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Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, September 2nd.
Social 11:30 AM., Lunch 12:00 PM, Cost \$20.00
Call Louise Kinney at (408) 739-4724 for reservations before noon Monday prior to meeting.
"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"

Menu Choices: Broiled Salmon - Fresh King Salmon broiled to perfection and topped with fresh dill sauce **OR London Broil** - Tender strips of London Broil topped with sautéed mushrooms

Our speaker this month will be Eddie Geary, Legislative Issues Chair for Northern Division-CFRW

Edelweiss Geary is currently the President of Santa Rosa Republican Women Federated and Regional Director for the North Bay Region in Northern Division. Mrs. Geary earned her Bachelor's degree from San Francisco College for Women and her Master's Degree from the University of Arizona. She taught school both in Arizona and California for 10 years and has a lifetime California teaching credential.

Ms. Geary is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor per the standards of the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification. Mrs. Geary is currently President of Geary & Associates. The firm provides the full spectrum of vocational services and is based in Santa Rosa.

Hope you all enjoyed the summer break. See you at our September meeting.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (08/25/10)

I have a lot to report on the November election and the outcome of the Sam Blakeslee election. Sam had a great victory in his bid to fill the seat left vacant by Abel Maldonado the State Senate. He won over his Democrat opponent by almost 5 percentage points! The state and local party organizations put a lot of time into this campaign and it really paid off. I spent last weekend at the California Republican Convention in San Diego where Ed was a delegate. You would not believe the energy! The ticket is terrific and the candidates are working as a team. Meg Whitman has a confident message on how to turn the state around and get jobs back to California. She also has put together some very compelling commercials for her campaign. Obviously the left cannot go after her ideas and issues so they try to attack her personally. Hopefully the voters are tired of this after what they have done to Sarah Palin.

Then, there is Damon Dunne for Secretary of State, who has so much to add with his perspective on personal responsibility and hard work as pathways to success. He also sees the need to bring private sector jobs back to the state by lowering taxes immediately. We also have Abel Maldonado for Lieutenant Governor, Mimi Walters for State Treasurer, Steve Cooley for Attorney General, Tony Strickland for State Controller and Mike Villines for Insurance Commissioner. All were there and the main point on how to get the state back on its feet was we need to elect the entire slate. They will work together to put Californians back to work and make our state the Golden State once again.

Now for the national candidate, Carly Fiorino... What a dynamic lady she is! And, what a message for stopping the Obama agenda! She certainly brought the most excitement to the convention. The College Republicans were all there in their bright red "Carly" shirts and baseball caps! Along with Meg she knows what it takes to run a business. Both women worked their way up from being secretaries to heading major corporations! I have no idea how the main stream media can keep overlooking this! Our job is to get out the vote anyway we can. You will have many opportunities to register voters, making phone calls for the candidates, walk precincts and put signs in your yard. Your neighbors know you are informed let them know who to vote for!

One last note Ed and I were up in the Northwest vacationing with our grandkids and stopped in Bremerton, Washington to have lunch and chat with past president, Norma Card. My, she knows a lot about politics in Santa Clara County in the 60's, 70's, and 80's! I had no idea how active Saul Alinsky was right here... at both Stanford and Santa Clara University. He also spoke at several churches in Menlo Park and Sunnyvale! For those of you with email I share this information when I get it from Norma. Let's get out and win in November and get rid of the far left crowd!

Laura Riffle
President, SVRWF

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 2 | SVRWF General Meeting 11:30-2:00 Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino |
| Sept 11 | SVRWF Board Meeting Alice Wilson's Boulder Creek Home |
| Sept 11 | Voter Registration Valley Fair Shopping Center 10-4
Call Shirley Harvey if you can give some time! |
| Sept 11 | REMEMBER |
| Sept 17 | Constitution Day |
| October 16 & 17 | CFRW Conference Monterey |
| November 13 & 14 | NDCFRW Conference Santa Rosa |

