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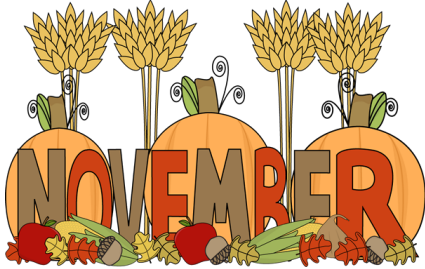
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## NFRW DIAMOND AWARD WINNER

**Thursday, November 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,  
November 11th**

RSVP via EMAIL to  
[rsvprepwomen@gmail.com](mailto:rsvprepwomen@gmail.com)

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

**Please cancel your reservation  
if you are unable to attend.  
The club must charge you for a  
missed lunch.**



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

### HONORING VETERANS



In honor of Veterans Day (November 11th), veterans are invited to be the guests of NVRWF for lunch. They will be introduced and given the opportunity to share their experiences in the military. It will be exciting for all of us to hear their special stories.

Donations toward lunches for the veterans are appreciated.



### ELECTION OF NVRWF 2020 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has selected candidates for offices in our club for the 2020 term.

The nominees are: **President-Nancy Smernes / First Vice President-Gaylon Kastner / Second Vice President-Lil Witten / Secretary-Cathy Enfield / Treasurer-Open**

The list of nominees will be presented to the membership for voting at the November meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor, so come prepared to vote for your club officers!

### **NVRWF BOARD RECOMMENDS ANNUAL DUES INCREASE**

At the October NVRWF Board Meeting, the Board voted to recommend to the membership a dues increase from \$30 to \$40 per year. This recommendation will be put to a vote at the December meeting. A majority vote is needed to pass. The increase is to help defray a rise in cost for support of our federation at the national level.

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

I was very disappointed that we had to cancel our October meeting. I had a lot of information to give you regarding the National Federation of Republican Women Convention that I attended. It was great to be with so many women who are excited and committed to the President and the Republican Party.

We have to prepare ourselves for the 2020 election. This will be the most important election of recent times. If the Democrats retain the House of Representatives and win the Presidency, we are in danger of losing our sovereignty and becoming a socialist nation. This is a real threat. We need to be willing to get involved in the campaign and do whatever we can to get the House back and keep President Trump in office.

I'm looking forward to our November meeting where we will be honoring our Veterans and we will be voting for the 2020 board. See you at the November meeting on the 14th!!

## 2019 Officers & Chairs

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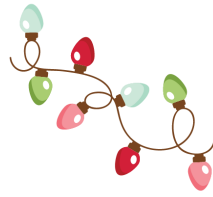
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## **DECEMBER FUNDRAISER**

Beverly Thompson, Ways & Means Chairman



It's that time of year again when we need your help. The fantastic Christmas baskets contributed by our members and raffled at our December meeting are a significant fundraiser for us. PLEASE sign-up to either make a basket or contribute a gift card or gift certificate. We will need a total of 10 baskets. Unfortunately, we are behind schedule because our last meeting was cancelled.

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## **2019 Membership Report**

Gina Brady, Membership Chairman

We currently have 216 active members. Of those, 172 are renewals and 44 are new members. We have 10 more active members than we did at this time last year. I am hoping each one of us will invite at least one new member to join for this next very important election year 2020!

If you have renewed for 2020 already, thank you. However, I ask all members to please wait until December or January 2020 to renew. We are anticipating a rate increase and will need to pass that on. Please send check payable to: NVRWF to P.O. Box 464, Napa CA 94559 or give to Teresa or myself at any meeting.

I would like to add an informal get-together one evening per month for those working who cannot attend our luncheon meetings. This would be a time to share information and get to know like-minded women. Those of us working don't always get a chance to discuss Republican issues and views. I can start by hosting at my house on November 13th or 20th, 2019. This will not be an official meeting. I am thinking 6pm-8pm. Please text or email me if you are interested.

