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Clubs and counties are encouraged to reprint Southern Division articles in their club or county newsletters, giving credit to Southern Division and the author.

January-February 2015 **FEBRUARY MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

February 4, 2015

WHERE: Phoenix Club **COST:** \$25.00

1340 South Sanderson Avenue Checks payable to

CFRW Southern Division Anaheim CA

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION FORUM

Joy Bliss, 2nd Vice President-Membership

An opportunity to learn about successful ways to retain and recruit members

The forum is a celebration of those clubs who won First Place in Southern Division. It is an opportunity to hear them tell us how they did it.

See page 19 for the clubs that won membership awards.

Invite your members to this meeting for all to catch their enthusiasm and vitality, and believe me I have heard them and they have it. I do not want this workshop/forum to be the same-old, same-old workshop.

Yes, there will be time for questions

INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS

Claire Plotner, 1st Vice President-Program



Douglas V. Gibbs is a radio talk-show host, award winning blogger, President of the Constitution Association, author, and instructor regarding the U.S. Constitution. He has been interviewed on many TV stations including Fox News, One America News, Al Jazeera, NBC, CBS, ABC, ARD German Television, National Public Radio, and radio stations around the country. His articles have appeared in many print publi-

cations and online outlets, including The Free Republic, Drudge Report, Canada Free Press, and The Examiner. A member of the California Republican Assembly, "Unite Inland Empire" patriot group coalition, the "American Authors Association", the "Committee of Concerned Journalists" and "The Military Writers Society of America." Doug is a family man, married 30 years to his high school sweetheart. He is the father of two and has six grandchildren. Doug is a proud United States Navy veteran.

MIKE SLATER



Mike Slater is a popular radio talk show on KFMB and Blaze Radio. A graduate of Yale University, he worked in radio on WTJS AM in Tennessee prior to his work on KFMB in San Diego.

Mike is a constitutional conservative and is dedicated to helping others understand what is great about America.

Mike has appeared at Federated Women's events, Republican events and Tea Party groups in San Diego county. Mike is married and resides in San Diego.

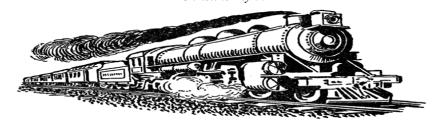
RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS

See pre-paid reservation form in this newsletter. **DEADLINE: JANUARY 23, 2015**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christine Flynn





The only way to improve our election results is to become involved.

Make sure you are right on track as we continue to steam full speed ahead building our clubs towards this critical 2016 election year!

I am honored to have been your president for the past year. I am so very proud of each Federated member.

I appreciate the endless hours of volunteering — all the time and effort you've pitched in to make our Republican victory possible. Thanks to you, we have come through one of the biggest Republican wave elections in decades: Republicans now control BOTH houses of Congress. This historic election just wouldn't have been possible without your support. We not only elected conservative Republicans, we helped elect Republican women across this country. All of this because of you. Every action you took made a difference.

I'm excited for the opportunities for a conservative resurgence. I am encouraged because in California, we have elected sensible people. What we lost by not winning statewide offices, we made up by gaining the legislature.

Kevin McCarthy is being criticized. He has to make deals to achieve successes for us. With a Democrat Senate and a Democrat President, he's got to work to make credible alternatives. If you hear someone disparage our Republican leaders for their actions, speak up. We won't make any progress if we pass judgment on them while they are negotiating for every step to the right. That's the type of political leader we need today. And we're beginning to elect people like that.

- We need the conservative movement to thrive.
- We have to return to our root principles.
- We must build trust in our communities, elect school board members, city councils, mayors, etc.
- Continue to do what we do best, elect Republicans to local offices. The majority of our local elected offices, school boards, city councils and mayors are held by Republicans. In local, smaller elections, the outcomes are decided by only a few. We have made great strides. Let's keep it up and do better.
- ♦ The liberal media defines our narrative, tells the story in our local areas. We need to change that. How effective would we be if we had more conservative journalists?
- ♦ Start a scholarship, promoting conservative journalism majors, along the lines of our Charlotte Mousel scholarship with the Constitution essay.
- Help to endow internships for conservative journalism majors.

Making a difference in other peoples' lives is what matters. YOU make that difference....

Thank you for making this a very blessed year and the incentives to do better in the future.

I wish each of you and your loved ones a very blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas and wishing you a very prosperous 2015.

This newsletter is packed with information for club leaders to help start the new year. If you are no longer president give the newsletter to your successor

Disclaimer:

Some articles in this newsletter are the opinions of the writers and should not be construed as those of Southern Division.

Ot Os With Deep Sadness
we tell of the passing of
Marcella Whitmore
November 27, 2014

CFRW
1992-1993 President
Southern Division President
1986-1987

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

A one-year subscription for the Southern Division newsletter is \$15.00. Contact jill_mccauley@sbcglobal.net to subscribe or renew your subscription.

Expiration date is on the mail label.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 Call to Order 10:00 AM

Phoenix Club in Anaheim 1340 South Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim CA 92806 East of the 57 Freeway at Ball Road exit.

Pre-Paid Deadline: January 23, 2015

\$25.00 PER PERSON

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availability of CFRW roster.

TO SOUTHERN DIVISION INCOMING AND OUTGOING CLUB PRESIDENTS

In order to help our clubs grow, and make this transition easier, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the forms that need to be completed by January 5, 2015.

A president's packet was mailed to your 2014 president in early December. If you are continuing for 2015, please complete these forms immediately. If not, please give the new president the Presidents' Packet containing all forms that should be completed and sent **IMMEDIATELY** to designated persons.

If you are the new 2015 incoming president, ask the 2014 president for the packet. The earlier you have it, the easier it will be to complete it.

The following items are available on the CFRW website for your information and to familiarize yourself with the forms. http://www.cfrw.org/index.cfm/presidents forms and guidelines/

- Passing the Gavel Incoming President's Check-off List
- Passing the Gavel Outgoing President
- Gold Sheet Instructions and Form due January 5, 2015
- ♦ The Gold Sheet (pdf) due January 5, 2015
- ◆ The Gold Sheet (Word) due January 5, 2015
- ♦ CFRW Roster Chairs
- ♦ NFRW Service Charge due January 5, 2015
- Website Information Form due January 5, 2015
- ♦ Club Information Updating Website Instructions
- ♦ Speaker's Roster

Thank you for serving as President of a Federated Club. You will find useful tools and resources on the Federated websites.

cfrwsoutherndivision.org cfrw.org nfrw.org

- 1. Use your calendars, add every Federated event to it as soon as you hear, so that you do not get caught off guard and double-schedule your time.
- 2. Utilize your Board of Directors. Everyone has a personal talent, let them shine, which will help to make your club sparkle.
- 3. Obtain a CFRW state Roster. Not only is it a valuable resource of contacts, it contains the bylaws of upper federated levels. Refer to it often.
- 4. Attend meetings at your club level, county, Southern Division, CFRW and NFRW. You will not only learn as you go, you will make lasting friendships with other like-minded women, women who, like you, are working to make this a better country.

Thank you for all you do for the Federation and the Republican Party.

Christine Flynn

CFRW Southern Division President

FIRST BOD MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE A MINI LEADER SESSION

Presidents: start the new year with a mini leadership session at your first board meeting to review duties of all officers and committee chairmen. Each needs to know what is expected of her throughout the year and her long and short term goals. *Reprinted from Leadership Development Network, Dec. 2014*

Read the NFRW Round Table, which is emailed to you. It has tools for membership recruitment and promotion.

You are aware that Southern Division Treasurer Dawn Wetzel's home was impacted by the devastation that occurred from the rains that fell in December. Here is a note to all:

I want to thank those members who have contacted me with well wishes about our house.

We had a horrific fire-debris mudslide in our community at Camarillo which has been on TV stations for the past week or more. Our house did not escape the debris deposits. We have water and mud soaked carpets and walls both inside and outside. But we are safe and sound at the condo and are working with neighbors and professionals to restore the property. I will attempt to keep you posted as we progress---which will be a slow process with more rain expected. Meanwhile, thanks again for your thoughts and prayers.

Dawn



December 1

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY INFORM YOUR MEMBERS OF THESE MEETING DATES, **EVENTS & DEADLINES.**



Be aware of these dates when scheduling county & club events.

DATES AND LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

2015

		2015
		JANUARY
January 10	Saturday 8 AM-12 PM	SDCFRW Annual Leadership Seminar. All Saints Episcopal Church-Point Loma
		21 classes. \$12. For details: washkahwhelan@aol
		Contact 619-222-5268 or waskahwhelan@aol.com for details
January 12	Monday	RCFRW Annual Leadership Training. Calimesa Country Club.
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January 17	Saturday	LACFRW 44th Annual Leadership Seminar. San Gabriel Hilton. See flyer.
January 25	Sunday	RESERVATION DEADLINE. CFRW Southern Division meeting, Phoenix Club.
January 30-31	Friday-Saturday	CFRW Winter Conference. DoubleTree by Hilton. Modesto.
January 30-31	Tilday-Saturday	Call to Conference was mailed to 2014 officers and presidents.
		For Call go to www.cfrw.org
		FEBRUARY
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February 4	Wednesday	Southern Division Board of Directors meeting and lunch. Phoenix Club, Anaheim.
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March 1	Sunday	DEADLINE : Charlotte Mousel Scholarship applications, essays and
		related materials received by club Scholarship Chairmen.
		Application in this newsletter.
March 7	Saturday	DEADLINE : Charlotte Mousel Scholarship club winners' applications and related
		materials to County scholarship chairmen.
March 15	Sunday	DEADLINE : Charlotte Mousel Scholarship applications, essays
		and related materials received by Southern Division Scholarship Chairman
March 27-29	Friday-Sunday	NFRW Board of Directors meeting. Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington VA.
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April 1	Wednesday	Southern Division meeting and lunch.
P		County presidents meet to determine Charlotte Mousel Scholarship recipients.
April 20-21	Monday-Tuesday	CFRW Spring Conference & Advocacy Workshop, Sacramento.
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June 1	Monday	DEADLINE: NFRW Pathfinder Scholarship application received by
June 1	Williay	CFRW President Roseann Slonsky-Breault.
		DEADLINE: Betty Rendell Scholarship application received by
T 2	XX 1 1	CFRW President Roseann Slonsky-Breault.
June 3	Wednesday	Southern Division meeting and lunch and Charlotte Mousel Scholarship awards
		presented.
		AUGUST
August 15	Saturday	DEADLINE: CFRW Reagan Scholarship application received by CFRW
		Scholarship Chairman Rosalia Zamora.
		SEPTEMBER
September 10-	-13	NFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION. JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort,
		Phoenix, Arizona
		OCTOBER
October 16-18	3	CFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION. Irvine.
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Roseann Slonsky-Breault

