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22100 STEVENS CREEK BLVD., CUPERTINO, CA



Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, February 2, 2017
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: Chicken Caesar Salad –Fresh romaine tossed with chef's own dressing, fresh parmesan, homemade croutons and grilled chicken breast **OR Broiled Salmon** – Fresh King Salmon broiled to perfection & topped with fresh Dill **OR Roasted Loin of Pork** –with garlic and burgundy wine sauce.

Our Speaker for this month is Shane Patrick Connolly, Chief of Staff for San Jose Councilmember Johnny Khamis, speaking on "A View from the 18th Floor - An insider's scoop on what's happening at City Hall in the Bay Area's Biggest City."



Come and hear about what's going on in San Jose city government and in the region and how Republicans get things done in a city dominated by Democrats. He is currently Treasurer of the Santa Clara County Republican Party, serves as campaign treasurer for newly elected Councilmember Dev Davis, and serves as a California Republican Party delegate. He is also the CFO of the Willow Glen Creek Homeowners Association - a 130-unit condominium community in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose. Shane is originally from Central New York and later transferred to the Bay Area to work for a manufacturer of paper-based packaging. During his tenure in the private sector, he served as an Accounting Manager, Plant Controller, and, ultimately,

Business Unit Controller, overseeing finance and accounting functions for a \$180 million business unit that included four manufacturing facilities in Northern California and several warehouse and field operations. In 2011, he joined the staff of then-Councilmember Pete Constant as Budget Director, and later served as his Interim Chief of Staff. Shane has a passion for public policy and his expertise ranges from budgetary matters to energy policy to public employee pensions. When he is not at City Hall, you might find him singing on a Sunday morning at Trinity Cathedral in downtown San Jose where he is a tenor soloist and a member of the Cathedral Choir, bicycling around town, or out hiking one of the Bay Area's many scenic trails.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Welcome to our new President, Donald J. Trump! What an exciting week we had last week! Ed and I went over to neighbors for mimosas and quiche and then came home to watch more television that we had watched in one day in since 9/11/01.

It was great to see how many women from the California Federation were at the inauguration and how many people from Santa Clara County Republican Party were there. President Trump is moving forward rapidly with his agenda and his approval was at 59% at some time yesterday.

I know we all enjoyed hearing from Kim Womack last month, what an exciting time she had working for the Trump campaign in Santa Clara County! I am sure we will be hearing more about her in the coming months and perhaps she will share more of her adventures going forward. What a great Republican Woman she is!

I hope to see you all at our February meeting I know you will enjoy listening to Shane Patrick. He has been active in the Republican Party for a number of years and is currently the treasurer of Santa Clara County Republican Central Committee.

I hope you can all join us this month.

Take care,

Laura Riffle
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 2 SVRWF Meeting 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Speaker: TBA. Cost: \$24 per person. Cookies provided by: JoAnn Barr .
- Feb 3-5 CFRW Winter Conference / Advocacy, Sacramento Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA
- Feb 8 Santa Clara County GOP Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm, Santa Clara County Administration Bldg.,
70 West Hedding St, San Jose. (2nd Wed. of the month).
- Mar 2 SVRWF Meeting 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Speaker: TBA. Cost: \$24 per person. Cookies provided by: Doris Sloniker

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MEMBER NEWS

Get those Membership Renewals in for 2017! Send in your membership renewals now! Membership is \$35 per year; \$50 for Patron level. As always, men are welcome as Associate members for \$20 per year. It's a great club, it's a great group. Thank you Delilah Mendoza for being our 2nd VP / Membership for 2017. See back page for membership renewal form.

Board Meeting Change: The Board will meet just prior to the General Meeting February 2, Blue Pheasant Restaurant. If you have questions, contact Laura Riffle.

CFRW Winter Conference, Join us February 3rd-4th in Rancho Cordova for our Winter Conference! We are packing in a lot of education and inspiration in two days! Talk to Laura for more information or to sign up.

NFRW 39th Biennial Convention, September 14-17, 2017, will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Check the NFRW.org website for more details as they become available.

