

# SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED DECEMBER 2009

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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 3rd.  
Social 11:30 AM., Lunch 12:00 PM, Cost \$20.00**  
*"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"*

**Menu Choices: Chicken Jerusalem – Breast of chicken lightly sautéed w/white wine and artichoke hearts *OR* London Broil – strips topped w/ sautéed mushrooms.**  
*Call Louise Kenney at (408) 739-4724 for reservations.*

**Our guest speaker this month is Karen Kennedy, First Vice President,  
Northern Division – California Federation of Republican Women.**

Karen was elected as Vice President, Northern Division for 2010-2011. She is past president of the Mid-Peninsula Republican Women Federated and has been active with the San Mateo County Republican Central Committee. Karen was awarded the 2001 Ronald Reagan Award for outstanding achievement as a volunteer as well as other volunteer awards and acknowledgements. Karen has attended campaign school and worked in several campaigns.

Born and raised in San Francisco Karen is married with three children. She has lived in San Mateo since 1963. Karen Kennedy will install our new officers for the coming year and speak to us about what is happening in Northern Division.

***Let's welcome our speaker and install our club's newly elected officers!***

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (11/20/09)

Merry Christmas... or at least almost! I hope you all had a terrific Thanksgiving and am now ready to decorate your homes for Christmas.

I just got back from the Northern Division CFRW Fall Convention in Concord. Alice Wilson and I shared a room and Doris Whitney attended accompanied by her husband, Bill. This was Alice's last year on the board as Recording Secretary but Doris will stay on the board as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Shirley Harvey has been in charge of sales so we have been well represented.

Friday evening was the President's dinner for Liz Froelich the 2008-2009 President. She loves hats so most of the women wore hats to dinner. There were many tributes to Liz and an accordion serenade, as well. It made you want to get up and Polka!

Saturday, we mostly took care of business in the morning. Abram Wilson, Mayor of San Ramon sang The Star Spangled Banner and made some remarks. He had a great conservative quote from his grandfather... "If you need a helping hand, grab your own wrists". In the afternoon we heard from Rick Keene, a former California Assemblyman. His topic was "Never Waste a Good Crisis: Putting the Train Back on Its Tracks". We also heard from Dave Stirling, author of Green Gone Wild. Both were very interesting and gave us a lot to think about. Saturday evening we were entertained by a harpist and a Blue Star Mom's group singing Big Band era songs. Everyone was dancing in their seats. We then heard from Mike Winther, from the Institute for Principle Studies and he spoke on "The Principles of the Constitution and Why They Matter". I hope we can get him to speak before our group. He goes out to schools to teach our Constitution and he is quite a constitutional scholar.

I hope more of you think about attending a conference, workshop or convention in the coming year or two, it really does help to know that there are a lot of Republicans out there who understand the problems facing our government with the Left Wing in charge. We do have a leadership conference coming up in January and the club will pay for the registration fee for anyone who wants to go. Please let me know if you are interested so that we can form a car pool.

Again, we say MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Laura Riffle*  
*President, SVRWF*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3	General Meeting: Karen Kennedy 2010-2011 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Northern Division CFRW will install the 2010 officers for SVRWF.
Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 10	Board Meeting place TBA.
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 20 or 23	Leadership Conference
April 20-21	Advocacy

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### MEMBER NEWS

Our SVRWF election was held at the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be installing our officers at the general meeting.

We will be collecting holiday donations for the Sunnyvale Community Services (see attached flyer) and our luncheon wait staff. Please take a look at most needed items and bring them to the meeting.