DEADLINE for Kabis Internship application received by CFRW President

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN 44TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR The RIGHT Change You Can Believe In

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015
SAN GABRIEL HILTON

225 West Valley Blvd., San Gabriel
\$55.00 - Includes Lunch
Member Workshops
Presidents' Workshop
Featured Speaker

SHANNON GROVE - Assembly Member

No Host Continental Breakfast: 7:30am - 9:00am

Workshops: 9:00am

Wear your comfortable clothes, round up your members and bring your ideas. Let's work together to energize our clubs and boost our membership

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For reservations, please make checks payable to LACFRW and mail by January 9, 2015 to: Michele Morris, 4320 Graywood Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808 - Phone: 562-421-2591

Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of \$	for	reservations
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Phone:	Email	
Club President or Attending For President:		
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

44TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Right CHANGE You Can Believe In

By Wendy Brubaker, LACFRW Leadership Chairman

On January 17, 2015, LACFRW will kick off the New Year with the 44th annual Leadership Conference. The theme, *The Right CHANGE You Can Believe In*, is indicative of the need for our organization to develop and implement changes to address the steady decline in membership. LACFRW has half the members of ten years ago. In 2004, there were 42 clubs in Los Angeles County; now there are less than 30. These numbers reflect membership challenges at all levels of the Federation.

The day will feature "How To" workshops for members, a workshop specifically for club presidents and the opportunity to network with women from clubs from around the county and beyond. The featured speaker is Shannon Grove. She is a dynamic Republican representing the 34th Assembly District encompassing the majority of Kern County. She is an Army veteran, business owner and a wife and mother.

"How To" Member workshop topics will include:

- Membership Effective tools for recruiting and retaining members.
- Communications Do we have the right message for today's Republican women?
- Ways and Means Effective fundraising
- Newsletters Focus will be on the content and use as a communication tool
- Membership Secretary Changes in Per Capita reporting are coming from NFRW. Get a head's up on the new website reporting tool.
- Club Finances Budgets, income and expense tracking, tax returns and yearly audit

Our organization faces serious challenges, particularly in California. Just like a business, we need to take a look at our "product" and how we sell it. Wear your comfortable clothes and bring your ideas to help us continue to *Make a Difference*.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Welcome, Club President!

We are pleased to congratulate you on your election. You have agreed to take on a position that is very rewarding and important. The strength of the Federation lies in the hands of local Republican women like you

As the leader of your local Republican women's club, you are the vital link between the NFRW, your state federation, and your club members. Your role is critical and essential, and you have several important responsibilities.

We have developed the following tools and resources to assist you as you get started.

If you have additional questions, please contact us at membership@nfrw.org, and best wishes!

PRESIDENTS' CHECKOFF LIST FOR SUCCESS

As a first priority, please ensure your club profile page on the NFRW web site is up-to-date with your key information so that prospective members can find you. The NFRW web site has thousands of visitors each month. Many are looking for a like-minded crowd to meet with. This is your club's chance to say, "Here we are. Come be with us!"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING AND UPDATING YOUR CLUB PROFILE PAGE [PDF, 2 pages]

Make sure each club member has signed up for the NFRW's free email network. This email network is the NFRW's primary means of communicating with members, and it is imperative that each member takes a few minutes to sign up. It's guick and easy and free. SIGN UP NOW

Send your national member dues and club service charge to your state in a timely fashion. Associated deadlines are available on the NFRW Deadlines Calendar. NFRW DEADLINES CALENDAR

Start working on the Club Achievement Awards program and other awards opportunities. The Achievement Awards program allows Republican women's clubs to follow a similar path as far as programs are concerned and ensures that everyone is on the same page. It is also an excellent way to garner much-deserved recognition

for your club. NFRW AWARDS

✓ Make sure you know your club and state bylaws, and are familiar with national bylaws.

NFRW BYLAWS

Familiarize yourself with the various NFRW programs that are available to you and your club.

NFRW PROGRAMS

Start a web site if you don't already have one, and consider exploring social media opportunities like Facebook and Twitter. The NFRW Technology Committee can answer questions and help point you in the right direction.

Keep an accurate, current member mailing list.

Get to know the NFRW staff. We're here to help with any questions or suggestions you may have.

NFRW STAFF

Stay in contact with your state. Your state is your primary link to the NFRW.

STATE FEDERATIONS

To obtain these valuable documents, go to:

www.nfrw.org.
User name - federation
Password: nfrw1938

Click: Digital Resource Library

Click: Club Presidents

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LOOKING TO A SUCCESSFUL 2015

As Southern Division leaders we must focus on how the Federation can promote informed members and the public through our clubs. Often members do not take a position on the board because they are unsure of the responsibilities. The following resources will help county and club presidents with management and will facilitate your role as president.

RESOURCE #1 FEDERATION WEBSITES

The Federation of Republican Women has experts to help you.

When you have a question or need, go to the websites:

www.nfrw.org

www.cfrw.org

www.cfrwsodivision.org

Your county's website

If a password is required and you have not established yours, go to the website and click Members Center/Request a Password. Follow the instructions. Your User Name is your e-mail address.

RESOURCE #2 FEDERATION BYLAWS

Go to the Federation websites. Download and print the bylaws for each level of the Federation for yourself and your parliamentarian.

RESOURCE #3 GUIDE FOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The strength of the National Federation of Republican Women lies in its individual clubs. The strength of the individual clubs lies in their autonomy, in the fact that they are self-governing. It is on the local level that the members receive their training and inspiration to become effective leaders. The purpose of the *Guide for Republican Women* is to aid clubs, their officers, and members by providing a ready reference and guide. Each club should start off each new administration with a copy of the *Guide for Republican Women*

The Guide:

- 1. Delineates the duties of each office and the manner in which they are to be performed.
- 2. Provides a framework within each committee chairmen's function and give additional suggestions to aid in making each job more effective.

Revised in 2012 the Guide continues to direct our political activities, enabling us to remain the most effective and knowledgeable volunteer force in the Republican Party.

Cost: \$10 for 1 \$ 8 each, 2 or more

A limited number of guides is available. To order your copy, call 858-279-5082 or email skalt56@san.rr.com. All rosters must be prepaid. Rosters may be picked up at the February Southern Division meeting. Add postage if you want it mailed to you.

RESOURCE #4 SPEAKERS' ROSTER

Enthusiastic and creative speakers and programs entice your members to attend your meetings. Program planning requires thought and planning. Southern Division has compiled a roster of speakers from the best that clubs have suggested. There are more than 60 pages of interesting and dynamic speakers for you to choose from. You can view/download/print and search the roster at www.cfrwsodivision.org in the Members Center.

Information is regularly updated in the newsletter. Read "Speakers Roster", You may wish to find your own speakers. But remember that <u>our Bylaws require that any speaker you choose must be a registered Republican</u>.

RESOURCE #5 E-MAIL ADDRESS ROSTER

Need to contact an NFRW, CFRW, or Southern Division board member?

E-mail addresses for all leaders at all levels of the Federation can be found on NFRW and CFRW websites.

RESOURCE #6 NFRW ACHEIVEMENT AWARDS

At the NFRW biennial convention, clubs are recognized for their outstanding achievements. Go to the NFRW website – www.nfrw.org for the awards information.

Click Member Center User Name; federation Password: nfrw1938

Click Awards

See Jackie Raspler's article on page 14.

NFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION September 10 - 13, 2015

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort Phoenix, Arizona

Plan Ahead. In 2014 you budgeted half anticipated expenses to send your president to this convention. Budget the other half in your 2015 your budget.



CLUB PRESIDENTS UPDATING YOUR 2015 CLUB INFORMATION AND OFFICER INFORMATION ON CFRW WEBSITE



Lois Godfrey, Southern Division Web Master

2014 club presidents are listed on the CFRW club website page. The outgoing club president should log in and replace her name with the name of the 2015 club president. (Directions are below).

Each club has an e-mail alias address. It is your club name @cfrw.org

Example <u>Bakersfieldrwf@cfrw.org</u>; <u>Brearwf@cfrw.org</u>. When used this email is re-directed to the presidents real email address.

