September 2019

CFRW SOUTHERN DIVISION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
Board of Directors Brunch Meeting and Speaker

MICHAEL REAGAN

Woodland Hills Country Club
21150 Dumetz Road
Woodland Hills

Learn more about Michael Reagan.
Read page 4.

Please join us for brunch and a truly captivating speaker.

RESERVATION $30.00

DEADLINE Before August 26

Payable to CFRW Southern Division
Mail to Karen Jerpseth
27794 Soller
Mission Viejo CA 92692
Kajerpseth@gmail.com
President’s Message
Christine Flynn

Everything we do, we do with a mission, and a purpose.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 4 Board of Directors’ Meeting and Brunch. We are excited about having Michael Reagan speak to us in September. Consider carpooling to our meeting in Woodland Hills to meet the eldest son of former President Ronald Reagan and one of the most DYNAMIC and sought after public speakers in the public arena today. Thanks to 1st VP Victoria Wilson for providing us with this program. Mail in your reservations to be received by August 26 to ensure a seat.

Congratulations to the 24 clubs that have already reached 100% or more of their end of 2018 membership numbers. We look forward to seeing more clubs added to this group next month.

Thank you to all our members who are out in the community, registering voters, rallying in support of President Donald Trump, against Planned Parenthood clinics, and more recently protesting the pornographic, immoral, and age inappropriate content within proposed Department of Education K-12 health curriculum guidelines.

Thanks to all of you who have worked this summer at Voter Registration booths in your community. You are making a difference in your neighborhood, and this is just the start of the 2020 election season.

The other party may have won elections last time, but this has only given us fuel to feed our fire. We must work harder and smarter this election. Our candidates are preparing much earlier, and we need to be ready to help them win. You are the "boots on the ground" for the 2020 Election Cycle.

Many clubs throughout Southern California are actively registering Republicans at their county and community fairs. Cynthia Thacker, President of Orange County FRW has initiated a program of registering Republicans at DMV offices, encouraging members to do the same in other counties. One innovative startup has mushroomed into a program that should be continued throughout the entire state. This not only leads to more registered Republican voters, but also interest and growth in our Federated clubs. Cynthia saw a need and created a solution and is actively mentoring others that wish to do the same. Be a major force and Apply for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. See page 8 details in this newsletter for the application process.

Be sure you are registering for the upcoming NFRW and CFRFW conventions. Delegates will vote on proposed bylaw amendments, including proposed dues increases and elect new officers. Encourage others in your clubs to attend. Each club is entitled to a Delegate position for the President or her representative, and one Alternate position. Check the NFRW website now for registration. The CFRFW Call to Convention will be distributed in September. We look forward to seeing you there representing your club.

Thank you all you do for the Federation and our Party.

Christine
Dear Members of the CFRW:

Make your HOTEL ROOM reservations now before hotel rooms are all sold out.

Let me (Nam–Yong Horn – nyhorn@yahoo.com) know if you are attending Name, Cell #, Division, and Club's full name, not abbreviation).

We have a California CFRW Hospitality Suite for members and guests to gather and network with other state delegation, etc. This will be a fun and exciting NFRW Convention.

The CFRW Hospitality Suite event coordinator is Sandy Pope.

### From the NFRW ###

As our most dedicated members we wanted to be sure that you were among the first to know that registration for the 40th Biennial Convention is officially open on the NFRW website. I have included the tentative agenda for the Convention below, which includes the pre–convention Board Meeting and Leadership Institute training. You can read more about our about the Friday afternoon "Leadership and Communications" Seminar on our "Tentative Schedule of Events Page" here: http://www.nfrw.org/convention-indianapolis-schedule.

Click on the following link to register today: http://www.nfrw.org/convention-indianapolis. You are now able to book your room at the NFRW rate of ($229). Rooms are eligible to be booked after registration has been completed.

As a member you must register yourself for the Convention through your own personal NFRW account. Guest tickets may be purchased after the your registration selections have been made. Feel free to send any questions or concerns to Liz Matro at lmatro@nfrw.org.

**Registration**

*Early Registration $449*

Through – July 15 (midnight EDT)

*Regular Registration $485*

July 16 – August 29 (midnight EDT)

*Late Registration $530*

August 30 – September 21 (midnight EDT)

*After September 21, the price for the Full Convention registration is $610.

