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*Please join us for FCCRWF's
July Luncheon*

Featuring guest speaker

MINDY CASTO

Fresno Police Chief



Tuesday, July, 28, 2026

Pardini's Catering and Banquets

2257 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711

MENU: Main Option: Fiesta Salad served with Rolls & Dessert

Vegetarian Option: Portobello Stack with Side Vegetable

Gluten-free Option: Asian Chicken Salad

Check-in starts at 11:15 a.m. with lunch starting at noon.

All attendees must register for the luncheon.

Only members of FCCRWF and their guests may attend. No walk-ins allowed.

Luncheon costs \$30.

To make your prepaid reservation, please go to www.fresnorepublicanwomen.org

Paid registrations must be made on or before Tuesday, July, 21, 2026.

Reservations must be prepaid - no exceptions

For more information or if unable to pay online, email us at fresnorepublicanwomen@reagan.com
or call Judy Harlan at (559) 360-5184.

SUMMERTIME

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this, we have a Republican candidate for California governor, but the Republican/ Independent candidate running for Los Angeles mayor (who was leading for a while) came in third. After six days past Election Day ballots came in with so many votes for Nithya Raman, but very few votes for Spencer Pratt. (Strange how that always seems to happen.). If we nominate honorable, conservative Republican candidates but the election laws favor or encourage dishonesty and fraud, what are we to do?

California Senate Bill 73, signed by Governor Newsom, is a law to strengthen safeguards against election interference and intimidation including restrictions on unauthorized law enforcement access to voting related materials/technology with criminal penalties related to taking ballots from election officials' custody. It specifically addresses unauthorized access/disruption/modification/seizure of things like voter rolls, lists, and certified voting technology absent of legal process.

SB73 also states that the California Secretary of State has election related oversight/enforcement responsibilities and investigative authority tied to the Election Code. When Judicial Watch www.judicialwatch.org filed legal briefs to remove ineligible names from voter rolls, California refused. This law means that unless you are "authorized" by the Secretary of State you cannot challenge a voter's age, legal status, identity, or signature (or even ask if they are alive). This is what we are facing; almost total control of elections by the state. Even federal officials and law enforcement are limited in state election administration.

Many people are questioning California's election system. If you are (as I am) concerned about the elections in California and want to help, I urge you to contact Tanya Knudsen (559)449-0968. Also, Susan Kraemer (559)250-9419 helps with Voter Registration and could use some help. To find out more about the Election Integrity Project, go to www.eip-ca.com and get involved in correcting California's corrupt election laws.

Respectfully,

Lois White, FCCRWF President



President Lois White with Steve Hilton,
Republican Candidate for Governor
opposing Democrat Xavier Becerra on
November ballot.



***Republican Women can stand the heat,
but we need to stay out of the kitchen***

By Linda Dubbels, First Vice President

Pardini's has asked that our membership be reminded that the kitchen is off limits to us as we enjoy our luncheons.

Alex Machado, Pardini's Sales Manager, has advised us that, "It is dangerous back there. The floors are slippery, there are hot surfaces, and sharp objects. I would like to ask you if you can remind/inform your ladies that they are not allowed in the kitchen for their safety."

If you need assistance, please ask one of the servers as they come around. To-go boxes are always available at least by the conclusion of our meeting.

Additionally, for everyone's enjoyment of our luncheons, we need to avoid disruptions like getting up for to-go containers, chatting when someone is speaking from the podium, or leaving early before the meeting/luncheon is over. With our great attendance numbers, a little disruption from many makes quite a bit of noise.

WELCOME!