Club Presidents log-in to the CFRW website at www.cfrw.org and request your password, if you don't have one. Once you have your password you can log-in and update your club information and officers. Go to www.cfrw.org

- 1. At the top of the page is a red LOG IN click on it and log in with your Username and Password
- 2. One the right side of the page you will see a square that says **ADMIN** place your cursor over the word, a drop down appears.
- 3. The drop-down will indicate your **Club Name** carefully bring your cursor down until your cursor is over the top of your club name, take your cursor in the direction of your club name, when it says **CLUBS/POSITION** click on that.
- 4. Your **EDIT CLUB PROFILE** page will appear.
- 5. The large white square is where you will put information about your club. 100 words or less please.
- 6. **SAVE INFORMATION** is in red, click on that and your information will be saved. Always save or you will lose it.
- 7. Below that area is a list of OFFICERS. The club president's name must be in that first square where it says **PRESIDENT. ONLY THE PRESIDENT CAN EDIT THIS PAGE.**
- 8. Put your cursor in the field next to the position and start typing the member's name, a list will appear, pick the correct name for each of the positions. You **<u>DO NOT</u>** have to assign a name to each of the positions. Suggestion would be President, 1st VP, Membership Chair, Per Capita Chair, Treasurer and Newsletter.
- 9. SAVE INFORMATION if you forget it will all be lost and you will have to start over.

We recommend that you DO NOT list personal phone numbers or addresses on the club page. This page is open to the public.

Please email the Data Center and Web Manager letting them know you have updated your Club page. DataCenter@cfrw.org and Webmanager@cfrw.org.

If you have any problems contact the CFRW web manager at webmanager@cfrw.org.

If you are not computer literate please use the Website Info 2015 form included in the presidents' packet

GETTING YOUR PASSWORD

Lois Godfrey, Web Manager

There will be times when you need a password to access website information. If you don't have a password, follow these simple instructions.

- 1. **Go** to <u>www.cfrw.org</u>
 - On the right side of the page is the Member Center. A dropdown box appears.
- 2. **Move** your cursor down.
- 3. Click on "Request Password"
- 4. **Fill** out the form
- 5. Submit

You will receive a computer generated password.

Not pleased with your generated password? You may change it by going to: http://www.cfrw.org/members/index.cfm?ction=changepassword

POLICY ISSUES-IMMIGRATION

Gwat Bhattacharjie, Chairman

IMMEDIATE ACTION ALERT:

President Obama has issued an unprecedented and bold executive order to give a stay of deportation and issue work permits to 5 MILLION ILLEGAL ALIENS! This grab of power cannot be tolerated.

Immigration remains the primary responsibility of Congress, and should be dealt with carefully and in increments, beginning with true enforcement of all laws.

PLEASE remind Speaker John Boehner (202-225-0600) to DEFUND the Department of Homeland Security NOW!! Also call Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer (Capitol Switchboard 888-995-2086) and demand them to do the same.

Also call your local Congressman.

PARLIAMENTARIAN POINTERS

Mary Helen Kelly, Parliamentarian

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED 11TH EDITION is a tool every person who serves as a presiding officer should have and study. This will give a basic knowledge to help in conducting the business of the organization. You need not memorize all of the "rules;" instead, use one of the many helpful summaries with outlines of requirements for commonly used motions. These helpful booklets can be purchased at Barnes and Noble where there is a large selection to choose from.

This article will cover one motion that is often misused.

PREVIOUS QUESTION...

A member will rise and make this motion believing that debate will immediately stop and the pending question will be voted on. The Previous Question is a Subsidiary Motion that does stop debate, but the following rules must be followed:

- 1. It is out of order when another has the floor. The person making the motion must be recognized by the presiding officer using the procedure established by your group.
- 2. Applies only to the question immediately pending at the time. (Unless otherwise stated when there is an amendment to the main motion and the maker of the motion wants to include both the amendment and the main motion for immediate vote.)
- 3. Requires a second.
- 4. Is NOT debatable.
- 5. Can NOT be amended
- 6. Requires a **two-thirds** vote to stop debate.

If all of the above have been followed, debate must stop and a vote on the pending question can be taken. The **two-thirds** vote is extremely important because it restricts the rights of members who may want to continue debate. To insure that the vote to stop debate is **two-thirds** of the **voting members**, a standing vote is preferable. With a voice vote, non voting members present can easily vote; or one side may have stronger voices than the other making it difficult to determine the actual number of votes for or against.

There are other rules that can be considered with using the **Previous Question**, but they are seldom necessary in most societies and can be studied in depth under paragraph #16 in Robert's Rules of order Newly Revised Edition 11.



PROCEDURES TO HELP IN CONSIDERING AND DISPOSING OF THE MAIN MOTION

You are encouraged to use a main motion to bring a subject to the floor for discussion; then use the proper forms to refine it and pass a motion agreeable to the majority. The last article was on Amendments.

Here are ways to postpone action when more information is needed, or when the group is just not ready to make a decision. To move to Table a motion is intended to kill it. It will not be brought from the table, unless someone at a later date moves to do so.

TO REFER TO A COMMITTEE:

If you feel it would be better for the committee bringing the motion to the floor to take suggestions that have been made and reword the motion, you can refer it back to that committee.

This is a subsidiary motion that takes precedence over a main motion, and over the subsidiary motions to Postpone Indefinitely and Amend. It is not in order when another has the floor. You must be recognized by the Chair, it requires a second and it is debatable, amendable and requires a majority vote.

Move to refer the main motion under discussion to xxx committee. You may set a time to bring the motion back to the floor. If the motion passes, debate stops on the main motion and it is sent back to committee. If the motion fails, debate continues on the pending main motion.

TO POSTPONE TO A CERTAIN TIME:

This motion is used to put off action, within limits, to a definite time. You can use it when debate has shown a reason to hold off for a time. This does not kill the pending question, but allows it to be considered later. A reasonable time must be specified, usually to the next meeting. If it is a convention with annual meetings, the time must be set before the close of the current meeting.

This is a subsidiary motion that takes precedence over a main motion, subsidiary motions to Postpone Indefinitely and Amend; and incidental motions for Division of the Question and Consideration by Paragraph or Seriatim

It is not in order when another has the floor. It requires a second, is debatable, amendable, requires a two-thirds vote and can be reconsidered.

If the motion passes, debate is stopped. If it fails, debate continues. The Secretary must record the time (date) that the motion will be brought back to the floor

For further study see Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition, Paragraphs 13 and 14.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORTING

Ann Grivich, Membership Secretary

The Club decides the Officer or Chairman responsible for membership per capita reporting. In larger clubs, the Membership Secretary (sometimes a Vice President) is assigned the task. In other clubs the Membership Chairman or the Treasurer assumes the responsibility.

- 1. Four (4) copies of your membership per capita reports are to be sent to your County Membership Secretary by the 5th of each month, January-October. Be sure to retain one copy for the club files. The per capita dues are also due to your County Membership Secretary by the 5th of the month. You can find her name and contact info in the president's packet, which were mailed in December to the current club president in December.
- 2. The amount of per capita dues submitted with each report is listed by county in the president's packet.
- 3. The first per capita report of the year must list a minimum of ten (10) members. After your first report, please report the members' registrations you have, no matter how many there are. Dues of board members of club, division, or state should be collected and reported on your first report.
- 4. You have 3 format options for your reports:
 - Handwritten/Typed forms in the president's packet have detailed instructions.
 - ♦ Microsoft Word form: This form and detailed instructions are available on the Southern Division website (at www.cfrwsoutherndivision.org) in the "Members Center" under "Resource Center."
 - Microsoft Excel form. This is the preferred form. The form and detailed instructions are available by request from the CFRW Data Center via email at DataCenter@cfrw.org.

PREPARING THE PER CAPITA REPORT

- 1. Choose your preferred format (handwritten/typed, Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel)
- 2. Number each report consecutively.
- 3. The club ID # is the number issued to every club by the NFRW and can be found following the club name in the CFRW roster.
- 4. Names should be in alphabetical order.
- 5. Fill out the form according to the detailed instructions for that form. Members are considered new if they have not paid dues the previous year.

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

Your newsletter should be emailed to:

- ◆ CFRW President Roseann Slonsky-Breault roseann.slonsky.b@gmail.com
- ◆ CFRW Southern Division President Christine Flynn christineflynnrwf@gmail.com
- Your county president
- ◆ CFRW Southern Division Speakers' Roster Chairman Ann Grivich akgrivich@earthlink.net
- Southern Division Editor Jill A. McCauley jill_mccauley@sbcglobal.net





ABRAHAM LINCOLN

16th President of the United States

Born: February 12, 1809 **Died**: April 15, 1865



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1st President of the United States

Born: February 22, 1732 **Died:** December 14, 1799

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Joy Bliss, 2nd Vice President-Membership sblissjoy@aol.com

2014 was a great year for Republicans. We took back the Senate and the House and elected new governors. Let's start the New Year by renewing ALL of our 2014 members for another exciting year for the Republican Women Federation!!

Southern Division 2014 membership wasn't as bright. Our membership dropped. In 2013 six of the seven counties reached 100% of the 2012 membership numbers. In 2014 none reached that magic number of 100%.

All is not gloom and there were beams of optimistic bright lights. Some of our clubs were flash bang successes! A small new club in Los Angeles County grew 190%!

It is time to pull up our socks and learn from those clubs that really had it going in 2014!

ATTENTION ALL PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENTS

Attend the first Southern Division meeting of 2015 on February 4. Learn from a panel of experts about retaining and recruiting members.

The panel will consist of:

- ♦ Marie Cruz of North Los Angeles County RWF whose club grew 190%
- ◆ Terrie Davis of Point Loma RWF whose club grew 129%
- ◆ Joy Meidecke of East Valley RWF whose club grew 110%
- Linda Toomajian of Long Beach RWF whose club went from a very small group of aging women to a vital thriving club with young working women in just a short time.

Club presidents and membership vice presidents are encouraged to attend this workshop to learn how these clubs had such fantastic growth!

Hear these dynamic women success strategies and I am sure you will be revitalized and eager to get out there and make 2015 a year to crow about!

See page 17 for the clubs who were recognized for outstanding membership recruitment.



