



SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED NOVEMBER 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, November 5th.

"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"

Social 11:30 AM., Lunch 12:00 PM, Cost \$20.00*

Menu Choices: Broiled Salmon - Fresh King Salmon w/ Dill Sauce OR Sicilian Chicken - Breast of Chicken topped w/ tomatoes and mushrooms

Call Louise Kenney at (408) 739-4724 for reservations.

Our guest speaker this month is Art Churette, Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy, Ret., will tell stories of World War II as SVRWF celebrates Veterans Day.

Art Churette was born in Minneapolis in 1922 where he spent his boyhood. In September 1940 he joined the US Naval Reserve and was called to active duty in April 1941 as an Apprentice Seaman. He served aboard two ships in the Pacific until March 1944. By this time Art has risen to the enlisted rating of Storekeeper 1st Class. Art was then admitted into the Navy's V-12 college training program. After attending Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and the University of New Mexico, Art was commissioned in 1946 an Ensign in the Navy Supply Corps. He then served on several ships and shore stations.

In 1952, he was selected by the Navy to attend Business School at Harvard University where in 1954 he earned his MBA. After retirement from the Navy in 1964, he was hired by Stanford University as a fund raiser. He retired from Stanford in 1991, as Development Officer Emeritus, after 26 years of service. Since retiring, his principle involvement has been with the San Joe Family Shelter, the only shelter in Santa Clara County devoted exclusively to housing and reinvigorating entire homeless families. Art has served on the Board of Directors for the past 17 years. He and his wife Helen moved to Los Gatos Meadows eight years ago from their home of 37 years in Los Altos, CA.

Let's welcome our speaker and celebrate our Veterans at this months meeting!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (10/23/09)

Fall is in the air and the year is winding down. I would like to say we can sit back a bit and enjoy the coming holidays but we must keep ever vigilant on the doings of our elected officials.

I don't ever remember a time that saw them acting so completely against the will of the majority of the people. It is amazing the number of people who are becoming aware of the rapid changes the administration is making. Now we need to help them vent their frustration. Please invite your friends to our meetings and do what you can to get the word out that "We the People" must now speak up.

Many of us are attending Tea Parties to let our elected officials see the number of people willing to come out and show their frustration with the direction the President and Congress are taking the country. The Republican Party is working hard to get strong candidates in place to run against the Democrat incumbents. We need to support these efforts with our time, energy and money. While money may be tight for many, candidates always appreciate precinct walkers and phone callers. Please consider what you can do to let your voice be heard.

Now let us remember it is November the month we honor our Veterans and so please bring any memorabilia you have from yours or your loved one's time in the service to our country. We also have to be aware many of our women took over jobs during World War II that the men had been doing before they went off to war. We have more than one Rosie the Riveter in our group. God Bless the men and women who have worked and are working to keep our country free.

Finally Happy Thanksgiving to everyone I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday and get your fill of turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie!

Laura Riffle
President, SVRWF

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 5 | General Meeting Blue Pheasant Restaurant, Cupertino
11:30 gathering 12:00 meeting
Speaker: Art Charette, Honoring our Veterans
Remember donations for Adopt a Chaplain and the
Palo Alto Veterans Hospital |
| November 11 | Veterans Day |
| Nov. 12 | Board Meeting: 9:30 am at Laura's office, 2095 Park Ave. San Jose |
| Nov.13-15 | Northern Division CFRW Convention, Concord
Honoring God, Country and Family |
| Nov. 26 | Happy Thanksgiving |

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MEMBER NEWS

SVRWF salutes our Veterans in honor of Veterans Day, November 11th. Bring donations for our troops to our meeting. Special request items include DVD's and CD's, extra Halloween candy (chocolate is OK!), and small sized personal products. We will also be taking a donation for the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. **We invite all members to bring photos and memorabilia from your favorite veteran to share at this months meeting.**

Our SVRWF election will be held at the Nov. 5th meeting. The present officers have been nominated to serve in their current offices for the year 2010. Anyone wishing to nominate someone from the floor should be sure to get permission from the person being nominated. Candidates for 2010 are:

- President: Laura Riffle
- 1st Vice President: Ellen Longworth
- 2nd Vice president Membership: June Fromm
- Secretary: Gloria Estes
- Treasurer: Naomi Blais

Fundraiser Update: Jane Reed is now taking orders for See's candy. See order form in back of newsletter. Also, the club made over \$600.00 with our mini golf tournament. Way to go.

LEGISLATION

California Update from CRWF and other sources

Ten Worst Bills (Out of 478) that Governor Schwarzenegger Signed into Law per CRWF Legislative Update :

SB 54 (Leno) -Recognizes out-of-state homosexual marriages; violates basic principles of Props 8 and 22 and traditional marriage and family values.