**Welcome to our new
Fresno Republican Women
members for the month of July!**

By Peggy Robbins, Membership Secretary, Treasurer

6 New Members

Susan Oliver
Judi Scheidt
Kitty Fitch
Lynn Roberts
Karen DeYager Gist
Virginia Rivera

2 New Associate Members

Teresa Speak
Jim Polsgrove

197 Total Members

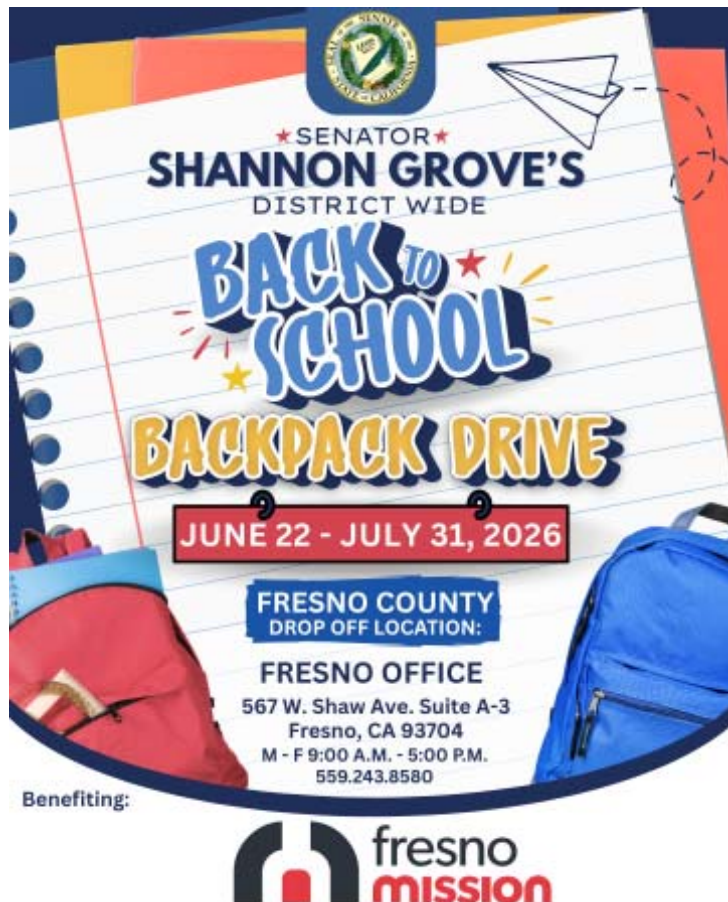
July Luncheon Recap

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

What a patriotic and vibrant June Luncheon! A big thank you to **Tanya Knudson, Norma Kaser** and **Linda Dubbels** for their thoughtful planning. Our speakers were captivating, and we enjoyed the videos and slideshows. **David Shames** once again brought his wonderful selection of patriotic items available for purchase, with a portion of proceeds being returned to FCCRWF to finance future programs. Our attendance was almost 140 in June – let's keep our attendance strong.



Senator Shannon Grove's Annual Backpack Drive is under way, and every backpack donated helps a child start the school year confident, prepared, and ready to succeed! This year's Fresno County drive benefits the Fresno Mission and the children and families it serves. Senator Grove's staff will be at the July 28th luncheon collecting new backpacks, we hope you'll join us in making a difference, one backpack at a time!



Get to Know Your Board

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STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT INVITATION TO AN FCCRWF HOME MIXER

By Andrea Shabaglian, Chair, Ways and Means

We have just celebrated the "250 Years of the best country" anniversary - and we all know how honored we are to live in America!

Our club's next Home Mixer invitation will be out soon, so stay tuned!

Now is a good time to come help us plan and prepare for FCCRWF's upcoming events. We would love to have you be part of it. Thanks to all our great committee members, and for those who haven't given this a try, come attend a meeting!

