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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, June 2nd, 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.
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Menu Choices: Roasted Pork Loin w/Garlic Rosemary Sauce *OR* Chicken Caesar Salad - Fresh Romaine w/ Chef's own Caesar dressing, fresh parmesan, homemade croutons, and grilled chicken breast.

Our guest speaker for our June 2nd luncheon meeting is Mike Wasserman, Supervisor, Santa Clara County District 1. His topic will be "Budgets".

Mike Wasserman was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in November 2010 after serving eight years on the Los Gatos Town Council as Mayor and Councilmember. Mike has been a resident of Santa Clara County for more than 50 years. Described as having "a head for numbers and a heart for people," Mike has proven that balancing budgets and maintaining high-quality public services can be done when the focus is on the people you represent.

Prior to his election to the Board of Supervisors, Mike served on 29 local and regional committees. In recognition for all his community involvement, Mike has received many awards. Mike's 2011 County Committees and Board Assignments are too numerous to list---all while maintaining a balanced budget and not reducing services. Mike has a degree in Psychology from the University of Southern California, is a Registered Tax Preparer and a Certified Financial Planner. He has been married to his college sweetheart, Kim for more than 30 years and they have two adult children - Nicole and Sean.

Bring a friend ~ Next meeting Sept. 8th

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (05/25/11)

Hi Everyone. We will be having our last general meeting June 2nd before summer recess. Our speaker will be the honorable Mike Wasserman, County Supervisor - District 1. I hope that you can join us for a great program and catch up on recent political happenings around town and beyond -- redistricting and the budget come to mind as hot topics of the moment. This would be a great event to bring a friend who is interested what is going on right here in our area.

Thank you to those who were able to participate in the recent public meetings and ongoing dialog about the state's redistricting process and outcomes. Please share your thoughts and experiences at the next meeting so we can understand the issue better. Although each of us cannot attend all events or contact officials about all issues, our club's membership makes a difference when we do show up. For more information on what is happening with the state's redistricting and how you can get involved visit www.fairthelines.org/.

The club's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Meeting held May 5th was a night to remember. We had a great time, enjoyed a great meal, and enjoyed the evening with our speaker Shawn Steel, special guests, and members. Our club has been established for 50 years and it really shows with all the support and community service our membership has shown over time – Congratulations Silicon Valley Republican Women Federated for being a great part of our community.

By the way, on the same day that our club turned 50 -- May 5, 2011 -- was the day of the 50th anniversary of the first flight in outer space by an American (May 5, 1961), NASA astronaut Alan Shepard, a decorated naval aviator veteran of WWII, a U.S. Navy commander at the time of the flight, and a retired Rear Admiral. This really shows just how far we have come as a nation and as a RWF Club! Thanks to everyone who has helped make this club a success!

Best regards,

Eve Bretzke
President, SVRWF



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 2 | SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino.
<u>Speaker</u> : Mike Wasserman, Supervisor, Santa Clara County District 1. <u>Cookies</u> : Barbra Ferguson |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| June 29 | <u>Letter to the Editor Writing Workshop</u> , 1:00 PM, presented by Keith DeFlippis. For more information contact Kay Young at (408) 446- 4144. |
| Aug 11 | SVRWF Board Meeting – Time/Location TBA |
| Sept 5 | Labor Day |
| Sept 8 | SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino.
<u>Speaker</u> : Roseann Slonsky-Breault, CFRW-ND VP. <u>Cookies</u> : June Mills |

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MEMBER NEWS

Letter to the Editor Writing Workshop, June 29th at 1:00 PM, presented by Keith DeFlippis. Have you ever been upset about or want to express yourself in the public square on an issue? Well, here is your chance to learn how to do it in a safe and fun environment. Keith DeFlippis offers attendees a lesson on how to express your thoughts and feelings in a way that editors will take notice, and hopefully publish. For more information contact Kay Young at (408) 446- 4144.

Northern Division RW Spring Conference Report by Kay Young, Regional Director, CFRW-ND

The Spring Conference at Chico was very educational. Our first speaker was California Senator Doug Lamalfa. He spoke about Governor Brown's idea to release prisoners. These people were convicted of HARD crimes. We should not free them into our society. He said Brown is trying to follow Obama's spending policies. Spending and raising taxes. He wants to raise our automobile license fees. Assemblyman Dan Logue, the minority leader, told us about his trip to Texas to interview Businesses that left California to set up shop in Texas. John Fund of the Wall Street Journal accompanied him and the trip was in the national media. He believes the people understand that the Government is controlling Business and the economy and in 2012 we will see a tsunami against the Democrats. On Sunday we heard from Congressman Wally Herger. He spoke about our deficit. Forty two cents of every dollar we spend is borrowed money. We have a 1.6 Trillion dollar deficit. He emphasized that a trillion is 1,000 BILLION !! "God bless Paul Ryan and the new freshmen congressmen," he said. They are a breath of fresh air and they have "Had it up to here..." He believes the "real world" understands what the other side is doing and they know we spend more than we take in. The next election will stun the Democrats. California boards and commissions: I attended a workshop led by Cheryl Bly-Chester of the Auburn RWF on California Boards and Commissions. California has 340 boards and commissions. Each board has a paid union staff. And the board is appointed. They are not accountable to any elected official. Actually, the Staff and board attorneys control the board as they are 20 - 30 year employees. Board members come and go. Cheryl called this tyranny of bureaucracy. She recommends attending some board meetings either in person or on line .