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## **CFRW**

### **California Federation of Republican Women**

**Allison Olson, Advocate**

**Capitol Update ~ October 12, 2019**

**Governor Newsom's Bill Action** - With PG&E initiating the largest blackouts in California history, many Californians are remembering the recall of Governor Gray Davis and the events leading up to that. But the PG&E crisis didn't stop Governor Newsom from taking action on many bills still left on his desk. The Governor still has until October 15th to either sign bills or veto them. Bills with no action by the Governor also become laws. Here is what has been signed or vetoed over the last two weeks:

**AB 5-Signed:** This bill severely hampers our growing gig-economy in our state by mandating millions of independent contractors be considered employees, according to the Dynamex Decision equation. But, if you were one of over 30 industries with the money to lobby the Democrat legislative majority to exclude your business, they happily complied.

**AB 310-Signed:** Thanks to Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, felons will now be allowed to serve on our juries.

**AB 392-Signed:** Our law enforcement officers are already under deep pressure and scrutiny in this new era, but AB 392 puts their safety and ours at risk by changing the "use of force" law from reasonable to necessary.

**AB 792-Vetoed:** This bill would have imposed civil penalties on beverage companies if their plastic bottles do not comply with post-consumer recycled plastic regulations mandated by 2030.

**AB 891-Vetoed:** This bill would have allowed people to sleep and live out of their cars in cities of populations over 300,000 in specified, mandated areas.

**AB 1482-Signed:** Even though voters struck down the rent control proposition last election, Governor Newsom and legislative Democrats think they know better than the voters, so they passed this version of rent control anyway.

**AB 1505-Signed:** This bill inhibits a charter school's ability to appeal decisions made by the county boards of education to establish or renew a school's charter.

**SB 1-Vetoed:** SB 1 would have rolled back Trump Administrations EPA regulation easements to the Obama Administration. This would have severely undermined the work of farmers, water districts, and environmentalists, who had previously reached voluntary agreements, particularly in the Central Valley.

**SB 24-Signed:** Now abortifacients are readily available on all California public college campuses.

**SB 127-Vetoed:** This bill would have diverted even more highway rehabilitation funds from our roads and used it for bike paths, pedestrian walkways, and transit upgrades.

**For the extended report go to: cfrw.org Member Center-Capitol Updates**

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## **SCHOOL FUNDING IN CALIFORNIA**



Jack Gray, Napa County  
Taxpayers Association

When considering all sources of revenue, California spends more on education and more per student than any other state given our population.

The largest portion of the state's general fund goes to education due in large part to Proposition 98, a constitutional initiative approved by voters in 1988. It requires that at least 40% of the state budget go to K-14 education. The 40% guarantee is ironclad, even though enrollment in K-14 has fallen significantly in recent years.

According to the California Teachers Association, Prop. 98 was the panacea to fix all that was wrong with education. The first sentence of the ballot argument in favor of the initiative, signed by CTA's president, stated "Proposition 98 is a well-thought-out plan for California's schools to once again be among the very best in the nation."

What is your opinion?

"What about the lottery?" is a frequent question taxpayers ask when discussing school funding. California voters approved the state lottery when they passed Proposition 37 in 1984. The reality is that it only provides about one percent of the total revenues from state-wide measures, plus the tens of billions of dollars approved for local school construction bonds. From 2004 to 2016, local school districts proposed 1,018 bond initiatives, and voters passed 83% of them, approving \$91.1 billion in local funding.

Your property tax bill lists four locally approved school bonds that will require decades of payments costing property owners over a billion dollars. Thus, our schools receive more money than should be necessary to provide quality education for our school children.

Yet, according to the education establishment, it is not enough. In fact, for them, it has never been (and will never be) enough. The teachers' unions are currently campaigning for a Proposition 13 "Split Roll" tax measure, as well as advocating for the repeal of Proposition 13 as a means to get more funding for California schools.

## **DECEMBER 12th SPEAKER GAYLON KASTNER, CFRW VICE PRESIDENT NORTH INSTALLATION OF 2020 NAPA VALLEY RWF OFFICERS**

Gaylon joined Napa Valley RWF in 2008 and has held many positions in the club since then, including President. She has also served in several positions within the federation at the division, state, and national levels. She is currently completing her second year as CFRW Vice President North.

Gaylon was voted CFRW Woman of the Year in 2018.



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

**November 11** Veterans Day  
**November 14** Member Meeting Napa Elks Lodge  
**November 28** Thanksgiving - No Board Meeting  
**December 5** Board Meeting  
**December 12** Member Meeting Napa Elks Lodge