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*Please join us for FCCRWF's
February Luncheon*

Featuring guest speaker

California Insurance Commissioner Candidate

STACY KORSGADEN



TUESDAY, February 24, 2026

Pardini's Catering and Banquets

2257 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711

MENU: Main Option: Penne Pasta with Meatballs, Vegetables, Fresh 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 make your prepaid reservation, please go to www.fesnorepublicanwomen.org

Paid registrations must be made on or before Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Reservations must be prepaid - no exceptions

For more information or if unable to pay online, email us at fesnorepublicanwomen@reagan.com

or call Judy Harlan at (559) 360-5184. Judy's mailing address: 6552 N. Gentry, Fresno, CA 93711.



February 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy February!

February is the month of love (Valentines Day), and Presidents' birthdays (Reagan, Lincoln, Washington). It is Black History Month, the Lunar New Year, American Heart Month, and, of course, Groundhog Day. As with every month, we have different events and holidays wanting our time and attention. The same is true in current political events. There are riots in Minneapolis, rebellions in Iran, Chinese spies, crimes by illegals, government fraud, child sex trafficking, and so on. So many mountainous issues! We feel discouraged and powerless. How can we stop the madness?

Well, we can't individually fight these issues, but we can impact them. Remember, "All politics is local." Take one local issue, research it, and find out what needs to be done. Then call, write, show up, and make your voice heard.

Which issue bothers you the most?

Abortion/Right to Life
Boys in girls' sports
Sex trafficking of minors

School curriculum
Election integrity
Accountability of our Representatives

Your special issue!

We cannot do much to change our country, but we can do quite a lot to improve Fresno County and City. If you do not feel comfortable doing this alone, join one of our committees and we will help make Fresno Red with Republican activism.

How do we move mountains? One stone at a time. Let's start moving stones.

Lois White, FCCRWF President

♥ ♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥ ♥

Ways and Means

By Andrea Shabaglian, Ways and Means Chair

Have you been looking for a way to get more connected with Fresno's Republican Women, but didn't know how? A 2026 Home Mixer is a great opportunity to do just that! These fun and intimate events are also a perfect excuse for you to invite someone who is interested in getting more involved but hasn't been able to make a luncheon.

Events are free to members and their guests, but you must register online.

Please check www.fresnorepublicanwomen.org often for dates and links to register. Space is limited.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our first Home Mixer:

Saturday, March 21 @ 10:00 a.m.
Hosted by Jo Souza: Brunch

Thank you to the following members who have volunteered to host a Home Mixer in 2026:

Emily Wildey ("Chatting and Charcuterie"),
Sharon Gerardi, Eileen Dorfmeier with Heidi Bond, Roberta Genini, Lois White

Ways and Means Next Meeting:

Monday, March 2nd, 10:45am

7110 Fresno Street, suite 100 • Fresno, CA 93720

NOTE: This is a Conference Room on the first floor

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.



Let's welcome our new members!

By Peggy Robbins, Membership Secretary

Let's celebrate the newest members of our organization. Their joining 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 the following new members. Your voice matters, and your contributions will shape the future of our organization:

Linda Alexander, Evelyn Boosaus,
Christy Chand, Jo (Glenda) Claycomb,
Shelley Cox, Kathleen Deenan, Karen Faulkner,
Melinda Fierro, Cathleen Flores,
Karen Gosvener, Dana Johnson, Pilar Linker,
Sunnie Maris, Allison McAdams,
Mary Beth McKenry, Dorothy Nunes,
Regina Orlandi, Dr. Susan Pappas,
Ginny Parola, Suzanne Poh, Vaughn Rios,
Sonja Robinson, Sheila Urdesich,
Susan Valdovinos

Renew before February 24 to be eligible for a Free Membership Drawing.

only \$45.00

Join or renew **Now** to be entered into a drawing to be held at the February Luncheon. The winner will receive a refund for your one-year membership.

Winners need not be present to win.

Renew on-line: www.Fresno Republican Women.org

Or mail your check: (Checks must be received before 2/24/2026)

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By Billie Sullivan

Asst Editor/Media

Huge Victory Against Corruption: Minnesota Fraud Scandal Takes Down Walz – California Investigation Launched

The viral video exposing massive fraud in Minnesota's social services has delivered massive wins. It sparked a federal probe leading to over 98 arrests and played a key role in Governor Tim Walz announcing he won't seek reelection.

Tuesday morning, President Trump announced a major fraud investigation into California, calling it "more corrupt than Minnesota."

The announcement has unleashed a flood of tips with independent journalists already receiving hundreds of emails from California state workers with evidence of fraud, just hours after Trump's post.

This is just the beginning, Billions in stolen taxpayer money are about to be uncovered. Let's celebrate this momentum and keep pushing for accountability.

