



SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED November 2010

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SVRWF Meetings are held at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant
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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, November 4, 2010
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: London Broil - Tender strips of London Broil w/Sautéed Mushrooms *OR* Sicilian Chicken-Breast of Chicken w/Tomatoes and Mushrooms

Our guest speaker this month is Ben Ferguson of Adopt-a-Chaplain.

Adopt-a-Chaplain is a non-profit, local group that supports our troops through the chaplains who serve them. By providing needed items in the form of weekly care packages of comfort foods and toiletries, a chaplain can provide a non-threatening "excuse" for soldiers to drop in for a visit. Chaplains also visit troops at forward operating bases. With no PX available, the chaplain is a source of goods they would not otherwise receive. Weekly, Adopt-a-Chaplain volunteers gather to sort, box and ship requested items to our chaplains.

Ben Ferguson grew up on a farm outside of Dallas, TX. After high school he served in the U S Navy at Moffett Field and aboard the carrier USS SHANGRI LA (CVA -38). Following Naval service he earned a BA in Business Administration at San Jose State College. Following college he earned a Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and pastored churches in Texas and California. After retirement Ben became actively involved in Adopt-a-Chaplain ministering to our chaplains who shepherd their flocks in harm's way. His primary ministry is serving as a chaplain to our chaplains. In that capacity he communicates with deployed chaplains letting them know that someone at home cares for them personally. He encourages them when they feel alone, listens to their frustrations, and offers counsel from his experiences as a pastor and observer of life - a lot of life! He and wife, children, grand children, and cats live in San Jose, California.

SVRWF celebrates Veterans Day!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (10/25/10)

We only have days to go before the historic Election of 2010! Let us hope that it is everything we are hoping for. I have to thank all of you for the work you have put in during this election season. Between all of us we have had precinct walkers, phone bankers, campaign workers and even candidates.

We have also had members out at the tea party events. This Saturday Eve Bretzke (with her husband and twin sons), Rosemary Hernandez, Ellen Longworth, Jim Harvey and I were at GOP Headquarters for a Carly “Get-Out-The-Vote” phone bank and photo-op. What high energy! And, what a great candidate she is!

By the time you get this there won’t be much left to do other than make a few last minute phone calls to Republicans who haven’t voted yet by absentee ballot. If you have the time, please let headquarters know and they will put you to work. The phone number is (408) 246-6600.

Our year is drawing to a close and we will be having the election for our new officers at the November 4th meeting. I am pleased to present the slate of candidates for 2011:

President: Eve Bretzke
1st Vice President: Gloria Estes
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Secretary: Doris Sloniker
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Please remember that this is our Veteran’s Day meeting and we will have Rev. Ben Ferguson from Adopt-A-Chaplain as our speaker. Please bring donations for our soldiers that Ben can take with him. Also we will take up our annual collection for the Palo Alto Veteran’s Hospital so... bring your checkbooks with you.

See you on November 4th and we should have a lot to be thankful for that day. Remember to vote!

Laura Riffle
President, SVRWF

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov 2 | ELECTION DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you haven’t voted get to the polls. |
| Nov 4 | SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00 Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino Speaker: Ben Ferguson. Also Collection for Palo Alto Veteran’s Hospital. Cookies: Anita DeSmet |
| Nov 11 | SVRWF Board Meeting - 9:30 AM Eve Bretzke’s home. Veteran’ Day Fly your Flag! |
| November 13 & 14 | NDCFRW Conference Santa Rosa |
| November 25 | Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy family, feast and this great Country we live in. |

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MEMBER NEWS

SVRWF salutes our Veterans in honor of Veterans Day, November 11th. Bring donations for the Adopt-a-Chaplain program and the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital Most requested items include snack items (chocolate OK!), greeting cards, and small sized personal products. Also, we will be taking cash donations 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.**

Remember to get your Vote By Mail ballot in the mail ASAP! If you are voting on Election Day view the Santa Clara County Republican Voter Guide available on our club's website at www.svrwf.org.

