



SILICON VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, September 3rd

SVRWF Meetings are held at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant
22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95124

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

Menu Choices: Scampi - Tiger Shrimp Sautéed in a light Bordelaise and Served on a Bed of Rice OR London Broil - Tender Strips of London Broil topped with Sautéed Mushrooms.

Call Alice Wilson 733-6352 for reservations this month as Louise Kenney is away.

"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"

Our guest speaker this month is Mike Wasserman, Los Gatos' past and current mayor.

Mike Wasserman won the election in 2002, was elected Vice Mayor in 2003, served as Mayor in 2004/05 and won the election again in 2006! -- when 72% of the people voted for him and he received a record number of votes! Mike became Vice Mayor again in 2007 and Mayor again in 2008/09. Mike is 51 years old, married with two children. Mike has a degree in Psychology from the University of Southern California, is a Registered Tax Preparer and a Certified Financial Planner.

Since being elected, Mike has been supported by over 700 people, including California's Secretary of State, our local Senator, 23 Mayors past and present from 11 different cities: Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, Campbell, Santa Clara, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Santa Maria City, Gilroy, Mtn. View and Sunnyvale, San Jose City Council members, a County Supervisor, school board members and service club, Little League and LGUSL presidents.

Mike gathered signatures, contributions and ultimately votes, for the historic passage of Prop 1A, which now limits the State's abilities to raid our local coffers and protects our locally generated revenues for our cities to use.

Mayor Wasserman has helped create and/or enhance numerous projects, including the formation of a Youth Commission, a "Town Hall in the Neighborhood" program, a new police station, a Community Bus program, additional soccer fields, the multi award winning, nationally recognized, Alive and Loving Life Project, and the pursuit of a new library -- all while maintaining a balanced budget.

Don't miss this chance to hear from one of our local leaders! Bring a friend.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (08/26/09)

Welcome back from our summer break! We had a delightful lunch and board meeting hosted by Flinda and Charles Prevost. Charles outdoes himself every year with a truly gourmet lunch menu. I could never thank them enough for their generosity... but thank you...thank you... thank you to Flinda and Charles!

Eve Bretzke has our Miniature Golf Tournament well in hand and September 19 should be a fun day for everyone. There will be prizes for each category and gift bags for the golfers. If you have anything to donate for the gift bags please contact Eve or me. Please contact Eve for more tickets if you need them. The \$7.50 price is a real bargain. Please come out and support the club even if you are not planning on playing golf. We want people to see that we are not angry Republicans... as the Mercury News is portraying us... We Republicans are happy!

That brings me to the subject of Tea Parties and Town Hall meetings. We have done very well as a club and so far we have had someone at all of the San Jose Tea Parties, the Barbara Boxer book signing and the protest at Mike Honda's office. It really is a lot of fun and the people are so friendly and wonderful. I am sure if we could meet with our congressman or woman we would have a few things to say but we are always respectful even if they don't want to hear from us. Keep up the good work.

I look forward to our September meeting with Los Gatos Mayor Mike Wasserman he should be very interesting. We are starting to build up the ranks of Republicans holding political office in the local communities. We need to support them as much as we can.

On a sadder note our Club secretary, Gloria Estes, lost her son on August 13th. Our prayers are with the entire family.

I look forward to seeing you all September 3rd and then I will be off to the NFRW Biennial Convention September 10-13. I will report back in our October newsletter.

Laura Riffle
President, SVRWF

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 3 | General Meeting Blue Pheasant Restaurant Cupertino, 11:30 AM. |
| Sept. 10-13 | NFRW Biennial Convention, Orlando, FL |
| Sept. 17 | 11:30 am Lunch Board Meeting 2095 Park Ave. San Jose (Laura's Office) Hosted by Alice Wilson (note change of location) |
| Sept. 19 | SVRWF MINATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER 10 AM TO 1 PM, GOLFLAND - SUNNYVALE. RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW! |
| Oct. 16-18 | CFRW Convention, Ontario, CA |
| Nov.13-15 | Northern Division CFRW Convention, Concord |

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MEMBER NEWS

The SVRWF Mini-Golf Tournament is just a few weeks away! Come join us on Saturday, Sept 19, 2009 – 10 AM to 1 PM and play an enjoyable round of mini-golf at Golfland in Sunnyvale. This is a fun mini golf course with varied terrain for players of all ages and skill levels. Relax and “Talk Republican”.

Prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners who have the top scores in three classes: Adult (14+), Teen (9-13), and Child (8 and under). We will also have gift bags for each player. Not only will you have a great time, you are helping the Silicon Valley Republican Women Federated by making a \$7.50 cash donation. We hope to see you there. For information, contact Eve at newslettereditor@svrwf.org or 408 206 4842.

Adopt-a-Chaplain supports troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Please bring donations for the troops to the general meeting. Most needed items are: grab and go snacks, beanie babies, greeting cards, small toiletries (hotel size), and handwritten letters of support. Thanks in advance for your ongoing support of our troops.

LEGISLATION

California Update from CRWF and other sources

Republican Senate Bills Enrolled and Awaiting Governor's Action -- In July's Capitol Update, Republican Assembly bills that passed the Senate were outlined. The Republican Senate bills that have passed and are awaiting the Governor's action are listed below. You may want to contact the Governor's office to voice your opinion with regard to his action. Those bills are:

- SB 39, Benoit (R-37), Personal liability immunity for disaster workers, enrolled on 7/16.
- SB 119, Wyland (R-38), Date extension for professional liability insurance, enrolled on 7/2.
- SB 121, Denham (R-12), Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program, enrolled 6/29.
- SB 174, Strickland (R-19), Reporting of arrest and conviction records for applicants from DOJ, enrolled 7/9.
- SB 198, Cogdill (R-14), Borrowing by the John C. Fremont Health Care District, enrolled 7/13.
- SB 221, Walters (R-33), Conforming language regarding home dialysis agencies, enrolled 7/9.
- SB 230, Cogdill (R-14), Registration of waste tire haulers, enrolled 7/9.
- SB 352, Dutton (R-31), Provides for notification of gang affiliation to juvenile correction, enrolled 7/16.
- SB 369, Maldonado (R-15), Flying of POW/MIA flags on state buildings, enrolled 7/10.
- SB 490, Maldonado (R-15), Reclassified correction officers in San Luis Obispo and Colusa Counties as peace officers, enrolled 6/29.
- SB 645, Denham (R-12), Declares that nothing in the law of the state prohibits the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges from coordinating with the United States Armed Forces to establish training programs at military facilities, enrolled 7/1.

Serrano vs. Priest: Those words, Serrano vs. Priest, are apparently the hardest words for left-wingers to say .

Instead of blaming the California Supreme Court and the Western Center on Law and Poverty for destroying local financing of our schools, they would rather blame Howard Jarvis, Paul Gann, and the voters who supported Proposition 13. With multiple Supreme Court decisions starting in 1971 and ending in 1983, the Supreme Court agreed with the plaintiffs that financing California schools with local property taxes was so unequal that it was also unconstitutional. The Court ordered the Legislature to stop schools from raising their own revenue and instead develop some scheme to equalize per-student funding across all of California. The Court ignored local conditions that might effect costs (such as extra air conditioning in the deserts, snow removal in the mountains, long distance bus transportation in the rural areas, or extra security in urban areas) and with bold declarations that only Justices who are out of touch with reality can do said that the only standard of comparison was to be dollars per-student. This decision and NOT Prop. 13 forced the Legislature to control property taxes. In fact, Prop. 13 of 1978, coming near the end of these Supreme Court decisions, was written with the knowledge that schools were financed by the state of California using a combination of

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(con't) property, sales and income taxes. This was and remains the largest power shift in the state's history. With the state financing all public schools, the state also took the power to control the curriculum, the staffing and the rules for school districts, their employees and their students. If the liberals want to find the scapegoat for all that is wrong in state-local finance they should hold up a mirror. – *Leonard Letter 7/6/2009*