Sponsorships Available: Place a business card sized ad in this newsletter for \$35 per year (10 issues). Email newsletter@svrwf.org if you would like to be a sponsor. Thank you to our current sponsors for your ongoing support.



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and other state and local news...

New Year, New Laws - As usual, there are a bevy of new laws that have taken effect. Here is a list:

Minimum Wage: Beginning this year, our state's minimum wage will increase incrementally until we reach the nation's first \$15 minimum wage. This will affect all businesses with 26 employees or more.

Gun Control: There were several gun control measures that were enacted January 1st. One seriously limits gun lending provisions, with exceptions to some family members and hunting guide businesses. The other makes rifles with "bullet buttons," "pistol grips," or telescoping stocks illegal. If you already own one, you may keep it, but you have to register it with the Department of Justice.

Voter Registration: If you aren't already registered to vote, you will be able to do so up to and on election day at your county elections headquarters.

Mascots: This year, California public schools must change their mascots if they were deemed "racist" or "culturally insensitive" to Native Americans. This applied to only four schools, which reluctantly complied.

Voting Felons: Felons that are serving their sentences either in county jails or on post-release supervision may now vote from jail. It is up to our counties to implement.

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New Year, New Laws - (continued)

Here are a few that are not so bad:

Pet Protection: You are now protected under the law if you free a distressed pet from a hot car. You must have called and waited for law enforcement to arrive first before liberating the animal.

Date Rape Drugs: Fixing a dangerous loophole in Prop 47, prosecutors can again pursue felony convictions for possession of date rape drugs, like GHB, with proven intent to commit a sex crime. It should be noted, however, that Governor Brown allowed this bill to become law without his signature.

Brown's Budget

Governor Brown released his 2017-2018 budget proposal for the state today and while it is far from being finalized, we can get a good sense of his priorities this legislative session. While we applaud his frugal spending estimates, the majority party has done nothing to slow down spending these last several years and in fact has increased spending by \$36 billion in the past six years. Governor Brown's \$177.1 billion spending plan does little to address our transportation infrastructure outside of taxing Californians some more, while does nothing to tackle our incredible public pension debt and liabilities (which currently stand at \$200 billion) and neglects water infrastructure yet again. But don't worry, because Governor Brown included cap-and-trade extensions and also assumes that the state will continue to receive federal funding for Obamacare. - Source: CFRW Advocate's Office

UC to Vote on First Tuition Hike Since 2011 - By [Katy Murphy](mailto:kmurphy@bayareanewsgroup.com) / kmurphy@bayareanewsgroup.com, January 25, 2017. Forging ahead against inevitable blowback from students and state lawmakers, the University of California is poised to raise tuition for the first time since 2011. Under [a proposal](#) discussed in November and set for a vote by the UC regents on Thursday, in-state students would pay [an additional \\$336 in systemwide tuition and fees](#) this fall, bringing the charge to \$12,360, a figure that does not include individual campus fees, books or housing. UC President Janet Napolitano — back at work after being hospitalized last week for side effects of cancer treatment — characterized the hike to the board of regents as a “moderate, inflation-based adjustment” that the system needed to maintain its quality as it [opens its doors to more Californians](#). The system enrolled 7,500 more in-state undergraduates last fall, amid pressure to keep pace with skyrocketing demand, and plans to expand by another 2,500 students this year and again in 2018. “We have done more with less,” Napolitano said at Wednesday’s meeting, “but at a cost: higher student-faculty ratios, fewer courses, fewer teaching assistants, and student services that haven’t kept pace with enrollment growth.” CSU is also considering an annual increase of up to \$270, which could be up for a vote in March, said Toni Molle, a CSU spokeswoman. But students are lining up against the proposal, despite UC’s assurances that the majority of students from California would not be affected because a combination of grants cover all of their tuition.

