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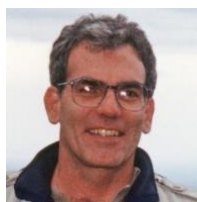
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**NEXT MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2023**

*Featuring*

**FRANCIS DROUILARD**

*Chair, Marin Election Integrity*



**\*\*\* BLUE PHEASANT \*\*\***

22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Cupertino CA

**11:30am - Check In**

**12:00am - Call to Order**

**\*\*\* Cost of Program: \$32 \*\*\***

*Includes program, a delicious lunch, and a soft drink, coffee or tea!  
(taxes & gratuities also included)*

**MENU OPTIONS:**

**BAY SHRIMP LOUIE SALAD**

*Bay shrimp, spring greens, asparagus, boiled eggs, Louie dressing*

**PASTA PRIMAVERA**

*Pasta w/fresh vegetable medley tossed w/garlic, a light alfredo sauce and pecorino romano*

**BROILED SALMON**

*Seared salmon topped with fresh dill sauce*

**Please RSVP by Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Lunches must be pre-ordered.**

**Call Grace, 408-499-1695**

**A check can be mailed to: Grace Russo,  
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**Make Check payable to West Valley RWF.**

**Cancellations only refunded if  
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**OPEN**

**Special Committees:**

Membership Growth:

Volunteer to serve with our 2nd VP JoAnn Destro to help with her efforts to recruit new members with outreach, mailings, etc.

Legislation:

Mayme Abbott follows and reports at our meetings on the legislative items that are followed by our CFRW, and many of which are printed in our newsletters.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**SHANNON WAGNER**  
*West Valley RWF President*

We tried something new for our July meeting and it was a hit! The book review and discussion was well-attended and the format worked out well. Our board member, Kathie Topham lead the discussion and introduced conversation-provoking questions that made for a lively discussion of Pete Hegseth's book, *Battle for the American Mind*. It was a great opportunity for participation from all who had thoughts to share. Everyone enjoyed the discussion and agreed that we should do this again!

In follow up to my comments last month regarding state housing growth mandates that take away the right of local municipalities to decide what is best for their local area, I have learned there is a coalition that is gearing up to gather 1 million signatures to give voters the opportunity to restore local democracy with a citizen-led ballot initiative. The growing anger over the series of laws that allow development of multi-unit and multi-story buildings on a single-family lot, while stripping away the ability of neighbors to speak out about how to shape their own communities has ignited this coalition called **Our Neighborhood Voices**. This is a bipartisan issue with polling on housing bills SB9 & SB10 showing overwhelming opposition. A majority of California voters support a statewide initiative to restore powers taken away by the legislature to make local land use decisions. Find out more and get involved at [OurNeighborhoodVoices.com](http://OurNeighborhoodVoices.com).

This month, our featured speaker is Francis (Frank) Drouillard, Chair of Marin County Election Integrity. This is a hot topic and you won't want to miss it. Get your RSVP's in early!

**Please note our August meeting will be at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino.**

Stay cool in the summer heat!

-Shannon

Questions about West Valley Republican Women Federated? Ask at [westvalleyrwf@gmail.com](mailto:westvalleyrwf@gmail.com)!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024-2025 OFFICERS

The job of the Nominating Committee is to come up with the slate of Executive officers for 2024-2025 for the elected positions of President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Secretary, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Fundraising, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. **Bunny Hacker** will Chair our Nominating Committee and is joined by **JoAnn Destro, Julie Eckroat, Diana Mandarino and Lorene Milligan**.

To date, we have applicants for President, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, and Treasurer. We are looking for members to fill the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Programs and Recording Secretary. Please consider stepping up to work with our Executive Committee to help lead our Club. We all assist each other to be our best, and have fun in the process!

To qualify for office, you must be a Primary member in good standing for 60+ days, be committed to attending monthly BOD meetings and monthly General meetings.

You can refer to our Bylaws for the job descriptions for each office, and call on any one of us if you are interested in serving on the Executive board or have any questions. If you are called upon to serve, please say YES! Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting in November.