Come join us at our luncheons!

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

Please join us each month at our luncheons. We have great speakers, lots of conversation, and throw in education to boot. You will enjoy meeting with old friends and making many new friends.

Bring along a guest and introduce her to our wonderful like-minded ladies.



January guest speaker Shannon Major, policy analyst and representative for Senator Shannon Grove, CA 12th Senatorial District



Opportunities to Serve Fresno Republican Women

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

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

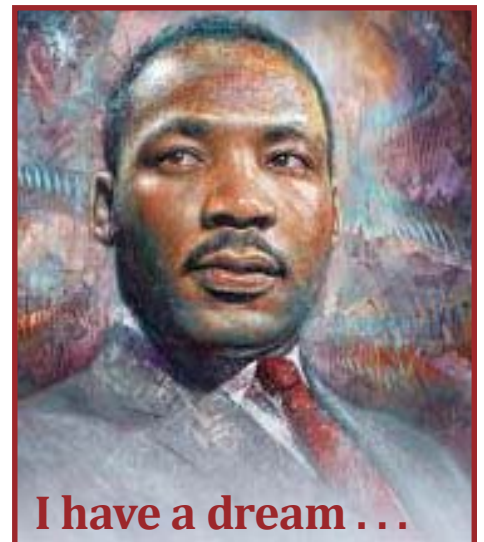
Book Club
Bylaws
Parliamentary Rules
CFRW/NFRW

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

“READ TO KNOW” BOOK CLUB

By Emily Wildey, Book Club Secretary and Hostess

Thirteen members met at the Fig Garden Library to discuss *The Naked Communist*, written in 1960 but which we saw as relevant to current events. We agreed with the book’s argument that communism relies heavily on indoctrination, propaganda, and the suppression of critical thinking, particularly through education, media, and cultural institutions. Members noted the author’s warning that prolonged exposure to ideological messaging can erode independent thought and lead individuals to embrace indoctrination as absolute truth.

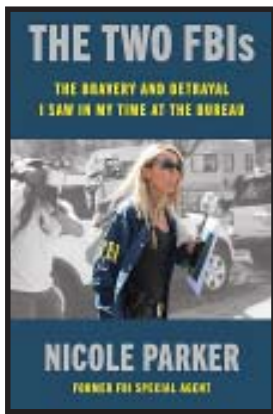
Much of the discussion focused on Karl Marx, personally intolerant of opposing views and deeply hostile to religion, morality, and capitalism. The book critiques Marxist ideology for promoting equality of outcome regardless of effort or productivity, showing how redistributing rewards undermines incentive and responsibility, promoting entitlement. The U.N. and even the U.S. have tended to promote Marxist-influenced ideology until recently.

Please note changes of time and place for FCCRWF’s “Read to Know” Book Club starting this February

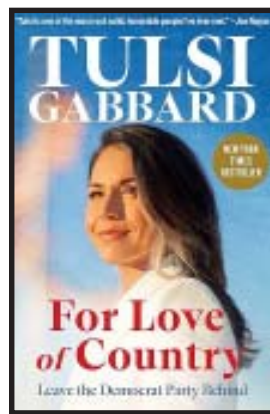
The next book club meeting is Tuesday February 17, 2026, from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. Starting in March, book club will be on the second Monday of each month. Our new location is 7110 N. Fresno St., Room 100 (conference room on the 1st floor).

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ezkLUnwyuFWAL3xS6>

Snacks may be brought in. Club members and their guests are welcome.



February 17: *The Two FBIs: The Bravery and Betrayal I Saw in My Time at the Bureau* by Nicole Parker



March 9: *For Love of Country: Leave the Democratic Party Behind* by Tulsi Gabbard

Melania movie went over big!

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

Several members of the Fresno County and City Republican Women attended the February 2 showing of the amazing documentary *Melania*. What a wonderful experience. Be sure to view this documentary as soon as you can. It will run through February 12 in local theaters.



Quite a turnout from FCCRWF for *Melania*, and more not pictured

Legislative News and Action

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

Hello, Republican Women, and a big thank you to all who attended our January Republican luncheon. We started the new year off right! We'd like to start the Legislative Committee report with some helpful information.

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have."
- Popularly attributed to Thomas Jefferson

Let's review the foundational principles of conservatism:

Limited government
National security
Rule of law
Individual liberty
Fiscal responsibility
Traditional values
Strict interpretation of the Constitution

Let's review how to make your voices heard.

Here are the main phone numbers to contact the White House in Washington DC:

Comments line: (202) 456-1111.

Switchboard: (202) 456-1414.

Main phone number to contact the 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/>

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

Remember to mark your calendars for March 16, 2026, as California Family Council partners with Right to Life of Central California for the 6th annual California March for Life at the iconic California State Capitol in Sacramento. Please go to info@californiafamily.org. Let's be a voice for the voiceless. Details of the March this issue.

