**

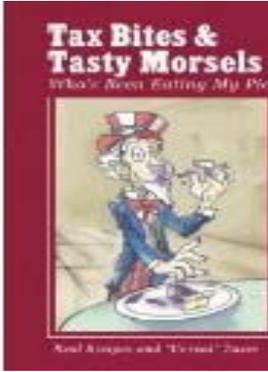
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## April 15 - Evening Meeting

### Tax Bites and Tasty Morsels



SRRWF is launching a Satellite group to accommodate current and new members who are unable to attend Tuesday LUNCH meetings.

Our inaugural meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 15 from 6:00-8:00 PM. All members, guests and friends are welcome so please mark your calendars.

Our speaker will be Susie Iventosch who has written Tax Bites and Tasty Morsels. Her message about economics is intertwined throughout her recipes. She will be selling her book and will make an appetizer for the meeting.

For address, directions and rsvp contact:

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### Calendar 2011

*Mark your calendar for the year. 4th Tuesday of each month*

- March 18-20 CRP Convention in Sacramento
- March 22 General Meeting - Matt Rexroad
- April 15 Evening Satellite Meeting
- April 26 General Meeting - Peter Friedman
- May 24 General Meeting
- June tba Patriots BBQ... Celebrate USA

**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.** 7:30 am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month Adel's, 198 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448 call 707.849-1454

#### 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  
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