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***Please join us for FCCRWF's
October Luncheon***

Featuring Guest Speaker

KYLE KIRKLAND

***Republican Candidate for
U.S. Congress, District 21***



He represents hard work over handouts, meritocracy over mediocrity, and results over excuses. He is the political outsider- a formidable challenge to Jim Costa, perennial Valley Congressman

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

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

**MENU-- Main Option: Chicken Fettucine Alfredo, Rolls, Fruit Cup,
Secondary Option: Chinese Chicken Salad
Vegetarian Option: Portobello Stack with Side Vegetable**

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, October 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, 6552 N. Gentry, Fresno, CA 93711.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Do you ever ask questions that no one seems able to answer? I do too!

- Why can't democrats admit that Trump has done some good things?
- Why would parents allow men in their daughter's locker room?
- Why are young people turning to socialism?

Some say, "You can't fix stupid." I don't believe people who disagree with me are stupid, but can they give me a good reason as to why they believe these things?

It is so important to understand why you believe something. That is why Republican Women try to educate our members. We have our Read-to-Know Book Club, that informs us about many important issues. Even if you can't read the book, come and listen to the comments and viewpoints of those who have read the book and ask questions. We always want to educate one another!

Our Legislative Committee is full of important information and resources. This committee keeps up to date about what is happening in our state and federal legislative branches. Did you know a bill was just signed into law by Governor Newsom that makes reporting fraud a criminal offense? Only in corrupt California could this really be a law.

At our September luncheon we heard from John Gerardi about the state propositions that will be on the November ballot. He explained what each one actually says and what a "Yes" or "No" vote would mean to California citizens.

We need to be informed voters!

Going back to my original questions:

- Can you name five accomplishments of President Trump? If you can't, pick up the Trump List from our Legislative Committee. We need to be positive and vocal!
- Do you think men should be allowed in girls' sports and in their locker rooms? If not, did you let your representatives know your view? You have your representatives' names and phone numbers in your contacts on your phone, yes? Yes! We need to make our opinions known!
- What do you tell a young person (or not so young) who thinks that socialism is the answer? Socialism stresses socio-economic envy and an irrational distrust of successful/wealthy people. It is also a foolish belief that there is a limited amount of money available. The naive want their "fair share." Ask them how much they are willing to give up so others less fortunate will have more? And are they willing to let the government decide how much they should have? We need to educate the ignorant!

Come to our luncheons and committee meetings and become a more knowledgeable Republican Woman.

Respectfully,

Lois White, FCCRWF President



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. Meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Upcoming meetings: October 22, November 5, November 12, December 3 & December 17
- ★ Clovis City Council: Council Chambers, 1033 Fifth St, Clovis. Meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Monday, October 12, October 19, November 2, November 9, November 16, December 7, December 14
- ★ Fresno County Board of Supervisors: Fresno County Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare St, Room 301, Fresno. Meets selected Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 8



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

September Luncheon Recap

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

Thanks to all of you who joined us at our September 22 Luncheon. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, and also to be able to welcome so many new faces as our membership continues to grow. We are grateful for each one of you who took time from your busy lives to be with us.

We were honored to welcome community leader John Gerardi as our special guest speaker. John joined us to break down the propositions appearing on the November ballot – a topic on many of our minds as election season approaches.

With his characteristic thoroughness and good humor, John walked us through each measure, explaining not only what is on the ballot, but what it truly means for California. Just when we thought his presentation couldn't get any better, John surprised us with a spot-on imitation of ex-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The room erupted in laughter, as "Arnold" gave his two-cents worth.

Mike Murphy, Candidate for California Assembly District 27, talked to us about his run for the Assembly. He stressed our need for more Republicans in Sacramento and the importance of his District in this election. We all have to do everything we can to get him elected so that our voices can be heard in Sacramento.

Don't miss out on all the fun, and valuable information. Join us at our next luncheon, in



CAN YOU SING?

Join the Christmas choir!

Please contact Kathleen Lehman
kathleenelehman@yahoo.com

WAYS & MEAN\$

invites members and their guests to enjoy
the FCCRWF Christmas luncheon, December 8!

By Andrea Shabaglian, Chair, Ways and Means

A very special thank you to our third quarter raffle donors:

**Carol Stark, Billie Sullivan, Lois White,
Peggy Robbins, Av Daniels, Mary Egoian,
Jo Souza, Pam Vogel,
Emily Wildey, Leslie Knutsen,
Judy Harlan** (who provided the sign!)

Please donate raffle items. They can be brought to our monthly luncheons or contact Andrea Shabaglian for more information. No raffle will be held in December.

Please consider joining Ways and Means to 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, October 5, 2026

10:35 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Monday, January 4, 2026

10:35 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

7110 Fresno Street, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93720
(A Conference Room on the first floor)

It is almost time to Celebrate!