And a group of Republican state lawmakers on Wednesday amped up the pressure from Sacramento to hold the line on tuition. “It is tone deaf to say this won’t have a significant impact on students,” Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, R-Dublin, said in an interview Wednesday. “It will, especially given the costs they are confronted with every day.” In a news conference Wednesday with students from local colleges, Baker and other GOP lawmakers argued that rising costs from tuition to housing are making college unaffordable to many Californians — and that UC must first follow the cost-cutting recommendations of a [scathing state audit](#) released last spring. The audit concluded that the system’s salary payments swelled in recent years, despite the state budget crisis, and that at least 14 top UC executives were paid over \$400,000 — “significantly more than the executive branch paid the governor and directors of several large state departments.” Baker says UC has failed to heed the report’s recommendations. “I would like to see more support to the UC,” she said, “if they could get their financial house in order.” For the past five years, Gov. Jerry Brown held firm on a tuition freeze for UC and CSU, threatening to withhold state money if they didn’t comply. But that condition lifts this year. After unveiling his 2017-18 state budget proposal this month, the governor repeated his call for UC to bring its costs down and to build up its reserves, but he did not take a hard line on tuition. “I recognize that at some point,” he said, “reasonable tuition changes are probably needed.”



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and other national news

Republican Women Nationwide 'Elated' to Witness President Trump Inauguration *National Federation of Republican Women Pays Tribute to Trump with Special Video/Song*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - "The day has finally arrived for President Donald J. Trump to place his left hand on the Bible and take the oath of office as our 45th president of the United States," said Carrie Almond, president of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), at the Inaugural Ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol. "As President Trump takes the oath to 'preserve, protect and defend,' we as Americans begin working together as one nation under God to 'Make America Great Again,'" Almond affirmed. In honor of President Trump and his love for our nation, the NFRW is sharing this special music video tribute, "[America the Beautiful, Red, White and Blue](#)."



Throughout 2016, Almond and fellow NFRW members traveled the country in a red, white and blue RV named "Rosie" to rally Republicans and register voters. The bus tour, dubbed "Destination: White House," traveled over 30,000 miles to 39 states, spending 189 days on the road and rallying tens of thousands of voters. "Our destination was the White House and here we are, just blocks from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. But this is just the beginning of our journey as freedom-loving Americans and conservative Republican women to strengthen our country and our military, better our schools and hometowns, bolster our work force and economy, and improve the lives of everyone who lives in these United States," Almond said

"We are grateful to all those who worked with diligence, loyalty and sacrifice this past election cycle to help make this day possible," Almond added. "President Trump has built a private sector empire not just by listening to people, but by hearing loud and clear what they are saying. It is with great confidence and renewed enthusiasm that we look to the next four years of once again standing tall on the world stage."

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is the largest and most influential women's political group in the nation, proudly representing the party that first made it possible for women to vote in the U.S. In 2016, the NFRW's nationwide "Destination: White House" tour, in a red, white and blue RV nicknamed "Rosie," visited 39 states, logged 30,000 miles and rallied tens of thousands in support of Trump-Pence.

Support Trump Cabinet Nominees against Dem's Reckless, Partisan Delay Tactics

President-elect Donald J. Trump's nominees for cabinet posts have begun confirmation hearings with committees of jurisdiction in the U.S. Senate.

In true partisan fashion, Democrat Senators have launched a campaign to delay confirming President-elect Trump's cabinet nominees. Here are a few points to keep in mind:

- Just eight years ago, Democrats, led by minority leader Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), were demanding swift confirmations of Obama's nominees - despite acknowledging serious concerns.
- Then Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) urged the Senate to confirm Obama's nominees "quickly so that they, along with our new President, can hit the ground running."
- Republicans confirmed seven Obama nominees the day he was inaugurated and another five within his first week in office. Thirteen nominees were confirmed via voice vote without any recorded opposition.
- Sen. Schumer, who is now demanding unprecedented disclosure and delays, has spent a career voting for nominees from both parties without making such frivolous and partisan demands on 42 separate occasions. (See more on the confirmation process from the RNC here and on AG Nominee Jeff Sessions at confirmsessions.com.)

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Support Trump Cabinet Nominees against Dem's Reckless, Partisan Delay Tactics *(continued)*

What can you do?

