



# PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED ROUNDUP

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## January General Meeting:

Monday, January 19, 2015

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

Cost: \$20.00    RSVP by January 12th

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, therefore, it is important that you RSVP no later than one week prior to our meeting. It is preferred that you RSVP via the electronic Punchbowl email invitation. If that is not possible please contact Kate Morgans. Note that her email and phone number have changed: [katemorgans@gmail.com](mailto:katemorgans@gmail.com), phone: 805.722.8218. Thank you.

## JANUARY PROGRAM – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Martha James.

Melanie Salvesen, representing the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library, will be giving a presentation on their newly renovated state-of-the-art interactive galleries, special exhibits, educational outreach programs, and tell us about upcoming events. There's always something new at the Library to inspire you.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Evans

A bright new year is upon us, and Paso Robles Republican Women are off and running, determined to capitalize upon the success of the November

2014 midterm elections and help return our country to the promise of our forefathers. I would like to add an especially warm greeting to our many new

members. You add a dimension of fresh enthusiasm and vitality to our Club. In this day of “political correctness” and extreme political partisanship, I hope you find it comforting and refreshing to be a part of a growing group of like-minded women who share your values.

At the January meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, I will be presenting our terrific 2015 Board of Directors, including the Committee Chairmen. The Committees are the heart of our Club. We are a team, and I urge every single one of you to find a committee that sparks your interest, join and be active in it! **Karen Rowley**, Chair of Community Outreach, will be continuing our Adopt-a-Street program that our current 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Ways and Means, **Teresa Sullenger**, initiated last year. If you do nothing else, mark those once-a-month days to come to the Paso Robles City Hall/Library to help in the clean-up. Last year’s President **Peggy Strickland** maintains it is her “favorite” thing...

great fellowship, exercise in the fresh air, and a wonderful community service.

As the perfect complement to our optimism for future success, **Martha James**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs, has invited a speaker that will take us back to the bright promise of ‘Morning in America’ by featuring the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library at the January 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Melanie Salvesen will be speaking and giving a Power Point presentation on their newly renovated state-of-the art interactive galleries, special exhibits, upcoming events and educational outreach programs. There is always something new at “The Reagan.” No matter how many times we visit, we leave inspired and feeling good about America, President Reagan’s “Shining City on the Hill.” His inspiration is coming to us in January.

Hope to see you there for Ronald Reagan day. Invite a Republican friend to enjoy remembering.

*“With our eyes fixed on the future, but recognizing the realities of today...  
we will achieve our destiny to be as a shining city on a hill for all mankind to see.”*

**Ronald Reagan**

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## **Minutes of the November 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary

President, Peggy Strickland, called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. She introduced our new members and special guests.

The invocation was given by our Chaplain, Barba Oetting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by our Americanism Chair, Elizabeth Van Note.

Martha James, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs, introduced our guests from the Estero Bay Republican Women Federated headed by President, Sandi Tannler. The Estero Bay Club adopted a poll for the November 4<sup>th</sup> election. They shared their adopt-a-poll observations for that day and also informed our club about the financial benefits we could realize if we adopted a poll during the next election.

President, Peggy Strickland, reported on the Central Division CFRW Conference of November 14-16th and shared the awards our club received: Outreach, Teresa Sullenger (Chair) received the Caring for America award of First Place Category 2 and \$75. Membership, Sue Evans (Chair) received Second Place and \$50. Newsletter, Elizabeth Van Note (Chair) received an award of First Place Category 2 and \$65.

Teresa Sullenger, Outreach Chairman, thanked the membership for their participation in our Outreach activities this year. She announced our City Hall cleanup was scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> and again on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Elizabeth Van Note announced she was passing around a sign-up sheet for Bell Ringers which will be held on the first three Tuesdays during the month of December at the Target Center.

Adrienne Hawkinson, Hospitality Chair, announced our upcoming December 12<sup>th</sup> brunch at the Paso Robles Golf Club starting at 10:30 am at a cost of \$20 per person. The menu will include eggs benedict, sausage, fresh fruit and pastries. There will be a no-host bar available.

Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary, announced that the corrected minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was electronically submitted to all members and will be filed.

Denise Surber, Treasurer, announced her report for October, 2014 which will be filed for audit. Copies were made available to the membership.

