



PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED ROUNDUP

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May General Meeting:

Monday, May 18, 2015

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

Cost: \$22.00 RSVP by May 11th

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



April's luncheon meeting hit a high point during **Elizabeth Van Note's** Membership Report. She announced that **Kim Austin's** new membership that day brought our total to 99, and she challenged someone in the audience to make it an even one hundred. **Linda Gilbert**, Luncheon Hospitality Chair, called out "we have her." **Gwen Pelfrey**, board member of the Templeton Community Services District, gets a gold star for being member #100 this year! Linda, of course, now owns a special CFRW California pin as a reward for helping us grow. As we have said, we need an Army to win in 2016, and Republican Women are the boots on the ground.

Jim Horn, April's Speaker, was sobering and thought-provoking, eliciting many questions from the audience after his presentation. I came away from the meeting realizing more and more the challenges we face to protect our Constitution and the

freedoms we take for granted. Next month, John Peschong, Chairman of the San Luis Obispo Republican Party, will share with us his vision of what we can do as Republicans to face those challenges.

"The" place to be on August 8th is definitely *Celebrate America: Showtime at the USO* at Estrella Warbird Museum. Co-Chairs **Teresa Sullenger** and **Sue Rodeck** and their committee are creating a fabulous vintage tribute to our military and an extravaganza of wonderful live music, entertainment and laughter, not to mention an array of delicious catered food (gazpacho shooters, three different meat sliders, caprese skewers and more!) with beer and wine available. Have you never seen the extensive Warbird military and car exhibits? Now is your chance! Even **Shirley Butler**, our Website Manager, is flying back from her new home in Alabama to be here. Look for details in this newsletter and contact Teresa or Sue for ways you can be a part of its success. You will feel good about honoring our military and helping make Paso Robles Republican Women Federated a household word. Isn't Teresa's flyer stunning? It is only a tantalizer for the great evening that lies ahead. I urge you to be on the safe side and buy your tickets now. Our first *Celebrate America* is sure to be a sell-out.

Best to all, Sue

MAY PROGRAM

1st Vice President Martha James



John Peschong

John Peschong has more than two decades of political, public affairs, and media experience. He has tackled some of the most challenging jobs in politics, earning a reputation as one of the nation's leading political strategists.

John honed his skills in politics and media while working in the White House during the Reagan Administration and later as the Executive Director for the California Republican Party, a senior strategist for President George W. Bush and Senator John McCain, and as Western States Political Director for the Republican National Committee (RNC).

John has developed a unique understanding of the nation's political landscape and through his role with the RNC he gained valuable knowledge of Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Nebraska, Alaska, and Idaho state governments and politics.

As a Partner at Meredian Pacific, Inc., John develops and implements strategies for public affairs and political campaigns.

John lives on the Central Coast of California with his wife and their two children.

Hospitality

Linda Gilbert

Hi. I am Linda Gilbert and I took over as the PRRWF Hospitality Chairman at the beginning of this year. I am responsible for working with the Country Club in setting up the meeting room and arranging lunch menus for our monthly meetings. Please contact me if you have any suggestions, comments or complaints regarding lunch menus, food quality or meeting room issues. Please reserve your lunches each month by no later than the Wednesday before our regular meetings.

Your feedback will be greatly appreciated. **And remember, checks for the luncheon should be made out to The Paso Robles Golf Club. This simplifies our monthly accounting. Thanks.**

Minutes of the April 20th Meeting

Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary

President, Sue Evans, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Historian, Caroline Dillard, gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Evans introduced our officers, County Supervisor Chair Debbie Arnold, and new members. Sue then passed out two CFRW California Pins to member Sue Rodeck who brought in two new members from the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce.

New Member Hospitality, Lynne Gamble, introduced our guest speaker, Jim Horn, a retired diplomat and expert on political Islam. Jim gave us an update on the world of Islamic expansion and colonization, ISIS, Benghazi, its destructive influence on the Obama administration and worldwide. After his enlightening speech, he had signed copies of his books available for purchase.

President Sue Evans announced that the minutes from the Board of Directors and General Meeting of March 16, 2015 were approved and will be filed.

Newsletter Editor, Peggy Strickland, read a report issued by Treasurer, Denise Surber, who was unable to attend. The report contained the financial information for the month of April, 2015. This report was approved by the Board and will be filed.

Adrienne Hawkinson announced that our guest speaker next month will be John Peschong, Central Committee Chair of the Republican Party who has an extensive history of political, public affairs and media experience.