UPDATES from CFRW, NFRW, and other sources



May Revise CFRW Update 5/20/11

On Monday, Governor Brown issued his May Revise budget proposal. In the new proposed budget, the Governor still relies heavily on tax increases to reduce the deficit to \$9.6 billion. Governor Brown continues to endorse the extension of higher vehicle, sales and income taxes to help reduce the deficit. Although Governor Brown claims that if these tax extensions are not passed cuts as deep as \$5 billion could be made to education, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) says that this is not entirely true. After analyzing the Revise, the LAO stated that the Governor and the Legislature need to work together in not only raising taxes, but also raising revenue and making cuts to spending. It sounds like more of the same, old song. According to our state constitution, the budget is due on June 15th.

AB 459 CFRW Update 5/20/11

Earlier this week, AB 459 (Hill, D-19) passed out of the Assembly and is now being heard in the Senate. If you will recall from last week's Capitol Update, AB 459 would establish a National Popular Vote and would abolish the Electoral College for California. Last week the CFRW Voting Body voted to OPPOSE AB 459. AB 459 will be assigned to a Senate Committee soon, so please be ready to send letters, faxes and emails to let our representatives know that we OPPOSE AB 459. Click [here](#) to read an analysis of the constitutionality of National Popular Vote, by John Eastman (as sent by RNC Committeeman Shawn Steel).

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National Federation of Republican Women Praises U.S. Military, Intelligence Experts for Capturing Bin Laden
ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Sue Lynch, president of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), issued the following statement about the apprehension and death of terrorist Osama bin Laden. “On behalf of the National Federation of Republican Women, I send profound thanks and gratitude to our exceptional military forces and counterterrorism experts who worked with great diligence, courage and skill over the past 10 years to successfully apprehend Osama bin Laden. Although we must remain ever vigilant to the threat of terrorism, words cannot express how indebted our nation is to those who carried out this perilous mission to bring bin Laden to the final justice he deserved. Our prayers continue to be with those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001, and in other terrorist attacks engineered by bin Laden, that the justice administered to this evil terrorist yesterday brings them some amount of peace and relief.” 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 works to promote the principles and objectives of the Republican Party, elect Republican candidates, inform the public through political education and activity, and increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government. For more information about the NFRW, visit www.nfrw.org.

Netanyahu wows Congress -- In a muscular and well-received address to a joint session of Congress Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made the case for why his nation should not return to its pre-1967 borders as part of a future peace agreement with Palestinians — a question over which he has jostled with President Barack Obama in the past week. *JONATHAN ALLEN Politico -- 5/24/11*

It's Madness For Republicans to support liberal attack on the Electoral College by Shawn Steel 05/12/11:
Circumventing the U.S. Constitution to further political agenda is normally the Left’s shtick, which makes it surprising to see Republicans rallying to the National Popular Vote (NPV), the latest liberal attempt to end-run the Constitution. NPV would replace the state-by-state electoral system with the direct election of the president by guaranteeing an Electoral College majority to the popular vote winner. This would be accomplished by convincing states to enact legislation binding them to award their electoral votes to the national popular vote winner – even if that candidate fails to carry the state. Once the number of states enacting NPV laws have at least 270 electoral votes among them, they will have imposed de facto direct presidential election on the rest of the country. So far, eight states, representing 77 electoral votes, have enacted NPV laws. This maneuver cunningly side-steps the Constitution’s cumbersome amendment process and allows NPV proponents to do away with our centuries-old electoral system on the say-so of fewer than half the states in the Union (doubtless causing Madison to spin in his grave). NPV was birthed from the womb of the Left and is being financed by Tom Golisano, a billionaire who supported John Kerry for president and previously spent \$93 million on three campaigns for New York Governor as the nominee of the Independence Party (which he created). Golisano is using his vast wealth to employ GOP lobbyists and politicians to sell this liberal brainchild to Republicans (he doesn’t need to convince liberals). Some simple online research of the issue makes clear that Golisano is bankrolling on extensive PR campaign targeting Republicans. Unfortunately, a dismaying number of Republicans are buying into it. In states like Missouri, Oklahoma and South Dakota, Republican legislators are carrying the NPV ball. In the GOP-controlled Minnesota legislature, the Republican-sponsored NPV bill has passed the state House and recently cleared a key state Senate committee.