Karen Plummer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Ways and Means installed the 2015 Executive Board of Directors. They are: Sue Evans, President; Martha James, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs; Elizabeth Van Note,

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership; Teresa Sullenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Ways and Means; Denise Surber, Treasurer; Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary.

The outgoing Board of Directors and Committee Chairs presented President Peggy Strickland with a special gift of thanks for her hard work, enthusiasm and wonderful leadership this last year.

It was announced that \$115 was collected today for Honor Flights. Peggy announced that our club was pooling our Honor Flights donations with the Estero Bay Club in order to send a veteran on the next flight more quickly. \$82 was collected for the 50/50 Drawing and was won by Memory Seaman who donated her winnings to Honor Flights. Peggy Strickland won the books Jim Heggarty donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

## Members in the News

Congratulations to our long time member and 2015 Financial Review Officer, Marjorie Hamon, and her husband John, for being named the Chamber of Commerce 2014 Roblans of the Year. This award is presented annually to individuals in the



Marjorie and John Hamon

Community who have made significant contributions to Paso Robles through community service, action, donations and other on-going community outreach over the years.

Both John and Marjorie's families have a rich history on the Central Coast and, as owners of Hamon Overhead Garage Doors, have been members of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce for 36 years.

Thank you Marjorie and John for the many ways that you support and make Paso Robles such a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

***“There is a flickering spark in each of us which, if struck at just the right age, will light up the rest of our lives.”***

**Ronald Reagan**

# CFRW Central Division Conference, Visalia, CA November 14-16, 2014

Submitted by Peggy Strickland, Past President

The Central Division, led by President Betty Scheidt and her excellent committees, held their Board of Directors Meeting & 2014 Fall Conference at the Visalia Holiday Inn & Conference Center November 14-16. Our club was well represented with eight of our members attending. They were: Shirley Mark, Dottie Schlosser, Gloria Smith, Barba Oetting, Karen Plummer, Sue Evans, Sue Rodeck, and myself. Shirley Mark is CFRW Vice-President of Central Division, Dottie Schlosser is Immediate Past President, Gloria Smith is Caring for America Chair, Barba Oetting is Newsletter Award Chair, and Karen Plummer is Speakers Bureau Chair.

I was extremely proud to be one of four Central Division Presidents to speak during the Parade of Successes portion of the meeting on Saturday. Our club was honored to receive several awards as a result of our hard work during the 2014 year which included Caring for America – 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Cat.II, Membership – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Cat.II, Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Cat.II, and Honorable Mention for our Voter Registration Contest participation.

As usual for all the conferences that I've had the privilege of attending, there were very distinguished and interesting speakers to enlighten, inform and motivate us. One of the highlights of this conference was our Saturday luncheon speaker, Mike Hamzy, also known as Sheik Merwan Kamil Abu Hamzy. He is a descendant of the Fakrqaidein Al\_Maney clan, descendants of the Prophet Mohammed. His family was one of the founding families of Lebanon and he now makes his home in California as well as Lebanon. He gave a fascinating presentation on ISIL and their threat to the United States as well as the lack of leadership with President Obama.

I would like to urge members to try to attend either a state or Central Division conference this year.



Peggy Karen Sue E. Sue R.



Membership Awards, Presidents & Membership Chairs including our Region II Director, Dolores Jackson

## Committee Fair Booths



Gloria Smith, Chair Caring for America



Karen Plummer, Chair Speakers Bureau

## Action Alert

Karen Plummer, Chairman

Keeping you, as a PRRWF member, informed on the California Legislature and their current action is my goal for 2015. Allison Olsen is our California Federation Republican Women (CFRW) advocate in Sacramento and gives a weekly update on legislation. Since the Republicans are the minority in the California State Legislature, we need to be even more cognizant of bills proposed by the majority.

**ACTION ALERT** is a statewide hotline set up to urge action on a specific legislative issue. This process is not used often, but is most helpful when needed and requires a quick response via telephone, fax, letter or email.

Our weekly *Capitol Update* gives a glimpse of legislative action taken for the week. I will only send Action Alert notices when absolutely necessary and will give you directions for action to be taken.

Please contact me with questions or concerns about pending legislation. Let's stay informed together and continue our conservative stand in California.

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## Gasoline Taxes for the State of California are Going Up

Submitted by Shirley Mark, Parliamentarian

This is true.