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MEMBER NEWS

Boxer v. Fiorina: Primetime CA U.S. Senate debate set for Sept. 1st. It's official: the first primetime televised debate in the California U.S. Senate race is on between [Democratic U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer](#) and Republican challenger [Carly Fiorina](#) -- and set for Wednesday, Sept. 1 at [St. Mary's College in Moraga](#). The 7 p.m. debate will be hour-long and commercial-free -- and it's sponsored by [KTVU Channel 2 News](#), the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) and KQED. It will be broadcast before a live audience on KTVU Channel 2, as well as offered to stations in all major TV markets, in addition to every NPR station, organizers say. The panel of reporters questioning the candidates will be: Chronicle senior political writer Carla Marinucci, Pilar Marrero of La Opinion and KQED's Scott Schafer. Moderator: [Randy Shandobil](#), political editor at KTVU Channel 2 News.

Read more: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/nov05election/detail?entry_id=69568#ixzz0wumZc45b

LEGISLATION

California Update from CRWF and other sources

CRP Press Release: Jerry Brown says "Yes" to Amnesty: "Democrat gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown made a surprise call to "The John and Ken Show" on KFI-AM in Los Angeles yesterday afternoon, hoping to talk about his investigation into the City of Bell salary scandal. The real surprise was that the hosts, John Kobylt and Ken Chiampou, got Brown to confirm his positions on illegal immigration, which include amnesty and legalization of sanctuary cities but would deny driver's licenses to California's estimated 3 million illegal immigrants."

Water Sunshine Needed in Gloomy Times: California has always been on the cutting edge of everything from industry and technology to the arts, but when it comes to creating an open government, California is lagging behind. In fact, a 2009 California Public Interest Research Group study on transparency efforts in the United States awarded California a "D" grade. *The State government's slow response to provide an open, accessible governing process is creating a haze around Sacramento politics that drives people to distrust their representatives. An apparent secrecy in the process paired with a huge deficit and a consistently late budget, make it easy to see why the Public Policy Institute of California found that only 23% of California residents believe they can trust the State government to do what is right the majority of the time.* Too often, laws are made hastily, making it very difficult for the public to scrutinize legislation. This is problematic because a consensual democratic government will not function as intended without input from the people it serves. In the past year, we have seen a national movement emerge for a mandatory 72 hour public review period on legislation before it is passed. This ought to be a wakeup call for the California State Legislature. . . The California Legislature must take note of the growing discontent among the public with the current process and take action toward improving transparency. . . SCA 30 will take an important step toward a more accessible Sacramento. -- *Senator Bob Huff serves as the Senate Republican Caucus Chair and represents portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.*

CRP Rolls Out CRPNetworks.org - Determined to press the Republican Party's advantage in today's political environment, the California Republican Party is rolling out CRPNetworks.org, the latest ratcheting up of the party's initiative promoting candidates from diverse backgrounds and expanding the party's presence in more than two dozen ethnic, religious and occupational communities throughout the state. "We're highlighting candidates from many different backgrounds at the same time we strengthen our relationships into communities our opponents have dominated for too long," said California Republican Party Chairman Ron Nehring. "We will concede no community in this state to the Democrats any more." CRPNetworks.org, with companion sites on Twitter and Facebook, features Republican candidates for local, state and federal offices from diverse backgrounds while making it easy for people to get involved in 26 new Republican networks covering the state. "Building relationships into all communities is the prerequisite to becoming a governing majority in California. People from different backgrounds are taking a fresh look at the Republican Party to provide an alternative to our opponents, and we're taking the opportunity to make sure they see the diversity of our candidates, and urge them to get involved in a Republican network." [Visit CRPNetworks.org](#)

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National Update from NRWF and other sources

