

# Napa Valley Republican Women Federated

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**NEW MEETING  
LOCATION!**



**NEW PRICE FOR  
LUNCH!**

## NFRW DIAMOND AWARD WINNER

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

**Napa Elks Lodge - \$27.00**

**2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa**

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

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



**Please Make a  
Reservation By**

**Monday,  
March 11th**

**RSVP via EMAIL to  
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**OR**

**CALL CRYSTAL GULARTE  
707-255-5613**

**Please cancel your  
reservation if you are  
unable to attend.**



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

**SPEAKER: JOANNE MEDERO**

**"The Federalist Society - Then & Now"**



Joanne Medero is a Managing Director and Head of the US Public Policy Group at BlackRock. Medero's service with BlackRock dates back to 1996, including her years with Barclays Global Investors (BGI), which merged with BlackRock in 2009. Medero joined BGI as its Global General Counsel and after more than ten years in that role, became the global head of Government Relations and Public Policy for Barclays' investment banking and investment management businesses. Prior to joining BGI, Medero was a partner with Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe specializing in derivatives and market regulation issues. Medero also served as general counsel of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (1989-1993) and as an associate director for legal and financial affairs at the Office of Presidential Personnel, The White House, from 1986 to 1989. Medero earned a BA degree from St. Lawrence University in 1975 and a JD degree from the National Law Center of George Washington University in 1978.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order.

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

We had a great February meeting with Debbie Bacigalupi as our speaker, and she gave us food for thought. Our way of life is being assaulted, and she gave us graphic evidence of what is in store for us if we don't stand up and fight the liberals who want to give our country to the United Nations Agenda 21, which is a global government and economy. The green movement and climate change are part of it.

**The CFRW Conference March 8-10th is being held at the Rancho Cordova Marriott.** If you would like to attend, please contact Teresa Dickinson. For more information go to [cfrw.org](http://cfrw.org)

**We will be having our April luncheon at Silverado Country Club** as The Elks Club had the second Thursday already booked in April. The cost for lunch will be \$35.00 just for April. Thanks to Cathy Enfield who worked to get us such a great price!

**Bev Thompson is working on a fashion show for our June meeting** as well as the baskets for our fundraiser. She will be giving us more details. **We're looking for a Phone Chair** to call our members monthly to connect with them and invite them to the meetings. We need at least 4 ladies to volunteer. The personal touch really makes a difference!

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**April 11th Speaker**

**ARIK HOUSELY**

Arik will be speaking on societal change and how to handle gun violence.  
Arik's daughter (Alaina) was killed in the 2018 mass shooting in Thousand Oaks.

**One month only - April meeting location: Silverado Country Club**

**Lunch: \$35**



**OUR ONE-PARTY CALIFORNIA**

Jack Gray, Director Napa County Taxpayers Association

California appears to be transforming into a one-party state. While operating under the name "Democrat Party of California", our legislature continues to become more progressive and in-line with the national socialistic-democratic leaders. Our governor Gavin Newsom and our representative Nancy Pelosi have proposed health care and college tuition for all. They have proposed regulations which would end public utilities and private automobiles that rely on fossil fuels. They have proposed ending the ability of local city and county governments to plan zone and permit housing in favor of decisions made in Sacramento.

In many states, business interests rely on ideologically like-minded Republicans to carry their water in policy fights. That hasn't been an option for years in the most populous state in the union where the GOP's years-long decline plunged to a new low in 2018. The party's association with President Donald Trump proved toxic in California, contributing to deep losses in the congressional delegation at both the state and local levels.

Democrats in both chambers of the legislature wield two-thirds supermajorities that allow them to pass new taxes without Republican support, and pickups of longstanding GOP seats have given them votes to spare. Three-quarters of Assembly members are Democrats. There are so few Republicans that becoming the leader of the State Senate GOP Caucus would require the support of just five colleagues.