LEGISLATION

California Update from CRWF and other sources

CA Budget Update Here is a quick outline of the passed \$87.5 budget plan: 1) Presumed \$5.3 billion in federal aid 2) \$1.5 billion in employee pension cuts 3) \$1.1 billion in corrections savings 4) \$7.5 billion in cuts including aforementioned employee pension and corrections cuts 5) Assumes \$2.5 billion in revenue 6) Shifts \$2.9 billion in loans and selling of state properties

The Governor decided to veto SB 1460 (Cedillo, D-22), the California Dream Act, that would have allowed illegal immigrants going to college in California to pay in-state tuition.

Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) introduced legislation for the lame-duck session that would **repeal right-to-work laws** in 22 states. Currently, workers in those states employed in unionized companies can choose whether to join the union and pay dues. In the other 28 states, known as "forced dues" states, it's legal for unions to mandate that all workers pay union dues and to fire workers who don't comply. This is a blatantly obvious power grab by unions and their minions in the Democrat Party. Sherman disguises it as an attempt to level the playing field for "forced dues" states like his native California that "have to compete with the race to the bottom as our companies have to compete with those where the workers would like better wages, working conditions and benefits but are unable to organize to get them."

National Update from NRWF and other sources

MEDIA ALERT: Rise of the Republican women. It's hard to say whether it's a measure of progress or stagnation that the last election cycle dubbed "The Year of the Woman" - with its implication of novelty and transience - was when the Democrats put up many of them in 1992. (President George H. W. Bush, on when his party might nominate a woman for president: "This is supposed to be the year of the woman in the Senate. Let's see how they do. I hope a lot of them lose.") Now, 18 years later, after the historical primacy of women in the 2008 presidential election, here we are again. This time, it's the GOP that has seen an unprecedented influx of women run for office - 128 filed to run for the House, though not enough made it through the primaries to constitute a record number of Republican candidates. In the general elections, there are 47 Republican women running for the House, five for the Senate and five for governorships. The number of high-profile races involving Republican women in places like Delaware, California and Connecticut - some featuring political neophytes - has furthered the sense that the party may be undergoing a fundamental shift." There's a story that underlies what we're seeing," says Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. "These big, marquee races, the GOP nominating women for both governor and Senate in California - that's significant. South Carolina put forward a woman for governor. That's the only state legislature in the country that does not have a woman serving." The governor's races in Oklahoma and New Mexico have women on both tickets, which means, either way, those states will have their first female governor. There is also the new brand of female politician, the middle-aged former CEO - Linda McMahon, Carly Fiorina, Meg Whitman - "coming from the private sector and taking the express ramp into politics at the highest level,"

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(cont.) as Walsh puts it. Yet many prominent female leaders on both sides of the aisle find the phenomenon perplexing. Why, really, has it taken the GOP this long? And just how great is it when women make up 54% of the electorate yet hold only 17% of the seats in Congress? "We've always been here," says Sue Lynch, president of the National Federation of Republican Women. But it's only recently, Lynch says, that the 72-year-old NFRW has become "very aggressive about informing women and asking them to run. And they see that the door is open, and they shouldn't be intimidated by men." She, like most everyone who spoke for this piece, cited the rise of Sarah Palin as a game changer. "There has been a dearth of role models for women in the party at the highest levels," says Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony list. Her group is the pro-life, conservative answer to the pro-choice organization Emily's List, which works to get Democratic women elected. -- *By Maureen Callahan, NFRW News, October 18, 2010.*