AB 962 (DeLeon) - Restrictions and requirements on handgun ammunition sales.

SB 572 (Leno) -- Declares May 22nd as Harvey Milk Day; champions homosexual political agenda to detriment of parental consent, traditional family values.

SB 18xxx (Ducheny) - Establishes major reductions in public safety by eliminating supervised parole for broad categories of felons; limits the ability to revoke parolees to state prison for parole violations, and allowing for six weeks of credit PER YEAR off an existing sentence.

SB 83 (Hancock) - Violates the 2/3rds vote principle of Propositions 13 and 218 to authorize a countywide transportation planning agency to place a majority vote ballot measure before the voters authorizing the imposition of an annual fee of up to \$10 for every vehicle registered in the county for the purpose of funding congestion management and pollution mitigation programs.

AB 1053 (Solorio) - Weakens public safety by providing for a 90-120 day early release of Division of Juvenile Justice wards who will be released from division custody because they will reach either the maximum custody time or the jurisdictional age limit (either age 21 or 25, depending on the offense).

SB 104 (Oropeza) - Harms businesses and increases consumer costs by expanding the scope of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) by adding nitrogen trifluoride to the definition of "greenhouse gas.")

AB 108 (Hayashi) - Increases healthcare costs for all by prohibiting health plans and health insurers, after 18 months from the issuance of an individual health plan contract or health insurance policy, from rescinding the individual coverage for any reason, and prohibits canceling, limiting, or raising premiums in a contract or policy due to any omissions, misrepresentations, or inaccuracies in the application form, whether willful or not.

AB 119 (Jones) - Similarly increases healthcare costs for all by prohibiting health plans and health insurers from charging a premium, price, or charge differential for health care coverage because of the gender of the prospective subscriber, enrollee, policyholder, or insured.

AB 286 (Salas) - In a manner similar to many measures, extends fee authority without the 2/3rds vote threshold of Propositions 13 and 218 extends the sunset date from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2018 on the authority permitting counties to impose a \$1 annual vehicle registration fee (additional \$2 on commercial vehicles) -- without a vote of the people.

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National Update from NRWF and other sources

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) has challenged Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and President Obama on a long term fix for doctor pay that isn't paid for in recent health care legislation.

Senate Republicans are fighting to include an extension of the popular homebuyer's tax credit in an upcoming unemployment bill. Comprehensive health care reform legislation is predicted to hit the floor by the first week in November. Senate Republicans are demanding two months of floor debate for any final health care legislation. Negotiations are continuing with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Democratic Senators, and Senior Obama Administration Officials over the health care legislation. **There are no reports that CNN will cover these closed door conversations like President Obama promised in his health care speech to the joint session of Congress.** House Democratic leaders may attach the DC House Voting Rights Act (giving the District of Columbia a full House seat) to the Defense Spending bill. House Minority Leader John Boehner has formed a team of economic experts to counter the Obama Administration's claim that the economy has rebounded under their economic policies.

"Very rarely did we communicate through the press anything that we didn't absolutely control." -Anita Dunn, WH Communications Director during a conference in the Dominican Republic in January 2009. On October 8, the House Ethics Committee announced they would expand their (over year long) investigation into allegations regarding Democratic Congressman Charlie Rangel, (D-NY), to include the "revised" personal financial disclosure forms Rangel submitted in August 2009 after leaving off more than \$600,000 in assets on his original forms. – *NFRW, Oct. 19, 2009*

House Republicans have called for the removal of Rep. Rangel as the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. House Minority Leader John Boehner issued the following statement: "Given the expanded investigation announced today, it is past time for Speaker Pelosi to insist that Chairman Rangel step aside until the Ethics Committee completes its work. The American people won't stand for having a chairman of the House's tax-writing committee who is under investigation for not paying his taxes. What more has to happen before Speaker Pelosi does the right thing? "New reports today show, based on the release of third quarter fundraising reports to the Federal Election Commission, Charlie Rangel was the top recipient of campaign contributions from lobbyists. Rangel reportedly received approximately \$125,000 in contributions from three lobbying groups. – *NFRW, Oct. 19, 2009*