## ***WE NEED YOU!***

## CALL TO ACTION

In May, Lorene Milligan generously purchased for all attendees a copy of the *United States Congress Directory 2023* from the National Legal and Policy Center! This booklet features contact information for every State and National representative, leaving us no excuse for not making our voices heard!

Pay attention to Legislative updates from CFRW President Mary Ervin ([infoCFRW@gmail.com](mailto:infoCFRW@gmail.com)) and contact legislators to voice your approval or disapproval of their position! Or just thank and encourage our Republican leaders who are working hard on our behalf.

Imagine the impact if all our members started regularly making calls...it could be very effective!





## ***NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN***



**JOIN US!**

**September 28-October 1, 2023**

**Omni Oklahoma City Hotel and Oklahoma City Convention Center**

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

All NFRW members are invited to attend.

Hear a welcome message from OK Governor Kevin Stitt here: <https://www.nfrw.org/convention-oklahomacity>.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

The California Federation of Republican Women's **43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention** is happening **October 13-15, 2023**.



**Four Points by Sheraton Sacramento International Airport**

4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento, CA

**Stay tuned for details!**



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As a CFRW member you join a network of nationwide like-minded women from across the country who...

- Have a magnified voice as tens of thousands of us are heard across the country on issues important to women and in our support of Republican principles, initiatives and candidates;
- Are exposed to powerful networking opportunities with other Clubs and Members across the state and nation at biennial conventions;
- Exert influence on Republican legislators and party officials at the local, State and National levels;
- Learn valuable skills in Leadership, mentoring, membership recruitment, issue advocacy and more;
- Engage with dynamic elected officials, party representatives, political experts and other nationally-recognized leaders;
- Have abundant opportunity to participate in our community service programs which promote Americanism, the Armed Services, literacy, private sector initiatives, volunteerism and more;
- Enjoy State and National Conferences and Conventions;
- Have access to National Federation of Republican Women's online resource library;
- Are offered free attendance to Campaign Management School;
- May attend free Training events - i.e. NFRW's Empower Hour and Bitesize Tools;
- Attend Exclusive Programming with national leaders;
- Have a forum to serve as leaders in the political arena and to serve as mentors to the next generation;
- And who enjoy lifelong friendships across the country with Federated Republican Women!

***JOIN NOW!***

If you are not already a member, contact us by email to [westvalleyrwf@gmail.com](mailto:westvalleyrwf@gmail.com) ask to join West Valley Republican Women Federated. As a member of West Valley RWF, you are automatically enrolled in membership with the California Federation and the National Federation!

## HERE'S WHERE BIDEN IS HEADED FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS AS FAMILY SCANDALS SWIRL

By Spencer Brown - townhall.com - July 28, 2023



President Joe Biden may be visiting Maine on Friday to discuss "how Bidenomics is driving a manufacturing boom and helping workers and innovators invent and make more in America," but he's likely already got his mind on the extended vacation he's set to begin after he's done mumbling his way through remarks in the Pine tree State.

According to White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, "this evening, the president will depart Maine en route to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, where he will remain over the next week." According to Delaware media [reports](#), Biden is expected to be at his beach house until August 6.

How nice for him to have 10 days of beach time away from Washington — which would be Biden's longest stay in Rehoboth since becoming president. But didn't Biden just get back from a beach vacation earlier this month? Why yes, he did.

It's unsurprising that Biden — who has already frustrated aides with his limited "availability" for public events when he *is* working — would want a few days away from the White House after his son's dubiously conditioned sweetheart plea deal fell apart under the slightest scrutiny from a federal judge in Delaware.

It's not like Biden, when he is around the White House, is any sort of Chatty Cathy with reporters in the way former President Donald Trump was. But apparently Biden needed more than the seclusion of the private residence of the White House in which to take refuge.

Could it have anything to do with the fact that, according to a U.S. Secret Service statement at the beginning of 2023, the same kind of visitor logs aren't kept for the president's properties in Delaware as are maintained for those who go to the White House?

Fox Business host Stu Varney opined just yesterday on Varney & Co. that, with the White House "under siege" and Biden "hard-pressed on all sides," now "is the time for the basement strategy."

"Get out of the way as much as possible," Varney suggested to Biden. "Take very few events and manage them carefully. Better yet, take a long vacation to the beach house or Camp David."