2nd Vice President, Elizabeth Van Note (Membership) announced that we have 99 members plus 30 Associate Members. Our 2015 Membership Directories along with the New Member Packets are now available and can be picked up from her at the close of the luncheon. After Elizabeth's announcement, guest, Gwen Pelfrey, announced she would become our 100th member.

3rd Vice President, Teresa Sullenger (Ways and Means), gave a power point presentation on the progress of our upcoming event, "Celebrate America – Showtime at the USO," which is scheduled for August 8th 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 veteran recognitions. All museum attractions will be open and overseen by the Museum's docents. One of our special guests will be Justin Bond, founder of "Our Heroes Dreams" and a retired wounded Army Sergeant. We will offer a ride in a C47B Plane on the day of our event but more details need to be worked out. Event tickets are now available for sale and anyone interested should contact Teresa or Sue Rodeck. Tickets will also be available from the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce office and Brown Paper Tickets (on line).

Teresa also announced that on Tuesday, April 21st, the Paso Robles City Council will recognize the volunteer efforts of our club's involvement with the Paso Robles 125th Anniversary, the 4th of July Parade, the Pioneer Day Parade and our monthly cleanup of City Hall. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Budget Chairman, Karen Plummer, reviewed our revised operating budget which was previously approved by the Executive Board on April 3, 2015 because of the impact of our August fundraiser. Karen Plummer moved that the members adopt the revised budget as submitted. The motion passed.

Judy Avery, Honor Flight Chair, announced that the next Honor Flight will depart from San Luis Obispo on May 4th and she once again encouraged anyone who is available to join in their departure at 4:30 am as well as welcoming their return on May 6th at 10:00 pm.

Event Co-Chair, Sue Rodeck, announced that we are now members of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce and discussed the benefits of that membership. The Chamber is also assisting us with our marketing efforts and ticket sales for our "Celebrate America" event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Rowley, Community Outreach Chair, announced that our next City Hall Clean-up Day will be Tuesday, April 28th starting at 9:00 am.

Judy Avery, Honor Flight Chair, announced that she collected \$147 for Honor Flight.

Donna Jordan announced that she collected \$63 for the Opportunity Drawing and the ticket holder will receive \$31.50. Guest Larry Horn's ticket won the

drawing. He had to leave prior to the drawing, but graciously left instructions that if his ticket was called, he wanted the money to be donated back to the club for our August event.

The donated gift certificate brought in by Teresa Sullenger from Pure Elements Salon was won by Donna Jones.

Sue Evans announced that our next meeting is Monday, May 18th at the Paso Robles Golf Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.



Judy Avery, Chairman

The next Honor Flight will leave SLO Airport on Monday, May 4th. Veterans, guardians and well-wishers arrive about 4:30am (flight leaves at 6:30am). Return flight is scheduled to return to SLO on Wednesday, May 6th at 10:00pm. All members and friends are urged to come either May 4th or 6th to support these amazing veterans, to wish them well, and thank them for their service. For info contact me at 805-459-5036 or judyavery@tcsn.net

WE NEED YOU TO REPRESENT OUR CLUB. PLEASE BE THERE.

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.

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

How is the egg price for you these days? Remember in the last California election cycle when we voted “yea” or “nay” on giving caged chickens more space in the hen houses? The animal rights advocates won this round and when the new law took effect, egg prices went through the roof! Recently, a study by the *Coalition for Sustainable Egg Supply* (animal-health scientists, egg suppliers and major food companies) revealed the cage free houses have higher hen mortality rates and lower air quality and the chickens show more diverse behavior. All the changes and cost (36% more) to the producers and consumers (much higher prices) have yielded very little difference in egg quality. However, the mortality rate of chickens in the new larger cages is twice that of smaller cages due to hens cannibalizing other chickens and excessive pecking

Remember to read your Friday update from our CFRW President, Roseann, followed by the current legislative bills out of Sacramento. If any of the bills are of interest to you, simply use the telephone number listed or contact your local office expressing your desire of vote or consideration to that particular bill.

Community Outreach

Karen Rowley, Chairman

Adopt a Street/Cleanup City Hall

April 28th brought out fabulous volunteers again to continue our efforts in cleaning up around our beautiful City Hall/Library complex. Joining me and thanks to **Donna Jones, Diane Oehlke, Anita Brooks, Linda Sanchez, Donna Jordan, Linda Gilbert, Peggy Strickland, and Dawn Merzon.** There is definitely a sense of pride when the job is complete. Not to mention the fun and laughter as we get the job done. Plus the added benefit of getting to know each other better.

