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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, October 6th, 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: Filet of Sole sautéed in Pomodoro Sauce served w/ Rice OR Roast Pork Loin w/ Garlic Rosemary and Sherry Wine Sauce.

Our guest speaker for our October 6th meeting is Eve Bretzke, President, SVRWF. Her topic will be "The 36th Biennial NFRW Convention, Kansas City, MO."

Eve Bretzke is our current President and has served as the club's Legislation Chair and Newsletter Editor for the past several years. She will attend the 36th Biennial NFRW Convention in Kansas City, Missouri and report back to the membership on what was presented. This should be a good kick off to the 2012 presidential election season.

The NFRW's theme of "Taking Back America" continues for 2011. Last year Republican's experienced historic gains at all levels of government. Republican women did especially well with every incumbent Republican woman running for federal or statewide office winning re-election as well as three new governors, one new US senator, and nine new US representatives. Many of these women are members of the NFRW, and many credit their local clubs and state federations with helping them achieve victory. Yes ladies, we do make a difference!

Come out and learn more about what is happening at the national level of our Federation and what the plans are for the upcoming election year.

SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (09/26/11)

Greeting,

October is upon us and Halloween is starting to show up all around. Harvest time is bringing pumpkins, shorter days, and Fall colors. I hope each of you is doing well and that you plan on coming to our meeting on Oct. 6th in Cupertino at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant. Our speaker will be me, Eve Bretzke, SVRWF President. I am very pleased to be attending the Biennial NFRW Conference taking place Sept 28-Oct. 2 in Kansas City, MO. I will be speaking on the event and what the NFRW plans are on the national level heading into the 2012 election season. Thank you everyone for making this opportunity possible.

We will be taking donations for Adopt-A-Chaplain at our November meeting. There is a list on the back page of this newsletter to remind you of the most needed items. Please bring your donations. Your donations are very much appreciated. The ongoing support from home helps the soldiers feel they are loved. Here is a thank you note quote from an adopted chaplain that came in from the field this week: *“We’re happy to receive your packages. It was so welcomed. As the Ch Assistant I will share with my comrades...As CH and I walk the battle field we hear and see some of the stories about how people are not getting anything. It will make them happy to see that someone really cares. --CA SPC BR”*

Make your voice heard out in the community, and be sure to SUPPORT REPUBLICANS in the upcoming local elections in Sunnyvale and Cupertino. Help provide political therapy to those in need to better understand what is happening politically and how each of us can make a difference. Encourage Republican voter registration and keep your eyes out for opportunities to share our message.

Best regards,

Eve Bretzke
President, SVRWF

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 6 SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. Speaker: Eve Bretzke, Topic: 36th NFRW Biennial Convention, Kansas City. Cookies: Louise Kenney
- Oct. 21-23 CFRW Biennial Convention, Visalia Marriott, Visalia, CA - “Hats Off To Mariann!”
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 11-13 CFRW-ND Fall Convention, Double Tree Inn, Sacramento

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MEMBER NEWS

Adopt A Chaplain Donations: We will be having a Veterans Day program at our November 3rd meeting. Most needed items for the soldiers are: DVD's, wipes (baby), shaving gel, razors, deodorant, body wash, foot powder/Gold Bond, snacks, cookies, candies, nuts, bottled water drink mixes (single serve packets). We will also be taking cash donations for Fisher House, Palo Alto at the November 3rd meeting.

“West Valley After Five” sponsored by our sister club, West Valley RWF meets the 3rd Monday of the month, the next meeting will be Oct. 17th at 5:30 PM in downtown Campbell at the Sonoma Chicken Coop Restaurant(no host). If you know of a Republican woman who can't make daytime meetings due to work or childcare, this may be of interest. Contact Bunny for more information (408) 395-3429.

UPDATES from CFRW, NFRW, and other sources



Legislative Alert!