Unfortunately for Biden, a stint at the beach won't save him from the scandals that continue to swirl around his family and administration. Eventually, he'll have to return and face the music of Hunter's businesses, allegations of a criminal bribery scheme, and an increasingly likely impeachment inquiry from House lawmakers.

That reality hasn't stopped Biden from getting away from the White House quite frequently. According to RNC Research, President Biden had — as of the beginning of July — spent more than 350 days (or nearly 40 percent) of his presidency on vacation away from the White House in Delaware, Massachusetts, South Carolina, or at Camp David.

## **BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP WAS NOT ENACTED TO FACILITATE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION - IT'S TIME TO END IT!**

*by Charlie Kirk - July 27, 2023*

Matt Gaetz has just proposed a bill to end birthright citizenship for the 400,000 children of illegals born in the US every year. Open Border radicals will cry racism and say it's unconstitutional. It's both perfectly legal and would simply keep America in step with the rest of the Western world.

### **FACTS:**

- No country in Western Europe offers [birthright](#) citizenship without exceptions like the U.S.
- France did away with birthright citizenship all the way back in 1993.
- Ireland was the last of the EU countries to abolish birthright citizenship in 2005.
- New Zealand and Australia both banned birthright citizenship in recent decades.
- The 14th Amendment guarantees citizenship to those born in the United States, "and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." It was written to overturn the Dred Scott decision, and ensure that freed slaves born, raised, and residing in America were made citizens.
- The 14th Amendment was NOT written to reward illegals who flout our immigration laws by making it impossible to remove them. This is what the actual lawmakers who voted on the Amendment at the time made plain in their statements.

Why is the left so fanatical about keeping birthright citizenship? Well, as [The Atlantic](#) wrote a few years back, birthright citizenship is mostly found in the Americas because European powers established "lenient laws to attract immigrants and displace native populations in the New World..."

The legacy of birthright citizenship is one of displacing native populations. And that's still the purpose it serves for the left today.

Every Republican should get behind Rep. [Gaetz's legislation](#). If they're not, they aren't serious about getting our border under control.

**Source:** <https://humanevents.com/2023/07/27/charlie-kirk>

**"The first consideration in immigration is the welfare of the receiving nation. In a new government based on principles unfamiliar to the rest of the world, and resting on the sentiments of the people themselves, the influx of a large number of new immigrants unaccustomed to the government of a free society could be detrimental to that society. Immigration, therefore, must be approached carefully and cautiously."**

*-Thomas Jefferson*

**"We must say no to illegal immigration so we can continue to say yes to legal immigration."**

*- William Jefferson Clinton*

## **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR AUGUST..**

**Our August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino!** We are not committed to this as a permanent location, but are continuing to work toward finding a permanent venue that will work for our meeting needs regarding ample space, privacy, WiFi & A/V capability and member accessibility. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate the loss of our beloved Holder's de Anza Blvd. location.



## CFRW'S NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

The new website has just been activated and is up and running. Please go to <https://cafrw.org> to get to the new website. Once there, you will need to log in and obtain a new password. Please make sure that when you log in, you use the same email address that you used to sign up as a member of your club. That email is the one that will be recognized on the website when you log in. You will then be asked to create a password and be ready to peruse the forms and information.

In the Member section you will find the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures, among other CFRW forms and information.

Club per capita reporters will also be able to log in and file your per capita reports.

Events and News will be added as we go along, so please visit the site on a regular basis to keep up with what's going on in CFRW.

Please fill out the Contact Us form and let us know if you have any questions or difficulties with the website. The other alternative is to send an email to [InfoCFRW@gmail.com](mailto:InfoCFRW@gmail.com).

Thank you so much for what you do for the Federation!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

*All lunch meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm*

- August 9 Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- August 17 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Frank Drouillard, Chair** Marin Election Integrity
- September 13 Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- September 21 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Gloria Hom**, 2024 Ballot Discussion
- October 11 Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- October 19 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Captain Gina Tibaldi**, SJPD Financial Crimes Unit
- November 8 Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- November 16 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Nan Su**, Epoch Times
- December 7 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Membership Christmas Luncheon**

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11:30 CHECK-IN**