Get ready for our FCCRWF Christmas party!

Join us at Pardini's on
Tuesday, December 8, 2026,
for our annual Christmas extravaganza!
Come dressed in your festive holiday attire,
take photos with your friends, and maybe
even President Trump and Vice President
Vance will show up again this year.

We are looking for baked goods,
store-bought treats and silent auction items!
If you would like to donate, please email

Andrea Shabaglian at
AShabaglian@gmail.com for more details.



Membership Report

By Peggy Robbins, Membership Secretary, Treasurer

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our Fresno Republican Women family. These are the last new members of this year. We will start accepting new members again in January, 2027.

Our memberships run from January 1 through December 31 of each year – with renewals beginning as of January 1, 2027.

New members in the month of September:

Lori Reed, Christine Monahan,

JoAnne Prickett, Lisa Frutos

Associates: **Jeffrey Vogel, AJ Rassamni**

Monthly Membership Report for 2026

MONTH	RENEWALS	NEW MEMBERS	TOTAL
January	76	24	
February	22	18	
March	10	15	
April	4	7	
May	2	11	
June	1	6	
July	3	10	
August	0	7	
September	0	4	
October			
November			
December			
Total Members	118	102	220
Associate Members		2	19

Caring for America's Veterans

By Tanya Knudsen, Veteran Affairs/Caring for America

Calling anyone with a red convertible or flatbed truck...or if you just want to be a part of the 2026 Veterans Day Parade

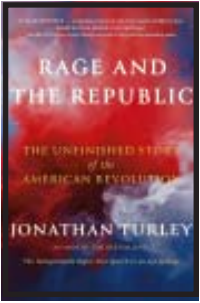
Please call Tanya Knudsen (559) 449-0968 if you would like to take part in the 2026 Central Valley Veterans Day Parade. Maybe you know someone with either vehicle type who might be willing to loan it for this use. We need to come out in force to show what Fresno Republican Women can do for Fresno County.

It's an FCCRFW tradition! Fresno's is the largest Veterans Day parade west of the Mississippi River, scheduled, as always, to begin at 11:00 a.m. on November 11. It regularly features as many as 250 entries, including marching bands, military vehicles and thousands of participants. The tradition honors our American veterans and commemorates the 1918 armistice that ended World War I.



“READ TO KNOW” BOOK CLUB

By Emily Wildey, Book Club Secretary and Hostess



On September 21, nine members met to discuss Part 3 of *Rage & The Republic- The Unfinished Story of the American Revolution* by Jonathan Turley.

Turley explores the **fragility of freedom and the challenges of preserving a democratic republic**. He argues that freedom requires more than rights—it requires citizens willing to accept responsibility, protect constitutional liberties, and tolerate opposing viewpoints. He warns that **fear, political rage, economic instability, government dependency, and the concentration of power** can gradually weaken freedom. He is particularly concerned about technology and artificial intelligence transforming the workforce and potentially increasing economic and class divisions. Members discussed this- AI specifically- at great length.

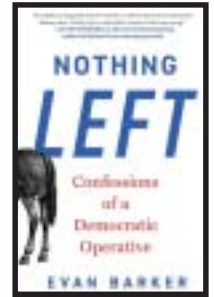
Turley emphasizes the importance of **free speech and dissent**, warning that when opposing opinions are labeled dangerous or unacceptable, citizens lose an important way to hold government accountable. He also examines the relationship between economic independence and political freedom. This was another topic enthusiastically discussed by members.

Ultimately, Turley's message is one of vigilance: a republic can be weakened from within when citizens willingly surrender freedoms for security or assistance. His theme echoes Benjamin Franklin's famous warning: **"A republic, if you can keep it."**

Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 19 from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** at 7110 N. Fresno Street, room 100C. We will be discussing *Nothing Left: Confessions of a Democratic Operative* by Evan Barker. All members and their guests are invited to attend. Feel free to bring your coffee and/or a snack!

Our November 16 selection is *Going Further: The Incomparable Clarence Thomas* by Ted Cruz.

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Members Out and About

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

Members of the Fresno County and City Republican Women volunteered to work in the Fresno County GOP booth at Clovis Fest on a September weekend.

We were joined in our booth by Kyle Kirland, Candidate for Congressional District 21.



From L to R: club members Molly Analla and Billie Sullivan with Candidate Kyle Kirkland and Mary Beth Wynn

Donate toward a Steve Hilton sign!!

By Billie Sullivan for the Steve Hilton for Governor Campaign

Thanks to the FCCRWF members that donated to provide Steve Hilton for Governor signs to be placed around Fresno and Clovis: Gloria Ward, Pamela Orique, and me, Billie Sullivan.