RONALD W. REAGAN 40th President of the United States

BORN: February 6, 1911 **DIED:** June 5, 2004

2014 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Ann Grivich

CFRW Southern Division Membership Secretary akgrivich@earthlink.net (626) 919-5206

Southern Division came in second place for the Eagle Membership Trophy, beating Northern Division.

Congratulations to first place Central Division for all your hard work.

Southern Division membership numbers were 89.2% of last year's grand total.

The north counties of Southern Division (Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura) again bested the south counties of Southern Division (Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego) as of the October report, ending with 89.8% to 88.7% of last year's grand total.

Star counties are Los Angeles in the north with 90.6% of last year's grand total and Riverside in the south at 94.8% of 2013 numbers.

Five clubs reached 100% or more of October 2013 totals: Asian American RWF, Brea RWF, Chula Vista-Bonita RWF, Escondido RWF, and North Hollywood RWF. Twenty-two clubs ended 2014 with 100% or more of last year's total for the year!

Thank you to all for your hard work!

If you have any questions about membership reporting, feel free to contact me or your county membership secretary. We are always here to help.

FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOMS

by Kathy Davis, member of the Tuolumne County Republican Women Federated in Sonora, CA

I don't want to lose ANY of my Constitutional Freedoms. Here are a few of them:

- 1. Freedom of Religion
 - I will worship the way I choose to, as I have in the past and will in the future!!!! This is highly important to me and many others.
- 2. Freedom to Keep & Bear Arms
 - I am NOT going out to cause anyone harm, but I will defend myself and my family.
- 3. Freedom of Speech
 - I will always say my opinion. I do not want to be censored; I have always voiced my opinion and will continue to do so. If I happen to offend someone, I will not apologize, they can voice their own opinions, I will listen to them. There are way too many people being "politically correct" for my taste. Say what is on your mind, don't tip toe around it.

If we lose any of these Freedoms, or any of OUR Freedoms are taken away, we will be in a Censored Society, and that is something I never want to see happen in this wonderful Land of OURS.

SPEAKERS ROSTER

Ann Grivich, Speakers Bureau Chairman

The Southern Division has compiled an incredible list of speakers in its Speakers Roster on our website! Check out the entire list in the Member Center on the Southern Division website at www.cfrwsoutherndivision.org. There are more than 60 pages of interesting and dynamic speakers for you to choose from for your meetings and events. Many are very low cost. There is also a link to the Young America's Foundation website that has contact information for some of the biggest names in conservative speakers along with many up-and-coming lights in our party. Go to www.cfrwsoutherndivision.org.

Please send an emailed copy of your newsletter to <u>SDSpeakers@cfrw.org</u>. That is how we find all the dynamic new speakers for our Speakers Roster.

The REAL Threat of Radical and Political Islam; Just Who Is the Muslim Brotherhood and Their Operations in America; Abrogation, the Qur'anic Principle Everyone Needs to Understand; Developing an Effective Community Response

Dix, Donald tocof2@gmail.com

(202) 870-8391 http://www.actforamerica.org/

Fee: Travel/book sales/nominal honorarium

Other info: While studying the impact of politics on financial markets, Donald discovered alarming accounts detailing the increasing influence of Islam in America's political structures, policy decisions, institutions and schools. This new awareness triggered years of studying Islam's history and foundational texts including consultations with National Security policy experts and former agency managers from the FBI, CIA and DOD. The picture that emerged when the dots were connected revealed the true intent of political Islam and the Shariah Law threat doctrine. Donald now leads a chapter of ACT! for America in Southern California.

The Troops Direct Story & Mission Supply Deficiencies, Entrepreneurialism, Non-profits, and Much More, Factual, Anecdotal, Enthusiastic, Patriotic

Negherbon, Aaron Aaron@TroopsDirect.org (925) 519-0002 Http://www.TroopsDirect.org

Fee: Donations to Troop Direct

Other info: TroopsDirect is the only not for profit organization supplying American forces around the globe with any critically needed items that they cannot access through their internal supply chains. Everything we ship is request based only and in the categories of operational, medical & nutritional support. In 4.5 years we have shipped over 200 tons of requested support to units ranging from Reservists and Guardsmen to the most elite of Special Forces units across 4 continents and at sea. We are a non governmental organization powered by the generosity of American citizens, foundations and corporations.

My Story - Surviving PTSD, Brain Tumor & Traumatic Brain Injury: a True Miracle Walking; The American Soldier Network Story; Veterans Issues (Current Issues Involving Support for Our Heroes

Nelson, Annie annie@americansoldiernetwork.org (714) 290-6958 http://www.theAnnieNelson.com

Fee: \$350

Other info: Advocate ~ Host/Broadcaster~ Philanthropist~Public Speaker -Spokesperson; Founder of The American Soldier Network a 501c3; Columnist for US Veterans Magazine. (Additional website: http://www.americansoldiernetwork.org)

Why Republicans Are Good and Democrats Are Bad for America

Prelutsky, Burt burtprelutsky@aol.com (818) 830-1665 http://www.BurtPrelutsky.com

Fee: negotiable plus travel/book sales

Other info: Wrote a humor column for the *L.A. Times* and was the movie reviewer for Los Angeles magazine. Wrote several television movies of the week, and episodes of Dragnet, MASH, Bob Newhart, Mary Tyler Moore and Diagnosis Murder. Author of six books and over 1,500 articles that have been posted at WorldNetDaily, Townhall, Breitbart's Hollywood, Patriot Post, Bernard Goldberg.com and BurtPrelutsky.com.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEMBERS RECOVERING IN REHAB FACILITIES

Marie Cruz

- Knee Surgery -23760 Via Helina Valencia CA 91365

Mary Humphrey

- Broken Arm -Emeritus 3140 El Camino Real. Rm. 175B Carlsbad CA 92008

Elaine Klock

- Back Surgery -1966 Homewood Drive Altadena CA 91001

Southern Division wishes these ladies speedy recoveries.

SOUTHERN DIVISION CHARLOTTE MOUSEL SCHOLARSHIP

Jeanne Bunch, Chairman

FIRST PLACE \$1500 SECOND PLACE \$1000 Application printed in this newsletter.



The United States Constitution has guided this country to greatness for over 200 years. It is important that we realize the intent of our Founding Fathers when they endured scorching summer heat in Philadelphia to author a constitution like no other.

With Congress and an administration out of control, leading us ever and ever closer to socialism, the Southern

Division Charlotte Mousel Scholarship is more relevant than ever.

The Charlotte Mousel Scholarship theme, "What the U.S. Constitution means to me," is appropriate for these times when this historic document is being ignored by those in power and not understood by so many citizens.

March 2 Club Scholarship Applications

Deadline for your applications, essays, and related materials received by club scholarship chairman.

March 9 Club Scholarship Chairmen

Deadline for copies of your **club** winner's application, evaluation form and related materials received by your county's scholarship chairman.

March 16 County Scholarship Chairmen

Deadline for copies of **county** winner's applications, evaluation forms and other related material received by Southern Division Scholarship Chairman:

Jeanne Bunch 2035 Leo Court Escondido CA 92026

April 1 Southern Division Meeting

County Presidents meet to determine the two scholarship winners.

June 3 Southern Division meeting

Winners will be presented and awarded their checks and certificates.

Questions, call or email: Cell 760-715-1918 mjbbunch@sbcglobal.net

START YOUR SEARCH TODAY

CHARLOTTE MOUSEL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Since the inception of the Charlotte Mousel Scholarship it has been funded by generous contributions from counties, clubs and individuals. For many years contributions met the amount of the awards. But is has become increasingly difficult to rely on contributions.

At the Southern Division November meeting the matter was discussed and it was decided that the Charlotte Mousel Scholarship will be a budget item in the Southern Division budget.

Thank you to all who have so generously helped support this scholarship that honors a California Republican woman who came up through the ranks to become the first women from California to be elected NFRW president.

We will graciously except your kind donations to fund this scholarship.

Send your contribution to: Southern Division Mousel Scholarship Chairman Jeanne Bunch 2035 Leo Court Escondido CA 92026

On the memo line write: So. Div. Mousel Scholarship



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

Corona-Norco RWF



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN SOUTHERN DIVISION CHARLOTTE MOUSEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Submitting Club	County
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The California Federation of Republican Women, Southern Division Charlotte Mousel Scholarship is awarded to assist graduating high school seniors who think constructively on matters affecting our government.

Awards in the amount of \$1500 (First Place) and \$1000 (Second Place) will be based on the following: scholastic achievement, school activities, community involvement, political activities, general appearance of the application, and construction thought demonstrated in an essay.

These applications are distributed in seven southern counties of California. One application will be selected by each county to submit to the Southern Division judges, who will determine the first and second place winners. Finalists may be interviewed. The two winners will be presented at the Board of Directors luncheon meeting in June. If possible, winners should plan to attend.

A complete application **must** include the following:

- A typewritten essay, not to exceed 1000 works on "What the U.S. Constitution means to me."

 The content of the essay should reflect knowledge of the Constitution and what the Constitution means to you
- Official application form with sections completed in full.
- An official copy of your most recent college transcripts, signed by your counselor.
- Senior photograph.

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Send to:				Deadline March 2, 2015
		Please I	Print or Type	
Full Name				
Address				
City		Zip		Telephone _()
Home Phone	Cell Phone		E-mail	
Name of Parent or Guardian				

REFERENCES: Please give the name, occupation and telephone number of two persons who have known you for at least one year.

- A high school teacher, principal or clergyman.
- A business or professional person in your community.

2015 DEADLINES:

- March 2: Application received by Republican Women, Federated club
- March 9: Application received by club to County scholarship chairman.
- March 16: Application received by Southern Division scholarhip chairman.