Ways and Means Next Meetings:

Monday, July 6, 2026, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Monday, August 3, 2026, 10:35- 12:00 Noon

7110 Fresno Street, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93720

(A Conference Room on the first floor)

July Sunshine from FCCRWF

By Kathleen Lehman, Sunshine Committee

Do you know of a member who has suffered a recent bereavement or illness, or someone who might just appreciate some cheering up or should be congratulated? Please submit notices to Kathleen's cellular phone, text or call (559)906-7781, with complete contact information for that person. **If you prefer, you may email Kathleen at kathleenelehman@yahoo.com**



"READ TO KNOW" BOOK CLUB

Emily Wildey, Book Club Secretary and Hostess

On June 15, twelve members met to discuss *Poisoned Ivies: The Inside Account of the Academic and Moral Rot at America's Elite Universities* by Elise Stefanik.

Stefanik argues that Ivy League universities, once respected for academic excellence, intellectual rigor, and leadership development, have shifted toward ideological activism and political conformity. According to this view, many elite institutions now prioritize progressive political agendas over open inquiry, resulting in graduates who are less prepared for careers and increasingly disconnected from traditional American values.

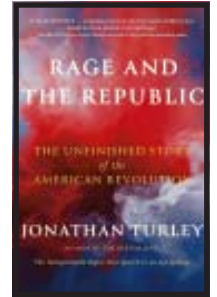
She contends that faculty hiring practices often favor ideological agreement rather than genuine diversity of thought, creating environments where dissenting viewpoints - particularly conservative perspectives - are discouraged. It criticizes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and Critical Race Theory (CRT), arguing that they promote division, emphasize group identity over individual merit, and focus on equal outcomes rather than equal opportunities.

The author also documents how activism has displaced academic rigor, citing examples of unconventional college courses as evidence of changing educational priorities. Campus culture is described as increasingly centered on emotional safety through trigger warnings and safe spaces, while becoming less tolerant of opposing viewpoints. The book expresses concern about growing support among some students for restricting or even using force against controversial speech.

The group was aware of these issues but was shocked by the extent to which they are occurring. Everyone agreed that higher education should return to academic excellence, intellectual diversity, and the pursuit of knowledge rather than political indoctrination.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, July 20** from **10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** at 7110 N. Fresno Street, room100C. We will be discussing *Killed to Order: China's Organ Harvesting Industry and the True Nature of America's Biggest Adversary* by Jan Jekielek. All members and their guests are invited to attend, and feel free to bring your coffee and/or a snack! At both our August and September meetings, our topic will be *Rage and the Republic: The Unfinished Story of the American Revolution* by Jonathan Turley.

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"Democracy is only as good as the education that surrounds it."

--Socrates



Our FCCRWF members belong to the National Federation of Republican Women

The National Federation of Republican Women, founded in 1938, is the longest-running and most successful all-women grassroots organization in the U.S. with tens of thousands of active members across local clubs nationwide.

We empower Republican women from all backgrounds to take leadership roles in politics, government, and civic life. Through building leaders, energizing communities and advocating for conservative values, NFRW plays a key role in strengthening America and shaping its future.

Legislative Report

By Gloria Ward, Chair

To all members: Thank you for your support. We always welcome your input to the Legislative Committee. We welcome your comments and concerns. Please never hesitate to approach us or talk to us with any good advice you may have.

The following candidates and the election process are both quite complicated. However, it is quite fun. The legislative committee enjoys researching and communicating with you. At times, there are corrections that need to be made. We hope you will communicate with the legislative committee when you find corrections that need to be made. A huge Thank You to my co-chairs Lacy Phillips and Allison McAdams for providing much needed assistance in compiling our monthly Legislative Report.

Republican winners in the June 2026 Primary

Please note that as we go to press, there are no county or statewide races certified as won.

County elections officials must report final official results to the Secretary of State by July 3, 2026. The Secretary of State will certify the results on July 10, 2026. We in California live with a snail's pace of election outcomes. This is just one aspect of our state's election problems.

