



SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED MAY 2011

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**Our next meeting is Thursday, May 5, 2011 and we are having a
50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Meeting**
Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Cost \$50.00

Call Naomi Blais at (408) 252-0658 to make reservations and arrange to pay before April 30th!
"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"

Menu Choices: Broiled Salmon OR Chicken Buona Donna OR Prime Rib.

Our guest speaker for our 50th Anniversary Celebration is Shawn Steel,
immediate Past Chairman, California Republican Party. His topic will be
"How to Stop the Democrat Hegemony".

Shawn Steel's Republican activism dates back to his teenage days. He served as High School State Chairman for Ronald Reagan when he first ran for Governor. Thereafter he was elected as Chairman of California Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), leading opposition against left wing student groups on college campuses. Since then, Shawn Steel has served in countless positions within the Republican Party-from grassroots volunteer to Party Treasurer to Secretary of the Lincoln Clubs to CRP Chairman. In February of 2001, Shawn Steel was elected Chairman of the California Republican Party and served until 2003. Near the end of this term, Shawn co-chaired, along with Ted Costa, the successful Recall Democratic Governor of California Gray Davis Movement. In February 2008, Shawn defeated the incumbent by 22 points to become new National Committeeman, for the California Republican Party. Born and raised in California, Shawn attended Los Angeles area public schools and earned his BA at CSU-N, a Masters in History from the University of Southern California. Shawn later earned his Juris Doctorate.

Don't miss out on this very special celebration for our club! See you there.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (04/22/11)

This month we have much to celebrate and be glad for. The weather has turned nice once again, spring is in the air, and we have our big celebration dinner meeting this month. We have been busy planning for May 5th for the clubs 50th anniversary (1961-2011). We will have Shawn Steel, Republican National Committeeman from California and past chair of the California Republican Party, as our featured speaker. Make your reservations now to attend the upcoming dinner meeting complete with special menu, raffle, and silent auction with many wonderful items available. Be sure to send in your payment with menu choice to Naomi (see flyer on back page for details). It is going to be a memorable evening.

The 36th Annual Advocacy Workshop was held April 19-20, 2011 in Sacramento. Our club did not sponsor any students this year but please remember those high school students for next year that may be interested in attending. The CFRW Northern Division Conference will be held in Chico April 30 –May 1. We have at least one member attending this event. If you are interested in attending, you may be able to register last minute. Let me know if you would like more information. These events are always very informative and worthwhile. I encourage you to attend these events if you can.

Some spring housecleaning...members should have all received their updated Membership Rosters for 2011 by now. If anyone did not receive it, let me know. Use this resource to keep in touch with members who may not be able to make the meetings and keep them updated on what is happening in the club, especially during the summer months when there are no meetings or newsletters. Note that we have a few corrections (listed on next to last page). Also, if you are interested in receiving the club newsletters via email only, let either myself or Laura Riffle know. This will help us communicate more efficiently and reduce costs. If you haven't visited our club website lately, check it out at www.svrwf.org.

Hope you all have a wonderful rest of April with family and friends. I look forward to celebrating 50 years of Republican Women in Silicon Valley May 5th! See you there.

Best regards,

Eve Bretzke
President, SVRWF



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 5 | Special Dinner Meeting: SVRWF 50 th Anniversary Celebration, \$50 per person.
Menu choices: <u>Broiled Salmon</u> OR <u>Chicken Buona Donna</u> OR <u>Prime Rib of Beef</u> . |
| May 12 | Board Meeting: Laura Riffle's Office, 9:30 AM. Hostess: June Fromm |
| May 21 | Armed Forces Day |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| Jun 2 | SVRWF General Meeting. Cookies: Barbara Ferguson |

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MEMBER NEWS

Donations for the 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration raffle and silent auction should be brought to the event that evening or make special arrangements with our Events Chairman, Barbara Ferguson for pickup/drop off, call 408 739-0795. Thank you in advanced for supporting our club's fundraising efforts.