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN SOUTHERN DIVISION CHARLOTTE MOUSEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME				SAT SCORES: Total:
HIGH SCHOOL				Writing: Math:
				Critical Reading:
				Critical Reading.
GPA CL	ASS STANDING			
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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES				Position Held of Honors
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	Signature of Applicant			
DATE	Signature of Parent or Guard	lian		



NFRW AND CFRW SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Rosalia Zamora, CFRW Scholarship Chairman 760-489-1407 Cell 760-532-8181 rosalia1947@att.net



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

National Pathfinder Scholarship

What is it? The scholarship honors First Lady Nancy Reagan's exemplary efforts to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

Who qualifies? Undergraduate sophomores, juniors, seniors and students in the Master's program who are enrolled in the fields of Chemistry, Sociology, Psychology and Pharmacology who are doing research in the field of substance abuse.

What is offered? Three \$2,500.00 scholarships are offered to support students who are currently studying in these fields. Previous winners may not apply.

Deadline: Applications are due to the CFRW President by **June 1, 2015**.

Betty Rendell Scholarship

What is it? This scholarship is designed for undergraduate Republican women currently majoring in economics, political science, or government. Former winners may not apply.

What is offered? Three annual scholarships of \$1,000.00 each.

Deadline: Applications are due to the CFRW President by **June 1, 2015**.

Dorothy Andrew Kabis Memorial Internship

What is it? The Dorothy Kabis Internship offers three undergraduates the opportunity to work for six weeks in the summer at the NFRW Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

Who qualifies? The applicant must be at least 21 years of age and in her junior year of college. She must have an interest in Republican politics and a general knowledge of government, including campaign experience and clerical skills adaptable to a busy office.

What is offered? Round-trip airfare, housing in the D.C. metropolitan area and small monetary allowance.

Deadline: Applications must be received by the CFRW Scholarship Chairman by **November 1, 2015**. Former Internship winners may not apply.

Deep Sympathy to Darlene Casella, Rancho Mírage RWF Presídent On the sudden loss of her husband.

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

President Ronald Reagan Scholarship

What is it? This scholarship is offered to an undergraduate registered Republican woman.

Who qualifies? The applicant must be a resident of California who has completed two years of college, and is majoring in political science, communications, or directed toward law.

What is offered? \$2,000.00

Deadline: Applications are due to the CFRW Scholarship Chairman by **August 15, 2015.** Applications available for each of these scholarships can be found at http://www.cfrw.org/programs/scholarships.php.

Mail applications to CFRW Scholarship Chairman Rosalía Zamora 2973 Roseann Avenue Escondido CA 92027

NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR DONATIONS

Mail donations to the CFRW Reagan scholarship fund to: CFRW Treasurer:

Carol Stein 1880 Sutter Court Napa CA 94559

Write checks payable to CFRW.
On memo line write CFRW Reagan Scholarship

\$18 TRILLION

America passed a sad milestone as the national debt topped \$18 trillion. Under **President Obama's** failed leadership, the national debt has skyrocketed by over \$7.3 trillion.

RNC Chairman Reince Priebus issued the following statement on the national debt surpassing \$18 trillion:

"This is a sad milestone for America. Under President Obama's failed leadership, the national debt has skyrocketed by over \$7.3 trillion. It has officially exceeded \$18 trillion. President Obama once said it was 'unpatriotic' and 'irresponsible' to add \$4 trillion to the debt. By his own reasoning then, President Obama has reached a new level of irresponsibility. He has the worst record of any president when it comes to putting America deeper in debt. *To read statement in entirety, go to NFRW Briefing 12/17/14*.

NFRW 2015 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS UPDATE

Jackie Raspler, CFRW Chairman

Achievement awards are a club's friend and they should be used to develop its programs and by the club president in planning one's term!

To get a copy of the Club Achievement Awards 2014-2015 Report Form, go to

http://www,nfrw.org/documents/awards/achievement.pdf.

All clubs need to strive to accomplish the various levels of achievement.

This is a great tool to use when planning a new president's term! It also promotes teamwork and community recognition. Have fun!

There are several changes in the 2014 - 2015 Achievement Award Report Form

CLUB FUNCTION:

- ♦ 5 bonus points for campaign volunteer hours when clubs use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, blogging, email or your website to promote Republican principles.
- ♦ 4 points. Club treasurer or membership chairman updates the NFRW Data Base with all members by the NFRW quarterly dates. This will be accomplished by using the new NFRW user-friendly software that will be unveiled on January 5, 2015. Training programs will be available. Club treasurers and membership chairmen need to check to be sure their club membership rosters are being updated on their NFRW club site.
- 3 points will be awarded for the following:
 - **** Club president attends state or NFRW president's training.
 - **** Club treasurer attends state or NFRW treasurer's training.
 - **** Club submits a profile for the NFRW Club Spotlight in 2014 or 2015
- ◆ 1 point. Donating more than \$10.00 to the NFRW Trust. The address is NFRW, 124 North Alfred Street, Alexandra, VA 22314.

MEMBERSHIP

- ♦ 2 points will be awarded for the following:
 - **** Club distributes new member packets to all new members.
 - **** Club distributes new membership brochures to all members for recruitment.

NFRW has a template available for a professional publication for membership recruitment. Go to www nfrw.org

Click Member Center

User Name- federation

Password – nfrw1938

Click Member Tools

Digital Library/Membership

The Membership Tri-Fold Brochure

If you are not receiving the NFRW Round Table, to download the latest go to http://www.nfrw.org/documents.roundtable/2014/december.pdf

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

♦ 3 bonus points. Donate to your county, division or CFRW scholarship programs and/or establish your own scholarship program to benefit a needful Republican woman in your region. These 3 bonus points are in addition to the points awarded for donations to the NFRW scholarships.

Send two (2) copies of the achievement awards points report forms by June 1, 2015 to the CFRW President Roseann Slonsky-Breault. You <u>must</u> sign the Certification on page ten. Credit will be given for those items that you plan or schedule to accomplish through December 2015. The state president will sign off on page ten and forward to NFRW by June 30, 2015.

This is a two-year program and some activities must be achieved in 2014 and 2015. Others once during a two year program. Clubs will be recognized at the Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015.

To get a copy of the Club Achievement Awards 2014-2015 Report Form, go to

http://www,nfrw.org/documents/awards/achievement.pdf.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 951-775-3372 or jackie380@msn.com.Achievement awards are a club's friend and they should be used to develop its programs and by the club president in planning one's term! All clubs need to strive to accomplish the various levels of achievement.

DONATION NATION

Source: OC Register. Focus/Charity, Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014

Christmas is the peak season for charitable donations. Here is how the USA compares with the rest of the world. Score percentages based on Gallup poll survey asking the following three things.

		Helping a	Donating	Volunteering
		stranger	money	time
1.	USA	79%	68%	44%
2.	Myanmar	49	91	51
3.	Canada	66	71	44
4.	Ireland	64	74	41
5.	New Zealand	69	62	44
6.	Australia	65	66	37
7.	Malaysia	63	60	41
8.	United Kingdom	n 61	74	29
9.	Sri Lanka	56	56	50

OUTGOING COUNTY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY RWF

Patti Adair, 2013-2014 President

As retiring Los Angeles County FRW president I am appreciative of all the hard work our members did to make many races in the general election closer than they have been in the recent past. Some clubs can even claim victory!

Manhattan Beach RWF made David Hadley's election their personal cause and they were successful! He will be representing their district in the State Assembly.

We are disappointed that Los Angeles County's voters failed to elect Pete Peterson. We had approximately 1.2 million voting in the election. With over one million registered Republicans in Los Angeles County we can conclude that they are not voting in large enough numbers. Pete lost the county by only 300,000 votes. He did take Orange and San Diego counties.

The unintended consequence of the dismal number of voters who actually had their vote recorded means that we will only have to obtain half as many signatures for a "voter I.D. proposition" that we did with "Guard My Vote" this year. It really means it will be a much easier opportunity for our Federated clubs to step up to the task.

The national election results are very encouraging for our party. Winning the 54th Senate seat on December 6th will add to balancing the power of the executive overreach. We will have a Senatorial election in 2016 in California. Let's hope we have a candidate that will win!

It has been a privilege serving as LACFRW President the past two years. I am excited to pass the gavel to **Mary Owens**. Mary is a dynamic Republican. Our county will be fortunate to have her leadership as she just served as my Vice President of Programs the last two years. Mary is ready for all the challenges of our times.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RWF

Fran Wernerskichen, 2013-2014 President

Congratulations to **L. Hilary Slotta** who has been elected to Morongo Unified School District. She will also be our new San Bernardino County Republican President.

I am living in London U.K. as my husband was offered a contract that he couldn't pass up. Hilary and **Gale Hunt** have been filling in for me. I want to thank them for their continued efforts.

I am enjoying it here. However I will not get involved in politics. There are rules for everything!! The socialist policies are choking this nation.

As ever, a British housewife, Fran Wermerskirchen

VENTURA COUNTY RWF

Betty Hendricks, 2013-2014 President

My term as President of Ventura County is concluding. I have enjoyed being a part of Southern Division activities and meeting wonderful Republican women.

I am proud of six busy, on-the-go clubs in Ventura County - active in voter registration, staffing headquarters, working for our candidates, holding forums and club meetings to introduce our candidates to members, friends and strangers; aiding military wives and families by providing gifts for their children; supporting college students by offering them free lunches and free club memberships; contributing monthly to "For the Troops", an organization that sends care packages to our troops. Clubs support schools and libraries with the donation of books: sponsoring high school seniors for a three day event at the Ronald Reagan Youth Facility in Santa Barbara, learning from great speakers and participating in activities - a once in a lifetime experience. Every Ventura County club made a contribution to the CFRW Track Chair project.

Ventura County held an Election Integrity Project meeting and several of the ladies did poll watching.