### LEGISLATION

#### *California Update from CRWF and other sources*

More than \$8 million in late fees for the government not paying bills on time. Accounting errors to the tune of \$34 million leading to overpayment of schools in Fresno. Corrections officials using \$22 million of your money to put up sex offenders in motels. These are just a few of the juicy tidbits detailed by Cal Tax in its recently updated report about waste, fraud and mismanagement in California state government, totaling \$600 million in documentable cases so far this year. Of course, there are innumerable other examples that cannot, as of yet, be documented, but perhaps spreading the word about this collection of stories will lead to more people coming forward with evidence. -- *Leonard Letter, Nov. 9, 2009*

Where are the Choices? Voters are lead to believe they are the choice makers, especially with the initiative process, but I am struck more by the absence of choice. For example, the voters were asked to approve a bond for high speed rail from northern to southern California. It was a simple up-and-down vote. They voted to approve the bonds without being told what else could be done with the money, or even if the taxpayers could afford to pay back the loans backing the bonds. I was half listening to a briefing on the proposed high speed rail plan when a slide came up that compared high speed rail to freeways and airports. For the same amount of money as the high speed rail we could get 3,000 lane miles of freeway. That got my attention. 3,000 miles is enough to add two lanes to I-5 from San Diego all the way to Oregon and still have enough money to convert Highway 99 to a full six- lane freeway from Bakersfield to Redding. It would be wonderful if voters were given multiple choices such as picking between bonds for rail or freeways or airports. For the maximum benefit to more people I would pick freeways. – *Leonard Letter 11/08/09 – BOE*

Guns & Numbers I saw a list this last week of the number of concealed carry weapons permits issued by county in California. The total number of permits in the state is 40,296. I have a friend in Alabama whose county alone has more CCWs than our entire state and he tells me that the crime rate there is much lower than ours. Indeed, criminals know where they can ply their trade with the least opposition and California is near the top of that list. If you need a refresher on gun and crime stats, check out the website of scholar and writer John R. Lott:

<http://www.johnlott.org/> -- *Leonard Letter 11/16/09 - BOE*

#### *National Update from NRWF and other sources*

"Nidal Malik Hasan, was unimpressed by our diversity. In fact, it may have been diversity that set him off. Hasan and other Muslim extremists don't practice diversity. They mostly practice Sharia law, which backlashes against anyone who won't submit to their fundamentalist view of the world. ... Why do so many American leaders seem ashamed and apologetic about America? Holding to the view that America is unexceptional and that no idea, policy, belief, or practice is to be preferred over any other is not diversity. Rather, it is thin gruel; unappealing and unappetizing, and it robs us of our strength. Did diversity build and sustain America through world wars and economic challenges? No, it was a firm set of principles held by patriots of many races who were willing to pay the price in money and blood. These days, we seem to be increasingly confronted with people who are the political equivalent of shoplifters: they want the benefits without paying the price. ... I grow weary of having to tolerate everything when none of those making such demands seem willing to tolerate much of what I believe. Shouldn't diversity be a two-way street instead of a roadblock?" --columnist [Cal Thomas](#)

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### *Other*

The Palin-Oprah Interview : On Levi Johnston's upcoming Playgirl spread: "I call that porn.... but I hope for the best, and pray for Levi." It's "a bit heartbreaking to see the road that he is on right now"... and "it's not a healthy place to be." On the Katie Couric interview: "I knew it wasn't a good interview." \_On not being invited on to Oprah's show last year (Oprah said she couldn't have taken the interview because she was actively supporting Obama) \_"No offense to you, but it wasn't the center of my universe." On a possible Presidential bid in 2012: "It's not on my radar screen right now." --  
*Posted by: Townhall.com Staff at 4:40 PM, Nov.16, 2009.*

"Advocates of government control want you to believe that the serious shortcomings of our medical and insurance system are failures of the free market. But that's impossible because our market is not free. Each state operates a cozy medical and insurance cartel that restricts competition through licensing and keeps prices higher than they would be in a genuine free market. But the planners won't talk about that. After all, if government is the problem in the first place, how can they justify a government takeover? *"Many people are priced out of the medical and insurance markets for one reason: the politicians' refusal to give up power. Allowing them to seize another 16 percent of the economy won't solve our problems. Freedom will."* -- *John Stossel, Award-Winning News Correspondent and Co-Anchor of ABC News '20/20', On Health Care and the Free Market*