Offices going to a runoff in the General Election:

California Governor
Steve Hilton, Republican
Xavier Beccera, Democrat

US House of Representatives District 22
David Valadao, Republican
Randy Villegas, Democrat

Lieutenant Governor
Gloria Romero, Republican
Fiona Ma, Democrat

California state Senate District 16
Guillermo Gonzalez, Republican
Melissa Hurtado, Democrat

Secretary of State
Don Wagner, Republican
Shirley N. Weber, Democrat

California State Senate District 14
Darren Dupont, Republican
Esmeralda Soria, Democrat

Attorney General
Michael E. Gates, Republican
Rob Bonta, Democrat

California State Senate District 4
Alexandra Duarte, Republican
Jaren Brandon, democrat

US House of Representatives
James Gallagher, Republican
Mike Maguire, Democrat

California State Assembly District 27
Mike Murphy, Republican
Brian Pacheco, Democrat

US House of Representative District 13
Kevin Lincoln, Republican
Adam Gray, Democrat

California State Assembly District 31
Jim Polsgrove, Republican,
Annalisa Perea, Democrat,
(currently sits on Fresno city council board)

US House of Representative District 21
Kyle Kirkland, Republican
Jim Costa, Democrat

Seats decided in the June primary – Winners

US House of Representatives,
Tom McClintock, Republican

California State Assembly District 8
David Tangipa, Republican

US House of Representative District 18
Shane Lewis, Republican

California State Assembly District 33
Alexandra Macedo, Republican

US House of Representative District 20
Vince Fong, Republican

Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 4
Margaret Mims, Republican

California State Senate District 12
Nathan Magsig, Republican

Judicial seat 3,
Mark Kapetan

SAVE AMERICA ACT (H.R. 7296)

- Requires nationwide voter ID for federal elections, requiring photo ID for in-person voting and requiring mail/absentee voters to submit a copy of acceptable ID with their ballot materials
- Requires documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register for federal elections
- Sets acceptable proof documents and provides a process to submit other evidence of citizenship
- Requires states to take ongoing steps to identify noncitizens on voter rolls and remove ineligible registrations
- Allows citizens to sue if officials register applicants without required proof

CALL YOUR SENATORS: VOTE YES ON THE SAVE ACT!

The House PASSED the **SAVE America Act** now the Senate MUST ACT.

ONLY U.S. CITIZENS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN THE U.S. ELECTIONS

Contact your California U.S. Senators NOW and respectfully ask them to:

"Vote YES on the Save America Act."

California U.S. Senators:

Alex Padilla: Fresno Ofc (559)497-5109

DC Ofc (202)224-3864

Adam Schiff: Fresno Ofc (559)485-7430

DC Ofc (202)224-3841

The White House in Washington DC:
Comments line: (202) 456-1111,
Switchboard: (202) 456-1414.

United States Capitol: (202) 224-3121,
from this number you can request to
be connected to your member of
Congress or either of your U.S.
Senators from California.

To find your California Representatives
go to this website: [https://
findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/](https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/)

To get the most accurate and current
information on a specific California bill,
go to <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

Opportunities to Serve Fresno Republican Women

Every one of our Club members has experience, skills and talent that we need to make our club run smoothly and effectively. As Uncle Sam says, "We Need You." Below are a list of Committees and all the jobs within those committees.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Fund Raising
Event Planning
Raffle Promotions

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Trunkline
Website
Facebook (Social Media)
Photography

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Hospitality
Hostesses
Sunshine
Decorations

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Book Club
Bylaws
Parliamentary Rules
CFRW/NFRW

AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

Veteran's Affairs
Caring for America
Community Outreach

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Voter Registration
Campaigns/Elections
Legislation Updates
City/County Updates

What can you do for your club?

Text or email us with which opportunity best fits you:

Lois White text: (559)974-4181 Email: loiswhite11@icloud.com
Billie Sullivan text: (559)287-3734 Email: smbjsull@pacbell.net

Keep up with legislative action and the political news that affects our lives!

The following are key sources for political news stories and action items of interest to you that you may not find elsewhere. You may find them by entering each in an online search bar, or you can click directly on them in your emailed *Trunkline's* article, "Legislative matters in California and beyond."