SB572: Harvey Milk Day: Gov. Schwarzenegger is being pressured more from all sides to sign this bill. If signed, SB 572 [would pressure every California public school to have an official Harvey Milk Day](#) promoting the homosexual, bisexual, and transsexual agenda to children as young as kindergarten. The sky is the limit on what a school considers suitable commemorative exercises. This is written so broadly, SB 572 could allow gay-pride parades on campus, cross-dressing, and homosexual marriage dramas, etc. It all going to come down to how much pressure California's governor feels. This year, Schwarzenegger is being lobbied more heavily by homosexual activists. Sean Penn, who played Harvey Milk on the big screen, and Milk's homosexual activist nephew, have both personally lobbied Schwarzenegger to ask him to sign SB 572. Other differences from last year is that there are four more Democrats in the Assembly voting for Harvey Milk Gay Day. And for the first time, a Republican, Senator Abel Maldonado, is supporting this anti-traditional family value bill. This call will only take about 30 seconds to complete. =>**ACTION ITEM:** Call Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at (916) 445-2841. Listen to the recorded message and press in the following order: 1 (English) 2 (legislation) 1 (SB572) 2 (against)

National Update from NRWF and other sources

White House says it did send unwanted e-mails, after insisting no one was receiving unsolicited e-mails from the White House, officials reversed their story Monday night and blamed outside political groups for the unwanted messages from the tech-savvy operation. White House online director Macon Phillips said in a blog posting that independent groups — he didn't name them — had signed up their members to receive regular White House updates about Obama's projects, priorities and speeches-- *Philip Elliott, AP, 08/18/09*

Cap and Trade Passes House, Moves to Senate - - On June 26, 2009, The US House of Representatives passed the *American Clean Energy and Security Act (HR 2425)*, commonly referred to as "Cap & Trade" in a 219-212 vote. The bill is currently on the Senate Legislative Calendar for consideration during this next five week session. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has stated that he wants to pass the legislation by the fall. The bill mandates that 15% of the nation's electricity come from renewable sources such as wind and solar power by 2020. Companies will be forced to buy permits to emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses. The bill places caps on those emissions which would drive the cost of energy up on American businesses and consumers. Estimates place the cost to American families at over \$3,100 per year. American jobs may be forced to move out of the US to countries where there are no caps on carbon emissions. HR 2425 also contains a provision that imposes taxes on goods imported from countries that don't match US carbon restrictions—a slap at major trade partners such as China and India—that some fear could start a trade war. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) came out with a study that shows the danger of this new legislation. **Contact your Senators today and tell them to VOTE NO to HR 2425 and higher energy costs for American families and businesses!**

Obama administration may be abandoning government-run insurance proposal. Bowing to Republican pressure and an uneasy public, President Barack Obama's administration signaled Sunday that it was ready to abandon the idea of giving Americans the option of government-run insurance as part of a new health care system. Facing mounting opposition to the overhaul, administration officials left open the chance for a compromise with Republicans that would include health insurance cooperatives instead of a government-run plan. Such a concession could draw the ire of some Obama supporters, but could also help deliver a victory on a top domestic priority opposed by GOP lawmakers. -- *WIRE REPORTS, August 17, 2009.*

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Reading the Bill: "Senators and representatives who vote on bills they haven't read and don't understand betray their constituents' trust. It is no answer to say that Congress would get much less done if every member took the time to read every bill. Fewer and shorter laws more carefully thought through would be a vast improvement over today's massive bills, which are assembled in the dark and enacted in haste. [House Majority Leader] Steny Hoyer chortles at the thought of asking members of Congress to do their job properly. It's up to voters to wipe the grin off his face." -- *columnist Jeff Jacoby*

Other

"[W]ith respect to future debt; would it not be wise and just for that nation to declare in the constitution they are forming that neither the legislature, nor the nation itself can validly contract more debt, than they may pay within their own age..." --*Thomas Jefferson*

"It stands to reason that where there's sacrifice, there's someone collecting sacrificial offerings. Where there's service, there's someone being served. The man who speaks to you of sacrifice, speaks of slaves and masters. And intends to be the master." --*novelist and philosopher Ayn Rand (1905-1982)*

...What defines something as a right is whether the government can or cannot prohibit you from doing it. (President Obama notoriously called these 'negative liberties'.) If the government can't stop you from doing it, then it's a right." -- *columnist [Rich Hrebic](#)*

Frontiers of Junk Science: Electric Cars

As the "new and improved" Government Motors prepares its 2010 launch of the electronically powered Chevy Volt, which GM claims will get 230 miles per gallon, envirotascists are singing its praises. But in order to get the promised "40 miles of electronic only, petroleum-free driving," Volt owners must plug the vehicle into the electric grid every day.