"America once made the required nod to the Constitution. When We the People wanted to make some fundamental change or expand the federal government's reach, we did the right thing and amended the Constitution . ... If we once thought that we had to amend the Constitution to ban 'intoxicating liquors' and later had to again amend the Constitution to re-legalize the stuff, wouldn't we need an amendment to allow the government to intrude even more intimately into our lives? ... If Congress were to do the right thing and initiate an amendment to enshrine the 'individual mandate' in the Constitution ... it would fail miserably. If America is still America, Americans will not tolerate being told they have to buy something, especially if it's for no other reason than that they exist. ... I'm afraid Congress has not only misread the Constitution, but they've also misjudged the American people. Or maybe they just don't know what country they live in." --*Jon N. Hall at American Thinker*

"The American people are hearing a call to arms -- not literal arms, for our system can self correct. But we have to out-organize and out-pressure the Left. They have called us 'the enemy' ever since Alinsky's little book radicalized the revolutionaries of the Boomer Left after the violent revolutionary groups were readily suppressed. When somebody really considers you their enemy you have no choice. Either you return the compliment, or you get overwhelmed by the new Chicago Mob in D.C. The Left has shown how to fight from a position of the minority and win. American conservatives by a recent poll have a two-to-one majority. They are constantly undermined by the political Left: Ridiculed in the media, demeaned in the schools and universities, out-manuevered in politics at the state and national level by Leftists who are far nastier and far more ruthless than ordinary, decent Americans. This is a struggle for the country. We need to toughen up." --columnist [James Lewis](#)

Over the weekend in Singapore, President Obama acknowledged that a binding climate change agreement will be an unrealistic outcome from the Copenhagen Summit this winter. Over 192 countries will be participating in the climate change negotiations during the 2009 Copenhagen Summit. The focus of the Summit will now center on reaching a "political deal" that could serve as a framework for a future global climate change treaty. The lack of agreement over cap and trade legislation in the United States Congress has led to the postponement of a global climate change treaty. The outrageous cap and trade bill passed by the House this summer has come under intense scrutiny as more research has shown the devastating impact of the bill on the American economy and middle class families. The Senate will probably not consider any climate change legislation until sometime next year. The majority of Americans have been reluctant to support the United States taking on the economic and financial obligations of leading the world in drastic measures to combat climate change without the commitment of other developing countries. Other large industrial nations like India and China have remained noncommittal to the prospect of signing on to any legally binding international climate change agreements. – *NRWF Political Briefing, Legislative News, November 16, 2009*

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The results of Election Day 2009 brought great victories as new Republican governors were elected in both New Jersey and Virginia. Robert "Bob" F. McDonnell was elected as Governor with 59% of the vote in Virginia. Republicans William T. "Bill" Bolling and Kenneth T. Cuccinelli were also elected to the positions of Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, respectively. Virginia is also expected to have a net gain of at least five seats in the House of Delegates. Election 2009 in Virginia brought an end to the more than eight years of Democratic leadership in the state. Former U.S. Attorney Christopher J. "Chris" Christie beat the Democratic incumbent Governor Corzine to be elected as the next Governor of New Jersey with more than 49% of the vote. This victory came after several weeks of Governor Corzine campaigning with President Obama in hopes that being aligned with the President would help to bridge his significant trail in the polls. Both New Jersey and Virginia were carried by President Obama in the 2008 election. The NFRW salutes our two newest Republican Governors! Thanks to the NJFRW and VFRW for your hard work to help start the turning the tides for real change! Let's continue to prepare to win in 2010. -- *Political Briefing, Legislative News from National Federation of Republican Women, Nov. 4, 2009.*

