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*Please join us for FCCRWF's
January Luncheon*

Featuring guest speaker

Policy Analyst
SHANNON MAJOR

"Behind the Scenes - Get a Real Look"

TUESDAY, January 27, 2026

Pardini's Catering and Banquets
2257 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711

MENU: First Option: Chicken Marsala with Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit Cup and Rolls
Vegetarian Option: Portobello Stack with Side Vegetable
Gluten-Free Option: Chinese 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 register online, please go to www.fresnorepublicanwomen.org

Paid registrations must be made on or before Tuesday January 20, 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. Judy's mailing address: 6552 N. Gentry, Fresno, CA 93711.

WANT A FREE 2026 MEMBERSHIP?

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

We know it is time to renew our memberships for 2026. The price for renewal has remained only \$45.00. Members who renew or join by check or on-line in either January or February will be entered into a drawing. The winner will receive a refund in the amount of the cost of a one-year membership. A first drawing will be held at the January luncheon, and the winner will be notified. A second drawing will take place at the February luncheon.

Checks can be mailed to: Fresno County and City Republican Women Federated at P.O. Box 27590, Fresno, Ca 93729

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy 2026!

Year 2026 is here! It is a new year, a new beginning, a new opportunity to improve. January is named after the Roman god, Janus, who had two faces: one facing the past and one facing the future. So, we review our past year and are grateful for God's blessings and provisions. We must also review our missteps, our errors, and our goals not quite realized.

Looking to the future, we have fresh hopes and dreams of this year becoming better. We have a chance to become better people, to be kinder, and to be more appreciative. Our FCCRWF club also looks forward to helping our members become informed citizens, to educating our community, to electing Republican candidates, and to increasing our membership.

You will be hearing our club's goals from our newly elected Board Officers and Committee Chairs. Please consider joining one of these committees and inviting one new person to each monthly luncheon. With all of us working together, 2026 will be the most dynamic, energetic, and powerful year in our club's history.

In appreciation for you,

Lois White, FCCRWF President

Ways and Means

By Andrea Shabaglian, Ways and Means Chair

Welcome in 2026 and every blessing in the New Year!

I hope you have a fabulous start to a new year over the next few days! We had an incredible 2025, and it would not have been possible without the investment, support and kindness of so many of you!

As we say goodbye to 2025, I would like to give a special Thank You to these individuals who showed up to every meeting, jumped in with event help, and/or contributed to our raffles frequently: Jo Souza, Peggy Robbins, Billie Sullivan, Susan Valdovinos, Lois White, Pat Powell, Heidi Bond, Carol Stark, Libby Borchardt, and Pearl and her Posse! You helped make this year extra special!

We are looking forward to a strong 2026 and hope you will join us to kick the New Year off with a strong start!

**NEW DAY, NEW TIME, AND NEW LOCATION:
Ways and Means Committee 2026 Meeting Schedule:**

***First Monday of the Month
10:45am***

7110 Fresno Street, suite 100 • Fresno, CA 93720

NOTE: This is a Conference Room on the first floor

If you didn't join us for our first meeting, Monday, January 5 at 10:45 a.m., please join us at next month's meeting, Monday, February 2.

Thank you again for all you have done to support the club! It truly makes it so much more fun when we all do it together!

WORKSHOP

***CFRW will offer
workshop on how each
member can strengthen
our clubs***

By Lois White, President

This month CFRW is giving Republican Women the opportunity to learn how to become more involved, how to recruit members, and how each of us can make our club stronger. Lunch and all materials provided with registration:

Saturday, January 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Visalia Country Club
625 Ranch Street, Visalia

\$30.00 per person

Checks to: Deene Souza
1830 W Manor Ave
Visalia 93291

Venmo @deene-souza

PayPal deesouza@aol.com

For more information, please contact Lois via email, loiswhite11@cloud.com

Don't forget to renew FCCRWF membership for 2026

By Peggy Robbins, Membership Secretary

As of January 1, membership in FCCRWF must be renewed! You may wish to go to fresnorepublicanwomen.org and renew online (or become a member for the first time) the way most prefer to register for FCCRWF's monthly luncheons. Or you may make out a check to FCCRWF and mail it to FCCRWF Membership Secretary, PO Box, 27590, Fresno, CA 93729-7590.

