



SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED December 2010

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SVRWF Meetings are held at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant
 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95124



Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, December 2nd, 2010
Social 11:30 AM., Lunch 12:00 PM, Cost \$20.00

Call Louise Kenney at (408) 739-4724 for reservations before noon Monday prior to meeting.
"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"

Menu Choices: Turkey with all the trimmings *OR* Ham with all the trimmings

Our guest speaker this month is Murriel Oles, CFRW Northern Division President



Murriel Oles is the current CFRW Northern Division President and will be at our lunch meeting to install our new slate of officers. Murriel is very active in the Federation and has held many offices and positions. She has served as the Auburn Area Republican Women Federated President as well as other roles at the Division level. Positions include: Parliamentarian, Conference Co-Chair, Advocacy Workshop Co-Chair, Corresponding Secretary, and Chaplain. Other Republican activities include Placer County Republican Central Committee member and Elections worker in Placer County. Murriel was one of the founders of the Republican Congress of Placer County back in 1999. She has served tirelessly in many capacities.

Murriel has been a Certified Paralegal since 1974 and is a retired Law Office Administrator. Native of South Dakota she and her husband Bob of 47 years have lived in Placer County since 1967. Together they have seven grandchildren and one great grandson. Murriel is also a three time breast cancer survivor and breast health advocate. Let's welcome Murriel Oles to our meeting December 2nd.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (11/23/10)

First, I want to thank all of the members of Silicon Valley for the last two years. It has been wonderful working with all of you and the board of directors has been fantastic. I have always said I have never belonged to a better organization. Everyone works so well together and everyone respects each other. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as your president.

I know that Eve Bretzke and the rest of her board of directors will have everyone's support, as well. I know that together, Eve and her board will bring the SVRWF to new heights.

A couple of weeks ago, Ellen Longworth, Shirley Harvey and I attended the Northern Division Fall Conference in Santa Rosa. The speakers were great and their subjects were timely. Two of the best were Susan Tully from FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform) speaking on immigration and Nonie Darwish, founder of Arabs for Israel, speaking on Sharia Law. Bravo to Northern Division CFRW for a fantastic Conference!

In January CFRW will also put on the annual Leadership Conference and if you are free, please plan to attend. And, if you are on the new board of directors, you should definitely attend. I have attended for many years and always come away with more knowledge each time. Please think about attending.

Please do not forget to bring donations for the Sunnyvale Community Center to our meeting and remember we will take up a donation for our wonderful waitress. She has done a terrific job taking care of us this year and we want to show our appreciation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Laura Riffle
President, SVRWF

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 2 SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00 Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino
Menu choices: Turkey or Ham
Installation of new officers: Murriel Oles, President of Northern Division CFRW
Cookies: Laura Riffle

Dec 9 9:30 am SVRWF Board Meeting Laura Riffle's home.

December 25 Merry Christmas



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MEMBER NEWS

SVRWF will be collecting donations for Sunnyvale Community Services. See attached flyer for items most needed for their Christmas Donation Drive. Help a local family in need. Bring your donations to the December meeting. Thank you for helping out our community.

We are looking for a Newsletter Editor for 2011: The club needs a Newsletter Editor for 2011. Our current Newsletter Editor will step down after five years. This position is very rewarding for someone who wants to expand their political knowledge on the local, state, and national level and make a contribution to our club. Contact Eve if you are interested or have questions.

LEGISLATION

Updates from NFRW, CFRW, and other sources

National Federation of Republican Women Increases Membership to More Than 75,000 Creative, Innovative Strategies Lead to Gains in More than 30 States: ALEXANDRIA, Va. - On Election Day, the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) achieved a membership increase over the previous year when total national membership surpassed 75,000. Thirty state federations already have equaled or surpassed their 2009 membership totals, with several more states on target to achieve similar results this year." The Federation and its leaders have worked hard this year to take this organization to a new level by implementing creative and innovative strategies to engage women in the political process," NFRW President Sue Lynch says. "We couldn't be more pleased with the resulting increase in membership, and we will continue our efforts to bring more women to the political table." Lynch attributes the NFRW's membership gains to many factors, including improved dissemination of information, expanded public relations and outreach efforts which have included national media exposure, increased usage of new media such as Facebook and Twitter, and collaboration with like-minded groups. Lynch says the elections also played a role. Republican women were energized by the Republican message and by the quality of Republican candidates, particularly the distinguished group of Republican women running at the federal and state levels. – *NFRW, Capital Connection, Nov. 15, 2010*

Republican Women Make Historic Gains Across Nation

- Every incumbent Republican woman running for federal or statewide office won reelection Tuesday, with the exception of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, whose race is still too close to call.
- According to the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), at least eight new Republican women won seats in the U.S. House, beating the previous record of seven Republican women newcomers in a single election. In addition, Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire won her race for the U.S. Senate. Two additional Republican women are still waiting for final calls on their close House races.
- At the state level, three new Republican women were elected governor: Susana Martinez of New Mexico, Mary Fallin of Oklahoma and Nikki Haley of South Carolina. According to CAWP, Martinez and Haley are the first women of color to head state governments. In addition, Jan Brewer won reelection as governor of Arizona, and at least a dozen Republican women were newly-elected to other statewide offices.
- Republican women also made gains in state legislatures across the nation. The National Conference of State Legislatures reports that preliminary reports show that Republican women gained more than 100 seats in state legislatures, from 529 in 2010 to 633 in 2011.

For more information, see the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#)

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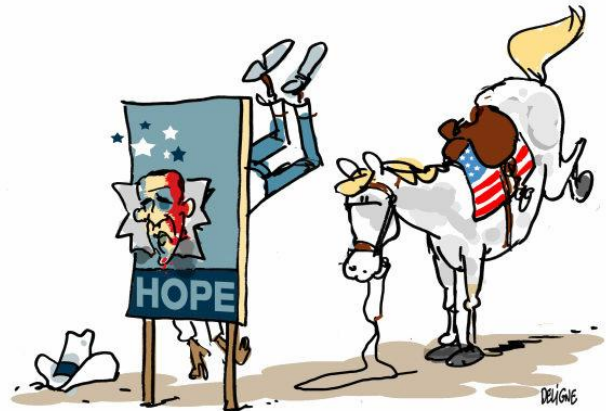
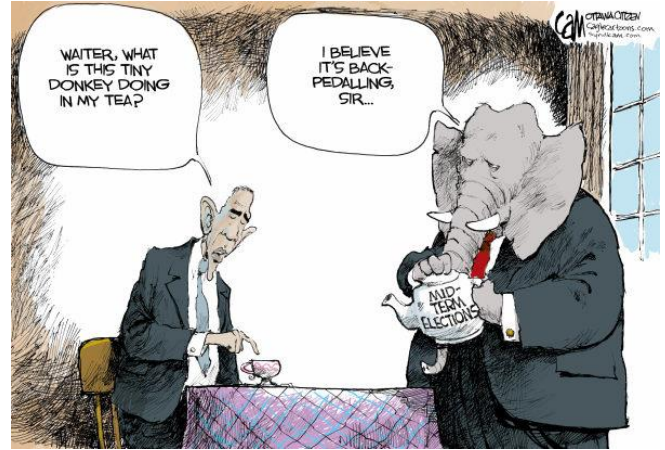
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About the NFRW: Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization recruits and elects Republican candidates, advocates the Party's philosophy and initiatives, and empowers women in the political process. For more information about the NFRW, visit www.nfrw.org

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