"[ObamaCare's] march to the sea is only beginning and the trail of destruction will grow. The last six months have seen 2011 premium increases as high as 9% due to Obamacare; multibillion-dollar corporate write downs by Verizon, AT&T, Caterpillar and others; disruption in the insurance markets leading to the erasure of child-only policies and other types of specialty coverage as shown in the McDonald's imbroglio; the Administration beginning to impose price controls on premiums; insurers withdrawing private options from Medicare Advantage; and Democratic protection of a 1099 tax reporting mandate that will slam small businesses. Republicans should be repeating all of these tangible harms in a litany, while predicting the damage to come." -- [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Voters more likely to see Democrats as dominated by extremists: Likely voters in battleground districts see extremists as having a more dominant influence over the Democratic Party than they do over the GOP. This result comes from The Hill 2010 Midterm Election Poll, which found that 44 percent of likely voters say the Democratic Party is more dominated by its extreme elements, whereas 37 percent say it's the Republican Party that is more dominated by extremists. The revelations in a survey of 10 toss-up congressional districts across the country point to problems for Democrats, who are trying to motivate a disillusioned base and appeal to independents moving to the GOP ahead of the Nov. 2 election. The polling firm Penn, Schoen and Berland conducted the survey, contacting 4,047 likely voters by phone between Oct. 2 and Oct. 7. The margin of error for this sample is 1.5 percent. More than one in every five Democrats (22 percent) in The Hill's survey said their party was more dominated than the GOP by extreme views. The equivalent figure among Republicans is 11 percent. Results for independent voters reflected the larger sample. Forty-three percent of likely independent voters said the Democratic Party is more dominated by its extreme elements, compared to 37 percent who thought the GOP had fallen under the sway of extreme views. The figures by party do come with one caveat: Because the voter sampling size is smaller, the margin of error by party is 4.5 percent. The data surprised Democratic strategists and political experts in a campaign season when much media attention has focused on the battle between the GOP establishment and Tea Party-backed candidates such as Sharron Angle in Nevada and Christine O'Donnell in Delaware. They said it suggests problems for a Democratic Party seen as too liberal.-- By Alexander Bolton - 10/14/10.

Other

Citi Shares Proving a Tough Sell for Government: Remember the government's "emergency" bailout of Citigroup last year? Well, it seems despite Washington's promise to fully divest itself of all Citigroup shares by the end of 2010, extracting itself from private business is proving a tough sell -- literally. "The U.S. government is in danger of missing its [year-end] deadline ... after a fall in stock market trading volumes prompted authorities to slow down sales in July and August," reports the UK Financial Times. "By the end of August, less than half of the government's 7.7 [billion] shares in Citi had been sold, with the average number of shares sold per day falling sharply, the latest official data show." If you missed this story, you're not alone. [NewsBusters](#) contributing editor Tom Blumer notes that virtually all U.S. media skipped covering it. "It would appear," Blumer writes, "that the establishment press might be interested in keeping a lid on stories indicating that once the state gets in the business ownership door, it's very hard for it to get out -- assuming it even really wants to."

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Why Mama Grizzlies Run the Tea Party. Liberals in the media seem puzzled about why so many women are showing up at Tea Party rallies, not to mention the existence of Tea Party-backed candidates such as South Carolina's Nikki Haley and Nevada's Sharron Angle. Lesley Stahl of CBS News gave voice to this confusion on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program this week: "I wanted to ask all the gurus here why so many of the Tea Partiers are women. I find that just intriguing and don't quite understand why that has happened." -- *John Fund*

Will Rental Property Owners Have to Fill Out 1099s? While many of us are still scratching our heads as to how the innocuous-sounding Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (a.k.a., Obamacare) was passed, Congress is trying to add yet more layers of bureaucracy that will separate us from our freedom and our money. Congress has handed Barack Obama the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, which expands the reporting requirements on IRS form 1099 to include *individuals* who own rental property. Currently, Obamacare mandates that small businesses file a 1099-MISC for goods valued at over \$600. Under the new bill, property owners would be considered to be "engaging in business" and as such would be required to report any goods or services -- valued at over \$600 in a 12-month period -- associated with the property. This may sound simple, but for the 10 million Americans affected, it will be anything but. Ryan Ellis of Americans for Taxpayer Reform illustrated it perfectly: "So imagine that you're renting out your starter condo. You pay a property manager, a plumber, a repairman, a locksmith, a condo association, etc. Imagine having to get a taxpayer identification number, order 1099-MISCs from the IRS, fill them out by hand, keep a copy for yourself, send a copy to each payee (from whom you had to get a tax ID number and other information), and then finally take your legitimate rental deduction. Then the IRS finds some hiccup somewhere, and you get audited -- all to placate an insane Congress." -- *Patriot Post Digest Oct. 8, 2010*

"The strength or weakness of a society depends more on the level of its spiritual life than on its level of industrialization. Neither a market economy nor even general abundance constitutes the crowning achievement of human life. If a nation's spiritual energies have been exhausted, it will not be saved from collapse by the most perfect government structure or by any industrial development. A tree with a rotten core cannot stand." --*Russian writer and Soviet dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008), who spent eight years in a Soviet gulag and the rest of his life writing about the evils of godless communism*

