



PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED ROUNDUP

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17th State Senatorial District
35th Assembly District

March General Meeting:

Monday, March 16, 2015

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

Cost: \$22.00 RSVP by March 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 is an uplifting time in Paso Robles Republican Women Federated! We had a wonderfully successful February meeting. Greg McGill gave such an inspiring presentation on Honor Flight that our generous Members and Associates dug into their purses and wallets and tossed over four hundred dollars into the helmet. When **Judy Avery** announced the total, the room was filled with awe and applause. One of the greatest things about our ongoing Honor Flight program which is run by volunteers, is that the money we donate goes directly to give WWII veterans trips of a lifetime.

The biggest question of all is how do Republicans WIN????? Next month we are going to get serious about learning how to expand our Republican base through Voter Registration. We need to keep our eyes on the goal of winning in 2016, and Phyllis Stout, Voter Registration Co-Chair and 2014 Wom-

an of the Year for CFRW Central Division, is going to teach us what we need to do. Also, Annalee Akin of Cal Poly College Republicans will be here to accept our annual donation. Perhaps Annalee can show us how to reach out to the all-important Millennials to help them understand for their future, they must overcome the liberal bias and brainwashing in colleges and universities and support Republican policies and values.

So much is happening in PRRWF my head spins! **Martha James** just confirmed that our dynamic CFRW President, Roseann Slonsky-Breault, will be coming to speak to our club in June. When one considers there are 173 active clubs in California, it is a tremendous honor for Roseann to single ours out! **Donna Jordan** has created a splashy new Paso Robles Republican Women Facebook page. **Caroline Dillard** opened a Shutterfly account for us to post and share pictures and calendar events. **Teresa Sul-lenger** and her creative committee are brimming with ideas for a big exciting Signature event in August on top of other Ways and Means plans, including monthly prizes added to the 50/50 drawing. Members are planning to attend the CFRW Central Division conference in Fresno in March and the Biennial NFRW convention in Phoenix in September. **Dawn Merzon** is checking out our greeting return-

ing soldiers. **Karen Rowley's** head is starting to spin on an entry for Templeton's Fourth of July parade. Etc. Etc. Do you feel the energy?

Now to my pet cause...growing our Membership! One third of your annual dues (\$10) goes to the National Federation of Republican Women, the largest volunteer political organization in our country. The bigger our sisterhood, the more influence we have nationally as well as locally. PRRWF had award-winning growth last year, but we must...must....

keep growing. That means renewing all our 2014 members and attracting new members. Be proud to tell your friends and acquaintances that you are a Republican woman. Invite them to come to a luncheon and look us over. And let's not forget our growing number of Associates! We love and appreciate them, too!

Looking forward to seeing you on March 16th!

All the best, Sue

MARCH PROGRAM

1st Vice President Martha James

Interested in winning in 2016? *"You bet!"* Would you like to see a Republican living at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue? *"Absolutely!"* Then *"Let's Talk!"* Phyllis Stout will join us on March 16 to share her thoughts on expanding our base through voter registration.

Phyllis is currently CFRW Corresponding Secretary, CFRW Central Division Co-Chair of Voter Registration, 2014 CFRW Central Division **Woman of the Year**, SLORWF Americanism Chair, California Republican Party Voting Member Delegate, SLO Republican Party Ex-Officio, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and in 2014 she was the County Chair for both Neil Kashkari for Governor and Ron Nehring for Lieutenant Governor. Her previous political and community involvements are too numerous to mention.

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Phyllis is married to Lou Stout, retired United States Army, mother of three daughters and has 5 grandchildren.

We will also be joined by Annalee Akin of the Cal Poly College Republicans. College students are in the Millennial Generation and a key component in our success in 2016. We need to speak their lingo with a message that respects *their* values and lifestyle to get them into the Republican camp.

Hospitality

Linda Gilbert

Help us out! Our Club commits to a certain number of lunches with the Paso Robles Golf Club a week before our meetings. The Golf Club orders and prepares food for the reservations made, and we are billed accordingly. Please reserve via your Punchbowl Invitation or by calling Kate Morgans at 722-8218 as early in the month as you can. Should you need to cancel, please do so by Wednesday before the meeting or you will be billed for the cost of lunch. Thanks so much!



Phyllis Stout

Minutes of the February 16th Meeting

Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary

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

Martha James, standing in for our Chaplain and Americanism Chair, Mem Seaman, gave the invocation and Harry James led us in the pledge of allegiance. Martha and Harry then led us in singing "God Bless America."

President, Sue Evans introduced our guest speaker, members at the head table, special guests and new members seated in the audience. Debbie Arnold, County Board of Supervisors Chair was also recognized.

1st Vice President, Programs, Martha James introduced our guest speaker, Greg McGill, Director of Honor Flight Central Coast California. Greg gave us a very interesting presentation on the establishment and history of Honor Flight as well as the success of the veteran trips to the War Memorials in Washington, D.C. and also the financial needs for future flights.