A newly formed satellite club called "West Valley After Five" sponsored by our sister club, West Valley RWF is now meeting the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30PM. If you know of a Republican woman who can't make daytime meetings due to work or childcare, this may be of interest. For more information contact Kathy Kerber at 408-858-2960.

UPDATES from CFRW, NFRW, and other sources



CFRW

California Federation of Republican Women

SB 17: SUPPORT: The California Federation of Republican Women's Voting Body decided yesterday to SUPPORT SB 17 (Blakeslee, R-15). SB 17 would require that the final Budget Bill and any budget related provisions be posted online and available in print for 72 hours prior to a budget vote by the Legislature. More often than not in years past, the budget was voted on in the middle of the night or the early hours of the morning after a marathon session with so many budget trailer bills that it was impossible for our representatives to really understand what exactly was being voted on. Is that truly an open and transparent budget process? No. But SB 17 would allow for the public to view the Budget Bill as well as give our representatives plenty of time to fully understand the vote at hand. With the Governor's May Revise of the budget right around the corner, this bill is much needed. Now we need your help! SB 17 is being heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on April 27th. Letters in SUPPORT of SB 17 need to be sent to BOTH Senator Blakeslee and Governance and Finance Committee Chair Lois Wolk. – *Capitol Update April 15, 2011*

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Gov. Brown signs law requiring 33% of energy be renewable by 2020 - Experts predict that utilities would have to raise electricity rates an average of 19%, leading some firms to move manufacturing jobs out of the state. One state study said that meeting the mandate would cost utilities about 7% more than current levels of coal and natural gas use.

At the March California Republican Party Convention in Sacramento, the Party adopted a new process for nominating and endorsing candidates under the Top Two primary system. Historically, preprimary endorsements by the CRP were rare, and the winner of the primary was automatically the nominee. However, approximately a year ago the party adopted rules that allowed party insiders to pick nominees and that potentially denied party support to Republican candidates facing Democrat opponents if they did not have the blessing of this small group. The newly adopted bylaw favors voters, not insiders, and commits the CRP by 2014 to develop a candidate endorsement process that allows all registered Republicans, including military voters serving overseas, to participate. For the 2012 election, endorsements can be made using the existing special election endorsement system. This allows endorsements if a candidate is supported by a two-thirds vote of each Republican County Central Committee in the district, and confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the CRP Board of Directors. The new system designates as our nominee a single Republican who files for a partisan office or a single Republican facing a non-Republican in a runoff. With these decisions made, we must now work to get fair districts and to find and prepare the Republican candidates who can win them. – *Luis Buehler, BAGOP Newsletter, April 2011*

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Today, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) released a bold new FY 2012 budget which puts America on the "Path to Prosperity" by cutting \$6 trillion in federal spending over the next ten years.

THE PATH TO PROSPERITY - KEY OBJECTIVES

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION: Fosters a better environment for private-sector job creation by lifting debt-fueled uncertainty and advancing pro-growth tax reforms.

SPENDING CUTS AND CONTROLS: Stops Washington from spending money it does not have on government programs that do not work. Locks in spending cuts with spending controls.

REAL SECURITY: Fulfills the mission of health and retirement security for all Americans by making the tough decisions necessary to save critical health and retirement programs.

PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH CARE: Repeals and defunds the President's health care law, advancing instead common-sense solutions focused on lowering costs, expanding access and protecting the doctor-patient relationship.

RESTORING AMERICA'S EXCEPTIONAL PROMISE: Tackles the existential threat posed by rapidly growing government and debt, applying the nation's timeless principles to this generation's greatest challenge. Ensures that the next generation inherits a stronger, more prosperous America.

THE PATH TO PROSPERITY - KEY FACTS

SPENDING

- Cuts \$6.2 trillion in government spending over the next decade compared to the President's budget, and \$5.8 trillion relative to the current-policy baseline.
- Eliminates hundreds of duplicative programs, reflects the ban on earmarks, and curbs corporate welfare bringing non-security discretionary spending to below 2008 levels.
- Brings government spending to below 20 percent of the economy, a sharp contrast to the President's budget, in which spending never falls below 23 percent of GDP over the next decade.