\$45 to join or renew membership to FCCRWF
Or \$20 for affiliate members

(men or members of another club affiliated with National Federation of Republican Women)

Becoming a member of FCCRWF makes you a member of three clubs! Your dues cover membership in Fresno County and City Republican Women Federated, California Federated Republican Women, and National Federation of Republican Women. In addition, you will receive a subscription to *Trunkline*, our local club's newsletter, as well as online access to the member section of the state and national federations' websites. Visit www.nfrw.org to find out more about membership.

Why be a member of Fresno County and City Republican Women?

A Member in Good Standing:

A member in good standing is one whose current dues are paid to one local club in good standing. A local club in good standing is one whose current per capita dues and service charge are paid to the NFRW.

A member shall:

- Have the right to vote, make motions and nominations after being a regular member of a local club for sixty (60) days.
- Be counted in Per Capita Reports and in establishing delegate representation for her local club.
- Be counted as a regular voting member in only one local club for the purpose of delegate representation at NFRW and CFRW conventions.

The FCCRWF yearly dues are forty-five dollars (\$45.00.) Of that amount, twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) goes to CFRW annual dues (which includes NFRW annual dues of twenty dollars [\$20.00]); and seven dollars (\$7.00) which shall be allocated to CFRW's General Fund).

***This is a reminder that all dues should be paid in full no later than March 1.
Timely payment is essential to maintain your membership in good standing.***

NOTE: FCCRWF- Fresno County and City Republican Women Federated, CFRW- California Federation of Republican Women
NFRW-National Federation of Republican Women



It's time to renew!



Let's welcome our new members!

By Peggy Robbins, Membership Secretary

We are thrilled to announce and celebrate the newest members of our organization. Their decision to join us reflects a shared commitment to advancing our mission and making a meaningful impact on our community.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to these new members. Your voice matters, and your contributions will shape the future of our organization.

Karen Miller Fatima Mosby Tamura Palmer
Cathleen Flores Michelle Ducas

Welcome our new Executive Board!

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

We are thrilled to announce our new 2026 Fresno County and City Republican Women Executive Board. They took their oaths of office and were sworn in at our December luncheon and Christmas celebration. We were honored to have our special guest speaker, California State Assemblyman, David Tangipa, swear in our new board.



Pictured left to right, David Tangipa, Norma Burdick, Co-Third Vice President, Kathleen Lehman, Co-Third Vice President, Peggy Robbins, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Linda Dubbels, First Vice President, Lois White, President, Andrea Shabaglian, Second Vice President, Jo Souza, Recording Secretary



NFRW presents award to President Trump in Oval Office



The National Federation of Republican Women presented President Donald J. Trump with the NFRW Americanism Award on December 16, 2025, in the Oval Office at the White House.

The NFRW delegation was led by NFRW President Julie Harris and NFRW President-Elect Martha Jenkins.

“It was a high honor to present President Trump with the National Federation of Republican Women Americanism Award. This beautiful crystal eagle sculpture was designed and created especially for him as a symbol of our deep gratitude. President Trump graciously welcomed NFRW to the Oval Office. We were able to thank him for his dedication to our magnificent country and the hard-working families of America.

Facebook post from NFRW, Dec. 19, 2026



Thank you, members, for your contributions to Wreaths Across America, and to the volunteers who placed wreaths on the graves at Veterans Liberty Cemetery this year.

Our club's donations far exceed last year's. Your community spirit was inspiring.

A MESSAGE FROM WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

“On behalf of the Wreaths Across America organization and our family of volunteers and supporters, **THANK YOU!** Thank you for supporting our mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

This year's Wreaths Across America program reached an extraordinary milestone. Together we served 5,598 participating locations, sponsored more than 3.1 million veterans' wreaths, and mobilized millions of volunteers, nearly a third of them children, across all 50 states and abroad.”

