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**NEW MEETING
LOCATION!**



**NEW PRICE FOR
LUNCH!**

NFRW DIAMOND AWARD WINNER

Thursday, January 10, 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,
January 7th**

**RSVP via EMAIL to
rsvprepwomen@gmail.com**

OR

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707-255-5613**

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reservation if you are
unable to attend.**



PROGRAM — Lil Witten, 1st VP & Program Chairman

**SPEAKER: SHANNON GROVE
CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR
16th DISTRICT**



Shannon Grove was born in Bakersfield and was raised by her single mother in Arvin, California. After graduating from high school, Shannon joined the US Army and served in Frankfurt, Germany. She personally witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

After finishing her army service, Shannon returned to Bakersfield. She started an employment agency with her sister-in-law. It was a very successful business. They were honored with the California Legislature's

Small Business Award by then Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy.

Shannon began to get involved in politics and ran for the California State Assembly in 2010 and won. She was the first woman veteran to be elected to the Assembly and was overwhelmingly re-elected twice.

On November 6, 2018, Shannon was elected to the California State Senate 16th District, which covers Kern, Tulare, and San Bernardino Counties. With over 900,000 people, it is one of the largest districts in the state.

Shannon is married to her husband Rick. They are the proud parents of 5 grown children and 6 grandchildren. They are members of the Assembly of God church.

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

I am honored and excited to be your new President. I am looking forward to 2019, and I will work to build relationships with the community and other Republican clubs to make a difference in our state.

We will be meeting at the Napa Elks Lodge beginning on January 10th. We made this change so that we would be in Napa and that more members would be able to attend. The cost will be \$27.00 for lunch.

We have a great board that I am looking forward to working with. I want to thank all the committee chairs who have agreed to continue to serve in 2019. I will be depending on these women and their expertise.

I want to thank Kristy Wallstrum for her dedication and leadership these past two years. She is so supportive and is helping me to get up to speed in my new position. There are a few committees that need to be covered. We need chairs for the following committees: Membership, Hospitality, and Sunshine. If anyone is interested in filling these positions, let me know. I have found that it is very rewarding to get involved! It's Fun!!!

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TIME TO RENEW FOR 2019!

JANUARY 2019 MEMBERSHIP

70 Renewals + 5 New = 75 Members

Welcome New Members:

**Lauren Ackerman, Brenda Blackwood (returning),
Peggy Garcia, Jerae Knutson, Nancy Zaia**

Dues for 2019 = \$30

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Or pay by credit card at napavalleyrwf.org**

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 about the duties.

California's Quality of Life Ranking

By Jack Gray, Director-Napa County Taxpayers Association

An article in the **U.S. News & World Report** contains a ranking for 2018 of the quality of life in all 50 of the United States.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings>

"Some states shine in health care. Some soar in education. Some excel in both – or in much more. The Best States ranking of U.S. states draws on thousands of data points to measure how well states are performing for their citizens. In addition to health care and education, the metrics take into account a state's economy, the opportunity and quality of life it offers people, its roads, bridges, internet and other infrastructure, its public safety and the fiscal stability of state government.

More weight was accorded to some state measures than others, based on a survey of what matters most to people. Health care and education were weighted most heavily. Then came state economies, the opportunity states offer their citizens and infrastructure. Crime & corrections followed closely in weighting, followed by measures of government fiscal stability and people's quality of life.

This explains why Iowa, ranking No. 1 in infrastructure and No. 3 in health care, occupies the overall No. 1 spot in the Best States rankings. And it explains why Minnesota, ranking No. 2 in quality of life and No. 3 in opportunity for its citizens, ranks No. 2 overall in the Best States rankings."

According to this report, California is ranked No. 50 in quality of life for its residents*. I suppose this could be considered as good news since we can only go up from here!

[*Overall ranking for California=#31
Health Care=#11 Education=#26
Economy=#4 Opportunity=#46
Infrastructure=#38 Crime & Corrections=#17
Fiscal Stability=#43 Quality of Life #50]

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2019
HAPPY NEW YEAR



New Membership Application or Renewal Form

JOIN THE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN & SHARE THE EXCITEMENT AND THE COMMITMENT!

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

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ How did you hear about us? _____

Annual Dues \$30.00 ▶ Make check payable to **Napa Valley RWF** ~ mail to **P.O. Box 464, Napa 94559.** ◀

\$20.00 Associate Memberships are available for women who are regular members of another Federated club or who are non-citizens and also available for Republican men. The California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) legislative newsletter **Capitol Update** is delivered to members each week via email. The newsletter is also available at www.cfrw.org.

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DATES TO REMEMBER!!

January 10	Member Meeting
January 24	Board Meeting
January 25-26	CFRW No Div Conference & Leadership Forum, Sacramento Marriott, Rancho Cordova
February 14	Member Meeting
February 28	Board Meeting