



## PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED ROUNDUP

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### April General Meeting:

Monday, April 20, 2015

11:30a.m. Check-in, 12:00p.m. Lunch/Meeting

Cost: \$22.00    RSVP by April 13th

Paso Robles Golf Club

1600 Country Club Drive

Paso Robles, CA

**RESERVATIONS** - A friendly reminder that we need to give a count to the Paso Robles Golf Club one week before our luncheon. It is important that you RSVP, preferably via the Punchbowl email invitation, no later than one week prior to our meeting. If that is not possible please contact Kate Morgans: [katemorgans@gmail.com](mailto:katemorgans@gmail.com), phone: 805.722.8218.

**NOTE:** If you make a reservation and are a 'no show' you are still obligated to pay for your lunch. Thank you.

### President's Message, Sue Evans



Welcome to Spring! We continue to have a bright year ahead.

Bring your spouses, partners, friends and family to hear Jim Horn, retired diplomat, author and expert on political Islam, to our luncheon on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps you, like I, have nagging questions like: Are ISIS and Islamic terrorists a threat to our own security here in Paso? What can we as individual Americans do? What roles did President Obama and Hillary Clinton really play in the Benghazi tragedy? Jim can answer those kinds of questions for us. Jim lives in Southern California and is taking a detour to speak to us on his way to Sacramento for the CFRW Spring Conference, and we should take full advantage of his expertise.

How I wish that every PRRWF member had been able to go to Fresno for the recent CFRW Central

Division Conference. All of us who went – **Martha James, Shirley Mark, Karen Plummer, Sue Rodeck, Linda Sanchez, Dottie Schlosser, Denise Surber** and I – agreed it was awesome, inspiring, and chock full of good information. Delores Chavez-Harmes, CFRW Latino Outreach Chair, whom Martha James has secured to speak to us in September on how to reach the Latino voter, gave an excellent presentation in Fresno. She is another "must hear" as we Republicans seek to improve our grassroots ground game and attract this fast growing ethnic group to our party. We are fortunate in that the Central Division Fall Convention will be held in November on the Central Coast, probably in our own backyard, allowing many more of our members to learn from and enjoy the fabulous speakers that Betty Scheidt, President of Central Division, and her committee secure. Pictures from the Fresno conference are posted on Shutterfly <https://prrepublicanwomenfederated.shutterfly.com/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pasoroblesrepublicanwomenfederated>.

The stars are aligned to pull off *Celebrate America "Showtime at the USO"* in style. It's all coming together. Our two dynamic co-chairs, **Teresa Sul-lenger** and **Sue Rodeck**, have a talented and excited committee. They have secured the perfect venue for

our vintage theme, the hangar at the Estrella Warbird Museum. Renowned Sherman Smoot has agreed to pilot Gooney Bird Group's Betsy's Biscuit Bomber C47 for us. We will be offering thrilling flights on that historic WWII plane during the event. We've retained a fabulous 9-piece Swing Band and found a wonderful caterer. Reading the menu will make your mouth water. And much more! This is the first time our Club has hosted a big splashy event like this, and we all need to get behind it to make it a huge professional success and Paso Robles Republican Women a household name in our area. Mark August 8<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and

start talking it up to your friends! It's going to be a blast!

**Sue Rodeck**, PRRWF Secretary and Co-Chair of our August 8<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser, is on fire! Within one month she has signed up three new members. Sue is a proud ambassador for Republican Women. All of us should be like Sue and proudly tell people about our Club. Ask them to join in our effort to grow and help return our country to the promise of our forefathers.

All the best, Sue

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## MARCH PROGRAM

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Martha James

Our speaker on April 20 will be Jim Horn, retired Diplomat and an expert on political Islam. Jim is a student of Islam in addition to having lived and worked for over a decade in Islamic societies. Jim is the recipient of one of the nation's highest civilian awards for valor in Cambodia. He has held the very highest levels of security clearances allowing him to work in embassy and VIP security, counterintelligence and counterterrorism where his mission was to ensure American Embassies were safe from terrorist attacks. Jim presently serves as an informal advisor to the Intelligence Divisions of the Riverside and San Bernardino sheriff's departments.



**James E. Horn**

Jim Horn is also an author of two books, *Experiencing Islam* and *Muslim Men Fear Women*, which educate readers about Islam and its war on civilization as well as its corrupting influence on society and our government. A third book, *Islam in the Workplace*, offers powerful and valuable guidelines to the employer and employee who are called on to work with Muslims.

