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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD AT THE BLUE PHEASANT RESTAURANT 22100 STEVENS CREEK BLVD., CUPERTINO, CA



Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, June 6, 2019

Social 11:30 AM, Lunch 12 Noon, Cost \$24.00

Call Doris Sloniker (408)705 -2904 or visit www.svrwf.org for reservations before noon Monday prior to meeting. "A reservation made is a reservation paid! ~ Vegetarian option always available"

Menu Choices: Shrimp Scampi OR Roasted Sirloin of Beef OR Salads - Cobb, Caesar or Chicken Caesar.

This month we are having a special summer luncheon fundraiser featuring a Gift Basket Raffle and Silent Auction.



For our June meeting, Thursday June 6th, we will be having a special summer luncheon fundraiser and social. There will be a Gift Basket Raffle and Silent Auction. We hope to have many items available for attendees to bid on and take home to enjoy. We welcome any and all donations to our Gift Basket Raffle and Silent Auction.

The proceeds from this event will go towards club activities for the remainder of the year and into the elections season of 2020 where we will support Republicans at the local, regional, state, and national levels. Invite a friend or two to join us in this fun and festive event. Note that this will be our last meeting until September, as we do not meet in July and August.

Donations needed for gift basket raffle / Bring to June meeting!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

First of all, I hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day and remembered those who gave the ultimate sacrifice when serving our great country. When I was in grammar school in Illinois we all wore dark skirts (girls) dark slacks (boys) and white shirts to school and went to the WW1 memorial at my school in Oak Park and, after a short prayer, laid flowers as a remembrance of those who gave their lives for us. I do wish our schools would all do this to remind our children of the sacrifice so many have given for this great nation of ours.

Now looking forward, I would like all of you to try to attend our June meeting and come with some fresh ideas for what you would like to see from our club. Your Board is a little stale after serving for two and a half years and we need some fresh ideas. If anyone is interested in serving either on the Executive Board or on a committee, please let me know. We do need fresh ideas and I know many of you have interests and talents we could use. I look forward to any input you might have.

First, Eve Bretzke, our newsletter editor now has her sons out of high school and is working many more hours supporting the family business and would love someone to take over the newsletter. She would be delighted to help you get started and be there to answer any questions you might have. She has done an excellent job we cannot thank her enough for all the years she has put into it.

Jim Harvey would love to have someone take over ways and means and run our monthly raffle. It is fairly easy and everyone loves you when they win. Again, we cannot thank our Republican Gentleman enough for taking this position.

Your Executive Board is serving into their third year and our by-laws only allow for two years so we will need to have some fresh faces in those positions. We on the Board all love working for our club and the State and National level but again we are not set up this way in our By-laws. Please come with fresh ideas and let us know if you are interested in serving. You do know you will always have a strong back-up from those of us who have performed these duties in years past. I look forward to a lively and informative meeting and many fresh ideas for our organization.

Thank you,

Laura Riffle

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jun 6 | <u>SVRWF Board Meeting</u> , 10:30-11:15 AM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino, CA. |
| Jun 6 | <u>SVRWF General Meeting</u> , 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014: \$24 per person. Speaker: TBA |
| June 11 | <u>Santa Clara County GOP Monthly Meeting</u> , 7:00 pm, 70 West Hedding St, San Jose |
| June 14 | <u>Flag Day</u> |
| Jul/Aug | <u>No Meetings – We take a break for summer!</u> |

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MEMBER NEWS

Club Questionnaire: Below is a club questionnaire that the board put together to measure the level of interest and support for the club moving forward. As discussed at previous meetings we have a lack of members who are willing to take up extra responsibilities. It's your club, it's your choice. Please provide your feedback.

Summer Recess: The club does not have meetings in July or August. Next meeting is the first Thursday following Labor Day. Be sure to make the June General Meeting to see all your friends before the summer recess.

Sponsorships Available: Place a business card sized ad in this newsletter for \$35 per year (10 issues). Email newsletter@svrwf.org for more information or to place an ad. Thank you to our sponsors for your ongoing support.

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5. What do you like most about our Club?
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Please write your name here if you interested in helping in any way:

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Gavin's May Revise: After the Governor's initial budget proposal in January, his May Revise includes even more money spent and more money saved. In January Governor Newsom proposed a \$209 billion budget and it has since increased to \$213.5 billion. Democrats in California predict a \$21.5 billion surplus, so with that they plan to add \$16.5 billion in our rainy-day fund, spend \$81 billion in education spending, \$150 million in teacher pensions, \$650 million in homelessness spending, and lots and lots of new taxes. Now that the Governor's May Revise has been released, he and the Legislature have a month to negotiate the budget before it is due to be passed. Many of the taxes Governor Newsom has proposed will be challenged by the Democrat-majority Legislature, but mostly because they have their own new tax proposals they want passed too. Some of the new taxes and tax increases Governor Newsom has proposed are a tax on businesses to fund the earned income tax credit for low-income families, a tax on water, a tax on fertilizer, and a tax on dairy to fund a drinking water initiative, a penalty tax on those who do not purchase health insurance, a phone tax to fund a overhaul of our 911 Emergency system, and a potential increase to our payroll taxes to fund paid-family leave. Democrats in the legislature have the votes to pass these bills without a single Republican vote in favor. But the challenge will come from Democrats in vulnerable if they vote for too many taxes, depending on their district. The recall of Senator Josh Newman still looms large over Capitol Democrats, when he was recalled in San Diego for his supporting vote of SB 1, the Gas Tax. There will be plenty to follow in the next month in Sacramento!