"[Attorney General] Eric Holder's move to try the 9/11 masterminds in Manhattan makes it official: This administration has reverted to pre-9/11 'crime' fighting. Amid all the talk during the attorney general's surreal press conference of the 'crime' committed eight years ago, the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon wasn't even mentioned . Lest anyone forget, the military headquarters of the United States was attacked that day along with the Twin Towers. An entire wedge of the Ring was gutted when the Saudi hijackers slammed American Airlines Flight 77 into it. Nearly 200 military personnel were killed, along with the passengers and crew of the hijacked jet. The jet was a weapon used to attack the very center of our military. That was not a 'crime,' as some say. It was an act of war. And 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, along with the four other al-Qa'ida terrorist co-conspirators Holder wants to try, are no mere criminals. They are enemy combatants -- and should be treated as such. ... Holder clucked that the 'trials will be open to the public and the world.' And they will turn into circuses, playing right into the hands of the enemy. These trials will drag on for years, perhaps even decades, as defense lawyers file endless motions and appeals. Meanwhile, valuable intelligence about interrogation techniques and other methods we've used against al-Qa'ida will be revealed to the enemy during trial discovery. This move to a civilian court makes no sense at all, except viewed through a political prism. ... It will only remind people how much America has shrunk in the last nine months." --[\*Investor's Business Daily\*](#)

"From indictment to trial, the civilian case against the 9/11 terrorists will be a years-long seminar, enabling al-Qaeda and its jihadist allies to learn much of what we know and, more important, the methods and sources by which we come to know it. But that is not the half of it. By moving the case to civilian court, the president and his attorney general have laid the groundwork for an unprecedented surrender of our national-defense secrets directly to our most committed enemies." --*columnist Andrew McCarthy*

"President Obama traveled all the way to China to praise the free flow of information. It's the only safe place he could do so without getting heckled. With a straight face, Obama lauded political dissent and told Chinese students he welcomed unfettered criticism in America. Fierce opposition, he said, made him 'a better leader because it forces me to hear opinions that I don't want to hear.' How do you say 'You lie!' in Mandarin?" --*columnist Michelle Malkin*

"President Obama has repeatedly stated that his stimulus package has 'saved or created' hundreds of thousands of jobs. And hundreds of thousands of jobs have been created. In Unicornland." --*columnist Ben Shapiro*



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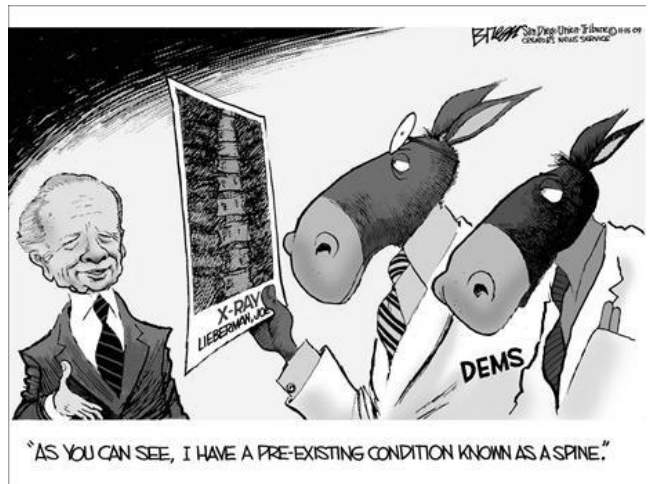
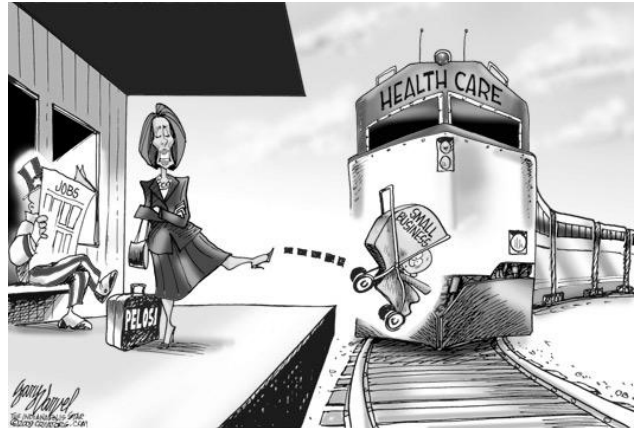
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