If you haven't done so, mark your calendar now for **Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00am.** We will be out There again and can always use more help.

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

(Continued from the February Roundup, these are the seventh and eighth measures.)

Bathroom Bill – In 2013 a law was signed, referred to as the transgendered bathroom bill that would have allowed students to play on gender-segregated school sporting teams, or use bathrooms based on their gender identity rather than their biological gender. An attempt to refer this bill to voters fell short – barely. But the signatures gathered were well above what would be needed to place a measure on the ballot in 2016.

Pension Reform – Former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed led a coalition of folks who were looking at putting potential significant public sector pension reforms on the ballot this year, but they ended up holding off for 2016. Both the lower signature threshold and the growing magnitude of the combined unfunded public employee pension liabilities at both the state and local level make it extremely likely that Reed puts this reform up in 2016.

The June Roundup will highlight **Minimum Wage** and **Gay Marriage** measures.

Templeton 4th of July Parade

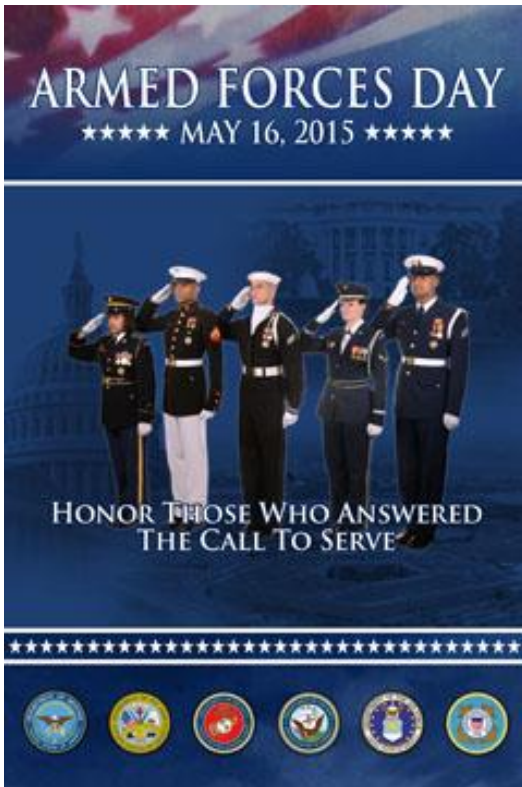
It is time to start planning our entry in the 2015 Templeton Independence Day parade. This year's theme will be “Old Glory – Long May It Wave.” The Grand Marshall honorees will be our “Wounded Veterans – Salute Their Service.” Sounds perfect for us!! Let your creative minds wander and share your ideas with us. If interested in being on the committee please let me know.

Americanism

Mem Seaman, Chaplain and Americanism Chairman

“Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children’s children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.”

- Theodore Roosevelt



Armed Forces Day

*******May 16, 2015*******

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

Memorial Day

*******May 25, 2015*******

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was initiated to honor the soldiers for the Union and Confederate armies who died during the American Civil War.

Celebrations honoring Civil War heroes started the year after the war ended. The establishment of a public holiday was meant to unify the celebration as a national day of remembrance instead of a holiday celebrated separately by the Union and Confederate states. By the late 19th century, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015

PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

CELEBRATE AMERICA

SHOWTIME AT THE USO

ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM, 4251 DRY CREEK ROAD, PASO ROBLES

RATIONS • LIBATIONS • LIVE MUSIC & DANCING • USO
TRIBUTE SHOWS • ENTRY TO EWM MUSEUM IS INCLUDED
• SPECIAL GUEST • SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR MILITARY
VETERANS • LIMITED OPPORTUNITY DURING EVENT TO FLY
OVER PASO ROBLES IN A HISTORIC WWII C47 PLANE •
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GENERAL \$45
VETERANS & MILITARY \$35

21 & OVER ONLY

5PM - 9PM

WWW.PRRWF.ORG

Tickets Available via:



BROWN

PAPER

TICKETS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PR CHAMBER OFFICE

Proceeds from this event will benefit the programs, services, community outreach, and scholarships of the PRRWF. Proceeds will also benefit Honor Flight Central Coast and Gooney Birds Group.