Our next meeting provides an opportunity to hear an explanation of the Islam religion, and an update on the world of Islamic expansion and colonization, ISIS and recent events in Paris, Benghazi and Boston. Please join us as we hear what ties all this together; the role of the current administration as well as future administrations.

Be informed! Every American needs to hear this message and there will be an opportunity to purchase Jim's books.

See you on April 20!

## Hospitality

Linda Gilbert

The monthly April meeting is scheduled for April 20th. The lunch menu consists of chicken salad on croissants, fruit salad, green salad and dessert. Please make your reservations by no later than April 15th so that we have an accurate meal count.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Effective this month, checks for the luncheon should be made out to The Paso Robles Golf Club. This change will simplify our monthly accounting. Thanks.

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## Members in the News

Congratulations to our good friend and member Kate Morgans who was recently hired as the Paso Robles Boys & Girls Club Chief Executive Officer. She served on the non-profit's board from 2008 through 2014 and took over as CEO in December.

You will see Kate's friendly face at the check-in desk as you arrive for our meetings.



Kate Morgans

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## Minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary

President, Sue Evans, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Memory Seaman, Chaplain/Americanism Chair, gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Evans introduced our officers, special guests and new members. Sue then passed out our CFRW California Pins to each member who brought in a new member for the month of February.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Programs) introduced our guest speaker, Phyllis Stout, Co-chair of Voter Registration for Central Division as well as a California Republican Party Voting Delegate and Central Division Woman of the Year. Phyllis gave us a very enlightening and informative talk about voter registration from its inception to the present. She also discussed how the lack of voter involvement and the problem of voter fraud has negatively impacted our country. Annalee Akin of Cal Poly College Republicans spoke on their efforts to register new voters and educate them on Republican principles. Annalee received our check for \$300 on their behalf.

Sue Evans announced that the minutes from the Board of Directors and General Meeting of February 16<sup>th</sup> were approved and will be filed.

Treasurer, Denise Surber, gave an overview of the financial report for February, 2015. This report was approved by the Board and will be filed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Martha James (Programs) announced that our speaker for next month will be Jim Horn, a retired diplomat and expert on political Islam. He will discuss Islam, ISIS and USG.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Elizabeth Van Note (Membership) announced that we have 65 renewals and 13 new members for a total of 78 members. Our goal this year is 120 members and she encouraged everyone to please ask family, friends and acquaintances to consider joining our organization.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Teresa Sullenger (Ways and Means) assisted by Secretary, Sue Rodeck (Fundraising Co-Chairs), gave a power point presentation of our upcoming event, "Celebrate America - Showtime at the USO" which is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event will be held at the Estrella War Birds Museum and there will be music, dancing, entertainment, food, beverages and a live auction. All exhibits will be open including their flight simulator. We are expecting approximately 400 guests. Our Emcee will be Greg McGill, Director of Central Coast Honor Flight. We have also been presented with the possibility of qualifying for a ride in a C47B on the day of our event.

In addition, we have received a very generous commitment from an anonymous donor that will match all donations we receive from the event up to \$10,000. Teresa and Sue asked all our members to please help locate additional donation sources and submit the information to them and to also consider volunteering to help during the weekend of the event.

#### SPECIAL REPORTS

Sue Evans introduced Vicki Janssen, District Director for Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian. She announced that Katcho does not intend to run for the State Senate but he does intend to run for the congressional seat currently held by Lois Capps and she looks forward to working with our club on his campaign.

Judy Avery, Honor Flight Chair, announced that she collected \$95 for Honor Flight. The next flight will depart from San Luis Obispo on May 4<sup>th</sup> and she encouraged anyone who is available to join in their departure at 6:30 am as well as welcoming their return on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm.

Linda Sanchez, Achievement Award Chair, handed out forms and asked for each member to log their volunteer hours. She will be requesting this each month because our club will receive a special award.

Caroline Dillard, Historian, reviewed how to sign up with Shutterfly. She explained that this service was not only to transfer pictures of our activities throughout the year but also to access your account so you can view the pictures to see what we've been doing as a club this year.

Donna Jordan and Jenna Feavel were not available. Sue Evans announced that Donna created a Facebook account for us and encouraged everyone to sign up and access our account on Facebook.

Karen Rowley, Community Outreach, announced that our next City Hall cleanup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, and all volunteers will meet on the parking lot side at 9:00 am.

Opportunity Drawing: Teresa Sullenger announced the collection of \$138. The winner of this drawing was Anita Brooks and the winner of the Still Waters Wine Basket donated by Donna Jordan was Dave Evans.