DEBT AND DEFICITS

- Reduces deficits by \$4.4 trillion compared to the President's budget over the next decade.
- Surpasses the President's low benchmark of sustainability - which his own budget fails to meet - by reaching primary balance in 2015.
- Puts the budget on the path to balance and *pays off* the debt.

TAXES

- Keeps taxes low so the economy can grow. Eliminates roughly \$800 billion in tax increases imposed by the President's health care law. Prevents the \$1.5 trillion tax increase called for in the President's budget.
- Calls for a simpler, less burdensome tax code for households and small businesses. Lowers tax rates for individuals, businesses and families. Sets top rates for individuals and businesses at 25 percent. Improves incentives for growth, savings, and investment.

GROWTH AND JOBS

- Creates nearly 1 million new private-sector jobs next year, brings the unemployment rate down to 4 percent by 2015, and results in 2.5 million additional private-sector jobs in the last year of the decade.
- Spurs economic growth, increasing real GDP by \$1.5 trillion over the decade.
- Unleashes prosperity and economic security, yielding \$1.1 trillion in higher wages and an average \$1,000 per year in higher income for each family.

--Information courtesy of House Budget Committee Website. Click here to visit the House Budget Committee Website for more information on the FY 2012 budget.

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Celebrate Our History: Of the many voting demographics that can be reached through grassroots movements, women are the largest. Since Ronald Reagan's reelection in 1984, women have consistently out-voted men in every successive presidential election. There is no question that women continue to become increasingly involved in not only electing government officials, but being government officials themselves. There are currently [39 Republican women](#) serving as Governors, Lt. Governors, US Senators and US House Members. This past year, [three new Republican female Governors](#) were elected along with [one new Republican female Senator](#) and [nine new Republican female House members](#). In the same year, we saw a groundswell of women activists and volunteers working to support Republican candidates. Women voters have high stakes in the current issues since women make [75% of buying decisions](#) and [80% of health care decisions](#). Women are also the ones who often balance the family checkbook and handle doctor visits, making national politics very relevant to women's daily lives and their ability to care for their families. Women comprise a diverse voting bloc including school teachers, small business owners, attorneys, and entrepreneurs. The diversity of women's professions means they have diverse interests in governmental policy. Their diversity also brings a wide range of expertise and personal experience to the national debate, making women very influential in the grassroots campaigns to bring the Republican message to more Americans. Through both large national groups, and by forming smaller and local groups, women can have even greater influence in helping to achieve support for the Republican Party in the times ahead. I look forward to working with all of you to strengthen and grow our Party. Together we can build on our successes in 2010, return a Republican majority to the United States Senate, and defeat Barack Obama in 2012. God Bless our great country and God Bless each of you. -- *Sharon Day, Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee.*

OTHER

"Islamist extremism and oppression of women go hand in hand. And while the correlation between poverty and terrorism is often overstated, the correlation between prosperity and women's liberation is profound. Female education is tightly linked with GDP growth, lower birthrates and even higher agricultural yields. It's also tightly linked with human freedom and decency, which is why no Islamic 'spring' is possible without a feminist revolution. Countless Islamist countries practice gender apartheid and countenance wife-beating, honor killings and female genital mutilation. ... But there are signs of hope as well. [In a widely circulating video, Veena Malik, a Pakistani model and actress, tears apart a smug Islamist mullah berating her for being 'un-Islamic.'](#) [Not only does she stand up for a modern humane Islam that can tolerate women and 'fun,' she tells the cleric, 'I am more angry with you people than you are with me.'](#) Malik offers heroic moral clarity that should cheer anyone who has lamented the lack of moderate Muslims willing to condemn the extremists. And she offers a reminder for us all that the real war for women's equality is now a battle to be fought in foreign lands." --columnist [Jonah Goldberg](#)

