



PASO ROBLES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED ROUNDUP

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24th Congressional District
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October General Meeting:

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Cost: \$22.00 RSVP by October 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. 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



Big thanks to everyone who attended our September meeting! Delores Chavez-Harmes gave us lots to ponder in terms of the history of and reaching out to Hispanic voters, and almost everyone took copies of her outstanding "red books," thousands of which have been distributed throughout the country. Delores had sent me digital copies of them in PDF format, and if you would like me to forward them to you, let me know. It was thrilling for me to look out into the crowd and see so many new faces, and **Lynne Gamble** signed up several new members. **Dawn Merzon's** table of new pajamas and socks

and teddy bears that many of you brought for the RISE women's shelter was impressive. **Peggy Strickland** announced that Mike Brown of COLAB will be speaking next month on critical SLO County issues. **Karen Plummer** presented the wonderful slate of Officers who have been nominated for 2016. **Sue Rodeck** gave a happy synopsis of *Celebrate America*. On and on. Whew! It was a big meeting. During the earlier Board meeting, Friday, December 11th was chosen as the date for our club's annual Christmas Party. Like last year, it will be a Champagne Brunch at the Golf Club, and we hope that many of you will bring your husbands/significant others to enjoy the festivities. As always guests are welcome. Details will be forthcoming in upcoming newsletters, but save the date on your calendar now.

No doubt all of us have been watching and reading about the 2016 Presidential election. While we may differ on whom we support, one thing we can agree upon is that we Republicans have great candidates, any one of which would be better than anyone the

Democrats have. As Californians it is easy to feel helpless to impact the Presidential race, but we can make a huge impact on our important local and SLO County races. Fundraisers and gatherings for local Republican candidates are ongoing now, and I will be forwarding information I receive during the remainder of my term. Republicans need in the grassroots effort to make a better world for our children and grandchildren. We can do it!

It's been a true pleasure and an honor to represent our wonderful PRRWF throughout the year at the State and Central Division Conferences as well as the NFRW Convention. I've been privileged to hear dynamic speakers including Carly Fiorina, Ted Cruz, and the Politichicks. I've attended and listened to educational speakers and other Republican politicians. As I write, I look forward to hearing

Star Parker and Kris "Tanto" Paronto who will be speaking at the Central Division Convention at Atascadero's new SpringHill Suites by Marriott in November. The Conferences and Conventions are open to all active members, and the Club's annual Budget and Bylaws include paying the registration fees and 1/2 of meals for our members to attend..... "providing funds are available." Many RWF clubs cannot afford to do this for their members. Due to the financial success of Celebrate America, PRRWF can more than ever before. The event was fabulous, and I can think of no better way to spend part of our profits than to support a great showing at the Central Division Convention on November 13th and 14th.

Best to everyone!
Sue

October Program

1st Vice President Martha James

Mike Brown is the Government Affairs Director of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business of both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. The two COLABs are separate nonpartisan, non-profit government watchdogs and advocates representing farmers, ranchers, vineyards, developers, professional firms, contractors, and publicly spirited citizens who oppose increased government regulation, fees, and taxes. His topic for our October 19th meeting will be, *Prepare for 2016: The County in the Balance*



Mike Brown

He is a graduate of the California State University at Northridge, BA in Government, at the University of Texas at Austin, MA in Public Administration. He went on to a 42 year career in local government management including service as Deputy City Manager of

Hartford, Connecticut, Chief Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut State Department of Housing, City Manager of Berkeley, City Manager of Tucson, and, most recently, County Executive Officer for Santa Barbara County, from which he retired after 14 years. He is a Credentialed Manager of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and pursued further training over his career at the University of Arizona Eller College of Management, the UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, the NYU Real Estate Institute, and the Yale School of Management.

Mike is an advocate (and former practitioner) for governments using structured management systems which include performance measurement, process improvement, structured project management, performance budgeting, and performance based compensation. Brown is also a government reform advocate who supports separation of politics from administration and believes that professional officials and staff experts should refrain from participation in politics (other than to vote). Reciprocally, elected officials should allow professionals to develop analysis and policy recommendations free from political interference. The governing body of a public agency can then select from a choice of policy alternatives uncontaminated by a particular faction, party or individual.

Minutes of the September 21st Meeting

Sue Rodeck, Recording Secretary

President Sue Evans called the meeting to order at 11:58 am.

In the absence of Chaplain, Memory Seaman, the invocation was given by Historian, Caroline Dillard, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Evans introduced the officers and guest speaker at the head table and welcomed Sandi Tannler, President of Estero Bay RWF and special guests.

Sue Evans introduced Andrea Seastrand who discussed an initiative to modify the Transgender Bathroom Law of 2014. If enough signatures are collected, this initiative will qualify for the next statewide voting ballot. She has petitions and they will be available for signature after the luncheon.