90th Anniversary of Womens Suffrage The Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote and was consistent in its support throughout the long campaign for acceptance. It was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work. The Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848 marked the beginning of the women's suffrage movement in the United States. Two years later there was a nationwide meeting in Worcester, Mass. By 1870, the Massachusetts Republican State Convention had already seated two suffragettes, Lucy Stone and Mary A. Livermore, as delegates. In addition, the National Republican Convention of 1872 approved a resolution favoring the admission of women to "wider fields of usefulness" and added that "the honest demand of this class of citizens for additional rights ... should be treated with respectful consideration." Wyoming, the state that pioneered women's suffrage, sent two women, Therese A. Jenkins and Cora G. Carleton, to the 1892 Republican Convention in Minneapolis as alternate delegates. This was the first time women were seated at a Republican National Convention. This convention was also the first to be addressed by a woman, J. Ellen Foster, chairman of the Women's Republican Association of the United States. A strong believer in organization, Foster said her association had prepared work plans for women's involvement in national politics. Copies were given to each delegate and alternate. "We are here to help you," she declared, "and we are here to stay." At the request of Susan B. Anthony, Sen. A.A. Sargent, a Republican from California, introduced the 19th Amendment in 1878. Sargent's amendment (also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment) was defeated four times by a Democrat-controlled Senate. When the Republican Party regained control of Congress in 1919, the US House of Representatives finally passed the amendment with a vote of 304-89 and sent it to the Senate with a vote of 56 to 25. When the Amendment was submitted to the states, 26 of the 36 states that ratified it had Republican legislatures. Of the nine states that voted against ratification, eight were Democratic. Twelve states, all Republican, had given women full suffrage before the federal amendment was ratified. Tennessee was the final state to ratify the amendment in their General Assembly. The Tennessee General Assembly was tied 48-48 on the amendment until a young man, Harry Thomas Burn, changed his vote to "Yes" after his mother had requested him to approve the amendment. The U.S. Secretary of State certified the amendment on Aug. 26, 1920. As we remember the heroic efforts of the Republican women who paved the way, we renew our commitment to exercising this right by making a difference in the November elections. Find a way to get involved. Participate in a phone bank for a local or state candidate. *Donate to a candidate you believe in. Walk precincts in your community. Talk to your friends and family about the candidates and the issues you will be supporting. Let's continue the powerful legacy of Republican women!* – NFRW Political Briefing 08/16/2010

Uninsured Slow To Sign Up For Coverage HACKENSACK, N.J. - Just two people in New Jersey will begin receiving coverage Monday under new plans created by federal health care reforms. NJ Protect plans are available to those who have been without insurance for at least six months and submit evidence of pre-existing health conditions. The state will receive \$141 million in federal subsidies to cover claims that exceed the premiums paid by the beneficiaries. Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey spokesman Tom Vincz expects more people will enroll in the coming weeks. Vincz says more than 600 applications were downloaded and 268 information kits were sent out following the program's announcement on Aug. 1. Two policies are available, with premiums ranging from \$212 to \$768 monthly, depending on age. – *myfoxny.com, 08/23/10*

Other

"Both recent and future budget deficits have been blamed largely on the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, and to a lesser extent on the war on terrorism, but the data contradict these myths. In reality, spending is almost exclusively the problem." -- *Heritage Foundation's Brian Riedl*

"Throughout history, government has proved to be the chief instrument for thwarting man's liberty. Government represents power in the hands of some men to control and regulate the lives of other men. And power, as Lord Acton said, *corrupts* men. 'Absolute power,' he added, 'corrupts absolutely.' State power, considered in the abstract, need not restrict freedom: but absolute state power always does." -- *U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater (1909-1998)*

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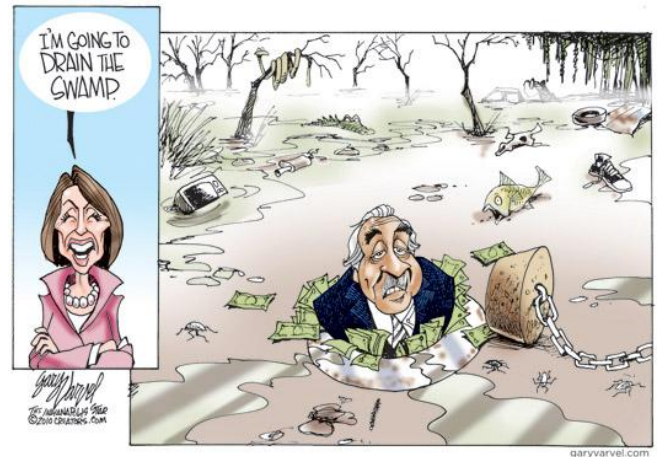
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