President, Sue Evans and 1st Vice President, Martha James then presented Greg McGill with a check in the amount of \$1,500 to Honor Flight Central Coast of California.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Sue Evans reported that the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting were approved by our Board of Directors and will be filed.

Treasurer, Denise Surber, reviewed the financial reports for January, 2015 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 Phyllis Stout, San Luis Obispo Republican Women Federated. She will discuss voter registration.

2nd Vice President (Membership), Elizabeth Van Note (Chair), reported 42 renewed members and six new members have signed up.

3rd Vice President, Teresa Sullenger (Ways and Means) reported that the Ways and Means Committee members have met and are in the process of formulating an annual signature event for our club. The members will receive more detailed information at our next meeting. In addition and for a fee of \$50 a year, any company can place a business card size ad which will run in our monthly newsletter. Those who are interested were encouraged to contact Teresa.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Achievement Awards Chair, Linda Sanchez, asked for members to turn in their volunteer hours to her which will be recorded for our Achievement Awards Program. Gloria Smith reported on the Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Books Program and the books we have chosen to donate. They are "Killing Patton" written by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard, "Ellis Island" written by Raymond Bial, "Uncle Sam and Old Glory" written by Delno C. West and Jean West and "Lincoln's Last Days" written by Bill O'Reilly and Dwight J. Zimmerman.

Historian, Caroline Dillard (Chair), announced the launch of Shutterfly as the on-line tool we are using to collect pictures of PRRWF events and activities for the scrapbook we will present to President, Sue Evans, at the end of her term. She made available instructions on how to set up a Shutterfly account and how to upload pictures.

Karen Rowley announced that the next City Hall Cleanup would be Tuesday, February 24th starting at 9:00 am.

1st Vice President, Martha James, gave a recap of the CFRW Winter Conference held in Modesto last month. She announced that our club was one of four clubs to receive a special award for our newsletter (Editor, Elizabeth Van Note). We also received several membership awards. One for the overall increase in 2014 membership over 2013 (up 28%) and our overall membership increased as well. We re-

ceived monetary awards for these awards. We were one of four clubs honored out of a total of 173 clubs. Martha encouraged all members to attend our upcoming Spring Conference in Fresno on March 20th through 22nd at the Piccadilly Inn Airport.

Member Valerie Hopkins also represents the Cambria Forum, a conservative organization. They will hold their next gathering on March 26th at 2:00 pm at the Joslyn Recreation Center in Cambria. Their guest speaker will be Dr. David Branson previously from the OMB and who is a Cambria resident and investment counselor. His topic will be "Using financial market signals to achieve better financial results."

Judy Avery announced the collection today of \$416 for Honor Flight.

Teresa Sullenger announced the collection today of \$179 of which \$89.50 was given for the winner of the Opportunity Drawing, Sandy Peralta (new member who joined today).

Maryann Clark (new member) won the General Store gift basket which was donated by Shirley Mark.

Sue Evans announced that our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th at the Paso Robles Golf Club starting at 11:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.



Presentation of \$1,500 check to Honor Flight Central Coast California at our February meeting.

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!



Words that I wish President Obama would live by:

**"Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don't interfere."
President Ronald Reagan**

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

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.

In Memorial:

We were sad to learn of the passing of long time and faithful member, **Jane Belmont**, on January 28th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

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>



Caring for America

Dawn Merzon, Chairman

I will be collecting Food Products at our March 16th meeting for the Paso Robles Food Bank. Here is a list of products that are needed. All items are appreciated but low sodium, low sugar, and whole grains contribute to better health.

Canned fruits & vegetables
Dry beans & rice
Pasta & cereal

Canned soup
Peanut butter

Canned tuna & other meats
Tomato sauce

Gloria Smith, 2014 Caring for America Chairman

Gloria, who is also the 2014-2015 CFRW Central Division Caring for America Co-Chair, recently purchased books for the Paso Robles Public Library funded by our PRRWF *Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Program*. She presented the following books to the library:

Children's Book – *Uncle Sam and Old Glory* by Delno C. West and Jean West
Lincoln's Last Days by Bill O'Reilly and Dwight J. Zimmerman

Adult Books – *Ellis Island* by Raymond Bial
Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard



Community Outreach

Karen Rowley, Chairman

What a great turnout we had on Tuesday, the 24th, at the City Hall/Library cleanup. Thank you to our volunteers...Sue Evans, Karen Plummer, Donna & Jim Jones, Peggy Strickland, Linda Gilbert, Kevin Roberts, Donna Jordan, Martha James, Linda Sanchez, Anita Brooks, Diane Oehlke, and Dawn Merzon. With so many volunteers, we were finished by 10:00 and the results were outstanding. Come join us on March 24th at 9am for our next cleanup. You'll have a good time and leave with a feeling of accomplishment in helping our community. (Missing in the photo, the photographer, Dawn Merzon.) And thanks to Kevin for the donuts!