On behalf of Martha James, 1st Vice President (Programs), member, Adrienne Hawkinson, introduced our guest speaker, Delores Chavez Harmes, CFRW and Southern Division Latino Outreach Chair, Latino Chair of the California GOP and President of Valley Center RWF. Delores discussed the Hispanic voter and how to get them to join the GOP and what we can do to secure this very important group of voters. Hispanics want opportunity not handouts, have conservative values and the economy is their top issue.

The meeting recessed at 12:47 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1:14 pm.

President, Sue Evans, announced that the minutes from the Board of Directors and General Meeting of June 15th were approved and will be filed.

On behalf of Teresa Sullenger, 3rd Vice President, Ways and Means and Celebrate America Co-Chair, Sue Rodeck, Celebrate America Co-Chair, announced the financial success of our Celebrate America fundraiser that was held August 8th. Revenue generated was \$30,364, Event Expenses were \$11,613 and our net profit was \$18,750. Sue thanked the Celebrate America Committee members as well as the volunteers and special donors who made our first large fundraiser an outstanding success.

Denise Surber, Treasurer, gave the financial report for the months of June, July and August. She announced they were approved by the Board and will be filed.

Peggy Strickland, on behalf of Martha James, 1st Vice President (Programs), announced that next month's guest speaker will be Mike Brown, Government Affairs Director of COLAB SLO (Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business, San Luis Obispo County).

Lynne Gamble, New Member Hospitality, announced that our club now has 107 members and that we are reducing our membership dues for new members from now until November 15th from \$30 to \$18. She also announced our 2015 Member & Prospective Member Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the home of Dawn Merzon.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Karen Plummer, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked her committee members for their time and effort in selecting the nominees for our 2016 Board of Directors. The nominees are: Teresa Sullenger, President; Denise Surber, 1st Vice President (Programs); Nancy Belletto, 2nd Vice President (Membership); Peggy Strickland, 3rd Vice President (Ways and Means); Karen Rowley, Recording Secretary; and Sue Rodeck, Treasurer.

Shirley Mark, Parliamentarian, announced the highlights of the NFRW Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona earlier this month including Presidential Candidates Ted Cruz and Carly Fiorina who attended and addressed the members. She also discussed the upcoming CFRW Convention that will be held October 23 through 25 in Irvine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest, Judith Kang, briefly discussed on behalf of John Peshong, the controversy arising from the environmentalists regarding the Phillips 66 Rail Spur. Information flyers were available.

President, Sue Evans, announced that the Central Division Convention will be held November 14 & 14 at the SpringHill Suites in Atascadero.

Donna Jordan announced that \$121 was collected for our opportunity drawing and \$60.50 was won by Sharon Wilson.

Karen Rowley, Community Outreach Chair, announced our next City Hall clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th starting at 9:00 am. She also announced that we are still collecting new pajamas and socks for RISE and encouraged everyone to bring an unwrapped item to our next meeting.

Sandi Tannler, Estero Bay RWF President, announced that County Board of Supervisor Chair, Debbie Arnold, is holding her Re-election Kick-off Campaign Reception at the Sunken Gardens in Atascadero on September 29th at 9:30 am. She also announced that on October 11th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, the Lincoln Club is holding a social gathering at Windows on the Water in Morro Bay.

Honor Flight Chair, Judy Avery, announced the next Honor Flight will be September 28th and encouraged everyone to arrive at the airport in San Luis Obispo between 4:30 and 5:00 am to help send off our local WWII veterans which will include club member, Janet Bryan. Judy also announced that \$102 was collected for Honor Flight, Central Coast.

President, Sue Evans, announced our next meeting will be held Monday, October 19th at the Paso Robles Golf Club at 11:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Nominating Committee
Karen Plummer, Chairman

The nominating committee met in June and have presented the following Board nominations for 2016.

- President – Teresa Sullenger**
- 1st Vice President (Programs) – Denise Surber**
- 2nd Vice President (Membership – Nancy Belletto**
- 3rd Vice President (Ways & Means) – Peggy Strickland**
- Recording Secretary – Karen Rowley**
- Treasurer – Sue Rodeck**

Thank you to our Nominating Committee for their efforts in acquiring and presenting these nominations.

Karen Plummer, Chairman
Lynne Gamble

Gloria Smith
Adrienne Hawkinson

Elizabeth Van Note

Officers will be elected at the October meeting and installation will be held at our November meeting.

Hospitality
Linda Gilbert, Chairman

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 19th at the Paso Robles Golf Club and our lunch menu will be pork loin with roasted potatoes.

