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Reservation By

**Monday,  
June 10th**

RSVP via EMAIL to  
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OR CALL CRYSTAL GULARTE  
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Please cancel your reservation if  
you are unable to attend. The  
club must charge you for a  
missed lunch.



## NFRW DIAMOND AWARD WINNER

**Thursday, June 13, 2019**

**NAPA ELKS LODGE - \$45.00 Special Price**

2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa

Registration and Social hour: 11:00 am

Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 am **Lunch: 11:45 am**



### FUNDRAISER & FASHION SHOW

Put on your fascinator or hat and join us for a glass of bubbly for our fundraiser and fashion show. We will have 10 lovely Republican Women modeling the latest spring and summer collection from **CHICO'S**.

We will also have fabulous baskets to raffle made by Linda Thompson & Judy Garcia, Crystal Gularte, Cathy Holmes, Chris Mahoney & Karen Powers, Pam Johnston, Joyce Loehner, Gina Brady, Gaylon Kastner, and Bernie's Hair Salon. Also contributing are Lil Witten, Joanie Webster, Maxine Jacobs, Ginger Purio, and Bev Thompson.



**PLEASE NOTE LUNCH IS \$45** and includes a glass of sparkling wine or a non-alcoholic drink. **There is a choice for lunch of salmon or zucchini rotini, so don't forget to choose when you make your reservation. Check-in is at 11:00 a.m. and lunch begins at 11:45 a.m.** Why not sponsor a whole table with your friends? Men are always welcome. We are planning for a sell-out, so make your reservations early!

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

This year has turned out to be very busy and exciting! All of the great women on the Executive Board and Membership Chairs have been working hard to make our club a place for Republican Women to come together, be encouraged, and be educated about what is going on in our government. Please invite others to join us!

As we look forward to the campaign year approaching, we need to get organized and involved. I believe that we need to start with our local government! Francine Knittel spoke at our last meeting about going to the City Council meeting and what they are proposing for Napa. She was horrified and implored us to start attending the City Council meetings. We have only one Republican on the City Council, Doris Gentry. We have no Republicans on the Board of Supervisors. Doris is running for Mayor, and we need to support her. Napa is in danger of becoming like so many other Bay Area communities.

We need to prepare for 2020 and know what is going on!! I know that sometimes it is discouraging when we watch the news, but it's important to be informed so we can make our strategies to win! I believe we are on the right side and that President Trump will win! We can make a difference with winning back the House and keeping the Senate by helping Republican candidates in other states that are swing states. We can do it!!!

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## June 2019 Membership

**Our Numbers are  
Growing!**

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

**170 Renewals +  
29 New =  
199 Members**

**Dues = \$30**

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## NAPA TOWN & COUNTRY FAIR AUGUST 7 - 11, 2019 WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY



Enjoy a few hours volunteering in our NVRWF booth at the fair – it's fun! It gets our club into the public eye and gives us a chance to talk about our Republican values.

The hours are 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, August 7th through Sunday, August 11th. The shifts are 2-3 hours with 2 people per shift. Sign up sheets will be available at the June meeting or contact me!

**Nancy Smernes 707-224-6640 ~ Volunteer!**

## ★ CALIFORNIA POLITICAL REVIEW ★ President Trump Doing California a Bullet Train Favor

May 23, 2019 By Dan Walters

(Article originally published by CALmatters)

At last count, California's Democratic political leadership had filed four dozen lawsuits against President Donald Trump's administration, reflecting differences on policies large and small.

For the most part, California's legal allegations have been on target. However, Trump is on solid legal and logical ground in the latest conflict over the state's disastrous foray into high-speed rail transportation.

Nine years ago, the Obama administration gave the state a \$3.5 billion grant to finance a big share of the initial bullet train segment, more than 100 miles of track from a point north of Fresno to the outskirts of Bakersfield.

The federal money was to be matched by state funds from a \$9.95 billion bond issue passed by California voters in 2008 and the San Joaquin Valley stretch was to be completed by 2017. Later, before Trump became president, the feds gave California an extension to 2022, but only tiny portions have been built.

Late last year, the state's auditor, Elaine Howle, told the Legislature that meeting the 2022 deadline would be nearly impossible, citing the High-Speed Rail Authority's "flawed decision making regarding the start of high-speed rail system construction in the Central Valley and its ongoing poor contract

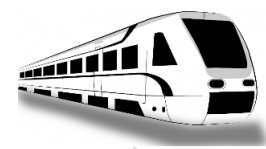
management for a wide range of high-value contracts." Howle said the problems "have contributed to billions of dollars in cost overruns for completing the system."

A couple of months later, Gavin Newsom succeeded bullet-train booster Jerry Brown as governor and told the Legislature in his first State of the State address, "Let's be real. The project as currently planned would cost too much and take too long. There's been too little oversight and not enough transparency. Right now, there simply isn't a path to get from Sacramento to San Diego, let alone from San Francisco to L.A."

He said he would concentrate on finishing the San Joaquin Valley segment and extending it on both ends to piece together a three-system pathway for traveling between San Francisco and Bakersfield.

After Newsom's address, President Donald Trump declared on Twitter: "California has been forced to cancel the massive bullet train project after having spent and wasted many billions of dollars. They owe the federal government three and a half billion dollars. We want that money back now. Whole project is a 'green' disaster!"

Last week, the Federal Railroad Administration, in a 25-page letter, formally rescinded about \$1 billion dollars not yet given to California and hinted again that it would claw back the other \$2.5 billion. Continued on Page 3.



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"It is now clear that California has no foreseeable plans, nor the capability, to pursue that statewide High-Speed Rail System as originally proposed," wrote Ronald Batory, the federal railroad administrator, adding that the state "is chronically behind in project construction activities and has not been able to correct or mitigate its deficiencies."

"The Trump administration is trying to exact political retribution on our state," Newsom responded in a statement. "This is California's money, appropriated by Congress, and we will vigorously defend it in court."

That's not really true. The money was part of an overall appropriation by Congress for rail projects and California was given a piece of it by the Obama administration under a contract.

It has not met its contractual obligations and cannot, as Howle said late last year, meet the 2022 deadline due to poor management during Jerry Brown's administration.

The bullet train utterly lacks a rational purpose, has been ill-managed from the onset and is a black financial hole. If the Trumpies strangle it, they would be doing California a big favor.

**CHILDREN'S LITERACY**

Christine Zanone, Chairman  
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Please bring 3 new or gently used books for ages 2-12 to our June luncheon to show your support for our NVRWF Children's Literacy partnerships.

We would also welcome a donation if you would like to designate an amount for book purchases for the children of our terrific military families at Travis Air Force Base.



**New Membership Application or Renewal Form**

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I am a registered Republican and would like to join the Napa Valley Republican Women Federated.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

<b>June 13</b>	Member Meeting Napa Elks Lodge
<b>June</b>	No Board Meeting
<b>July</b>	No Member/ Board Meetings
<b>August</b>	No Member Meeting
<b>August 7-11</b>	Napa Town & Country Fair
<b>August 21</b>	Board Meeting
<b>September 12</b>	Member Meeting