



PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED ROUNDUP

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February General Meeting:

Monday, February 16, 2015

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

Cost: \$22.00 RSVP by February 9th

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, 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



It's wonderful to come to our lovely luncheons, hear interesting speakers, and meet and enjoy new and old friends. However, to make the most out of your membership and to truly help make an impact in our community, you need to do more than that. In this newsletter is a photo collage of the Board of Directors. Please consider joining one or more of the Committees! There is room for everyone to be involved and active. If you need contact information, send me an email at Sue@evans-pt.com, and I will be sure you connect with the Chair.

At the Board of Directors meeting in January, **Martha James**, 1st VP Programs, presented a list of terrific, varied speakers for us this year. Each one sounded more interesting and/or informative than the last. You do not want to miss the Honor Flights speaker at the February meeting. It will make you feel proud and good inside that we are helping to provide gifts of a lifetime to our older American

veterans who risked their lives so that untold millions of people can live in freedom. Invite your husbands, significant others, and anyone else who appreciates the American military to hear the inspiring story of Honor Flights.

Caroline Dillard, Historian, is setting up a wonderful site on the Internet for the exclusive use by Paso Robles Republican Women! We will be able to upload, access, download and share photos that we snap at our various events and activities. Caroline has already uploaded an array of photos going back to events in 2014. She will be presenting details at our February meeting.

Republicans had a great start in November 2014 to begin ridding ourselves of the liberal agenda and choking regulations that have been forced down our throats and inhibiting our freedoms. We have the wind at our back, and we must lay the groundwork in 2015 to elect strong conservative candidates in 2016. As always, I encourage each and every one of you to help Republican Women make a bigger footprint and have a louder voice by telling your friends, neighbors and acquaintances about our club and encourage them to join. By working together, we will make a difference. All the best, Sue

FEBRUARY PROGRAM, 1st Vice President Martha James

Our February speaker will be Greg McGill, Director of the Honor Flight Central Coast California. Greg was born and raised here on the Central Coast. After graduating from Templeton High School, he moved to Bakersfield where he played college football and received his education in Fire Technology. Greg has been employed by the Kern County Fire Department for the last 8 years. While living in Bakersfield, he became involved with the Honor Flight Organization and has been on five Honor Flights. Greg saw the impact Honor Flight was having in the Bakersfield community and felt compelled to start a local Honor Flight hub here on the Central Coast.

Our Paso Robles Republican Women Federated club has been raising money since June of 2014 to donate to the Central Coast Honor Flight program and will be presenting a check to Greg at the meeting to help send a WWII veteran on a future trip. It is important for us to see how our donations will be used to help one of our WWII heroes fulfill their dream to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.



Luncheon Price Update:

In spite of President Obama's policies, it has been a pleasant surprise filling up the gas tank recently. Yes, gas prices are down, but for months, food prices have been going up. We get sticker shock with each visit to the grocery store. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the price index for meat, poultry, fish and eggs is at a record high. Unfortunately, the skyrocketing costs forced the Paso Robles Golf Club to increase our luncheon cost effective September 2014. In order to help keep the cost down, the Board of Directors opted to cut out desserts, but despite that our Club has been absorbing nearly \$1.00 per lunch on top of the free lunches we provide to speakers and other special guests. When the 2015 Budget Committee met, we came to the stark conclusion that PRRWF could not continue to subsidize members' lunches. Increasing the price two dollars should allow us to basically break even; therefore, effective February, the Board of Directors voted to increase the price of luncheons to \$22.00. We regret having to take this action, but there is no immediate alternative.

The Paso Robles Golf Club is a wonderful venue. It's lovely and inviting after the recent renovation, and the crisp linens they provide us add an elegant touch. The extra staff they bring in to set up the tables and serve us are always friendly and accommodating. PRGC provides many free services and equipment for which many venues charge. Nevertheless, **Linda Gilbert**, Luncheon Chair, will explore alternative venues, but at least through June, we will stay at the Paso Robles Golf Club. We anticipate no further increases in 2015.

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Minutes of the January 19th Meeting

Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary

President, Sue Evans, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and welcomed all members and guests.