Billie Sullivan, Caring for America

“READ TO KNOW” BOOK CLUB

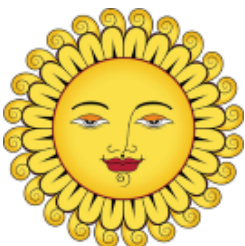
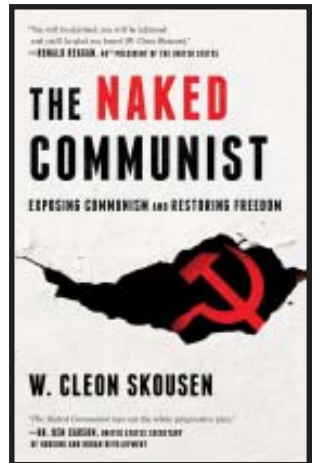
By Emily Wildey, Book Club Secretary and Hostess

On Thursday, Dec. 11, thirteen members gathered at Emily Wildey's home to discuss *The MAGA Doctrine: The Only Ideas That Will Win the Future* by Charlie Kirk. Kirk outlines what “Make America Great Again” means in contrast with how it is often portrayed. It begins with pride in the nation's accomplishments and support of the founding principles that shaped our identity. “America has made mistakes,” he writes, “but America is not a mistake.”

Kirk supports the rights of refugees and legal immigrants, while respecting Americans' rights, and calls for a merit-based society, rejecting “equity” (equal outcomes) which promotes mediocrity, resentment, and constant conflict. He examines Donald Trump's career and why many elites and the media turned against him.

The meeting ended with a lively conversation about Kirk's experiences on university campuses and the growing victim/entitlement culture among young people who are, he argues, being systematically indoctrinated. Members appreciated Kirk's command of history, statistics, and practical reasoning.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 8, at the Fig Garden Regional Library, southwest corner, Marks and Bullard Avenues, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. We will discuss *The Naked Communist* by Cleon Skousen. Snacks may be brought in. Club members and their guests are welcome. The book selection for Thursday, February 12 will be *The Two FBIs: The Bravery and Betrayal I Saw in My Time at the Bureau* by Nicole Parker



January 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

Legislative News and Action

By Gloria Ward and Lacey Phillips, Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee

“Every moment is a fresh beginning” - T.S. Eliot

The Legislative Committee looks forward to the challenging and exciting world of politics. We have so much to look forward to in 2026. Foremost are the midterm elections held on November 3, 2026. Next is the election for our new governor in California also held on November 3, 2026.

The legislative committee, as always, welcomes your questions, concerns, and input. Please be involved with us. We are here to keep you informed and interested. Most importantly, we need your help.

We will continue to assist you in contacting your California representatives. As we have learned, there are many ways to do that. To find your California Representatives go to this website: <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/> We would like to emphasize again to you why this is so important. It is important because every piece of legislation that comes out of the state of California, or from our federal government, even local, city and county, involves us. Our input means something. Which means we need to regularly contact our representatives to let them know what we want, how we are thinking, our ideas, how we look at the future wherever we are, wherever we live. It is important for us, but it is more important for our children and grandchildren. And all of us can do that. Therefore, it is important that we know how to do it.

Some of our starting points for 2026 will include Parental Rights, Gender Ideology, Voter registration, Election Integrity, including voter I.D. and a push to have more Republican citizens get to the ballot box. In the NO on Prop. 50 campaign we know that many Republicans did not vote,

January 1 brings new laws to Californians each year.

The following laws, in effect as of January 1, 2026, are a sample of the laws we need to be aware of:

AB 495 Known as the Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025, it expands the types of relatives, who can execute a caregiver’s authorization affidavit to allow authorization for school-related medical care.

AB 1825 Aims to prevent banning of books in public libraries, sparking debate between state government and more conservative local communities.

We encourage you to research these two assembly bills to see what they involve. Always be aware that the status of legislation can change rapidly, so it is important to search a bill’s status before contacting our legislators.

