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**MEETING  
LOCATION  
for the month of  
APRIL ONLY!**



**Please Make a  
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**Monday,  
April 8th**

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## NFRW DIAMOND AWARD WINNER

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**SILVERADO COUNTRY CLUB - \$35.00**

**1600 Atlas Peak Rd, Napa**

**Registration and Social hour: 11:00 am**

**Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 am Lunch: 12 noon**



**PROGRAM** — Lil Witten, 1st VP & Program Chairman

**SPEAKER: ARIK HOUSLEY**

**"Societal Change & How to Handle Gun Violence"**



Arik's daughter, Alaina, was murdered during a mass shooting at the Borderline in Thousand Oaks, California, on November 7, 2018. Arik and his wife, Hannah, have now started Alaina's Voice Foundation to help raise awareness of mental health issues in our society.

Arik was born and raised in Napa. After high school, he attended Pepperdine University and received his Bachelor's Degree in both Political Science and Telecommunications. Arik owns the local businesses Ranch Market and Il Posto Trattoria and is the Vice President of Housley's Century Oak Winery.

Arik helped start the first soon to be professional soccer team *Napa Valley 1839*, and he has helped run the *Napa United* youth soccer league with nearly 2,000 kids for 10 years.

### **President's Message ~ Nancy Smernes (nsmernes@sbcglobal.net)**

**I**t's been an exciting 3 months, and I'm looking forward to the coming months, our meetings and June fundraiser. I attended the CFRW Advocacy Meeting & Conference (March 8-10) in Rancho Cordova, and it was great. Teresa Dickinson, Elaine Paoli, Carol Stein, Bev Thompson and Lil Witten also attended. Gaylon Kastner, CFRW Vice President North, was the Conference Chair. Gaylon asked our club to provide the centerpieces for the banquet. Lil Witten made 24 beautiful centerpieces. It took her many hours to put them together. Thank you, Lil, for your hard work.

On Saturday, we had two amazing speakers. Our luncheon speaker was Dr. Barbara Stone, PhD Political Science. She was witty and very informative. Anna Khait was our banquet speaker. She was born in Russia and came to the U.S. as a child. Her parents came to America for a better life, looking for freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. She gave a history of how Russia became a socialist/communist country and the horrors of living in the Soviet Union. She sees the tactics used in Russia are being implemented in America today. Anna hosts a conservative talk show on YouTube. I hope more of you can attend upcoming conferences. It is so inspiring!!

I'm happy to announce that Gina Brady will be our new Membership Chair and Francine Knittel is joining our Telephone Committee. We need a couple more people to volunteer. It is so important to reach out and encourage our members to come to the meetings. We also need to fill our 2nd Vice President position. If you are interested, please contact me. Thank you for all your support and encouragement!! See you on April 11th.

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**Have You  
Renewed Your  
Membership  
for 2019?**

**April 2019  
Membership**

**149 Renewals +  
21 New =  
170 Members**

**Dues = \$30**

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## **California Political Review Stephen Frank ~ March 14, 2019**

[www.capoliticalreview.com/  
capoliticalnewsandviews/gish-im-mad-as-  
hell-are-you/](http://www.capoliticalreview.com/capoliticalnewsandviews/gish-im-mad-as-hell-are-you/)

The author of this article is a true volunteer. She has started a couple of volunteer organizations and is a member of several others. She will be doing voter registration because it is needed—even though CRP has not done registration since February of 2013. Wendy is a Trump supporter and proud of it—she will not be ignoring the President in 2020, she will campaign for him—even if the Establishment is begging us to ignore him. She asks a great question—what are you mad as hell about? Let the denizens of Sacramento know where you stand.

### **I'm Mad as HELL, Are You? Wendy Gish**

I was writing my newsletter for the group I founded called Change Makers. It was birthed out of dissatisfaction for the state of the GOP in California in the 2018 Elections, not just the outcome but leading up to the election. I remember the movie "Network" and the famous line "I'm mad as hell and I am not going to take this anymore." Are you MAD AS HELL about the way California is going? Are you MAD AS HELL that you have had family, friends and possibly your job leave the state? Are you MAD AS HELL that you have less money in your pocket because of being over taxed and seeing businesses being over regulated? Are you MAD AS HELL that the GOP seems IMPOTENT in raising any kind of fight to stop outrageous bills or going on record as to why they opposed it? We have new leadership in CaGOP. Will there be a change or will it be business as usual? Remains to be seen at this point but know that we in the grassroots are watching closely.

Are YOU MAD AS HELL enough to make a change in your community and your Central Committee? What makes you MAD AS HELL enough to get off your behind and onto the front lines to combat the tyranny in this State? This state is creating laws to take more of your rights. HOW many more rights are you willing to lose before you act? 1, 6, 10, 50, 100? How much money in taxes are you willing to give the State of California so they can squander it? Seventy percent of your income, like the "New Green Deal" proposed by AOC? What is your breaking point?

