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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, November 3rd, 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: Cobb Salad - Bleu cheese crumbles bacon, tomatoes and eggs w/ ranch style dressing OR Sicilian Chicken - Breast of chicken marinated in extra virgin olive oil, garlic & herbs topped with tomato and mushrooms.

Our guest speaker for our November 3 meeting is Ben Ferguson of Adopt-A-Chaplain, a non-profit, local group supporting our troops via chaplains.

By providing needed items in the form of weekly care packages of comfort foods and toiletries Adopt-A-Chaplain helps chaplains provide non-threatening “excuses” for soldiers to drop in for a visit. Chaplains also visit troops at forward operating bases. With no PX available, the chaplain is a resource for items. Weekly, local Adopt-a-Chaplain volunteers gather to sort, box and ship requested items to our chaplains overseas.

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. 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.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (10/18/11)

Happy Thanksgiving!

This month's meeting will feature Ben Ferguson of Adopt-A-Chaplain, who will speak on what is happening overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan with our military and military chaplains. We will be taking donations at the meeting. ***There is a list on the back page of this newsletter to remind you of the most requested items.*** We will also be asking for donations to the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Please bring your donations to the meeting November 3rd.

Convention season is in full swing. October 21 – 23 is the 37th CFRW Biennial Convention in Visalia, CA followed by the CFRW – Northern Division Biennial Convention in Sacramento, November 11-13th. It has been a very busy time for us as RFW clubs and members. Stay tuned for other Republican events as we move into the 2012 Presidential Elections. Republican Women Are Leading the Way for 2012!

As 2012 approaches we will be having the election for our club's new officers at the November 3rd meeting. Your nominating committee, Alice Wilson, JoAnn Barr, Laura Riffle, and Louise Kenny (Alternate) is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for 2012:

President: Eve Bretzke
1st Vice President: Gloria Estes
2nd Vice President-Membership: June Mills
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Treasurer: Naomi Blais

We all have much to be thankful for as we move into the holiday season. Remember to vote if your city is having an election this November!

Best regards,

Eve Bretzke
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 3 SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino.
Speaker: Ben Ferguson, Topic: Adopt-A-Chaplain. Cookies: Anita DeSmet
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends [Test /Replace Batteries in your Smoke Detectors/Alarms]
- Nov. 10 SVRWF Board Meeting, 9:30 AM, Laura Riffle's Office
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 11-13 CFRW-ND Fall Convention, Double Tree Inn, Sacramento (*Registration Deadline Oct. 26*)

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MEMBER NEWS

SVRWF Celebrates Veterans Day! - Remember to bring your donations for Adopt-A-Chaplain and your donations for the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Let's remember our military and thank them for their service. If you would like to share about your favorite veteran, please bring items and/or stories to the November meeting.

Volunteer - We are always looking for volunteers to help out with club activities. One of the recent ideas by a member is to have a time to meet and discuss politics, maybe on a weekend at a coffee shop, park, or some other meeting place. If this is something that is of interest, let Eve know.

UPDATES from CFRW, NFRW, and other sources



The Final Count: Governor Brown ends this legislative session with these stats: 760 bills signed into law, 128 bills vetoed and 1 bill allowed to pass without the Governor's signature. Below is a short list of bills the CFRW Legislative team tracked; some with official CFRW positions, some without.

AB 131 (Cedillo, D-45) The California Dream Act: **CFRW OPPOSED**, Governor Brown **signed into law**
AB 144 (Portantino, D-44) Firearms restrictions: Governor Brown **signed into law**
AB 499 (Atkins, D-76) HPV/STD treatment for minors 12 years and older: **CFRW OPPOSED**, **signed into law**
AB 101 (Perez, D-46) "Babysitter" Bill to allow childcare providers to unionize: Governor **VETO**
SB 185 (Hernandez, D-24) Affirmative Action for UC/CSU admissions: Governor **VETO**
SB 397 (Yee, D-8) Online Voter Registration: Governor **signed into law**

Stop SB 48 Fails: The initiative effort to repeal SB 48 (Leno, D-3) has failed to collect enough signatures by the Secretary of State's deadline. We supported the effort to repeal this horrible law and many of our members collected signatures for the referendum. Thank you so much for all your hard work. By the numbers, the initiative needed approximately 504,000 signatures and a little more than 497,000 were collected. This is a great accomplishment! But the battle to repeal SB 48 is not over. There are other ways that citizens can abolish bad laws, and those options are being weighed by the Capitol Resources Institute. We will support the efforts, so stay tuned!