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



Judy Avery, Chairman

The next Honor Flight will leave SLO Airport on Monday, September 28th. Veterans, guardians and well-wishers arrive about 5:00 am (flight leaves at 6:30am). Return flight is scheduled to return to SLO on Wednesday, September 30th at 9:56 pm. Our member, **Janet Bryan**, and Estero Bay's **Ivan Hudson** will be among the veterans on this flight. Janet was honored at our Celebrate America event and Ivan is the step-father of **Mary Reents**, member of the Estero Bay RWF. All members and friends are urged to come either September 28th or 30th 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 TRY TO BE THERE.

Historian

Caroline Dillard, Chairman

Shutterfly – Go to your internet explorer and type in: <https://prrepublicanwomenfederated.shutterfly.com> and follow the instructions. When your request is received, I will accept you and within a day you will be able to participate. If you have any questions email me at: carolinedillard@live.com.

Facebook

Donna Jordan, Social Media Chairman

Keep up daily with all that is happening in Paso Robles Republican Women! *Like us, follow us*, and invite all your friends to *Like us* on FB.

Click on Facebook Link to watch the Celebrate America video:
<https://www.facebook.com/pasoroblesrepublicanwomenfederated>



We have over 100 Likes!

Voter Registration

Martha James, Chairman

PRRWF's voter registration activities will kick off November 1. We have our forms, campaign hats, an awesome banner and a spirited team. The elephants are chomping at the bit... If you are interested in joining us in this very worthy activity please contact me at james.bellavista@gmail.com or call me at (805) 402-4719. The more the merrier and we do plan to have a presence in the community every weekend until November 3, 2016.

Americanism

Memory Seaman, Chairman

“Protecting the rights of even the least individual among us is basically the only excuse the government has for even existing.”

Ronald Reagan

Caring for America

Dawn Merzon, Chairman

In October we will once again 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.... And don’t forget, we are still collecting food for the PR Food Bank.

Community Outreach

Karen Rowley, Chairman

Adopt a Street/Cleanup City Hall

We are back to our monthly cleanup of our beautiful City Hall/Library Complex. Thank you to our wonderful September volunteers that came out in their aprons to help out.

With the Holidays quickly approaching, the remainder of the year schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 27th 9:00am

Tuesday, November 17th 9:00am (one week earlier due to Thanksgiving)

December – no cleanup

If you haven’t been out yet to help, pick an upcoming date and plan to join us.

Ways and Means

Teresa Sullenger, 3rd Vice President/Chairman

Recap of Celebrate America

Goal 1: Income

Make enough money to free the club to concentrate on the election year in 2016.

Event Income	\$30,364
Event Expenses	<u>\$11,613</u>
NET INCOME	\$18,750

Goal 2: Community Outreach and Publicity

Build relationships with our membership and go beyond our club by including the community in our endeavors. Build awareness of our club.

We succeeded in both areas. We had: 30 Volunteers from within our club, 40+ Volunteers from the community and Central Valley, 14 Committee Members, 52 Donors/Sponsors/In Kind, Publicity

The Celebrate America committee met after the event for a recap of the event. We covered what worked, didn’t work, needs work, etc... All those items have been recorded to help make the next Celebrate America even better.

Calendar – Local, State & National Federated Meetings

Estero Bay RWF, 3rd Thursday @ Morro Bay Golf Course, 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 @ Marriott SpringHill Suites, Susie Anderson, 805-674-1677, szanderson@charter.net

So. Monterey Bay RWF, 1st Tuesday @ Lawrence Café, King City, Dorothy Errea, 831-382-4230 djerrea@aol.com

NOTE: The luncheon speaker on Oct. 6th at the King City Club will be **Assemblyman Rocky Chavez**, Republican candidate for US Senate in 2016, a seat currently held by Barbara Boxer, who is retiring next year. Chavez represents the 7th District in So. California and is a Marine, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He will discuss his run for U. S. Senate in 2016. This might be a good opportunity to visit the King City Club and hear one of our candidates vying for Barbara Boxer's seat. Please make reservations by Oct. 4th to Dorothy Errea, djerrea@aol.com Luncheon is \$15.

CFRW Biennial Convention, Oct. 23-25, Irvine, CA

CFRW Central Division Convention, Nov. 11-13, Atascadero, CA

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Membership

Elizabeth Van Note, 2nd Vice President

Welcome to five new members and one associate member. Four new members and one associate joined at our September meeting. Our new members are: **Shelley Gill, Sharon L. Rowe, Carol Samuel, Patty Walk, Tracey E. Walton and associate member David Samuel.**

We extend a big welcome to you and we look forward to getting to know you better.

Since it is late in the year, we would like to offer a new or renewal 2015 membership for \$18 through Nov.

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 Registration Membership Fund Raising Other

Dues for the remaining of the year are \$18.00 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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