Our largest club **Camarillo RWF** with 371 members celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014. They had two cars in the annual Christmas parade. Many college students walked with them under their college's banner.

Every election day, Camarillo RWF members staff voting polls. This year they staffed three polls.

Simi Valley RWF had their annual garden tour fundraiser. It is always a success. An Oktoberfest was held near their headquarters giving the community an opportunity to hear the Republican candidates - a wonderful way to reach out to the local voters.

Conejo Valley RWF member **Tamara Howard** was selected Woman of the Year for the 44th Assembly by Assemblyman Jeff Gorell. She is an amazing Republican woman. Conejo Valley RWF had an energized election headquarters.

We held our convention and elected our new president, **Nancy Wofford**.

As my term comes to an end, I admonish everyone, not only in Ventura County, but throughout California, to increase membership and train members to become effective members, supportive of your club.

I have enjoyed my term as President of Ventura County FRW, but know it's time for a younger person with younger ideas to take over. I am proud of being 88 years old, still young in heart, body and mind. Proving age doesn't mean you can't have fun and do your job.

OUTGOING COUNTY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS CONTINUED

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FRW

Adele Harrison, 2013-2014President 951-2951970 adelegaryh@gmail.com

Riverside County FRW held its annual Victorian Christmas/Hanukkah Luncheon on Tuesday, December 16 at the beautiful Victoria Club in Riverside. The Victoria Club is always beautifully decorated and they serve a delicious holiday buffet luncheon.

Our speaker for this fun event was comedian Evan Sayet and a charming quartet of ladies sang Christmas carols and Hanukkah songs. There was a raffle for holiday baskets and items for home decorating.

Not wasting any time, our newly elected president of RCFRW, **Valarie Skovron**, had an organizational meeting for 2015 on December 8 at the Starbucks in Banning. They discussed plans for our county annual leadership training meeting at the Calimesa Country Club in January. Valarie did an amazing job running our southwest Riverside headquarters in Temecula.

East Valley RWF had its holiday party in December with prime rib or Cornish game hen entrees on December 1 at the Desert Falls Country Club. The entertainment was Michael Chain, conservative American writer, actor and musician. The proceeds will go towards the support of East Valley's many projects.

Riverside RWF held their November luncheon meeting at the Victoria Club in Riverside. They installed new officers and their guest speaker was Gary Aminoff, speaking on the results of the 2014 election.

As you can see, Riverside County FRW is well on our way to electing more Republicans and winning the White House in 2016.

2015 COUNTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Waskah Whelan 2014-2015 President waskahwhelan@aol.com

San Diego County Republican Women stepped up for the 2014 election and volunteered since the beginning of 2014 over 42,000 political hours. Our goal was to elect as many Republicans as possible in this election year. Even though we worked extremely hard, we were not able to recapture the 52nd Congressional District from the Democrats.

We elected Republican Chris Cate to the San Diego City Council that at last gave our Republican Mayor, Kevin Faulconer the power of the veto. Since his election in February 2014, the Democrats have had a super majority on the City Council and I think we are all familiar with what happens when Democrats have super majorities. In Sacramento, the last two years have been filled with oddball schemes and irresponsible laws being passed which totally defy the public's wishes. At last, the Democrat super majority in Sacramento is finished as well. These wins were due in large part to the hard work of Republican advocates like the Federation of Republican Women.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLUB NEWS

Fallbrook RWF

Fallbrook RWF sponsored a Student of the Month Award at their November breakfast meeting. The students were acknowledged for their outstanding scholarship and contributions to the community.

This Fallbrook RWF program makes it possible for students to gain recognition from their teachers, fellow students and the community.

Rancho Bernardo RWF

Members of Rancho Bernardo RWF exercised their Second Amendment right to bear arms by improving their marksmanship skills at the San Diego Firearms Training Center Range in Poway.

This is an on-going event that the club's members take pride in attending together.

"Guns are cheap compared to Obamacare and have better coverage!" Tactical Firearms, Katy, Texas

SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLUB HELP OUR MILITARY FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

Coronado RWF

Coronado RWF is working with Troops Direct, an organization that supplies our troops in the field with equipment they need, but from private sources. When the U.S. government is not providing the troops with what they need in a timely manner, this group fills in the gaps. These supplies are not personal items. They are items our servicemen need to do their job in the field. Coronado High School Naval Junior ROTC helped with the program. Involving our youth is an important goal of the Republican Party.

Navajo Canyon RWF

Collected toys and clothing for children to benefit M.O.M. (Military Outreach Ministries). M.O.M. assists active duty junior enlisted military families. San Diego is one of the largest military regions in the U.S. Today there are nearly three quarters of a million children under the age of five in military families, the most since World War II.

www.sandiegomom.org

Oceanside RWF

Collected toys for the benefit of *Toys for Tots* for the US Marine Corps. *Toys for Tots* has been collecting toys for needy children since 1947. <u>www.toysfortots.org</u>



CFRW WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 30 & 31, 2015 DOUBLETREE BY HILTON MODESTO



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

Friday, January 30 Afternoon ROUND TABLE WORKSHOPS

Membership Bylaws & Protocol

Saturday, January 31 CONFIRMED SPEAKERS Tom Del Becarro

CRP Chairman 2011-2013
Author and Lawyer
Forbes Columnist:
Tax Policy & National Politics

Morning Joseph Brocato

Corporate Executive, Entrepreneur, Educator & Business Consultant

Lunch Loren Spivack

Marketing & Advertising Expert Founder of Free Market Highly sought after speaker

Banquet John Sullivan

Producer and Director "Obama's America" (2012)

"America: Imagine the World Without Her" (2016)

PANEL

College/Young Republican Women of the Future

- 1. What is important to them?
- 2. How can the Federation of Republican Women engage them?
- 3. What issues matter to them?

AND MORE:

- 1. Updates on what to expect from Sacramento in 2015.
- 2. Ambassador event Friday for all members registering before the conference.
- 3. CRP candidates and voting on CFRW endorsements.
- 4. Ways & Means silent and live auctions

CALL TO CFRW 2015 WINTER CONFERENCE

Mailed to:

- CFRW executive and standing committee members;
- Central and Northern Divisions regional directors;
- Southern Division county presidents; and,
- Club presidents.

Make your conference and hotel reservations early.

DoubleTree by Hilton - Modesto

1150 9th Street

Room Rate \$99.00, plus all taxes 1-209-526-6000

Hotel Reservation Deadline for this rate: January 6, 2015

SOUTHERN DIVISION FEDERATED WOMEN DONATE SHOES

Hundreds of pairs of new and gently worn baby/ toddler, men's/women's boots, slippers, sandals, high heels, tennis shoes, flat heel shoes were donated by Southern Division women attending the November 8 Awards Luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Brea. The shoes were presented to Annie Nelson of the American Soldier Network, which aids veterans' outreach projects and advocates for veterans' needs nationwide and directly aids our active duty military, our combat wounded men/women and veterans or all eras.

The Southern Division donations are in addition to what Federated clubs and counties have contributed.

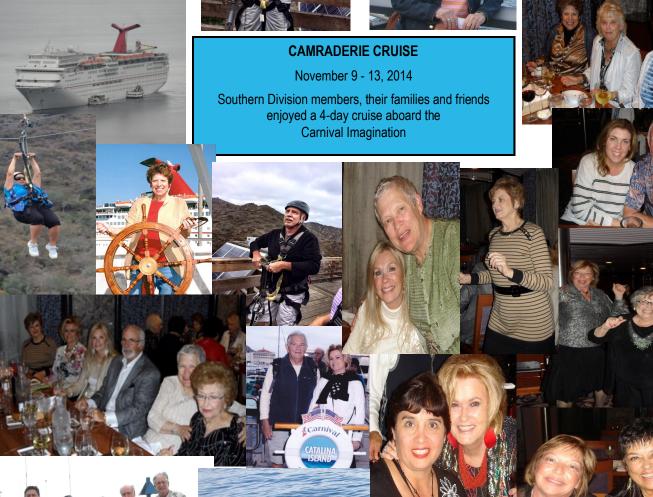
















These clubs received certificates and postage stamps.