The problem for Republican candidates in 2020 in California is that big business and large corporate and personal donors will be forced to give to the Democrats, and they will be bullied if they give a dime to a Republican. Obviously, the dynamics of campaigning has changed in California.

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

**March 2019  
Membership**

**112 Renewals +  
11 New =  
123 Members**

**Dues = \$30**

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**NAPA GOP EVENT WEDNESDAY MARCH 13th**

**The Red Hen, 4175 Solano Ave, Napa**

**5:00 p.m. Dinner/Social Hour ~ 6:00 p.m. Speaker John Tuteur  
Napa County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters  
Q & A time after he speaks.**

Seating is limited. RSVP or for information - email or call Larry Green, Chair Napa GOP  
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**NVRWF NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Our club does not currently have a **Membership Chairman**. This is a very important position that needs to be filled as soon as possible. The job requires a person with computer skills and someone who enjoys detail work. Please contact President Nancy Smernes for more information.

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## **THE OBJECTIVES OF CFRW and NORTHERN DIVISION**

The CFRW bylaws, Article II, tell us the members shall “Promote an informed public through political education and activity; increase effectiveness of women in the cause of good government; cooperate with the Republican state and the county central committees for the election of Republican nominees; foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections.”

The CFRW is a volunteer organization, which is neither chartered by, nor governed by, the Republican Party at any level. The Federation exists to promote a politically informed public, stressing the principles and policies of the Republican Party, and to encourage the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active participation.

The CFRW is a separate entity and has no financial obligations to the Central Committee. The CFRW is not the fund-raising arm of the party and has no obligation to expand funds for any programs other than their club activities. Raising money for candidates is the duty of the county central committees and the state party.

The Local Club's money is to be used to publish an educational bulletin, to pay expenses for the Local President or a representative of the Local Club to the Federation Conferences and Conventions so that the Local Club will be represented, to pay the expenses for speakers, to hold special events honoring Local Club members or other outstanding Republicans, etc.

Yes, Local Club members do make the decisions of spending the Local Club's money, but remember that it is Local Club money that is being spent! This money was secured from Local Club dues, from fund-raising events held by the Local Club, and sometimes from donations given by others to help build the Local Club. You will not find in the CFRW bylaws any word that states the Local Club should give money to other organizations.

### **Excerpts from Charlotte Mousel article, former NFRW and CFRW President now deceased**

Members are encouraged to become involved in their communities, but being involved in community organizations does not mean the Local Club money should be given to them. There are many other ways that the Local Club can help other organizations, and Local Clubs prove this year after year -- especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Local Club members are free to give their money to any organization they choose; and the Local Club members can give canned goods, household necessities, special gifts to senior citizens, children, battered wives, abused children etc.-- in the name of the Local Club -- but the Federation money should be used to further the Republican cause.

Each year, membership in the California Federation of Republican Women decreases! If each Local Club would budget money to hold at least two outstanding membership promotion events each year -- events so enticing that the members themselves would bring prospective members -- women who probably have never heard of the Federation of Republican Women -- membership would increase. It takes money to put together special membership promotion events; that is the way to use Local Club money.

Local Club money should be spent to bring outstanding speakers to Local Club meetings. Often the expenses for speakers are quite high, but that Local Club money is wisely spent on speakers who educate and inspire the members. Not only will the regular members return to meeting after meeting, if the publicity chairman has performed her job by advertising special speakers, new members will attend and will want to join the Local Club because these new members have been educated, inspired and impressed!

Federation money is Federation money! Use it to build a great Local Club with a great image -- an image that tells the opposition party that the Federation of Republican Women not only knows how to educate politically but also knows where to put its money to build Local Clubs with members who know where to put the Local Club's money!

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

<b>March 8-10</b>	CFRW Winter Conference/Advocacy Rancho Cordova
<b>March 14</b>	Member Meeting
<b>March 28</b>	Board Meeting
<b>April 11</b>	Member Meeting Silverado Country Club
<b>April 25</b>	Board Meeting