"The most revelatory passage in the so-called 'plain English' version of the health care bill that the Senate Finance Committee approved on Tuesday (without ever drafting the actual legislative language) says that in the future Americans will be offered the convenience of getting their health insurance at the Department of Motor Vehicles. This is no joke. If this bill becomes law, it will be the duty of the U.S. secretary of health and human services or the state governments overseeing federally mandated health-insurance exchanges to ensure that you can get your health insurance at the DMV. You will also be able to get it at Social Security offices, hospitals, schools and 'other offices' the government will name later. Page 19 of the committee's 'plain English' text says: 'The Secretary and/or states would do the following: ... Enable customers to enroll in health care plans in local hospitals, schools, Departments of Motor Vehicles, local Social Security offices, and other offices designated by the state.' This is the bill's most revelatory passage because it sublimely symbolizes the bill's true aim: a government takeover of the health care system. You do not get food at the DMV. You do not even get auto insurance at the DMV. But under what The Associated Press inaptly calls the Finance Committee's 'middle-of-the-road health care plan,' you will get health insurance at the DMV." --*columnist Terence Jeffrey*

U.S. Cedes Control of Internet: Global access *to* the Internet is poised to become global control *of* the Internet. With little fanfare, Washington has quietly ceded control over the technology the United States developed and shared with the rest of the world in the first place. According to the UK Guardian, the change came in the form of a contract negotiated between the U.S. Department of Commerce and ICANN, the California-based company that "ultimately controls the development of the internet thanks to its oversight of web addresses such as .com, .net and .org." In essence, the new agreement ended the old one between ICANN and the U.S. government, "opening the door for a virtual United Nations, where many officials gather to discuss potential changes to the internet." -- *UK Guardian*

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Other

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What you don't know can hurt you:

- House energy and global warming bill, passed June 26, 2009. 1,200 pages. Available online 15 hours before vote.
- \$789 billion stimulus bill passed Feb. 14, 2009. 1,100 pages. Available online 13 hours before debate.
- \$700 billion financial sector rescue package passed Oct. 3, 2008. 169 pages. Available online 29 hours before vote.
- USA Patriot domestic surveillance bill passed Oct. 23, 2001. Unavailable to the public before debate.

"[O]n Thursday, the administration tried to make [the MSM] complicit in an actual boycott of Fox. The Treasury Department made available Ken Feinberg, the executive pay czar, for interviews with the White House 'pool' news organizations -- except Fox. The other networks admirably refused, saying they would not interview Feinberg unless Fox was permitted to as well. The administration backed down. This was an important defeat because there's a principle at stake here. While government can and should debate and criticize opposition voices, the current White House goes beyond that. It wants to delegitimize any significant dissent. The objective is no secret. White House aides openly told Politico that they're engaged in a deliberate campaign to marginalize and ostracize recalcitrants, from Fox to health insurers to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. There's nothing illegal about such search-and-destroy tactics. Nor unconstitutional. But our politics are defined not just by limits of legality or constitutionality. We have norms, Madisonian norms. [James] Madison argued that the safety of a great republic, its defense against tyranny, requires the contest between factions or interests. His insight was to understand 'the greater security afforded by a greater variety of parties.' They would help guarantee liberty by checking and balancing and restraining each other -- and an otherwise imperious government. Factions should compete, but they should also recognize the legitimacy of other factions and, indeed, their necessity for a vigorous self-regulating democracy. Seeking to deliberately undermine, delegitimize and destroy is not Madisonian. It is Nixonian." --*columnist Charles Krauthammer*

Non-partisan local elections are the rule in North Carolina, so when Kinston voters overwhelming approved non-partisan elections for the town, the result should have been non-controversial. However, the Obama Justice Department overruled the change on the ground that equal rights for black voters cannot be achieved without the Democrat Party prominently displayed on a ballot. Justice's rationale was that white voters in Kinston will vote for blacks only if they are Democrats and that, therefore, the city cannot drop party affiliations for local elections because that would violate black voters' right to elect their "candidates of choice." This in a city where blacks account for more than 60 percent of registered voters and where no one can recall a Republican winning office. A Justice Department spokesman denied that the decision was intended to help the Democrat Party. However, the decision was made by the same Justice official (Voting Czar?) who ordered the dismissal of a voting rights case against members of the New Black Panther Party in Philadelphia. So much for "post-partisanship." -- *Patriot Post Digest · Friday, October 23, 2009*

"Our party must be the party of the individual. It must not sell out the individual to cater to the group. No greater challenge faces our society today than ensuring that each one of us can maintain his dignity and his identity in an increasingly complex, centralized society. Extreme taxation, excessive controls, oppressive government competition with business ... frustrated minorities and forgotten Americans are not the products of free enterprise. They are the residue of centralized bureaucracy, of government by a self-anointed elite. Our party must be based on the kind of leadership that grows and takes its strength from the people. Any organization is in actuality only the lengthened shadow of its members. A political party is a mechanical structure created to further a cause. The cause, not the mechanism, brings and holds the members together. And our cause must be to rediscover, reassert and reapply America's spiritual heritage to our national affairs. Then with God's help we shall indeed be as a city upon a hill with the eyes of all people upon us." --*Ronald Reagan*

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