Unlike Wis. and Ohio, Illinois, the Democrat 'Deadbeat State,' Gets Little Media Attention Sometimes it's really hard to understand why certain events get heavy national press coverage while others which are arguably at least as significant and serious get little if any notice. This is one of them. Scott Walker, who solved a \$3 billion projected deficit in Wisconsin, is a media and leftist (but I repeat myself) arch-villain because much of the balancing was done by adjusting public-sector employee contributions towards health and pension benefits to more closely but still more generously resemble what's seen in the private sector, and by reducing public-sector employees' ability to restore them to their formerly out-of-control levels through collective bargaining. Ditto for John Kasich in Ohio, where the projected deficit was \$8 billion. Meanwhile, the state of Illinois defers billions of dollars of payments to vendors by four or more months because, despite 67% and 46% increases in personal and business income taxes, respectively, it still doesn't have the

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(cont.) money to come even close to staying current. Yet virtually all we've seen from the national press on the problem is one Associated Press story conveniently filed on a Saturday... – *By Tom Blumer, October 15, 2011, Newsbusters.org*

The Senate passed, 63-35, the Currency Exchange Oversight Reform Act, a measure to allow the U.S. to take action against China for undervaluing its currency. Hardly anyone disputes that the Chinese are, in fact, keeping the value of the yuan artificially low, thereby doing damage to the U.S. manufacturing sector. Yet the bill faces defeat in the House, where Speaker John Boehner warned that it was "dangerous" and could lead to a trade war with China. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai likewise said, "Should the proposed legislation become law, the only result would be a trade war between China and the U.S., and that would be a lose-lose situation for both sides." China's currency practices must be addressed, but it remains to be seen how that can be done successfully.

'Spending Reduction' After all the drama surrounding the debt ceiling and the debt super-committee, anyone who's curious about whether the federal government is actually cutting spending can rest assured that they're not. The CBO now projects that this year's budget deficit will hit \$1.3 trillion, which is \$14 billion higher than they figured in August. The budget cut wars fought between Republicans and Democrats in Congress have been a farce. Outlays in 2011 rose 4.2 percent from last year, including 1 percent increases in defense spending and Medicaid. The current deficit accounts for 8.6 percent of the economy, making this the third-highest debt rate since World War II. And the debt is growing fast. The monthly deficit for September was \$64 billion -- almost \$30 billion higher than it was in September 2010. So much for progress on the national debt. – *Patriot Post, 10/14/11*

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) went nuclear last week, arbitrarily and unilaterally changing Senate parliamentary procedure in an attempt to stifle Republican opposition in debate. Reid acted without consultation or announcement, and the new rules passed by a strictly party-line vote. Reid claimed that GOP demands for votes on amendments drove him to this drastic action, and the assumption is that Democrats will be able to move their legislation. In reality, Reid's short-sighted maneuver will likely come back to haunt Democrats. Republicans are now in a position through procedural rules to bring Senate business to a halt -- not that it was moving at a brisk pace before. Democrats think the new rule was worth the cost because Republicans will have no real say in new legislation. Is it possible that they haven't thought far enough ahead to consider what might happen if the Republicans take the Senate in 2012? – *Patriot Post, 10/14/11*

OTHER

"According to a Congressional Research Service report titled 'Social Security Reform' (October 2002), by Geoffrey Kollmann and Dawn Nuschler, workers who retired in 1980 at age 65 got back all they put into Social Security, plus interest, in 2.8 years. Workers who retired at age 65 in 2002 will have to wait a total of 16.9 years to break even. For those retiring in 2020, it will take 20.9 years. Workers entering the labor force today won't live long enough to get back even half of what they will put into Social Security." -- *economist Walter E. Williams*

Gallup Poll Shows Recent Surge of Young Adults Want Traditional Values Promoted by Government

"Normally the views of young people are on the leading edge of social change." –Gallup. CNS News reports that Gallup pollsters cannot explain a recent surge in the percentage of young adults who say government should "promote traditional values." The report notes that "Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 are now more likely than [older Americans] to say government should promote traditional values. This reverses the historical pattern in Gallup's polling on this question." For example, according to the report, two months before President Obama was elected, only 38 percent of young adults agreed that government should promote long-cherished values. This year it is 53 percent. Said Gallup in its analysis: "Normally the views of young people are on the leading edge of social change..." -- *by Teresa Neuman : Oct 11, 2011, CNS News*