Marjorie Hamon, standing in for our Chaplain and Americanism Chair, Mem Seaman, led us in the pledge of allegiance followed by the invocation.

President, Sue Evans, introduced the guests and members at the head table and special guests and new members seated in the audience.

1st Vice President (Programs), Martha James, introduced our guest speaker, Melanie Salvesson, of the Reagan Foundation who gave us a very interesting presentation on the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. New member, Donna Jones, correctly answered a question posed by Melanie and won 4 tickets to the Reagan Library.

Sue Evans announced that the minutes of the November 2014 meeting were approved by our Board of Directors and will be filed.

Treasurer, Denise Surber, reviewed the financial reports for November and December 2014 and stated that they have been approved by the Board and will be filed.

1st Vice President (Programs), Martha James, announced that our guest speaker for next month will be the Director of the Central Coast Program of Honor Flights. Spouses were encouraged to attend.

2nd Vice President (Membership), Elizabeth Van Note, announced that our first Per Capita Report consisting of dues collected through December 31, 2014 recorded 23 renewal members, 3 new members and 6 associate members.

3rd Vice President (Ways and Means), Teresa Sullenger, announced new ticket prices for our monthly 50/50 drawing (3 tickets for \$1 or 20 tickets for \$5). She also announced that there will be an extra donation that will be awarded each month.

President, Sue Evans, announced that there is a list of club committees for this year and she encouraged everyone to help by signing up on a least one of the committees. Sign-up sheets were on each table. The chairs will be announced later in the program.

Treasurer, Denise Surber, announced on behalf of our Budget Chair, Karen Plummer, that our budget for 2015 was approved this morning by our Board and then adopted. She then moved that our general membership approve and adopt the 2015 Budget. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the budget were made available to each member.

Doris Hurd, past Financial Review Officer, announced that she examined the financial records of our club for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and found them to be correct. She has filed a written statement to that effect.

President, Sue Evans, introduced our standing committee chairs who in turn gave a brief overview of their Committee's purpose and responsibility for the year.

Sharon Wilson, Scholarship Chair, read an informative thank you letter she received from one of our 2014 scholarship recipients, Dominic Guglielmo .

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Karen Rowley announced that the next City Hall Cleanup would be January 27th.

Sue announced for Linda Gilbert, Luncheon Hospitality Chair, that our monthly lunch price would have to increase by \$2 due to higher operating expenses incurred by the Paso Robles Golf Club.

Sheila Healy from the Atascadero Tea Party, announced a Call to Action for all members of our club and other RWF clubs to attend a County Board of Supervisors meeting. The supervisors held a meeting on January 5th to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. No public input was requested which was a violation of the Brown Act. Frank Mecham was appointed Chairman and Adam Hill was appointed Vice Chairman. A meeting for public comments

about these appointments will be held either January 27 or February 3. She encourages everyone to support Debbie Arnold instead of Adam Hill for the position of Vice Chair.

Sue Evans announced the CFRW Conference which will be held in Modesto on January 30th through February 1st.

Sunshine

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 or phone, 805-878-3575.

Honor Flights collected \$82 today and the 50/50 drawing (\$134 collected) was won by Martha James who donated the money to Honor Flights. The Hydrangea arrangement which was made by the Flower Lady was won by Marjorie Hamon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Community Outreach

Karen Rowley, Chairman

We had a great time at our first Cleanup for the year of Paso Robles City Hall in January. Thank you to our volunteers... Donna Jones, Richann Robinson, Anita Brooks, and Sue Evans who collected 5 bags of trash and leaves.

Our next cleanup is Tuesday, February 24th at 10am.

Ways and Means

Teresa Sullenger, 3rd Vice President/Chairman

Dear Membership – Our club fundraising goal for 2015 is \$10,433. It’s a big increase from last year but ***we can do this!*** Caroline Dillard, Sue Evans, Jenna Feavel, Adrienne Hawkinson, Martha James, Donna Jordan, Shirley Mark and Sue Rodeck have volunteered to serve on the Ways & Means committee. Thank you so much! We meet Wednesday, February 4th at 4:30 at the Paso Robles Inn and will be brainstorming to develop and establish a fundraising plan which will include a “signature event” for the club. Please drop by and join us!