2014 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE OVER 2013

	CATEGORY I 10 - 50 MEMBERS					
PRIZ	Œ	CLUB	INCREASE	PRESIDENT	MEMBESHIP VP	
	1st Place	North Los Angeles RWF	194%	Marie Cruz	Nancy Spicer	
\$90	2nd Place	San Fernando Valley RWF	150%	Claudia Andrade	Keith Ann Loya	
\$85	3rd Place	Santa Ana RWF	116%	Dawn Hammond	Dawn Hammond	
\$75	4th Place	Rancho La Habra RWF	114%	Ruth Wolfarth	Monica Ganns	
\$65	5th Place	Aliso Viejo RWF	104.25%	Debbie Martin		
\$55	6th Place tie	South Pasadena RWF	103.5%	Valerie Gast	Rose Mary Cossart	
\$55	6th Place tie	Diamond Bar RWF	103.4%	Barbara Carrera	Trisha Bowler	
				1 - 105 MEMBERS		
	1st Place	Point Loma RWF	129%	Terri Davis	Elizabeth Savage/Ellen Rankin	
\$90	2nd Place	Santa Monica RWF	109.6%	Linda Grossman	0.11: 3.6.77.1	
\$85	3rd Place tie	Intermountain RWF	108.8%	Nancy Frazee	Sallie McKelvey	
\$85	3rd Place tie	Capistrano Valley RWF	108.6%	Kerry Ferguson	Sue Schulz	
\$75	4th Place	Lompoc Valley	106.5%	Debbie Evans	Betty Taylor	
\$65	5th Place tie	Brea RWF	102.8%	Peggy Westerfeld	Sharon Paiz	
\$65	5th Place tie	Chula Vista RWF	102.1%	Paula Whitesell	Laura Douglas	
\$55	6th Place tie	Temecula Valley RWF	101.9%	Jackie Raspler	Mary Ann Miller	
\$55	6th Place tie	North Hollywood RWF	101.2%	Irene Metzger	Sandra Boehnke	
			EGORY III	<u> 106 + MEMBERS</u>		
	1st Place	East Valley RWF	110%	Joy Miedecke	Mary Helen Kelly	
\$90	2nd Place	La Jolla RWF	106.9%	Donna Doyle	Joan Tarnowski	
\$85	3rd Place	Fullerton RWF	106.6%	Susan Gapinski	Pat Shuff	
\$75	4th Place	San Clemente Area RWF	102.7%	Lynn Sobel	Molly Lazarus	
\$65	5th Place	Whittier RWF	102.3%	Laurie Dato	Lucinda Halley	
		MOS	ST NEW ME	MBERS IN 2014		
		CAT	TEGORY I	10-50 MEMBERS		
\$50	1st Place	North Los Angeles RWF	22	Marie Cruz	Nancy Spicer	
\$40	2nd Place	Corona/Norco RWF	11	Regina Santamaria	Eve MacNeil	
\$30	3rd Place tie	Aliso Viejo RWF	10	Debbie Martin		
\$30	3rd Place tie	Escondido RWF	10	Rosalia Zamora	Karen Garcia	
		CAT	EGORY II 5	1-105 MEMBERS		
\$50	1st Place	Temecula Valley RWF	49	Jackie Raspler	Mary Ann Miller	
\$40	2nd Place tie	Thousand Oaks RWF	25	Beatrice Restifo	Mona Hosseini	
\$40	2nd Place tie	Intermountain RWF	25	Nancy Frazee	Sally McKelvey	
\$40	2nd Place tie	Santa Monica RWF	25	Linda Grossman	Margo Gleitman	
\$30	3rd Place	Point Loma RWF	24	Terri Davis	Elizabeth Savage/Ellen Rankin	
CATEGORY III 106+ MEMBERS						
\$50	1st Place	Rancho Mirage RWF	65	Pamela Levin	Terry Leslie	
\$40	2nd Place	Huntington Harbor RWF	64	Dianna Gadberry	Charolotte Christiana	
\$30	3rd Place	East Valley RWF	46	Joy Miedecke	Mary Helen Kelly	
100% OF 2013 MEMBERS IN 2014						
Asiar	American RW			Lynn Wen		
Coro	na/Norco RWF			Regina Santamaria	Eve MacNeil	
Escor	ndido RWF			Rosalia Zamora	Karen Garcia	
Lakes	side RWF			Joan Buselt/Marilyn Owens	Lakeside RWF Members	
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SOUTHERN DIVISION 2014 NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Marie Cruz. Chairman

TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The newsletter is the club in **ACTION** via the printed word. It is the most **EFFECTIVE** means of carrying out the primary **FUNCTION** of Federated Republican Women to **EDUCATE** every member in Republican politics and to see that each member feels a part of the organization.

**CFRW Southern Division Guide for Republican Women, Rev. 2012. Page 77

Emphasis by editor

Your newsletter serves as a tool to keep in touch with your members and recruit new members.

Each year Southern Division honors exceptional club newsletters. Appearance and content are the bases of the awards.

The following clubs were rewarded for 2014 newsletter exceptionalism.

CATEGORY 1 - 10-85 MEMBERS

	CLUB	PRESIDENT	EDITOR	AWARD
1 st Place	North Los Angeles County RWF	Marie Cruz	Marie Cruz	\$100
2 nd Place	North Hollywood RWF	Irene Metzger	Steve Ireland	\$ 75
3 rd Place	San Bernardino RWF	Betsy Jones	Bettina Hollingsworth	\$ 50
	CATEG	ORY 2 - 86-19- MEN	IBERS	
1st Place	Fullerton RWF	Susan Gapinski	Pat Shuff	\$100
2 nd Place	Los Alamitos-Rossmoor RWF	Margene Walz	Robin Itzler	\$ 75
3 rd Place	San Clemente Area RWF	Lynn Sobel	Bonnie Larsen	\$ 50
	CATI	EGORY 3 - +151 ME	MBERS	
1st Place	Woodland Hills RWF	Victoria Wilson	Victoria Wilson	\$100
2 nd Place	East San Gabriel Valley RWF	Valerie Evans	Jerri Potras	\$ 75
3 rd Place	Palos Verdes Peninsula RWF	Prim Hamilton	Krista Johnson	\$ 50



GOLD STARS FOR GOLD SHEETS



2014 club presidents were mailed the Presidents' Packet. It contains useful information for incoming, outgoing and continuing presidents. There also is the Gold Sheet and NFRW Service Charge forms, which have deadlines to complete and return, with instructions who to send them to.

The deadlines, especially for the Gold Sheet, are extremely important in order to mail the Southern Division newsletter to the next year's club president and have the Southern Division roster available at the CFRW Winter Conference.

Thank you to the many clubs whose Gold Sheets were received on or before the January 6, 2015 deadline.

Thank you to the outgoing presidents who took the time during the busy holiday season to take the time to go over the packet with their successor.

2015 COUNTY PRESIDENTS

LOS ANGELES

Mary Owen - new

ORANGE

Pat Bush - returning

RIVERSIDEValarie Skovron - new

SAN BERNARDINO

L. Hilary Slotta - new

SAN DIEGO

Waskah Whelan - returning

SANTA BARBARA

Julie Bischoff - new

VENTURA

Nancy Wofford - new

JOIN US

The California Federation of Republican Women is on Facebook and Twitter. We want you to "Like" and "Follow" us and invite your friends! Facebook and Twitter are easy ways to stay connected and informed about what is going on in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.!

You can find us at www.facebook.com/theCFRW and www.twitter.com/CFRWAdvovate.

CFRW 2014 WOMAN OF THE YEAR SHERRY RALLIS

Mariann Hedstrom, CFRW Chairman

CFRW 2014 Woman of the Year award is being presented to a Federated woman who has spent years raising a family and working in her family's business while finding the time to devote to the Federation, Republican Party and civic service. As stated by the member who nominated her "she has a comprehensive depth and breadth in volunteer service in multi spheres of influence, where she creates enthusiasm and added value with her Federation, the Republican Party and community relationships. She is an idea person who always has a smile and can-do attitude.

As a relatively new member she serves her club as the Caring for America Chair. She designed, coordinated and facilitated more than five "Calls to Action" in serving the community at local and national levels. These actions included but were not limited to, more than 16 businesses receiving Flag Day presentations of an American flag, more than 250 soldier and marine care packages sent to Afghanistan, all projects that have resulted in community acknowledgement of the Federation. She has rallied support towards the CFRW Track Chair Campaign for Wounded Veterans. Most recently she planned, coordinated and executed a county-wide Membership Appreciation Tea.

Her club has documented more than 350 volunteer hours of service to the Federation in the past 12 months.

As if that is not enough she volunteers at her county GOP headquarters where she was instrumental in creating a coordination plan to prevent duplication and gaps for volunteer phone/walker/mailing production collaboration between six cities whose precincts had multiple Republican candidates in the 2014 election and is currently volunteering for a local candidate. She is an active member of the Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican National Committee and a founding member of the Republican Presidential Task Force.

If all of this doesn't keep her busy enough she is a registered volunteer with Army Community Service

traveling nationally serving as a Master Resilience Trainer and Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Instructor to more than 300 soldiers and families per month! She is the only National Command Volunteer Coordinator for the Army Reserve Legal Command, where she recruits, mentors and trains other volunteers as well as unit commanders on best practices for military family well-being. She volunteers for her local church where she serves as the co-facilitator for a woman's 12 week Bible study.

Just to name a few of her awards and honors, Congressman Ed Royce honored her with a Congressional Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Service to the Military and Civilian Community.

In March she traveled to the Pentagon Hall of Heroes to receive the Department of Defense Army Reserve Family Readiness Annual Unit Award as she led 19 volunteers. At the Pentagon, she received the Army Reserve Family Programs Volunteer wristwatch, presented to volunteers whose directors document more than 3,500 cumulative hours.

Please join me in saluting our fellow Federated Republican Woman for her outstanding contributions to CFRW, CFRW Southern Division, CA Republican Party, Orange County Republican Party and the Brea RWF.

CFRW 2014 Woman of the Year SHERRY RALLIS



Nominated by Brea RWF member Sue Hamilton

SOUTHERN DIVISION NOMINEES FOR CFRW 2014 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Diane McGlinchey, Southern Division Chairman

Left to Right: Pat Shuff – Fullerton RWF, Nancy Eisenhart - Woodland Hills RWF, Dee Chavez-Harmes - Valley Center RWF, Shelly Rallis – Brea RWF, Rachel Meyers – Intermountain RWF, Carol Peterson - Brea RWF, and Rosalia Zamora – Escondido RWF.

Absent: Patti Adair – Malibu/Bel Air RWF, Charlotte Christiani – Huntington Harbour RWF, and Lois Glab-Camarillo RWF.

Picture courtesy of Lynn Walker Sobel, San Clemente Area RWF



CARING FOR AMERICA 2014 AWARDS

Carol Larner. Chairman

Thank you to the clubs who submitted entries for the 2014 Caring for America awards. They were outstanding, making it difficult to choose whom to honor

I know many are doing outstanding projects who did not submit entries.