Vicki Janssen announced there is a bill ACA2 that has been reintroduced in Sacramento that will allow 17 year olds to register to vote if their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls either before or on the day of the next general election. We need to be diligent in staying informed as to how this bill develops.

Sue Evans announced that our next meeting is Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Paso Robles Golf Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm



President Sue Evans presents \$300 check to Annalee Akin of Cal Poly Republicans



**Judy Avery, Chairman**

**Letter from John Gajdos**

*Judy, Thank you to you and your group from Honor Flight Guardians. The spring trip is planned to leave San Luis Obispo Regional airport on May 4, 2015 at 6:30AM. The veterans, guardians and well-wishers arrive about 4:30AM for check-in and security screening. The flight usually takes off on time.*

*The return flight is scheduled to arrive in San Luis Airport May 6 at 10:00PM. Be aware that the return flight is sometimes/frequently late due to weather.*

*If you do an internet search for Robert and Cheryl Tolan’s “Welcome Home Military Heroes” website, you can sign up for flight alerts. The Tolan site also alerts to arrival of deployed military personnel so you’ll get more than just Honor Flight notifications.*

*John Gajdos  
PIO Honor Flight CCC*

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**Historian**

**Caroline Dillard**

**Shutterfly** – Go to your internet explorer and type in: <https://prrepublicanwomenfederated.shutterfly.com> and follow the instructions. I will receive an email asking for you to be a member and at that point I will accept you and within a day you will be able to participate. Please feel free to upload pictures. If possible add who, what & where. I may edit them at a later date so do not take offense. Thank you and enjoy our journey together this year. If you have any questions email me at: [carolinedillard@live.com](mailto:carolinedillard@live.com).

**Facebook**

**Donna Jordan, Coordinator**

Keep up daily with all that is happening in Paso Robles Republican Women! *Like us, follow us*, and invite all your friends to also *Like us* on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/pasoroblesrepublicanwomenfederated>



## Legislation/Action Alert

**Karen Plummer, Chairman**

The path of a legislative bill is long and tedious. Starting with an idea, one has to convince a Senator or Assembly member to author a bill. From that point on, the bill goes through numerous committee hearings and readings. If the bill is passed in one house, it must then go to the other house for a repeat procedure. If either house amends any changes in the bill, it must be returned to the house for agreement. Once all differences are made by both houses, the bill then goes to the Governor. The Governor has three choices:

1. Sign the bill to become law
2. Allow the bill without a signature
3. Veto the bill. A Governor's veto can be overridden by two-thirds vote in both houses. Most bills go into effect January 1, of the next year.

Action Alert – Just a reminder that Action Alert for our club members is used only on CURRENT bills; otherwise contact your local officials for any concerns or changes of other laws you have in mind.

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## Community Outreach

**Karen Rowley, Chairman**

Thank you to our March 24<sup>th</sup> hard working volunteers... **Sue Evans, Martha James, Karen Plummer, Anita Brooks, Donna Jordon, Donna Jones, Diane Oehlke and Linda Gilbert.**

Mark your calendar for our next cleanup date... 9 am on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

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## Sunshine

**Sue Rodeck, Chairman**

If you know of any member who needs a get well card or a note of sympathy, please notify Sue Rodeck by email, [sue@vintagestorehouse.net](mailto:sue@vintagestorehouse.net) or Phone, 805-878-3575.

## Top 10 Measures Likely to Appear on the November 2016 California Ballot

**(Continued from the February Roundup, these are the fifth and sixth measures.)**

**Tobacco Tax** – Currently, California's smokers pay 87 cents per pack of cigarettes in state taxes, ranking us 33<sup>rd</sup> in the country. The well-heeled California Medical Association announced that they are part of a coalition to seek a \$2 per pack increase in the state's tobacco tax. The number of packs of cigarettes sold in California has dropped from 1.4 billion back in 1990 down to around 870 million today.

**Commercial Property Tax** – California's landmark property tax reform measure, Proposition 13, passed in 1978, limits reassessment of property values to when properties change ownership. Those seeking to increase state revenues are advocating placing what is called a "split roll tax" before the voters, which in essence would keep the tight restrictions on residential property taxation but really make it a lot easier to increase taxes on commercial properties.

The May Roundup will highlight the **Bathroom Bill** and **Pension Reform** measures.



We are proud to announce that the Paso Robles Republican Women Federated is now an active member of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce. Through our membership, we will increase awareness of our Club throughout the greater Paso area.