If you would like to purchase/donate a large Steve Hilton sign to help promote his campaign here in the valley, they are still available. Contact Mary Beth Wynn at mbwynn@stevehiltonforgovernor.com. These signs are large and designed to be posted in high-visibility locations. You will be notified of the location, and you can do like I did and take a picture with your sign! Mine is located on Clovis Avenue at 4th Street.



Assistant Editor Billie Sullivan with her donated Hilton sign

October Sunshine from FCCRWF

By Kathleen Lehman, Sunshine Committee

FCCRWF sent a "get well" card to long-time member **Pat Powell**. Our own Vanna White! She is always so cheery and bright at our luncheons as she hands out raffle prizes. Please get well soon, Pat!

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



I Asked for Fresno Republican Women Volunteers— and WOW! You Listened!

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor; Volunteer for Steve Hilton Campaign

I can't thank you enough, you ladies (and one gentleman) that showed up to help with our efforts to support the Republican Party in the upcoming election.

Reform California letters: You showed up at Club One Event Center to fold letters, address and stuff envelopes, and some of you even got to stamp them as well. You should be very proud of yourselves. We are going to make a big difference in the voter turnout in Fresno County.

Postcards: Others (and sometimes the same volunteers) also showed up at Judy Harlan's house and Kyle Kirkland's campaign office to address and stamp postcards going out to registered Republicans that don't always vote in elections. We completed and mailed out almost 1,300 postcards.

I would like to say on behalf of Fresno Republican Women and the Steve Hilton Campaign - THANK YOU!

To contact re volunteering opportunities:

Billie Sullivan, text (559)287-3734 or email smbjsull@pacbell.net

Or Judy Harlan, text (559)360-5184 or email harlan.j@coomcast.net



A Little Note

from Lois White and Sharon Gerardi, Hostesses for the September 11 Happy Hour mixer

Our Happy Hour mixer on September 11 was an enormous success. If you couldn't attend this event, don't fret because we will definitely do it again. The bartenders went out of their way to mix and blend amazing beverages including a large menu of non-alcoholic specialty drinks.

We enjoyed mixing with new and old members all together in the same room, laughing, talking and getting to know each other. (a couple of candidates showed up to meet and greet as well)

Don't miss out ! Join us at our future mixers.

Fresno Republican Women's Annual Book Drive

By Emily Wildey, Book Club Secretary and Hostess

Please purchase one NEW children's book to bring to our November 16 book club meeting or the December 8 luncheon, to be donated to Fresno Christian Schools K-6 program.

Here are some titles to consider-

Children's Books (Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project list):

The American Adventure!: A Conservative Christian Kids' Guide to U.S. History and the 50 States — Tracy M. Sumner (June 2024)

Beginner Inductive Bible Study — Kay Arthur
Brave Books

The Declaration of Independence (A True Book) — Elaine Landau

Little Patriots — Dr. Ben Carson & Valerie Pfundstein

Marlon Bundo's Day in the Life of the Vice President — Charlotte Pence

One Flag, One America — Michelle Hirstius

Otto's Tales — PragerU

Saving Joey: A True-Life Story (Joey's Journey) — Joseph K. Wood

The Tuttle Twins — Connor Boyack

Newer Children's Books:

Built on Faith — Dr. Ben Carson

Built by the Brave — Kirk Cameron

1, 2, 3 We Are Free! — Riley Gaines

Conservative Kid — Luke Brady (2025)

The Parrots Go Bananas! — Sean Spicer

Unmuzzle Me, Please! — Rogan O'Handley

Little Lives Matter — Elizabeth Johnston

Pride Comes Before the Fall — Kirk Cameron

Too Much Tubular! — Trail Life USA

Famous Pioneers & Frontiersmen — Marilyn Boyer (2024)

The Hiding Place: A Graphic Novel — Corrie ten Boom, Elizabeth Sherrill & John Sherrill (2024)

What Was the Underground Railroad? — Danika Cooley (2023)

Who Were the Abolitionists? — Danika Cooley (2023)

America's War Heroes — Marilyn Boyer (2023)

Revolutionary Heroes: True Stories of Courage from America's Fight for Independence — Pat Williams & Jim Denney (2023)

Otto's Tales: Today Is Collection — PragerU (13-book collection)



Legislative Report

By Gloria Ward, Chairman, Legislative Committee; Allison McAdams, Co-chair; Lacey Phillips, Co-chair

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller

What does it take to win an election whether it’s a Junior High 8th grade presidential election or the election of a president of the United States? First, it takes the ability to have an election. For, as you know, many countries cannot have free elections. Therefore, I ask you, do you value the privilege of participating in a free election, or do you take it for granted? Think about that for a moment.

We continue to emphasize the importance of knowing who your political representatives are and reaching out to them with all your concerns, making your voice heard, or don’t complain when things don’t get done the way you want them to. And participate in shaping your community into a good, clean, healthy environment for all your friends and neighbors. Turn your complaining into action to improve your surroundings, your city and state. Our country. Do you love your country, or do you just tolerate it? Think about it.