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

Our number one endeavor is continued support for the Trump administration. In his motto Promises made, Promises Kept we can find strength and courage. Our country is facing so many challenges in many different avenues. Not only do we need to support President Trump, we need to support each other as Republican Women.

I encourage you to get involved, speak to us, speak to the board, attend political meetings, make yourself present, and above all state your opinion.

We thank you for your support and your encouragement and your loyalty to the Fresno County and City Republican Women Federated.

God bless you and keep you.



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 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."

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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.



Michael Reagan, 1945-2026

Michael Reagan, son of President Ronald Reagan, dies at 80

"Michael Reagan, the elder son of former President Ronald Reagan and actress Jane Wyman, has died at 80. Young America's Foundation, which said the organization released the statement on behalf of the Reagan family," Fox News reported on January 6.

"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Edward Reagan," his family said in a statement. "Michael was and will always remain a beloved husband, father, and grandpa. Michael was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 4th, surrounded by his entire family in Los Angeles, California. Our hearts are deeply broken as we grieve the loss of a man who meant so much to all who knew and loved him."

Michael Reagan was a significant conservative voice, author (perhaps his most popular book is *Lessons My Father Taught Me*), radio host (syndicated nationally), and public speaker.



Many were shocked by the sudden death of Congressman Doug LaMalfa, praised by Katy Grimes of California Globe as "a statesman and voice of reason. And Doug LaMalfa had a sense of humor."

A fighter for reason and budget sanity while a member of California's legislature, he fought hard against Prop 50. His congressional district was a key target of that proposition, and a Democrat was set to challenge LaMalfa in the next election, a candidate for whom the boundaries of his district were redrawn to favor the Democrat.

For more information, please visit <https://californiaglobe.com/fr/requiescat-in-pace-congressman-doug-lamalfa/>



**California Republican
Congressman Doug LaMalfa**

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.

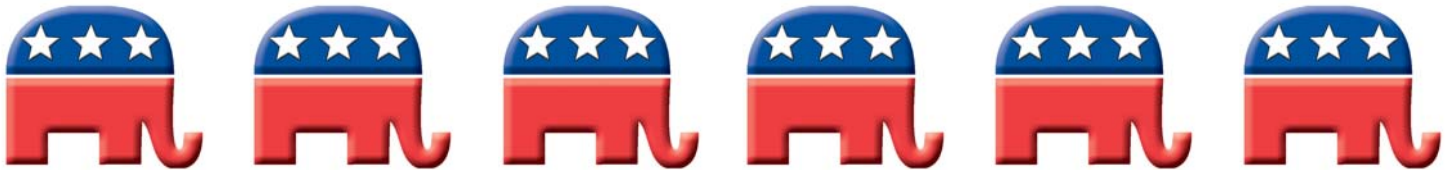
www.nfrw.org tunes us into the National Federation of Republican Woman. Links to legislative and other national concerns on its Face Book page and on X.

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!*

Thursday, January 8 FCCRWF “Read to Know” Book Club, (9:30-11:00 a.m.). Information this issue.

Friday, January 16 Central Valley Anti-Trafficking Symposium
9 a.m.-12 p.m., Clovis Hills Community Church, 759 W. International Ave, Clovis
Must register to attend (559)269-1834 or (559)288-4562

Tuesday, January 20 Deadline to register for FCCRWF January 27 luncheon

Saturday, January 24 CFRW Workshop, Visalia, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., information this issue.

Tuesday, January 27 FCCRWF Luncheon, Pardini’s, 12:00 noon. Doors open 11:15 a.m.
..... Details this issue.

Thursday, February 12 FCCRWF “Read to Know” Book Club, (9:30-11:00 a.m.). Location TBA.
Be alert to email notification.

Tuesday, February 17 Annual Fresno-Clovis Prayer Breakfast, 7a.m. at Fresno Convention Center,
Exhibit Hall Text (559)696-5275 or
email alicia@fresnoclovisprayerbreakfast.com