The time has come TODAY, not Tomorrow, TODAY! We can no longer stay behind our locked doors and keep to ourselves in the hope that the nightmare will end in California. If we want the nightmare to end, we must GET MAD AS HELL so we will move from being dead weight into live action. Today is THE DAY we must again "Dream a new Dream" for a future in California, a bright future that works for ALL Californians from unskilled workers to business owners, from stay-at-home moms to those that are on fixed incomes.

We must have a plan and work that plan; happenstance is not working, so we must have a message and solutions behind that message. ARE YOU MAD AS HELL, YET!? Here are a few things that I'm MAD AS HELL at—

I'm MAD AS HELL: Public Safety – Under current law, rape of an unconscious person, trafficking a child for sex, assault of a peace officer, felony domestic violence and other similar crimes are not classified as "violent felonies" — making criminals convicted of these crimes eligible for early release. For more information: [keepsafe.org](http://keepsafe.org)

I'm MAD AS HELL: Our Failing School System – Most of our kids cannot read to grade level which leaves them behind. The current SeXXXEd that is taught in our schools is pornographic, in my opinion.

For more information:  
[forkidsandcountry.org](http://forkidsandcountry.org)  
[commongroundaction.com](http://commongroundaction.com)

I'm MAD AS HELL: Cost of Living: Gas taxes are highest in the nation – Cap and Trade price increases to businesses that produce more CO2 will pay more taxes which will be passed on to consumers. OUR state legislators pass legislation to tax our property, and then IF we vote for a bond measure we will increase our own taxes. Los Angeles County passed a Measure W (water measure) that does not have a sunset clause, so now they will tax water forever.

I'm MAD AS HELL: Socialism/Communism – You see socialism is out in your face in California and the Nation. Warning to Christians and Jews: Socialism/Communism will take God completely out and make government become your god. DO you really want God removed from California and this Nation?

I'm MAD AS HELL: Businesses Leaving the State- We have a record number of businesses leaving the state due to taxation and over regulation. Cont'd Page 3

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**May 9th Speaker**  
(Napa Elks Lodge - Lunch \$27)

**Leslie Witten-Rood**  
Statewide Program Director  
California Emergency Medical  
Services Authority

Leslie was hands on in our community during the fires and directed the evacuation of the Veterans Home Hospital and other medical facilities.

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When we lose businesses we lose jobs and tax revenue for the state.

What is your "I'm MAD AS HELL at \_\_\_\_\_ and I am not going to take it anymore"? EDUCATE, ACTIVATE: Find a friend to EDUCATE and ACTIVATE, then rinse and

repeat until you have all of your friends moving in the same direction. Time to stick our heads outside of our windows and PROCLAIM: "I'M AS MAD AS HELL, AND I AM NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS ANYMORE!"

Join ME in this fight. Where we go ONE, we go ALL!



## **Legislating Energy Poverty**

**Jack Gray, Director Napa Valley Taxpayer Association**

Dr. Wayne Winegarden, a senior fellow in business and economics with the Pacific Research Institute, released a new "Legislating Energy Policy" report in November of 2018 which concludes that Market-Based Policies are more effective than legislative mandates in fighting global warming.

Dr. Winegarden's report reviews the impact of global warming policies adopted in California and New York, such as unrealistic renewable energy goals, strict low carbon fuel standards, and costly subsidies for buying higher-priced electric cars and installing solar panels. The report finds that, collectively, these expensive and burdensome policies dramatically increase the energy burdens of their respective state residents.

Among the specific findings noted were:

-Average state electricity prices in California are the highest in the lower 48 states, and electric prices in New York are the nation's sixth-highest.

-Monthly power bills in central California are 57 percent higher on average in the summer months than in coastal parts of the state.

-California drivers pay the nation's 2nd-highest gas prices.

-The Golden State has the nation's highest poverty rate, while the Empire State has the nation's seventh-highest poverty rate.

New York and California have adopted big government approaches to fighting global warming. This approach hasn't been shown to be effective and hits working class and minority communities the hardest. States that have embraced market-based policies like West Virginia and Ohio have seen larger percentage declines in emissions than California and New York.

Dr. Winegarden's report concludes: "Overzealous global warming laws and regulations are taking away jobs and opportunity and increasing energy poverty for those who can't afford higher fuel and electricity bills."

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

<b>April 11</b>	Member Meeting Silverado Country Club
<b>April 21</b>	Easter
<b>April 25</b>	Board Meeting
<b>May 9</b>	Member Meeting Napa Elks Lodge
<b>May 12</b>	Mother's Day
<b>May 23</b>	Board Meeting