Experts on both heavily populated coasts warn of the dangers of adding to an already over-taxed energy grid. Adam Victor, president of New York's TransGas Energy, says, "If a few thousand well-meaning dupes plug a few thousand new Chevy Volts into electrical outlets (especially in urban centers), you could actually add millions of pounds of dangerous, dirty unregulated pollution and carbon into the air we breathe -- possibly more pollution than would be offset by putting the Volts on the road."

The Congressional Research Service agrees, pointing out that most U.S. electricity is not carbon free and that use of these vehicles may actually increase carbon emissions, hence the cleverly coined term "elsewhere emission vehicles." Indeed, even those most indoctrinated by the Al Gore's of the world have to see that this is only robbing Peter to pay Paul. In the meantime, other automakers are jumping on the bandwagon. Nissan is planning to launch the Leaf, which it claims will get 367 mpg, next year.

Finally, as [The Washington Times notes](#), "There is an upside in that electric cars might give automobile companies cover to continue to make gas guzzlers. Under the latest federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy requirement, carmakers have to produce vehicle fleets that average at least 42 mpg by 2016. Companies with an average below that will have to pay a tax to the government. In order to avoid that tax, they will be willing to sell cars listed as having a high mpg at a loss. Each Volt sold will let GM sell nine cars that get 21 mpg without having to face the tax." How convenient. But, the Times concludes, "If we can still have our Corvettes and Mustangs, the government can pretend the Leaf gets 1,000 mpg." -- *August 21, 2009 by Tim McDowell*

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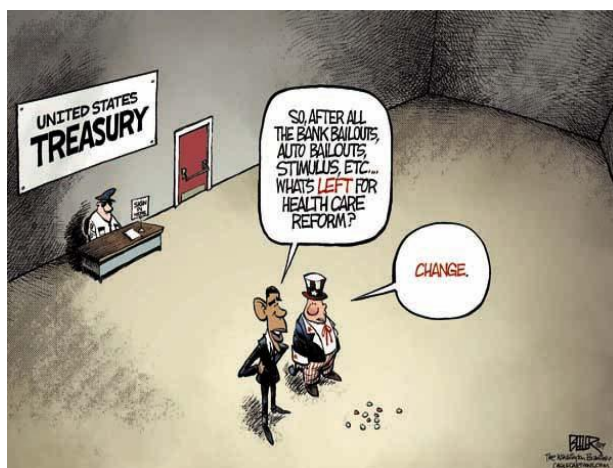
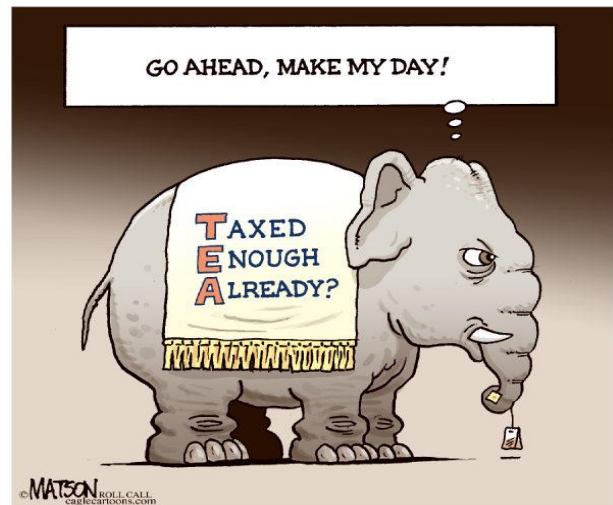
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