



SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED FEBRUARY 2011

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



Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, February 3, 2011

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: Shrimp Scampi- Tiger shrimp sautéed in light bordelaise & served on a bed of rice OR London Broil - Tender strips of London Broil w/Sautéed Mushrooms

Our guest speaker this month is Steve Lodge, Recently Retired Chief of Police of Santa Clara. His topic will be "Challenges of Crime Fighting in 2011".

After 10 years as chief and more than 30 years in the department, Steve Lodge retired from his job with a reputation for probity intact. What makes Lodge different from any other top cop is that he has been the only elected police chief in California. In fact, he was unopposed in his last two elections, in 2004 and 2008. Lodge's background--Wilcox High, West Valley College and San Jose State--helped him get hired in Santa Clara in 1980 by then-chief Manny Ferguson. As a 22 year old rookie, he was thrilled to be on the street policing the cruisers on El Camino Real. For four years, he served as an undercover narcotics cop. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1994 and to captain in 1997 before winning convincingly as chief in 2000. As chief, Lodge has participated in various civic organizations, deploying the radar that gave police extra incentive to solve two big cases: the 1977 killing of Mary Ann Quigley, which was solved through DNA in 2006; and the 2008 arrest of the "Paint Bomber", a guy who intensely irritated residents by tossing containers of paint onto city streets. Lodge can take pride in his legacy as the only elected California chief. Also he can take pride on having hired or promoted 107 of his 135 officers showing the quality of service the people are getting from the police department.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (01/25/11)

Our speaker this month will be Steve Lodge, Recently Retired Chief of Police of Santa Clara and his topic will be "Challenges of Crime Fighting in 2011". This will be an interesting and timely topic for all of us. I hope you can attend this months meeting and learn about crime fighting right here in our own backyard. This would be a great speaker to invite a friend or neighbor to come and hear.

Thanks to all of you who have sent in your renewal dues: Patron Members, Regular Members, and Associate Members. We have an updated Membership brochure available to members who want some information to share with others who may be interested in joining our club, pick one or two up and share them with like minded friends and family.

Our club was represented well at the Northern Division Leadership Seminar January 22nd in Rancho Cordova. Gloria Estes, Doris Sloniker, June Mills, and I attended. Muriel Oles, our Northern Division president and her team presented an impressive Leadership Seminar and provided an excellent Leadership Guide. We all came home with some great resources and ideas that we can share. If you ever have thought about attending one of the regional events that Northern Division and/or the CFRW puts on, I strongly encourage you to do so. They are a great way to get to meet other members from all over and have a good time.

Please take a moment to look over the budget that is enclosed in Regular Member newsletters only. We will be voting to accept our budget at the February 4th meeting. I will not be able to attend the general meeting this month due to a previously scheduled commitment. Gloria Estes, our first Vice President will preside over the meeting in my absence. Thank you Gloria! I look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

Best regards,

Eve Bretzke
President, SVRWF



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb. 3 | SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00 Blue Pheasant Restaurant,
22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino; Menu choices: London Broil OR Shrimp
Scampi. Cookies: Gloria Estes |
| Feb. 10 | 9:30 am SVRWF Board Meeting @ Laura Riffles Office |
| Mar. 18-20 | CRP Spring Convention, Sacramento Hyatt |
| Apr. 18-19 | Advocacy Workshop, Sacramento |
| April 30 –May 1 | CFRW Northern Division Conference, Chico |

Enjoy the coming month with Ronald Regan's birthday (6th), Abraham Lincoln's birthday (12th), Valentines Day (14th) and George Washington's birthday (22nd). It is a month with many reason's to celebrate and to be proud to be a Republican Woman!

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MEMBER NEWS

Save the Date! May 5th, 2011 is our club's 50 Anniversary and we be having a Dinner Meeting to celebrate. More information to follow as it becomes available. Contact the events committee if you would like to volunteer to help.

Newsletter Editor Wanted: The club needs you! This position is very rewarding for someone who wants to expand their knowledge and make an important contribution to our club. This position covers legislation issues and the monitoring of news from Northern Division, CFRW, and NFRW. This position works closely with the board members and committee chairmen.

Social Media User(s) Wanted: The newsletter is in need of content that is of interest to our members on an ongoing basis. Items of particular interest are local issues and news. If you use social media like Facebook or Twitter and would like to share some of the interesting things that you find, please submit to Newsletter@svrwf.org.

UPDATES from CFRW, NFRW, and other sources



CFRW Capitol Update, Friday, Friday, January 21, 2011

They're Baaaack... It has been about a month into the 2011/12 legislative session and already the Assembly and Senate have introduced over three hundred bills. Of those introduced, 173 bills are ordinary Assembly bills and 118 ordinary Senate bills, meaning they are not resolutions or constitutional change bills (the legislature already has their fair share of those as well). But not all of these "ordinary" bills are fully functional yet, many of them are "spot" bills, which means a Legislator or Committee will introduce a bill with a general title and summary to hold the place for another bill to replace it after the deadline to introduce bills is passed. The last day to introduce bills is February 18th.