Well, it appears that most of our folks are back in Washington. I don't know about the President, however. There is talk of another vacation. Our tax dollars at work! Now, on to more serious matters. Because the mainstream media refuses or does not know how to do its job to report the important news, I am asking Republican Women to take a proactive step and start writing letters to their local papers either in print or on line or any other vehicle that can get the word out. And what is the word for today? There is one very important fact which virtually no one is reporting. The House has passed a number of very important bills. Those bills have been sent to the Senate. They apparently are in a locked box in the Senate because Harry Reid has not brought any of those bills up for debate and a vote. The House has passed regulatory reform. The House has passed a budget that balances the budget and pays off debt. The House has passed new energy development legislation to explore domestic energy production. The House has reformed the tax code. It has been 817 days since the Senate even made an attempt to pass a budget. Most people who are not paying close attention to the political scene do not know the games that are being played in Washington. Republican Women have to get the word out and start educating the public. Keep up the good work. -- *By Edelweiss Geary, Legislative Issues Chair, Northern Division – CFRW*

Support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter: With the new “Super Committee” convening in Congress, defense spending – including funding for the important F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program - will be under consideration for potentially significant cuts. The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is a 5th generation fighter jet being built to update many of our old aircraft, some of which have been in use for 40 years. Full production of this plane is critical to maintaining our military superiority around the globe and bolstering some of our most important allies, while also helping rebuild California's faltering economy. Over 200 suppliers in the state feed into the production line of the F-35 from San Diego to the Bay Area. They provide thousands of jobs and the impact of those jobs ripple through our communities to produce a multi-billion dollar economic impact in California. As Congress returns and starts to consider additional budget cuts, we strongly urge that full funding for the F-35 be a top Republican priority. *Join the many Republican women across the state who have expressed their opinion about this important defense and jobs issue. Call Your Member of Congress today! Tell them to come out publicly and support full funding of the F-35 program – CFRW Capitol Update, 9/16/11.*

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Republicans Win BIG in Special Elections!

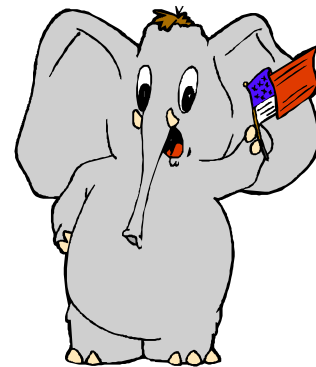
On Tuesday, two special Congressional elections were held to fill empty seats in NV and NY. We are proud to introduce our two newest members of Congress to you!



Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV)



Rep. Bob Turner (R-NY)



The House barely passed a short-term continuing resolution to authorize spending for FY2012. The vote was 219-203. Earlier in the week, Republican leaders were dealt a defeat by conservative members of their own caucus when a similar CR failed with 48 Tea Party conservatives opposed. Those 48 wanted to stick with the House's April spending deal, while the leadership was putting forward the August bipartisan agreement. Some two dozen Republicans were brought back into the fold with an amendment that included \$100 million in cuts to the Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program, the Department of Energy program responsible for the Solyndra debacle. – *Patriot Post 9/24/11*

In the Senate, Barack Obama's much touted jobs bill is lacking the support it needs to pass -- among Democrats. Reports are that Democrats Mark Begich (AK), Jim Webb (VA), Mary Landrieu (LA) and Barbara Mikulski (MD) outright oppose the bill, with some others not entirely decided yet. Administration officials met with several Democrats on the Hill this week to try to persuade them, but even if all Democrats are on board, the president's bill is in trouble. – *Patriot Post 9/24/11.*

OTHER

"Solyndra was the first company to receive a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy as part of the 2009 stimulus package. This wasn't small potatoes. The loan guarantee was for \$535 million. ... As my Washington Examiner colleague David Freddoso reported, an audit of the company performed by PriceWaterhouseCoopers two months before Obama's visit noted that the firm had accumulated losses of \$558 million in its five years of existence. The auditor noted that Solyndra 'has suffered recurring losses from operations, negative cash flows since inception and has a net stockholders' deficit that, among other factors, raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern.' One of the original investors in Solyndra was Oklahoma billionaire George Kaiser, who was also a major contributor to Obama's 2008 campaign. In early 2011, Kaiser and other investors provided an additional \$75 million in financing to Solyndra. They did so on condition, approved by the Energy Department, that they receive priority over previous creditors, including the government. ... But let's assume for the time being that there was no criminal conduct here, no violation of government procedures, no fraud. Let's assume everyone in the administration acted with good faith. There's still a scandal -- the scandal of the government handing out hundreds of millions of dollars to unproven and speculative businesses. ... The real scandal is the 'green jobs' loan guarantee program itself. And the ones getting scammed are American taxpayers." --*political analyst [Michael Barone](#)*