In my home state of California, NPV is being carried by the Assembly Republican Caucus chairman. What would possess any Republican leader to propound a scheme so clearly contrary to the Founding Fathers’ constitutional design? In my state of California, is justified to Republicans with complaints that we are “taken for granted” by presidential campaigns that in 2008 raised \$150 million here but spent a scant \$28,000, and promised National Popular Vote will magically make us relevant again. What we aren’t told is how NPV will restore a state GOP that is shut out of every statewide office, or why future presidential campaigns will spend more of their finite funds on California’s very expensive media markets, rather than push for a popular vote majority in less expensive states – and still get California’s 55 electoral votes under NPV rules. NPV proponents cite the four times in our 235-year history in which the presidential

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(cont.) winner lost the popular vote – but their solution will create the quadrennial spectacle of watching a number of states vote for the Republican nominee only to have their electoral votes go to the Democrat, and vice versa. Take, for example, the states that have enacted NPV: Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington, Vermont (and DC). All went for John Kerry in 2004, but under NPV their electoral votes would have gone to George W. Bush. NPV has other problems: for example, Article 1, Section 10 of the Constitution prohibits states from entering into agreements or compacts with each other without Congress' permission, casting doubt on the constitutionality of NPV, which is essentially a compact among the enacting states. Republicans should be incensed at the National Popular Vote campaign's cavalier attitude toward the Constitution. Our electoral system was conceived by the greatest political minds America has ever produced. The Founders thought it the best possible system for electing the chief executive of the Union. It manifests that we are a republic, rather than a democracy. It reflects that we are a federal union of sovereign states, rather than a unitary central government with 50 administrative units. Presidential electors represent the voters of their states, but NPV would frequently force electors to act in opposition to the expressed will of the citizens they represent. That is the fundamental contradiction at the heart of this dishonest initiative. Republicans flirting with this constitutional end-run should also remember a major priority of the Tea Party movement – which re-energized the GOP as the party of limited government and fueled its 2010 election triumph -- is returning the Constitution to the center of our national political life. Given these realities, it makes little sense for Republicans to support an extra-constitutional attempt by the Left to gut the Electoral College in the vain hope it might provide some political advantage for the GOP. In 2010, Republicans gained a record 680 state legislative seats and took control of 26 state legislatures, and now have 29 governorships. It's in the GOP's power to stop this liberal end-run around the Constitution. For my part, I plan to ask the Republican National Committee to oppose NPV at our spring meeting, because it will be to our eternal regret if Republicans serve as its mid-wives. – *Shawn Steel is the Republican National Committeeman from California and a former chairman of the California Republican Party.*

"In the real world, debt ceilings are determined by lenders, not borrowers. In March, Pimco (which manages the world's largest mutual fund) calculated that 70 % of U.S. Treasury debt is being bought by the Fed. So under the 2011 budget, every hour of every day, the US government spends \$188 million it doesn't have, \$130 million of which is 'borrowed' from itself. There's nobody else out there. In other words, however Congress votes, we're rubbing up against the real debt ceiling -- the willingness of the world to continue bankrolling American debauchery." --*columnist Mark Steyn*

OTHER

"What's missing in all the talk about the 'Arab Spring' and 'democracy' is any examination of what democracy means and whether it necessarily makes things better... Authoritarian regimes or strong democracies enforcing the rule of law, can offer these minorities some protection against the anger of the mob. Remove all authority, however, and the result is often violence. That's what Middle Eastern Christians are afraid of. Their fears aren't helped by the fact that most westerners don't seem to understand that it takes more than elections to create a good or democratic government. ... The institutions we take for granted in the West, the ones that help safeguard the rights of minorities, are rare and they are next-to-non-existent in places like Syria and Egypt. Without them, you get democratic tyranny, mob rule by the majority. This is why Christians, who believe that man is a fallen creature, have always supported democracy underpinned by checks and balances and the rule of law. That's why we call it a 'Republican form of government.' And that is why we must be wary of what some people call 'democracy,' particularly for its effect on religious minorities." --*commentator Chuck Colson*

"All of our ruling-class institutions -- academia, courts, government, media and entertainment industries -- are teeming with closed-minded, hard-Left ideologues who seek to 'fundamentally transform America.' Consider that, according to the nonpartisan Pew Research Center, self-identified liberals outweigh their conservative counterparts in the mainstream media by a 5-1 margin.... Still, liberals -- or 'progressives,' as they prefer to be called -- persist in laboring under an embarrassing misconception: They honestly believe they remain the nonconformists. It's precious. In fact, today's liberals are nothing of the sort. They compliantly conform -- like little windup, patchouli-daubed lemmings -- to a carnival-prize caricature of what they imagine nonconformity to look like. You know, the usual stuff: neo-Marxism, environmentalist activism, sexual relativism, big-government nanny statism, an actions-without-consequences rendering of reproductive rights, and other such populist nonsense. Simply put, today's progressive nonconformist conforms." --*columnist J. Matt Barber*

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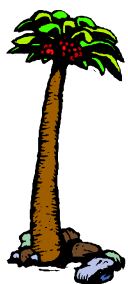
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