Here are 2014’s fundraising numbers and the proposed budget for 2015.

Line Item	Budgeted 2014	Raised 2014	Budgeted for 2015	Raised to date for 2015
50/50	300	461	500	134*
Fundraising	7735	3786	9933	*½ of this was donated back to Honor Flights thanks to Martha©
Total	8035	4247	10,433	

We’ll have a full report at February’s meeting PLUS a great item for the opportunity drawing!

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

Santa Lucia RWF, 4th Monday @ Hilton Garden Inn, Jeannie Nix, 805-773-4168, jnix@charter.net

Atascadero RWF, 4th Tuesday @ Elks Lodge, Susie Anderson, 805-674-1677, szanderson@charter.net

Americanism

Mem Seaman, Chaplain & Americanism Chair

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream.”

“It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what is was once like in the United States where men were free.”
Ronald Reagan

Achievement Awards

Linda Sanchez, Chairman

Greetings and Happy New Year:

As we prepare for VICTORY in 2016, our plans and activities in 2015 will help us achieve our goal. Achievement Awards are designed to incorporate programs and activities which will enhance teamwork within our club, help us elect Republicans, and enable us to comply with standards of performance which build a stronger federation. Volunteering is essential. Please consider volunteering by helping with a committee or an event. Not only is it extremely important, but a great way to bond with other members, and have fun at the same time! We will be keeping track of campaign hours and I will provide worksheets to record the hours as these activities occur. Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas or would like to help.

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

The following is an article written by Jon Fleischman, former Executive Director of the CA Republican Party, for Breitbart California. In this, and the four following newsletters, there will be an explanation of two of the measures that you might expect to be on our 2016 California Ballot.

The General Election ballot in 2016 is likely to have more statewide ballot measures on it than California voters have seen in a long time. The main reason for this is that the number of signatures needed in order to qualify a statutory measure or even a constitutional amendment have plummeted with the pathetically low turnout in the November 2014 election (the signature requirement is 5% of the number of people who voted in the gubernatorial election).

To be specific, it previously took 504,760 valid signatures to place a statutory initiative on the ballot. It will now take less than 370,000. For a constitutional amendment, the number has dropped from 807,615 to less than 590,000. A couple of years ago, a law was signed that requires that all measures placed on the ballot by signature petitions must appear on the November – not the June – ballot.

Measure No. 1 - Plastic Grocery Bag Ban – In a naked profit grab supported by the California Grocers Association, the legislature passed and Governor Brown signed into law a bill that would ban single-use plastic grocery bags and would mandate that stores charge at least ten cents for every paper bag given to a customer. This paper bag fee puts hundreds of millions of dollars of profits straight into the pockets of grocery store owners. A coalition representing plastic bag manufacturers is currently gathering signatures to refer this bill to the voters.

Measure No. 2 – Medical Marijuana – In 1996, California voters passed a ballot measure legalizing medical marijuana. Now the push is on to put another measure before Golden State voters that would decriminalize recreational marijuana use and regulate it, much the same way that alcohol use is currently regulated. Similar measures have recently passed in a handful of other states, and advocates are already targeting California.

The March Roundup will highlight the **Prop. 30 Extension & Oil Severance Tax** measures.

Membership

Elizabeth Van Note, 1st Vice President

I was happy to see so many members renew their membership at the January meeting. To date we have 35 renewals, 6 new members, and 12 associate members. This is a long way from our goal of 120 members for 2015. So I ask all members who have not renewed to please mail their checks for \$30 for regular membership or \$225 for premium membership to me at PO Box 97, Templeton, CA 93465 or bring your checks to our next meeting on Monday, February 16. We have an exciting Club and Board this year with lots of new enthusiastic members. And I know we will have many wonderful programs and newsletters to keep us informed.

We welcome our new members in 2015: **Eileen Codling, Serena Friedman, Judy Welfringer, Donna Jones, Vivian Bresnahan, and Allene Elder.** We are so happy you have joined our club and will look forward to getting to know you better.

Thanks to all of our members for your continued support.

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Paso Robles Republican Women Federation

I am a registered Republican and I would like to renew join 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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