Legislation/Action Alert

Karen Plummer, Chairman

Do you get frustrated with government rules and regulations? Do you want to make changes and don't know who to turn to or how to make a difference? Our California legislation process is complicated and very frustrating as it takes so long to make a change or even be heard. As a citizen wanting to make a change, there are some simple rules to follow:

- 1) Get to know your legislator
- 2) Do your homework
- 3) Find others who share your goal and meet with them; then meet with your legislator
- 4) Know your opposition
- 5) Be prepared to negotiate

Each month I will try to share some ideas for citizen involvement which will help you to know your legislative process better and how to maneuver through the government maze.

Facts of Interest

Katcho Achadjian is Assemblymember, Thirty-Fifth District. The District is comprised of 46.6% of Santa Barbara County AND all of San Luis Obispo County.

Demographics:

55.68 White
2.40 Black
35.71 Latino
4.25 Asian
1.05 Native American

Registered Voters:

39.46% Republicans
34.24 Democrats
20.67 No Party preference

Top 10 Measures Likely to Appear on the November 2016 California Ballot **(Continued from the February Roundup, these are the third and fourth measures.)**

Prop. 30 Extension - In 2012, at the behest of Governor Jerry Brown, California voters approved a significant increase in sales and income taxes in California. It was sold to voters as needed to fund California schools, although money from these tax increases has been spent much more broadly. It is virtually certain that a "renewal" of this tax hike package will be placed on the ballot by Governor Brown.

Oil Severance Tax – Billionaire former hedge fund manager Tom Steyer has, on many occasions, talked about his desire to see California impose an oil extraction tax – taxing oil companies on each barrel of oil extracted from the ground. Steyer calls the absence of such a tax in California a "loophole" that he thinks should be closed. Of course someone of Steyer's means could easily hire the paid signature gatherers to put this on the November ballot.

The April Roundup will highlight **The Tobacco Tax** and **The Commercial Property Tax** measures.

Americanism

Mem Seaman, Chaplain and Americanism Chairman

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifice.”

President Harry Truman

Ways and Means

Teresa Sullenger, 3rd Vice President/Chairman

Your fellow Republican Women are working hard to create sustainable methods to raise funds and awareness of our Paso Robles RWF mission and goals. Two quick mentions...

SAVE THE DATE:

Our big fundraiser will be Saturday, August 8, 2015 instead of Sunday, August 9, 2015. More information to follow.

BUSINESS CARD ADS:

Watch your email for an informational flier that you can hand out, forward via email to interested persons, etc. If you'd like to place an ad now, please contact: Jenna Feavel at (805) 975-7438 or jcjfeavel@mail.com

Achievement Awards

Linda Sanchez, Chairman

Achievement Awards – Volunteering Really Counts

Our club is doing amazing things and we have an excellent opportunity to work together, build our membership, register voters and help take back the White House in 2016! We are asking you to keep track of volunteer hours for non-paid political activities benefiting the Republican Party, Candidates or Federation.

In 2015 NFRW will give awards for Volunteer Hours devoted to **Campaign Activities**.

Please try to document hours spent in or outside your home in 2014.

- *Mailings – Phone Calls – (at home or at Atascadero Head Quarters).
- *Helped with a campaign event – walked precincts – Volunteered at election headquarters.
- *Worked as a Poll Watcher on election day – Attended Training – Worked on election day, etc.

***** Monthly Volunteer Hours *****

- *Community Outreach – If you helped rake leaves at City Hall, write it down.
- *Way & Means – If you are helping plan a fundraising event – write it down.
- *If you went to the Feb. 3rd meeting to support Debbie Arnold, including driving time - write it down.
- *If you are working with Caring for America, Scholarship, Newsletter, Historian, Membership, Web Page, etc. We need your hours.
- *Vicki Wells helped with Ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army, volunteered 4 hours in December 2014. Thank you Vicki for turning in those hours!

Please keep track of Volunteer Hours each month. You can email them to me @ sybols@hotmail.com or turn them in at our monthly meeting. If you have questions, I'm here to help!

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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

Membership

Elizabeth Van Note, 1st Vice President

DUES ARE DUE!

Thank you ladies for renewing your membership with our PRRWF. Currently we have 59 returning members and 11 new members for a total of 70 members. 13 of these are Patriot members and we are fortunate to have 28 Associate members. Our 2015 membership goal is 120 so we are 50 members shy of reaching our goal for this year. We still have 41 members who have not renewed this year. If you know a member who has not renewed, you might contact that person to encourage her to renew her membership. I will be contacting all members who have not yet renewed in the next few days. We would like to complete our Membership Directory by the middle of March so we can distribute them in April.

Welcome to our new members: **Jane Alberts, Lorraine Cagliero, Marianne Clark, Carol Linthacum, and Sandra Peralta-Dobbins.** We hope you enjoy our club and our fellowship.

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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