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Poll: More prefer Fox News: Echoing its wide ratings lead in general, a plurality of Americans think Fox News is a better cable network than CNN and MSNBC, according to a [survey](#) of cable news networks done by Poll Position, a nonpartisan polling site [launched](#) on Sept. 14. Of the 1,180 people surveyed, 36.1 percent chose Fox News as the “best” network, compared with 27.8 percent choosing CNN and 16.6 percent picking MSNBC. The remaining 19.5 percent of respondents had no opinion. The numbers appear to reinforce the widely held belief that conservatives prefer Fox News: 61.9 percent of Republicans surveyed preferred Fox. CNN was preferred by 40.8 percent of Democrats and 31 percent of Democrats chose MSNBC as “best.” Poll Position surveyed 472 Democrats and Republicans each as well as 236 independents. Thirty-six percent of independents chose Fox News as best, 31 percent preferred CNN and 9.1 percent of respondents chose MSNBC. A plurality of respondents preferred Fox News across all age groups except for those aged 18 to 29; 39.4 percent of those younger viewers chose CNN as “best” compared to 19.8 percent choosing MSNBC and 16.7 percent choosing Fox News. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. In releasing the poll, Poll Position founder Eason Jordan noted that he worked at CNN for 22 years. In August, Fox News [drew more](#) than twice the total viewers of either MSNBC or CNN, though the lead was less pronounced in the 25-to-54 demographic. – *Politico 9/19/11*

"Even a mandatory Ponzi scheme like Social Security can fail if it cannot rustle up enough new entrants. You can force young people into Social Security, but if there just aren't enough young people in existence to support current beneficiaries, the system will collapse anyway. When Social Security began making monthly distributions in 1940, there were 160 workers for every senior receiving benefits. In 1950, there were 16.5; today, three; in 20 years, there will be but two. Now, the average senior receives in Social Security about a third of what the average worker makes. Applying that ratio retroactively, this means that in 1940, the average worker had to pay only 0.2 percent of his salary to sustain the older folks of his time; in 1950, 2 percent; today, 11 percent; in 20 years, 17 percent. This is a staggering sum, considering that it is apart from all the other taxes he pays to sustain other functions of government, such as Medicare whose costs are exploding. The Treasury already steps in and borrows the money required to cover the gap between what workers pay into Social Security and what seniors take out. When young people were plentiful, Social Security produced a surplus. Starting now and for decades to come, it will add to the deficit, increasingly so as the population ages. Demography is destiny." --*columnist Charles Krauthammer*

"[Tyrannical] power is absolute, minute, regular, provident and mild. It would be like the authority of a parent if, like that authority, its object was to prepare men for manhood; but it seeks, on the contrary, to keep them in perpetual childhood: it is well content that the people should rejoice, provided they think of nothing but rejoicing. For their happiness such a government willingly labors, but it chooses to be the sole agent and the only arbiter of that happiness; it provides for their security, foresees and supplies their necessities, facilitates their pleasures, manages their principal concerns, directs their industry, regulates the descent of property, and subdivides their inheritances: what remains, but to spare them all the care of thinking and all the trouble of living?" --*French historian Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)*

The Republican National Committee received the most donations in a single month this past August towards its efforts towards defeating the Democrats in 2012. WOW!

“Man is not free unless government is limited. There's a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: As government expands, liberty contracts.” - *Ronald Reagan*



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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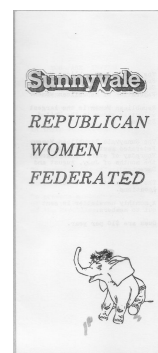
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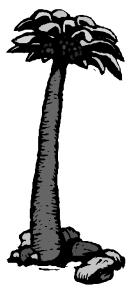
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- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Foot Powder/Gold Bond
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- Grab and Go Nuts
- Bottled water drink mixes
(single serve packets)



Visit www.Adopt-A-Chaplain.org
for more information or how you can volunteer.

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