This is what our Republican like-minded and dedicated citizens need from you. Participation, time, financial support, volunteering, ideas and “cheerful giving” in all areas of this election cycle. We need to remember and focus on the future of this state that our grandchildren may very well be brought up in. Do you care about this election at all? Think about it. Think about it deeply because it does matter a great deal.

All our Republican candidates need us desperately. Just ask them when you see them. Find out for yourself. Do not make an assumption that can give us a way out of NOT helping.

Because California is a Democratic state, yes, Steve Hilton is the underdog. However, remember 2016 when President Trump beat Hillary Clinton. What a shock to wake up in the morning and find out Donald Trump was really going to be the next President. It blew my mind. I was so happy!

Right now, Steve Hilton needs our financial support. He does have good financial support from many conservative wealthy donors in California. What does it mean to you to send him a few bucks? I think that may be very feasible for most of us.

California Republicans can win the governorship when voters are given a reason to vote for our candidate rather than simply asking them to vote Republican.

This is what we must do to help get Steve Hilton get elected:

1. Hilton must make the election about California’s problems rather than national party politics. We can help him do this by being informed of where he stands on issues.
2. He needs a major movement among independent voters. We discussed this. This is probably the single most important group. He doesn’t need to turn California Republican; he needs enough Democrats and independents to decide that Becerra represents more of the same.
3. The September 30 debate could matter. A strong Hilton performance could give him an opportunity to change the trajectory.
4. Republicans need an exceptionally high turnout. This is where we come in.

The biggest obstacle is not simply that California is Democratic; it is the size of the current polling deficit.

Here is our biggest hope; Hilton has already accomplished something Republicans were worried might not happen: He survived the top-two primary and secured the November spot.

Now, in closing, do you want another Democratic Governor for California? Or are you willing to “fight the good fight” and get Steve Hilton elected?

Please get involved. It’s not too late.



Please note these important dates for the midterm election November 3:

October 5 Counties begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots.

October 6 Official ballot drop boxes open.

October 19 Last day to register to vote for the general election

November 3 Election Day

November 10 Last day to receive Vote-By-Mail ballots postmarked no later than November 3.

PROP	VOTE	PLAIN ENGLISH DESCRIPTION
Prop 1	NO	Borrows \$11.25 Billion for Costly Housing Projects
Prop 2	NO	Guts State Budget Spending Limit and Cancels Tax Rebates
Prop 3	NO	Income Tax Increase
Prop 4	NO	Gives Your Tax Dollars to Politicians' Campaigns
Prop 5	NO	Weakens Citizens' Right to Recall Politicians from Office
Prop 37	NO	Borrows \$25 Billion for Costly Housing Projects
Prop 38	YES	Public-Private Partnership Bonds for Immunology Research
Prop 39	YES	Voter ID to Improve Trust in Elections
Prop 40	NO	"Billionaire" Tax that Is Really an "Everybody" Tax
Prop 41	YES	Audit Special Taxes
Prop 42	YES	Stop the Savings Tax
Prop 43	YES	Local Taxpayer Protection Initiative (Saves Prop 13)
Prop 44	NO	Imposes Costly Mandates on Community Health Clinics
Prop 45	YES	Reduce Housing Costs by Cutting Red Tape

CALENDAR

PLEASE MAKE PLANS!

Monday, October 5 Ways and Means meeting, 10:35 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Information this issue

Wednesday, October 14 Barbeque, Beer, and Ballots, 6:00 p.m. See flyer this issue.

Monday, October 19 FCCRWF "Read to Know" Book Club, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon. Information this issue.

Tuesday, October 20 Deadline to register for FCCRWF October Luncheon

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

There is no luncheon in November. Be sure to save the date December 8 for FCCRWF's Christmas Luncheon, Pardini's. 12:00 noon. Doors open 11:15 a.m. Details this issue.

Barbeque, Beer & Ballots

By Molly Analla, President, Fresno County Republican Assembly

On Wednesday, October 14 there will be a Barbeque, Beer & Ballots event with Assemblyman Carl DeMaio in Fresno! It will also feature guest speakers Assemblyman David Tangipa, AD 27 candidate Mike Murphy, SD 12 candidate Nathan Magsig, and CD 21 candidate Kyle Kirkland. It will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 5351 N. Diana St., Fresno. This will be an event for Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties.

Make your voting simple, fun, and secure by attending this FREE event supporting Prop 39 for Voter ID and covering all measures and races on your ballot. You won't want to miss this! Go to <https://www.reformcalifornia.org/events/barbecue-beer-ballots-fresno-10-14-2026> for more information and to RSVP.