Our CFRW Legislative Analysts have already begun to track legislation, but the major focus of the Legislature right now is the budget. Both the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees have introduced budget "spot" bills and they continue to hear testimony from the Department of Finance regarding Governor Brown's budget proposal. Although the budget is the center of attention, there are a few bills that we are tracking which I feel are important for our members to be aware of. The CFRW has not taken a position either way regarding the following bills, but we are currently tracking their progress.

AB 77- Gorell (R-37): An ambitious bill from brand-new Republican Assemblyman Gorell. This legislation aims to abolish the Franchise Tax Board. Yes, you read that right. Abolish the Franchise Tax Board and have its duties absorbed by the State Board of Equalization. Hallelujah.

AB 130- Cedillo (D-45): Assemblyman Cedillo is trying again to pass the California Dream Act. The bill is the same, exempting illegal immigrants from nonresident pay for higher education (California community colleges, CSUs and technical/vocational schools), except this time we don't have Governor Schwarzenegger to veto it.

ABX1 2- Logue (R-3): Assemblyman Logue has already introduced a number of bills that aim to protect Californians from many regulations. This particular bill would protect us from superfluous California Air Resource Board fees. "Existing law subjects violators of air pollution laws to specified civil and administrative penalties. Existing law imposes various duties on the State Air Resources Board relative to the reduction of air pollution. This bill would authorize the state board, in lieu of assessing penalties for a violation of an air pollution control law administered by the state board, to require a person who has violated that law to spend an

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(cont) amount equivalent to the amount that would have been assessed for the violation toward actions to comply with the air pollution control law that was violated or toward a supplemental environmental project, as defined”. Brilliant!

SCA 2- Wyland (R-38): Senator Wyland has an interesting proposal to reshape our legislature. This bill would revise our biennial legislative session to require that odd numbered years would solely be budget sessions and even numbered years be general sessions. This means that the Legislature would adopt a budget for 2 fiscal years, instead of one as we have now. During a budget session year, the Legislature would convene only to conduct budget business, i.e. revenue and expenditure bills, budget implementation bills, economic growth proposals, etc.

As I read and track legislation this session, I am already pleasantly surprised by the leadership and ingenuity of our Republican representatives. While we have much to be wary about with this new Democrat leadership, I believe that we have strong-willed, morally grounded, fiscally sound Republicans in office to defend us from higher taxes, out of control regulations and inefficient government. If you would like more information on current or specific legislation, please email me at advocate@cfwr.org. Also, Capitol Update feedback is always welcomed, so please let me know what I can do for you! -- *Allison Olson, Legislative Advocate, CFRW*



NFRW Political Briefing: Legislative News for the Week of January 17, 2011

House Republicans Vote to Repeal Obamacare!

On January 19, the United States House of Representatives voted to repeal the Obamacare bill with a vote of 245-189. Three Democrats joined with House Republicans to vote for the repeal. The bill will now head to the Senate where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has promised to block the bill from coming to a vote. Today, the House plans to vote to instruct 4 committees to draft and move forward alternative health care legislation that will replace the Obamacare overhaul. The House Appropriations Committee will be playing a key role in the efforts to halt the implementation of Obamacare. The Committee controls the funding the agencies need to implement the law's requirements. The Congressional Budget Office predicts that the federal government would need about \$20 billion over 10 years to meet all of the legislation's requirements. Chairman Hal Rogers has said one of their first steps will be to cancel \$12 billion in funding to the IRS for agents to enforce the law. Twenty six states are currently challenging the bill in a lawsuit against the Obamacare bill.

New House Leadership:

Republican Leadership: House

Speaker of the House: Rep. John A. Boehner (R-OH)

Majority Leader: Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA)

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Republican Leadership: Senate

Minority Leader: Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

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"Truth in Testimony" Rule: House Republicans plan to bring back the "Truth in Testimony" rule, requiring anyone who testifies before Congress to declare any money they receive from the federal government in the form of aid, loans or grants. The rule was created by the Contract with America bunch in 1995 and it exposed a number of leftist groups that were receiving major amounts of funding from the government. Former Republican Rep. David McIntosh of Indiana first sponsored the idea. "It forced liberal advocacy groups to come clean in admitting how much federal money they were getting," he said recently. "Many groups that were said to be unbiased experts were actually financially benefiting from the programs they were testifying to get more money for." The rule drifted into obscurity, however, as Democrats refused to follow it. They didn't want the truth exposed that three out of four "expert" witnesses are always asking for more money, and only one in four supports smaller government. Returning the Truth in Testimony rule to the books may change this for the better. --<http://patriotpost.us/edition/2011/01/14/digest/>

Steele Out As RNC Chief - Wisconsin Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus was voted in as RNC chairman last Friday, denying the embattled Michael Steele a second term. Priebus will be tasked with erasing the RNC's \$20 million debt and reconnecting with donors who sat out the 2010 cycle. While Steele presided over a historic midterm election victory in 2010, he turned off a lot of Republican supporters with his many verbal miscues, his lavish use of donor funds, and the negative media attention he drew to himself. Priebus pledged to raise \$400 million for the 2012 elections, and he stressed the importance of recapturing the White House.