"In Rolling Stone magazine, Obama berated members of his base for their lethargy and 'sitting on their hands complaining.' One leftist remarked, 'I've never seen a politician run an election with the message 'Don't be stupid, quit your bitching and vote for me.'" --*columnist David Limbaugh*

... The parasite got fat enough to eat the conservative host whole, and now it is dying. ... Liberalism normally enjoys the demagogic advantage of appealing to emotion over reason. But in moments of crisis, people want reason over emotion." --*columnist George Neumayr*

"The [2010 Index of Economic Freedom](#) lowers the ranking of the United States to eighth out of 179 nations -- behind Canada! A year ago, it ranked sixth, ahead of Canada. Don't say it's Barack Obama's fault. Half the data used in the index is from George W. Bush's final six months in office. This is a bipartisan problem. For the past 16 years, the index has ranked the world's countries on the basis of their economic freedom -- or lack thereof. Ten criteria are used: freedoms related to business, trade, fiscal matters, monetary matters, investment, finance, labor, government spending, property rights and freedom from corruption. The top 10 countries are: Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Switzerland, Canada, the United States, Denmark and Chile. The bottom 10: Republic of Congo, Solomon Islands, Turkmenistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Libya, Venezuela, Burma, Eritrea, Cuba, Zimbabwe and North Korea. The index demonstrates what we libertarians have long said: Economic freedom leads to prosperity. Also, the best places to live and fastest-growing economies are among the freest, and vice versa. A society will be materially well off to the extent its people have the liberty to acquire property, start businesses, and trade in a secure legal and political environment. ... Why is the United States falling behind? 'Our spending has been excessive' [says Bill Beach, director of the Heritage Foundation's Center for Data Analysis]. ... 'We have the highest corporate tax rate in the world. (Government) takeovers of industries, subsidizing industries ... these are the kinds of moves that happen in Third World countries.' ... If we want to reverse America's decline, we'd better get to work. There's a lot of government to cut." --*columnist [John Stossel](#)*

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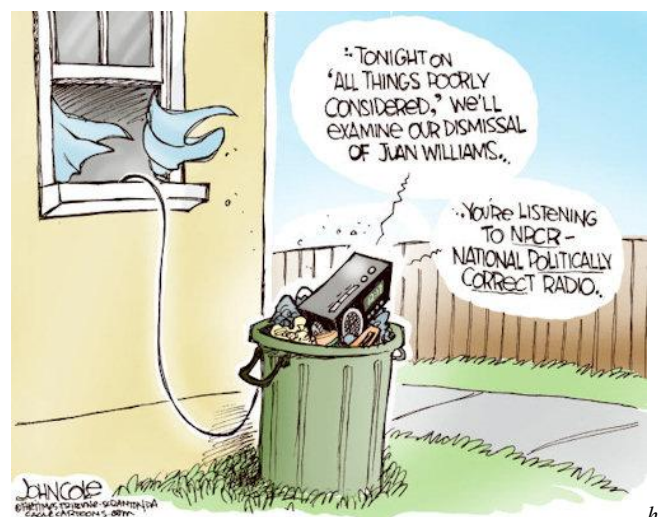
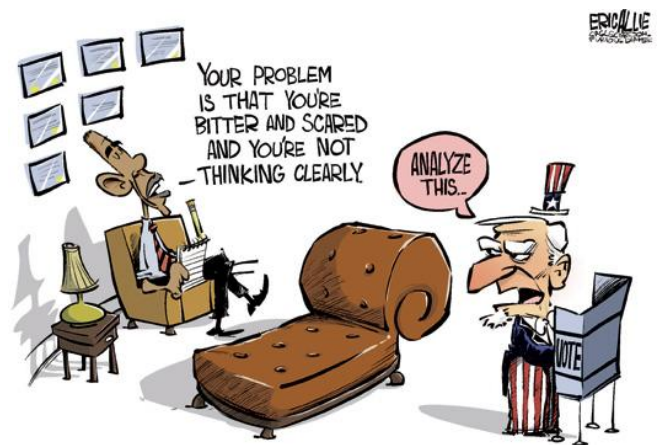
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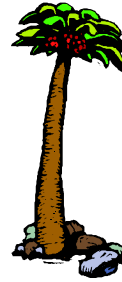
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About the NFRW: Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization recruits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