Speaking of Taxes: Speaking of taxes, the Legislative Democrats have introduced their fair share of new taxes and tax increases, rivaling Governor Newsom's proposals. If you added up all of the proposed new and increased taxes, it would top \$15 billion this legislative session. California Foundation of Commerce and Education President, Loren Kaye. So far Capitol Democrats have proposed an estate tax, a text tax, a water tax, a gun tax, an oil severance tax, a corporate income tax, soda taxes, a tire change fee increase, among others. The state of California is in it's tenth year of relative economic growth, yet we still have one of the highest poverty levels, some of the highest unemployment and under-employment levels, the highest housing costs, highest income taxes, highest gas taxes, the list goes on and on. So while the state may have one of the highest surpluses in our history, the lives of everyday Californians tell a different story. And when a recession hits, Californians and our businesses will struggle even more to keep up with these crippling tax increases.

Borenstein: State ignoring that Californians are voting twice -- For three years, Secretary of State Alex Padilla has ignored a flaw in California's election system that has apparently allowed at least hundreds of voters to cast two ballots. The problem, first brought to light by Contra Costa election officials, enables Californians who request mail-in ballots to also vote at the polls. Dan Borenstein in the [San Jose Mercury](#) -- 5/13/19

California May Go Dark This Summer, and Most Aren't Ready -- The plan by PG&E Corp. comes after the bankrupt utility said a transmission line that snapped in windy weather probably started last year's Camp Fire, the deadliest in state history. While the plan may end one problem, it creates another as Californians seek ways to deal with what some fear could be days and days of blackouts. Mark Chediak and Brian Eckhouse [Bloomberg](#) -- 5/13/19

California on track to lose at least one congressional seat after 2020 Census -- California's population is growing more slowly than expected, making it increasingly likely it will lose at least one congressional seat in 2020 — and maybe more. Emily Cadei in the [Sacramento Bee](#) -- 5/13/19

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Trump administration cancels \$929-million grant for California bullet train -- While loss of the money poses a potentially devastating hit to the project, state officials said, no immediate construction changes are planned because the federal government's action could be reversed in future legal action. Ralph Vartabedian and Stuart Leavenworth in the [Los Angeles Times](#)\$ Tony Bizjak, Bryan Anderson, and Tim Sheehan in the [Sacramento Bee](#)\$ Kathleen Ronayne [Associated Press](#) Erin Baldassari in the [San Jose Mercury](#)\$ Ben Adler [Capital Public Radio](#) -- 5/17/19



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and other national news

Economic Good News Comes in Threes: The economic good news continues to roll in. With Republican tax cuts and regulatory reform, wages are up, the economy is growing, and on May 3, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the unemployment rate dropped to 3.6 percent in April, the lowest unemployment rate since December 1969. April also marks the 14th consecutive month of the unemployment rate being at or below 4 percent. Since President Trump was elected, more than 6 million new jobs have been created. Women are benefitting from the Trump economy. The unemployment rate for women fell to 3.4 percent in April, its lowest rate since 1953 (and 3.1 percent for adult women 20+). The unemployment rate for women has been below 4 percent in 12 out of the 13 months since March 2018, when it fell below 4 percent for the first time since the dot com boom in 2000. Read more here.

Women Donating to the Trump Campaign: Newsweek reported that nearly half of President's Trump's 2020 campaign contributions this year have come from female donors. The Trump campaign raised \$1.47 million in donations from women across the country in the first quarter of 2019, according to an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics. The report is based only on donors who made itemized contributions of over \$200.

OTHER

\$8 billion in offices, retail and housing to be built next to Levi's Stadium -- Related Santa Clara, one of the largest projects in the Bay Area, will create over 9 million square feet of offices, housing, hotels and retail on 240 acres next to Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers. Roland Li in the San Francisco Chronicle\$ -- 5/15/19

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San Francisco now has the highest salaries in the world -- In fact, San Francisco has the highest salaries in the world, with residents bringing in an average of \$6,526 a month, according to Deutsche Bank's "Mapping the World's Prices 2019." The city also has the highest disposable income (after rent) at \$4,710 a month. Amy Graff in the [San Francisco Chronicle](#)\$ -- 5/21/19

He's finally getting his due.' Serial ADA filer faces charges as store owners rejoice -- When Sacramento attorney Scott N. Johnson was indicted last week on tax charges, the reaction from people he has sued for Americans with Disabilities Act violations was simple and quick. Sam Stanton in the [Sacramento Bee](#)\$ -- 5/29/19

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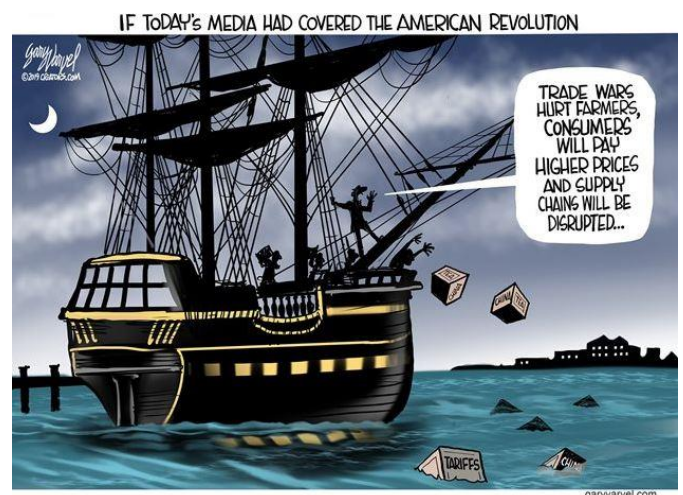
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About the NFRW: Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization recruits and elects Republican candidates, advocates the Party's philosophy and initiatives, and empowers women in the political process. For more information about the NFRW, visit www.nfrw.org



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