There were three Caring for America projects. Awards were given in three membership categories:

> Category 1 - Less than 50 members Category 2 - 51-100 members Category 3 - +101 members

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Category 1 Reseda/Tarzana RWF

President Kathy West Chairman Carole Kuzma

Escondido RWF

President Rosalia Zamora

Co-Chairmen Debbie Young &

Kathleen Cruising

Oceanside RWF

President Saundra Waecker

Chairman Joan Parro

Category 2 Simi Valley RWF

President Leah Schwochert

Category 3 Palos Verdes Peninsula RWF

President Prim Hamilton

Chairman Cheryl Gimbel

Navajo Canyon RWF

President Marjie Siekerka

Chairman Kat Culkin

LITERACY

Category 1 Escondido RWF

President Rosalia Zamora

Co-Chairmen Debbie Young &

Kathleen Cruising

Category 2 Simi Valley RWF

President Leah Schwochert

Chairman Marti Meizer

Category 3 Navajo Canyon RWF

President Marjie Siekerka

Chairman Kat Culkin

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Category 1 Escondido RWF

President Rosalia Zamora

Co-Chairmen Debbie Young &

Kathleen Cruising

North Los Angeles RWF

President Marie Cruz

Chairman Marie Cruz

Medium Simi Valley RWF

President Leah Schwochert

Chairman Marti Meizer

Reseda/Tarzana RWF

President Kathy West

Chairman Carole Kuzm

Thousand Oaks RWF

President Beatice Restifo

Chairman Beatice Restifo

South Bay RWF

President Ginny Callanan

Submitted by Ginny Callanan

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS LITERACY~MELP

Navajo Canyon RWF Dr. Willa Ramey

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Navajo Canyon RWF

Ruth Weiss EIP

Southern Division clubs should not hide-their-lightsunder-a-bushel-basket. Therefore each month in the Southern Division newsletter, we will highlight 2014 winners.

SIMI VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED

Simi Valley RWF Annual Garden Tour allows us to be generous and support several worthy organizations.

1. SVRWF contributes monthly to "For the Troops" an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing members of the American military with "We Care" packages. Our \$200 monthly contribution is appreciated by this wonderful organization!

At each SVRWF meeting we collect items to be sent in the care packages such as personal items.

- 2. As a tie-in to our Garden Tour, we donate to the Boys and Girls Club. We made a monetary donation to their garden and donated an orange tree! We believe teaching children the value of working in the ground and seeing the fruits of your own labor is priceless!
- 3. We donated \$100 to the CFRW Track Chair program.
- 4. We collect books at every meeting for the library of Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley.
- 5. SVRWF members give much of their time, energy and treasures to design, open and staff our election headquarters, This year as no different. Due to a by-laws conflict with Central Committee we were on our own. The ladies rose to the occasion and we managed it all on our own!

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- 6. To showcase our patriotic values and inspire others in the Simi Valley community we participated in the Republican Rally Oktoberfest. Ron Nehring, 3 congressional candidates, 2 state assembly candidates and local candidates joined 200+ community members for a night of great food and music and dancing in a brilliant setting, Eden Gardens. Our goal was to present our candidates in a fun, unique and inspiring environment I believe we succeeded.
- 7. We are am most proud of our work at the Samaritan Center. The Samaritan Center is an amazing organization woes mission is "TO END AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS BY SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED IN BECOMING HOUSED AND SELF SUSTAINED". Their goal is to assist each individual in becoming self-supporting, and independent through case management, resources and referrals. We went to them and asked if we could offer English as a second language class. It turns out

what they needed us to do was offer an adult literacy class. We have four students. We have evolved into:

Literacy: 2 adult students Computer skills: 1 student Spanish language: 1 student

This is what the Caring for America Program is all about. We are working one-on-one with people in the community, helping to improve their lives — without the government's involvement! I am humbled to be involved and so very proud of these women who give of their time and emotional capital so generously! And if this wasn't enough, when the Samaritan Center ran into financial trouble because a grant didn't come through, membership voted to donate \$500 to the Center.

Southern Division salutes Simi Valley RWF.

Watch the Southern Division newsletter throughout 2015 where summaries of the clubs' Caring for America projects will be featured.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Charlotte Johnson, 4th Vice President-Campaign & Precinct

Most countries require some sort of ID to show their status as a legal citizen of that country. Perhaps our Voter Integrity activities being conducted throughout our state by Republican Federated Women will encourage the powers that be to support a national I.D. that all legal residents of this country are required to carry as proof of citizenship and allow them to apply for a driver's license, and to vote in local and national elections, legally. Is it really too much to ask?

THE ISSUES

As long as there have been elections voter fraud has existed. One example is the voter fraud in Tennessee and Indiana in 2005 in a state senate race. Tennessee's race was overturned. Four individuals in Indiana were convicted of forging signatures on the ballot that qualified Barack Obama in that state's May 2008 primary election. The right to vote in a free and fair election is the most basic civil right, one on which many of the other rights of the American people depend.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(Federal Policy and these are merely recommendations)

- 1. Require all voters in federal elections to present photographic ID's issued by the federal, state, local, or tribal government, when they vote at their polling place and to submit copies of said identification when applying for an absentee ballot. This should be free of charge to the applicant.
- 2. Make all federal databases available to state election officials to verify the citizenship of the voters.

- 3. Require all federal courts to notify the voter registration offices when persons who are called to serve decline stating they are not U.S. citizens.
- 4. Amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to allow states to purge individuals who have not voted in two federal elections as long as they have been sent written notices informing them that they will be removed from the list unless they contact election officials within a certain time frame.
- 5. Retire the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, agency created in 2002, to administer a one-time grant of federal funds to the states.
- 6. Create voter registration offices on all military installations to provide voting assistance to military personnel and their families.

Judy Hoffman is the Riverside County Coordinator for EIP Election Integrity Project. If you are interested in contacting her to set up some training in your area, she'll be able to direct you to the proper people. Judy can be reached through E-mail at: www. electionintegrityproject.com/2013/12/Californians-have-little-protection-from-voter-impersonation/



Liberty means responsibility.

That is why most men dread it."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

AMERICANISM

Rosalia Zamora, Americanism Chairman (760) 489-1407 or (760) 532-8181 rosalia1947@att.net

GOD BLESS AMERICA



"God Bless America" was the theme of CFRW Southern Division's awards luncheon on November 8. I decided to give a brief history about this song.

Irving Berlin wrote this song in 1918 while serving the U.S. Army at Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, but decided that it did not fit in a revue called *Yip Yip*

Yaphank, so he set it aside. The lyrics at that time included the line "Make her victorious on land and foam, God bless America..." as well as "Stand beside her and guide her *to the right* with the light from above".

Music critic Jody Rosen says that a 1906 Jewish dialect novelty song, "When Mose with His Nose Leads the Band," contains a six-note fragment that is "instantly recognizable as the opening strains of "God Bless America"". He interprets this as an example of Berlin's "habit of interpolating bits of half-remembered songs into his own numbers." Berlin, born Israel Baline, had himself written several Jewish-themed novelty tunes.

In 1938, with the rise of Adolf Hitler, Berlin, who was Jewish and a first-generation Russian immigrant, felt it was time to revive it as a "peace song," and it was introduced on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938, sung by Kate Smith on her radio show. Berlin had made some minor changes; by this time, "to the right" might have been considered a call to the political right, so he substituted "through the night" instead. He also provided an introduction that is now rarely heard but which Smith always used: "While the storm clouds gather far across the sea / Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free / Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, / As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer." (In her first broadcast of the song, Kate Smith sang "that we're far from there" rather than "for a land so fair".)This was changed when Berlin published the sheet music in March 1939.

Woody Guthrie criticized the song, which he considered unrealistic and complacent, and in 1940 he wrote "This Land Is Your Land," originally titled "God Blessed America for Me," as a response. Anti-Semitic groups such as the Ku Klux Klan also protest the song due to its authorship by a Jewish immigrant.

In 1943, Smith's rendition was featured in the patriotic musical *This is the Army* along with other Berlin songs. The manuscripts in the Library of Congress reveal the evolution of the song from victory to peace. Berlin gave the royalties of the song to the God Bless America Fund for redistribution to the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA. "God Bless America" also spawned another of Irving Berlin's tunes, "Heaven Watch The

Philippines," during the end of World War II after he heard the Filipinos sing a slightly revised version of the song replacing "America" with "The Philippines."

The song was used early in the Civil Rights Movement as well as at labor rallies. During the 1960s, the song was increasingly used by Christian conservatives in the U.S. to signal their opposition to secular liberalism and to silence dissenters who were speaking in favor of communism or in opposition to the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

In pop culture, in the "Flashback: Mike Meets Archie" episode of *All in the Family* from 1971, after Archie Bunker was disgusted with Mike "Meathead" Stivic's liberal viewpoints, Archie stood up and sang a butchered version of "God Bless America" while Mike was screaming at Archie.

In closing, God Bless America has spawned numerous parodies, but here's my favorite:

♦ An irreverent version of the lyrics was printed in the book *The MAD World of William M. Gaines*, by Frank Jacobs (1972). *MAD* magazine's veteran art editor, John Putnam, had prepared some copy and sent it to the printers; the word "America" was divided, with a hyphen, at the end of one line. The copy was returned to Putnam by the typesetting foreman, who explained that his union had a rule forbidding the splitting of that word. Putnam obliged, rewriting the copy and sending it back with this enclosure:

(Sing song to "God Bless America"):

Don't break "America";

Land we extol;

Don't deface it:

Upper-case it;

Keep it clean, keep it pure, keep it whole;

In Bodoni, in Futura,

In Old English, in Cabell

Don't break "America"--

Or we'll—raise—hell!

Letter to the Editor REMEMBER BILL OF RIGHTS

On December 15, 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt celebrated the first Bill of Rights Day. It was the 150th anniversary of the ratification of amendments that spelled out our freedoms and rights.

With this recent anniversary we would do well to reflect on that history. We should honor this day and the men of genius who devised a plan for three governmental branches.

Audrey Wicks

Irvine

OC Register, December 18, 2014

Source: Wikipedia