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Yo hago juramento a la bandera de los Estados Unidos de America, y a la quien representa. Una nacion, bajo Dios, indivisible, con libertad y justicia para todos. – *The Pledge of Allegiance to America (in Spanish) found on a blog highlighting a story about a TX high school student having to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to Mexico to pass her Spanish language class.*

"Not only does Obama's re-election look to be in serious jeopardy, but his presidency has been an almost unmitigated disaster for progressive liberalism, nearly every tenet of which has been revealed to be untenable either practically, politically or both. Stimulus Sr. discredited Keynesian demand-side economics -- the notion that the way to produce employment and growth is through massive government spending. The real tragedy is that even after blowing hundreds of billions of dollars, Obama and many other Democrats failed to learn the lesson. ObamaCare proved a political fiasco, showing that there are limits to Americans' willingness to tolerate the expansion of the welfare state. ... The left got what it wanted in 2008: a liberal president with a sweeping agenda and big Democratic majorities capable of enacting it. The result has been a great and failed experiment in progressive politics and governance. In due course, one hopes, the left will absorb some lessons -- but for now, they seem to be suffering a nervous breakdown." --*Wall Street Journal columnist James Taranto*

"The hordes of so-called 'protesters' now polluting the streets of several U.S. cities, including New York, are sending confused messages about their grievances. The unemployed among them complain that the jobs available to them are beneath them. I guess that cancels out the old concept of starting in the mailroom and advancing step-by-step to the boardroom. It used to be the norm that one started at the bottom and worked their way up. This bunch seems to be living under the delusion that simply by virtue of having been born they are entitled to immediate arrival at the boardroom level with appropriate compensation. ... I am still amazed that these kids can find time to congregate in city streets, which are in many cases far from their hometowns. Somebody has to be paying their way; in most cases their beleaguered parents are stuck with the bill for their latest adventure, which has nothing to do with education and a lot to do with left-wing politics and public lovemaking, if that's what it's called. And the media willingly -- indeed, eagerly -- give the protesters lots of free publicity. Media outlets should start ignoring them and we'll see how fast they disband and slink back home. They thrive on the publicity the media provide. Finally, the long-suffering parents ought to close their pockets and deny their wayward brats the money that allows them to travel to the big city to make pests of themselves. Go home. Now. But before you do, clean up the messes you have made." --*columnist Michael Reagan*

"I, for one, resent it when a representative of the people refers to you and me, the free men and women of this country, as 'the masses.' This is a term we haven't applied to ourselves in America. But beyond that, 'the full power of centralized government' -- this was the very thing the Founding Fathers sought to minimize. They knew that governments don't control things. A government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they know when a government sets out to do that; it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose." --*Ronald Reagan*

"Dependence begets subservience and venality, suffocates the germ of virtue, and prepares fit tools for the designs of ambition." --*Thomas Jefferson*



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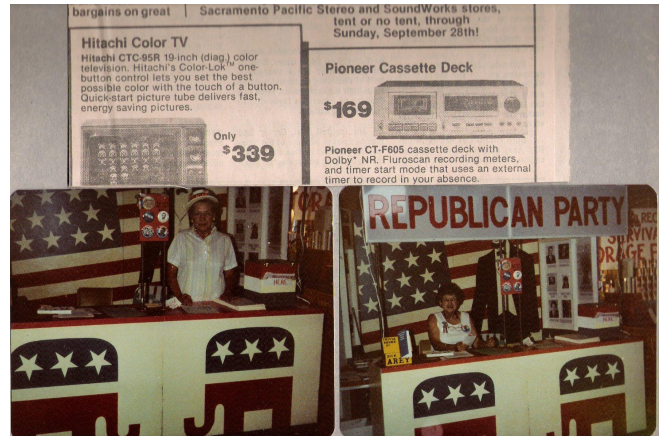
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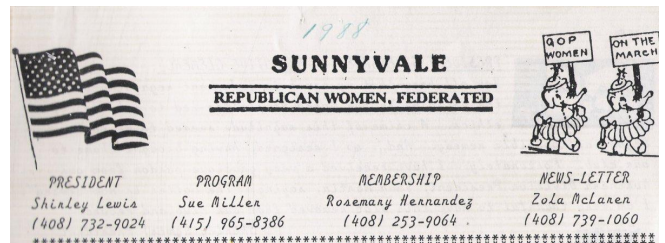
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