Lastly, I have found it very interesting to go to www.ca.gov and skim through the deficits in the California state budget. As you maneuver around the website, you will be able to see in writing the \$18 billion budget problem for 2026 to 2027. You will be able to see how many California politicians plan to spend our tax money. You will see, for example, the state's progress toward universal health coverage for undocumented Californians. You will see initiatives to support California in this first-in-the-nation statewide public-private partnership to provide financial support to undocumented immigrants impacted by COVID-19.

There are many more proposals for the purpose of funding undocumented (illegal) immigrants.

I encourage you to seek out as much information on your own as you can regarding what Gavin Newsom has done to our state, and please talk about it with anyone...whether they want to listen or not.

Happy Valentine's Day, and we look forward to seeing you at the February 24 luncheon.



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

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

Reform California

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California Family Council

California Federation of Republican Women

California Globe

National Federation of Republican Women

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

FCCRWF board members attended the CFRW Region 4 Workshop, "Make Membership Great Again," on January 24

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

Members from various Republican Women's clubs across Region 4 of California Republican Women (CFRW) gathered in Visalia for an energizing and informative workshop titled "Make Membership Great Again." The event was held in the heart of the Central Valley at the Visalia Country Club. The focus of the Workshop was to revitalize and expand club memberships.

The Workshop was led by Deene Souza, CFRW Region 4 Director. Under Deene's leadership, the workshop delivered a powerful mix of motivation, training, and discussions. In addition to learning, the workshop created meaningful connections with our sister clubs throughout the Central Valley.



**Deene Souza,
California Republican
Women Director
Region 4**



Those attending the CFRW workshop from FCCRW: Gloria Ward, Legislation Chairman, Linda Dubbels, First Vice President, Lois White, President, Jo Souza, Recording Secretary/Chaplain and Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor *Trunkline*/Media

Annual March for Life, State Capitol Sacramento

By Billie Sullivan, Assistant Editor

Please come, invite your family and friends, and be part of an important message to the State of California.

Monday, March 16th is the annual March for Life at our state capitol in Sacramento. There will be a rally at 12 p.m. on the Capitol steps, and the March will begin at 1 p.m. It is hosted by the California Family Council. Please register for the event.

There is also a bus registration if you'd like to take the bus instead of driving up on your own. The bus will be departing at 6:45 a.m. from the parking lot of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fresno. It will return to Fresno at roughly 5-6 p.m. Be sure to make a reservation for the bus trip.

To register visit: righttolifeca.org

RSVP Link: [California March for Life 2026 - March for Life](https://www.righttolifeca.org/2026-march-for-life)



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.

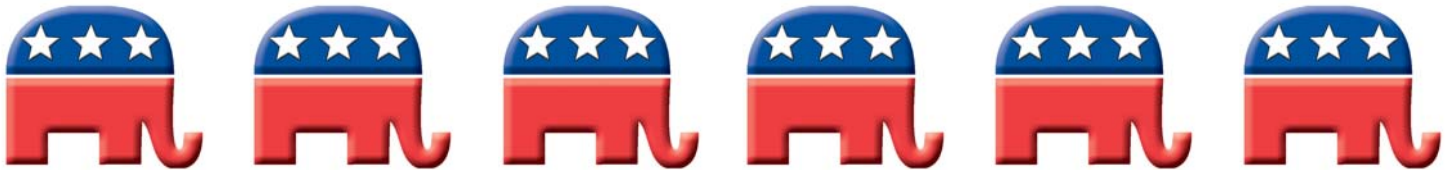
www.nfrw.org tunes us into the National Federation of Republican Woman. Links to legislative and other national concerns on its Face Book page and on X.

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!

- Tuesday, February 17** FCCRWF “Read to Know” Book Club, (10:00-11:30 a.m.), Note new venue/time/date. Information this issue.
- Tuesday, February 17** Annual Fresno-Clovis Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. at Fresno Convention Center, Exhibit Hall. Text (559)696-5275 or email alicia@fresnoclovisprayerbreakfast.com
- Tuesday, February 17** Deadline to register for FCCRWF February 24 luncheon
- Tuesday, February 24** FCCRWF Luncheon, Pardini’s, 12:00 noon. Doors open 11:15 a.m. Details this issue.
- Monday, March 9** FCCRWF “Read to Know” Book Club, (10:00-11:30 a.m.) Details this issue.
- Monday, March 16** March for Life, State Capitol, Sacramento. Details this issue
- March 20-21** CFRW Board of Directors Meeting and Conference, Win-River Casino, Redding, CA
- Saturday, March 21** FCCRWF’s first Home Mixer, hosted by Jo Souza. To register, visit www.fresnorepublicanwomen.org