"The immediate political goal was to inoculate the White House from criticism that it is not serious about the fiscal crisis, after ignoring its own deficit commission last year and tossing off a \$3.73 trillion budget in February that increased spending amid a record deficit of \$1.65 trillion. Mr. Obama was chased to George Washington University [Wednesday] because Mr. Ryan and the Republicans outflanked him on fiscal discipline and are now setting the national political agenda. Mr. Obama did not deign to propose an alternative to rival Mr. Ryan's plan, even as he categorically rejected all its reform ideas, repeatedly vilifying them as essentially un-American. 'Their vision is less about reducing the deficit than it is about changing the basic social compact in America,' he said, supposedly pitting 'children with autism or Down's syndrome' against 'every millionaire and billionaire in our society.' [The President was not attempting to join the debate Mr. Ryan has started, but to close it off just as it begins and banish House GOP ideas to political Siberia. Mr. Obama then packaged his poison in the rhetoric of bipartisanship -- which 'starts,' he said, 'by being honest about what's causing our deficit.'](#) The speech he chose to deliver was dishonest even by modern political standards." --[The Wall Street Journal](#)

Donald Trump Breaks Through the MSM Iron Curtain: Billionaire Donald Trump may be a publicity junkie and questionable presidential material. Although who am I to say, just look at what we got right now—but he makes for one awesome Obama attack dog. With the self assurance that only money, power and celebrity can buy, Trump has been knocking down the walls the main stream media have erected around the President to expose parts of his background that liberals would prefer never see the light of day. Trump has raised the issue regarding Obama's birth certificate from conspiracy theory to legitimate topic of conversation. -- *Canada Free Press, by Fred Dardick*

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1964 Slate of New Officers

SV Republican Women Seat New Officers

LAST YEAR'S ROSTER... is given a review by newly installed officers of Sylvania's Republican Women, Federated, and the National American Chairmen of the National Federation of Republican Women. Mrs. Merrill R. Hasner (seated left), seated at front with Mrs. Hasner is Mrs. Frank Menagh (far left) first vice president; and Mrs. Jerry Wozniak, president. From left to right standing are: Mrs. William J. Albin, treasurer; Mrs. Marvln Gillson, secretary; and Mrs. John K. Miller, second vice president. (Photo by Lee Pillsbury)

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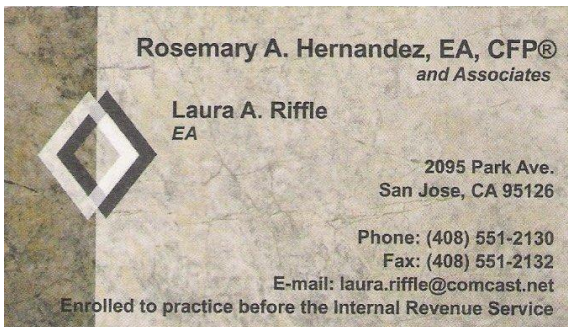
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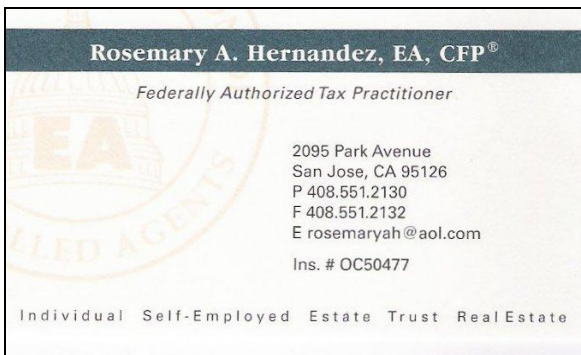
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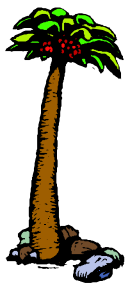
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About the NFRW: Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization recruits 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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Silicon Valley Republican Women Federated
Special Dinner Meeting

You are invited to come celebrate the club's 50th Anniversary

May 5th, 2011

Blue Pheasant Restaurant

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95124

Cocktails at 5:00 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM

Featured Speaker: Shawn Steel

Republican National Committeeman from
California and past chair of the California
Republican Party

**Cost: \$50 – Send payment c/o Naomi Blais,
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