## Calendar – Local Republican Women Federated Meetings

Estero Bay RWF, 3rd Thursday @ Inn at Morro Bay, Gayle Bickford, 805-772-2841

San Luis Obispo RWF, 3rd Wednesday @ Madonna Inn, Dolores Jackson, [slojacks@aol.com](mailto:slojacks@aol.com)

Santa Lucia RWF, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ Hilton Garden Inn, Jeannie Nix, 805-773-4168, [jnix@charter.net](mailto:jnix@charter.net)

Atascadero RWF, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ Elks Lodge, Susie Anderson, 805-674-1677, [szanderson@charter.net](mailto:szanderson@charter.net)

## Caring for America

**Dawn Merzon, Chairman**

My dog Kippy and I took advantage of the offer from **Welcome Home our Military** and went into SLO and watched the documentary “*Welcome Home*” and “*Halfway Home*.” What a fabulous eye opening experience. I also had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Cheryl Tolan, and I don’t think there could be a lovelier woman to meet. On May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at the SLO library they will be showing “*Unbroken*.” Angelina Jolie directed this true life tale of Louis Zamperini, the Olympic track star, who survived a plane crash in World War II only to fight for his life against nature and eventually as a prisoner of war. It would be great to see a nice turnout from Paso Robles Republican Women. I am going to try and be there.

During September and October I would like to collect new pajamas to donate to the Woman’s Shelter. If each and every one of us provided one pair, we could make a big difference in a woman or child’s life.

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## Americanism

**Mem Seaman, Chaplain and Americanism Chairman**

**“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”**

**- Abraham Lincoln**

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## Achievement Awards

**Linda Sanchez, Chairman**

Special thanks go out to all who have sent in their Volunteer Hours.

**Campaign:** If you volunteered for campaign activities during 2014 please send your estimate to me.

Each month take note of any volunteer hours. You can email them to me or fill out the form at our monthly meeting. My email address: [sybols@hotmail.com](mailto:sybols@hotmail.com)

For those who attended the Spring Conference in Fresno, please include conference hours and travel time. It all counts. Thank you so much, I look forward to hearing from you!

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## Ways and Means

**Teresa Sullenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Chairman**

Plans for the PRRWF Inaugural Celebrate America event – *Showtime at the USO* continue to come together. Central Coast favorite, Royal Garden Swing orchestra, plays 1940’s standards and will include timeless and current tunes to keep everyone’s toes tapping. Paso Catering will provide our delicious food. The menu is amazing and you’ll love the food tasting stations being planned for August 8<sup>th</sup>. We have so much more to do! Your help is critical to making this night a success. Big thanks to everyone who has offered to volunteer. We will be reaching out to you! And to the committee members and executive committee, thank you for making this all possible. We have a planning meeting **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at the outside patio at Paso Robles Inn.** Join us or contact me or Sue Rodeck about the many ways you can help.

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If we make Membership our #1 priority, everything else will fall into place. We will have a strong foundation of volunteers for our grassroots efforts in 2016 and beyond, a growing group of like-minded friends, more women involved in our varied projects, larger luncheons to attract more interesting and informative speakers, and candidates to be tomorrow’s leaders. Now through June, you will be rewarded with a coveted new CFRW California pin for each new member you sponsor and/or bring to a luncheon. Wear multiple pins with pride!



## Membership

**Elizabeth Van Note, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**DUES ARE DUE!**

Ladies, you are truly wonderful. You have responded so well in renewing your membership and bringing in new members to our PRRWF. As of today, Thursday, March 26, I am pleased to report that we have **78 Renewals** and **19 New Members** for a **total of 97 Members**. We also have 31 Associate members. Great job! But we can’t stop here. We are committed to reaching our goal of 120 members. So, please keep up the good work. We need to build our club to help elect our Republican candidates in 2016.

Welcome to our new members. Our new members this month so far are: **Susie Apkarian, Kit Crawford, Margie Danley, Marcia De Line, Tracy Donati, Nancy Headland, Karyl Lammers and Patricia Tringham.** Our new associate members are **Milton Culver, Franz Wagner and Gregory De Line.**

Thank you all. Welcome to our Paso Robles Republican Women Federated.

**Any member who would like to purchase a name badge for \$5.00, please call Elizabeth at (805) 712-5426.**

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### 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Paso Robles Republican Women Federation

I am a registered Republican and I would like to renewjoin as a

Patriot Member Regular Member Associate Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your interest: Voter Registration Membership Fund Raising Other

Annual Dues are \$225.00 for a Patriot Member \$30.00 for a Regular Member \$10.00 for an Associate Member.

**Mail your application along with a check to: Elizabeth Van Note, P. O. Box 97, Templeton, CA 93465**



***Your Republican Roundup has arrived!***

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