They could jump anywhere from 15 to 70 cents a gallon. If they come, they will come from the state's Cap and Trade program. This is **AB32** which was passed in 2006. It is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, "transportation fuel suppliers" will start paying into the program and you can expect them to pass it along to the taxpayer. California has the highest gasoline taxes in the Nation. Government now collects between 71 and 74 cents in taxes per gallon. Cap and Trade people believe it could add an additional 15-70 cents per gallon.

Unlike regular tax revenue that goes to Sacramento, where lawmakers allocate funding in open public debate, cap and trade revenue bypasses that traditional legislative process. Instead, under the Global Warming Solutions Act, (AB32), billions of dollars will go to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Two non-elected members of the Air Resources Board, who are appointed by the Governor and approved by the state senate, will help oversee the funds.

From this fund already, the state has borrowed 500 billion dollars to help balance the state budget. They have promised to pay it back. And the Governor recently siphoned off \$250 million from the fund to help pay for the state's largely unfunded \$68 billion bullet train.

There is a lot more about this on the California State website. Just be aware and when the time comes, we ALL need to call Sacramento and complain....Loudly!

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## 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](mailto:sue@vintagestorehouse.net) or phone, 805-878-3575.

## Caring for America & Community Outreach

Dawn Merzon & Karen Rowley, Chairmen

As newly appointed chairs for our committees, we are excited to continue in Teresa Sullenger and Gloria Smith's footsteps and provide opportunities for us to all be involved in our community and make a difference. We will continue with the Adopt-a-Street activity & Food Bank Donations and hope to have your continued support. We will keep you posted on dates and upcoming areas to get involved. As well, we are very open to new ideas and hope to gather willing committee members.

Feel free to contact either of us: [karenrowley@gmail.com](mailto:karenrowley@gmail.com) [d.pumpkin11@gmail.com](mailto:d.pumpkin11@gmail.com)

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## Ways and Means

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

Happy New Year to you!

Ways and Means has some ideas on fund raising and increasing visibility in the community in 2015. We'll be meeting in January to nail down our plan, so hang loose for now. You're gonna like it!

Something new for January is in store for the opportunity drawing. Donna Jordan and her daughter Jenna Feavel have really taken hold of this and are introducing some special incentives on ticket pricing. Thanks Donna and Jenna!

Kind regards and best wishes for a fantastic 2015!

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## Holiday Bell Ringers

Submitted by Elizabeth Van Note

Happy New Year to all of our members. I would really like to thank the members who participated in our effort to support the Salvation Army in their fund raising for the needy at this time of year and all year through. Those ladies and gentlemen are: Martha & Harry James, Shirley & Rick Heim, Denise & Russell Surber, Linda Sanchez, Sue & Dave Evans, Vicki & Dave Wells, Teresa Sullenger, Marjorie Hamon, Victoria Mahalick, and Elizabeth & Lee Van Note. And if I missed someone, I apologize. I hope everyone found this experience rewarding.



Harry James  
Associate Member

## 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)

## Hospitality

Linda Gilbert, Chairman

As the new Hospitality Chairman of the Paso Robles Republican Women Federated, I hope to do as good a job as my predecessor, Adrienne Hawkinson. My goal for 2015 is to have a good working relationship with our members and the Paso Robles Golf Club when planning monthly meeting lunches and other events.

I want to stress the importance of making reservations for the monthly luncheon as soon as our monthly meeting invites come out. All reservations need to be made at least one week prior to the meeting date. If you find you cannot attend, be sure to contact Kate Morgans to cancel. If you don't, you will be responsible to pay the \$20 lunch fee since we are charged for the number of lunches we reserve and are not refunded for "no shows." Please contact me at any time if you have any questions or issues that I may assist in resolving.

It is an honor to be a member of the Board and I look forward to working with my fellow Board members to make this a great year for our organization.

## Membership

Elizabeth Van Note, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

We are off to a good start. From October through December 2014, 23 members renewed, three new members and three associate members paid their dues. So let's have a great February with the rest of our membership renewing. It would be even better if every member could bring in one new member and our husbands would join as associate members. Remember, you receive great Republican information as well as wonderful fellowship at our meetings. We experienced a terrific 2014 Republican election and we can work for an even better 2016 election.

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### 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

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***“We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.”***

**Ronald Reagan**

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

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