- Call your Senators and voice your support for President-elect Trump's cabinet choices. The Senate switchboard is 202-224-3121.
- Write letters to the editor denouncing the Democrats' slow-walking of the cabinet nominations.
- Use Social Media to share your support for specific nominees and speak out against the Democrats' obstructionism.

President Trump Is Using A Law Passed In 2006 As A Way To Immediately Begin Building The Wall
On Wednesday, President Trump Issued An Executive Order Which Will Launch "A Rapid Start On Building A Wall On The Border With Mexico." "President Donald Trump ordered stepped-up deportations and a rapid start on building a wall on the border with Mexico, as he worked to make good on the promised immigration crackdown that powered his presidential campaign. Taken together, the executive orders announced Wednesday-along with another set expected Thursday-sharply recast U.S. immigration policy." (Laura Meckler, "Trump Orders Wall At Mexican Border," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 1/25/17)

President Trump Has The Authority To Start Construction On A Border Wall Under The Secure Fence Act Of 2006, Which Was "Bipartisan And Overwhelmingly Supported" In Congress. "A law already exists that experts say gives Trump the authority to start building the wall. It is the Secure Fence Act of 2006. It was bipartisan and overwhelmingly supported during the Bush administration. The 2006 law envisions both physical barriers and high-tech features, like sensors and cameras. It also mentions a two-layer fence - but that fence was never built, and the legislation didn't include money to pay for one. Ten years later, the process could begin in earnest." (Bill Chappell, Tamara Keith, and Merrit Kennedy, "A Nation Without Borders Is Not A Nation': Trump Moves Forward With U.S.-Mexico Wall," [NPR](#), 1/25/17)

OTHER

San Jose council unanimously approves banning communist Vietnamese flag -- Some draped bright yellow South Vietnam flags over their shoulders while others joined hands and held back tears Tuesday as San Jose became the first Bay Area city to ban the communist Vietnamese flag on city flagpoles. Ramona Giwargis in the San Jose Mercury\$ -- 1/25/1

Which Counties Refused Federal Requests to Turn Over Immigrants -- The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement released the numbers, by county, of federal detention requests declined from January 2014 through September 2015. ***Santa Clara County, Calif., had the highest number, 1,856, followed by Los Angeles County, with 1,492.*** ICE issues requests to local authorities to hold non-citizen inmates subject to removal so federal officials can take them into custody. - *By Bay Area News Group, Mercury News, January 25, 2017*

After NAFTA: Cumulative U.S. Merchandise Trade Deficit With Mexico Nears \$1,000,000,000,000 -- *Cybercast News Service, by Terence P. Jeffrey, 1/26/2017.*

The cumulative merchandise trade deficit that the United States has run with Mexico in the 23 years since the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect is nearing \$1,000,000,000,000, according to data published by the U.S. Census Bureau. In the period from January 1994 through November 2016, according to Census Bureau numbers, the United States ran a cumulative merchandise trade deficit with Mexico of \$986,532,000,000. The United States now sends more money to Mexico each year through our bilateral merchandise trade deficit than we spend on our own homeland security through the federal Department of Homeland Security

Membership Drive 2017

We are now having our annual membership renewal drive. Attached is a membership form that you can complete along with your payment and send it or bring to our next general meeting tomorrow, January 5th, 11: 30 AM Social, 12 Noon Lunch.

Our membership drive will be ongoing this month and next. If you have anyone who may be interested in learning more about our club visit <http://www.svrwf.org> or attend one of our meetings.

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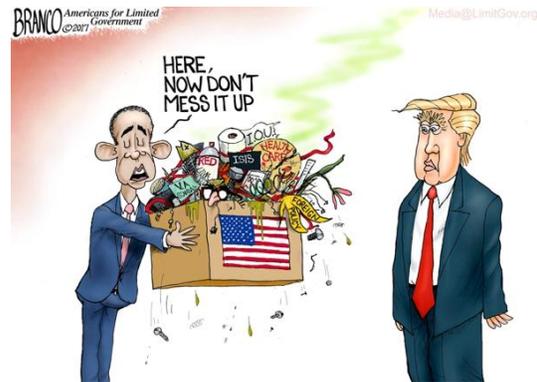
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