Ways and Means

Teresa Sullenger, 3rd Vice President/Chairman

Collaboration with local businesses is an important part of our “Opportunity Drawing” campaign. Over the past few months, we have been fortunate to receive donations from local businesses such as Still Water Winery and in April, a gift certificate from Bev Lively, owner of Pure Elements Salon. Many thanks to these businesses for their support of our endeavors. And congratulations to the winners! Our club members have also made donations to the Opportunity Drawing. Shirley Mark, Donna Jordan and Teresa Sullenger contributed or secured donations in January, February and March.

As we head into the homestretch for our August 8th Celebrate America event, collaboration with the community continues. We are fortunate... Commitments of support and donations are rolling in and include Hamon Overhead Doors, Grocery Outlet – Atascadero, Sherman Smoot, Iger Studio, Just another Rick Evans Photo, Melissa Jean Photography Co., Francesca Fotografia and Rabbit Ridge Tasting Room. We’ll continue to update and recognize our fine supporters throughout the next several months. Thank you everyone!

Volunteers round out our efforts to make **Celebrate America – Showtime at the USO** a professional, talk-of-town event! Thank you to everyone who has pledged to volunteer.

Shirley Butler	Carol Linthacum	Caroline Dillard	Shirley Mark
Dawn Merzon	Bobbi Stelzle	Karen Rowley	Kim Austin
Denise Surber	Kate Morgans	Marianne Clark	Susie Apkarian

We’re preparing an overview of the various volunteer opportunities to help you get a feel for which opportunity may fit your likes and schedule. Watch for an email in the near future. For sure, lots of help will be needed on Saturday morning, August 8th as we set up and then on Sunday, August 9th for clean up! **WE NEED YOU!!**

To make any event a success, there has to be a driving force behind it. **BIG THANKS** to our Ways and Means team: Sue Rodeck (Co-Chair), Sue Evans, Jenna Feavel, Adrienne Hawkinson, Martha James, Donna Jordan, Shirley Mark and Linda Sanchez. And to Bobbi Stelzle for taking on our decorations and layout of the event. You ladies are incredible. Cheers! Teresa Sullenger



The poster features the title "Celebrate America" in a large, elegant script font, with "SHOWTIME AT THE USO" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font below it. The date "August 8, 2015 5-9" is centered under the title. A table with three columns (Donor Title, Amount, Event Tickets/Recognition) is presented in a light blue box with a dark blue border. Below the table, the text "All Donors Will Be Announced Throughout the Event" is centered. At the bottom, a small line of text provides contact information for Sue Rodeck.

DONOR TITLE	AMOUNT	EVENT TICKETS/RECOGNITION
WWII Victory Metal	\$250	2 Tickets/Logo on materials/website/event
Distinguished Flying Cross	\$500	4 Tickets Radio Announcement Logo on materials/website/event
Bronze Star	\$750	6 Tickets Radio Announcement Logo on materials/website/event
Silver Star	\$1000	8 Tickets Radio Announcement Logo on materials/website/event
Medal of Honor	\$2500	10 Tickets Radio Announcement Logo on materials/website/event

All Donors Will Be Announced Throughout the Event

Know of a person or business interested in being a donor, please contact Sue Rodeck (805) 878-3575

Caring for America

Dawn Merzon, Chairman

This September and October we will be collecting “NEW” pajamas of all sizes for women and children. They will be donated to RISE – Respect.Inspire.Support.Empower (North County Women’s Shelter). Together we can make a nice impact on some local deserving women and children. Start your shopping now....

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 or Phone, 805-878-3575.

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

2015 Officers

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Membership

Elizabeth Van Note, 2nd Vice President

Thanks to everyone. PRRWF has exceeded its membership from last year. We ended 2014 with 100 members. To date, we have 102 members and 31 associate members. Welcome to our new members, **Kim Austin, Julie Diffenbaugh and Gwen Pelfrey**. We anticipate achieving our goal of 120 members by the end of 2015.

The new **2015 Membership Directories** are out and will be available at the May meeting.

Our President has accepted the role of membership secretary in my absence for the month of May. Thank you Sue. I will see you in June. Again, thank you all.

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Paso Robles Republican Women Federation

I am a registered Republican and I would like to renew join as a
___Regular Member ___Associate Member

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Referred by _____

Please indicate your interest: Voter RegistrationMembershipFund RaisingOther

Annual dues are \$30.00 for a Regular Member and \$10.00 for an Associate Member.

Mail your application along with a check to: PRRWF, P. O. Box 1856, Paso Robles, CA 93447

Your Republican Roundup has arrived!

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