Legiscan California

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California Federation of Republican Women

National Federation of Republican Women

Reform California

California Family Council

California Globe

Please note that donations may be suggested, but you have no obligation to donate.



Please note that FCRP meetings currently vary their locations. For information about the Fresno County Republican Party please visit www.fresnogop.org. You may sign up to volunteer and/or receive email notifications of events.



Tom McClintock (R-CA, 5th CD) 1020 15th St., Suite 11, Modesto, CA 95354, Phone: (209) 550-6910

Vince Fong (R-CA, 20th CD) 9700 Stockdale Highway, Suite 300, Bakersfield, CA 93311, Phone: (661) 327-3611

Legislative matters in California and beyond

The following websites can guide you to what is going on legislatively:

www.cafrw.org California Federation of Republican Women, of which Fresno City and County Republican Women Federated is an affiliate. Note that the website is easily confusable with that of an unaffiliated group.

www.californiaglobe Katy Grimes' sharp and accurate take on California government issues.

www.legiscan.com has lots of info on all California bills senate and assembly. Setting up an account is required but free.

www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov gives info on the text of a bill, its history, analysis, and status. You only need to enter the bill number.

www.reformcalifornia.org gives information on a range of issues.

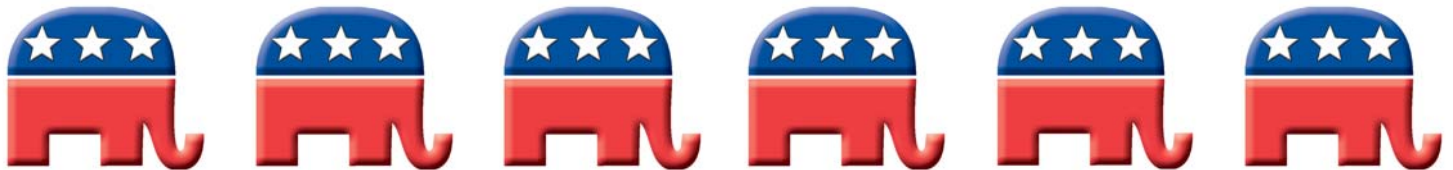
www.nfrw.org tunes us into the National Federation of Republican Woman. Links to legislative and other national concerns on its Face Book page and on X.

www.californiafamily.org/author/jonathankeller/ provides info on bills affecting families, children. You may subscribe to receive free updates.



Alternatively, you may access California Family Council by pointing your smart phone camera towards the QR code. The screen will display the code content. Tap on the code and the website will appear.

Please note that where these websites ask for donations, there is no obligation to donate.



CALENDAR

PLEASE MAKE PLANS!

Monday, July 20 FCCRWF "Read to Know" Book Club, (10: 30 a. m. -12:00 noon.)
Information this issue.

Tuesday, July 21 Deadline to register for FCCRWF July 28 luncheon.

Tuesday, July 28 FCCRWF Luncheon, Pardini's, 12:00 noon. Doors open 11:15 a.m.
Details this issue.

Monday, August 17 FCCRWF "Read to Know" Book Club, (10: 30 a.m. -12:00 noon.)
Details this issue.

You Have a Voice

By Billie Sullivan, Asst Editor

Make your voice heard and stay informed about what is going on in our City and County behind the scenes. Listed below are the upcoming City Council Meetings for Fresno and Clovis, and for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors Meetings--

- ★ Fresno City Council: Council Chamber at City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno. Meet on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Upcoming Meetings: (Thursdays) July 30, August 13, & August 27, 2026.
- ★ Clovis City Council: Council Chambers, 1033 Fifth St, Clovis. Meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Upcoming Meetings: (Mondays) July 6, July 13, & August 3, 2026.
- ★ Fresno County Board of Supervisors: Fresno County Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare St, Room 301, Fresno. Meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each Month at 9:30 a.m. Upcoming Meetings: July 14, August 11, & August 25.