"Democrats are deriding [Wednesday] night's House vote to repeal ObamaCare as 'symbolic,' and it was, but that is not the same as meaningless. The stunning political reality is that a new entitlement that was supposed to be a landmark of liberal governance has been repudiated by a majority of one chamber of Congress only 10 months after it passed. This sort of thing never happens. More House Members -- 245 in total -- voted to rescind the new entitlement than the 219 Democrats who voted to create it last March." --*The Wall Street Journal, 1/19/2011*

OTHER

"The same organization [the FCC] that forced all consumers to buy Ma Bell-made telephones for decades, the same FCC that enforced speech codes via radio 'fairness doctrines,' the same FCC that took two decades after its invention to OK cellular technology for the marketplace and acted similarly sluggishly with cable and satellite innovation has no business online. It has a history of hurting consumers, not protecting them." --*columnist David Harsanyi*

Family Feud, Reagan Style

Atheist Ron Reagan Jr, youngest child of our former president, has once again buried his Leftist hatchet in his late father's back ... this time for his personal financial gain. Unlike his Leftist older sister Patti, who reconciled with their father in the last several years of the president's life, Junior made headlines (thus promoting his new book) on the eve of 100th anniversary of his father's birth by claiming that his father already exhibited symptoms of Alzheimer's while still in office. President Ronald Wilson Reagan eventually succumbed to that ailment in 2004, some 15 years after the conclusion of his term in January 1989. Ron Jr.'s comments sparked a bitter protest from his adopted older brother Michael, who tweeted, "my brother was an embarrassment to my father when he was alive and today he became an embarrassment to his mother." Michael Reagan counters that his father had sufficient mental acuity for several years after his presidency was over, with one piece of key evidence being his appearance and remarks at the Republican National Convention in 1992. It's well remembered that Reagan himself went public with his diagnosis in 1994, noting, "I now begin the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life." For those who recall the era, the Left's animosity toward President Reagan made today's political arguments look tame by comparison. However, many of those who mocked him during the era of his presidency may be in the odd position of honoring him next month as Senators Jim Webb and Dianne Feinstein are organizing an effort to have fellow senators make floor statements in Reagan's honor on Feb. 3. (His birthday is Sunday, Feb. 6.) Indeed, Ronald Reagan set a benchmark for subsequent presidents to follow. Unfortunately, none since has been his equal. – *Patriot Post Digest • January 21, 2011*

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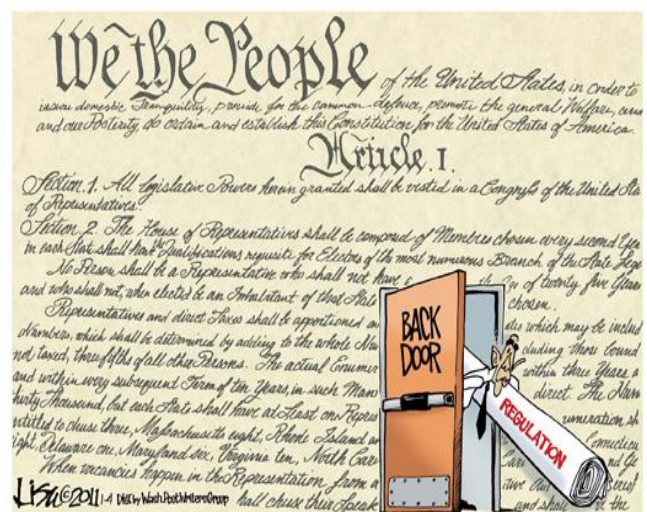
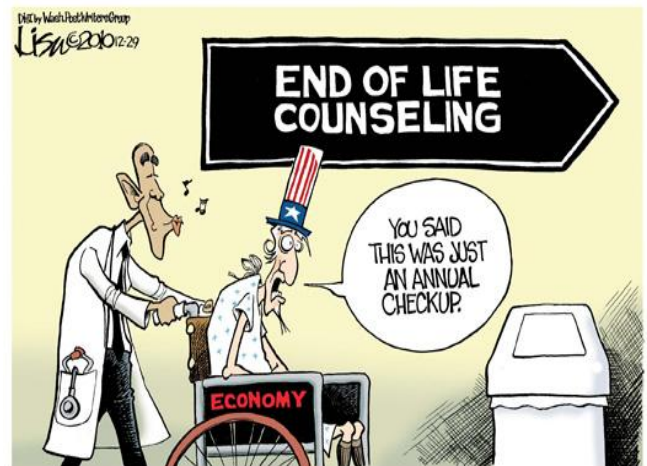
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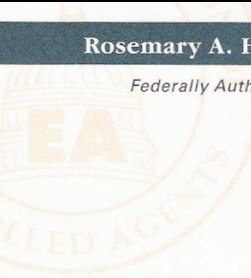


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- ◇ *Meet political leaders and candidates*
- ◇ *Learn about current legislation*
- ◇ *Assist with running for public office*
- ◇ *Attend conferences and workshops*
- ◇ *Interact with the political community*
- ◇ *Participate in community projects*

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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.