**Hotel**

JW Marriott Indianapolis
10 S West Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

The NFRW room rate is $229 (plus taxes and fees) per night.
(317) 860–5800

**Tentative Schedule of Events**

*Thursday, September 26, 2019*

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Convention Registration / Information Desk Open

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: State Federation Presidents Meeting (state federation presidents only)
**Friday, September 27, 2019**
9:00 am – 6:00 pm: Convention Registration / Information Desk Open
10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: NFRW Leadership and Communications Seminar, presented by the Leadership Institute

**Early Evening: Welcome Reception (at hotel)**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**
8:00 am – 5:00 pm: Convention Registration / Information Desk Open
9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Convention General Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Luncheon
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Workshops
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Achievement Awards Ceremony

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**
6:00 am – 12:00 pm: Convention Registration / Information Desk Open (opens at 6:00 am if voting necessary; otherwise, will open at 7:00 am)
6:30 am – 8:00 am: Polls Open – Election of National Officers (if voting necessary)
7:30 am – 8:00 am: Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Convention General Session
12:00 pm: Networking Buffet Luncheon (no program)
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Post-Convention Board Meeting and Election of Members-at-Large
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Post-Convention Executive Committee Meeting

* All events are scheduled at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

Schedule is subject to change. Start and end times may be slightly adjusted, but the days of the activities will probably not be changed.

**Transportation**
The closest airport to the JW Marriott Indianapolis is the Indianapolis International Airport – IND
There is onsite garage parking

Please visit the NFRW Website today to learn more about:
* The NFRW Biennial Convention in Indianapolis: [http://www.nfrw.org/conventions](http://www.nfrw.org/conventions)
* The NFRW Regents Program: [http://www.nfrw.org/regents](http://www.nfrw.org/regents)
* And other ways to support the NFRW: [http://www.nfrw.org/contribute-whygive](http://www.nfrw.org/contribute-whygive)

**UNITED ~ WE ~ WIN**
Nam-Yong Horn, President
**California Federation of Republican Women**
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nyhorn@yahoo.com
CFRW 2019 Fall 41st Biennial Convention Announcement

California Federation of Republican Women

CFRW 2019 Fall 41st Biennial Convention
CFRW 95th Anniversary
"Heralding the Past... Envisioning the Future"
October 18 – 20
Bakersfield, California

Bakersfield Marriott Hotel at the Convention Center
801 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93301

In less than three months CFRW will hold its 41st Biennial Convention celebrating 95 years of service to the California Republican Party. Important decisions will be made impacting CFRW’s future. As devoted members, you will want to be part of these decisions. It will also be a convention of enjoyment, excellent speakers, and an opportunity to meet with friends. During the coming weeks you will be frequently updated regarding the many planned convention activities.

Below you will find directions for completing hotel reservations, as well as a brief overall convention schedule, which you see begins on Friday afternoon (10/18).

CFRW Convention, 2019 will begin on a festive note: Friday evening (5:30 to 11:00pm). An evening at Bakersfield’s famous Crystal Palace: Western menu, music, dancing, showtime, and renewing friendships will make for an unforgettable evening. It will also provide an opportunity to meet and chat with CFRW’s Officer Candidates.

Also: Stay Tuned......

Tomorrow a major announcement will be sent each of you regarding Saturday evenings Convention Banquet Celebration Speaker. You will be extremely pleased!

It is my pleasure serving as your Convention Chairperson. This Convention will be a team effort... and what a team! Thank you for contributing you time and talent. See you in Bakersfield!

Diane McGlinchey, CFRW Convention Chairperson
CFRW's "Call to Convention" will be sent in August

Hotel Reservations Instructions
Here is the Hotel room reservation link, no code needed: (tentative schedule is below)

**Book your group rate for CA Federation of Republican Women**

- Hotel special group rate: Last Day to book: Friday, September 27, 2019
- Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center for 139 USD per night

**By Phone:**
To book a reservation for the CA Federation of Republican Women please call Sara Walker @ (661)565–9320
- Monday – Friday from 9am – 6pm.
- Her email is Sara.Walker@BakersfieldMarriott.com.
- Please reference CFRW or CA Federation of Republican Women.

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**Tentative Convention Schedule**

**Friday (10/18) – 1:30pm – 4:30pm**
- General BOD Meeting
- Speaker
- Ceremony honoring all CFRW Past Presidents
- (5:30) An evening at the Crystal Palace

**Saturday (10/19)**
- 9:00am to 11:00am –
- Bylaws
- Regional Director elections
- 12:00pm to 4:45pm –
- Color Guard
- Luncheon
- Speaker
- Bylaws

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**FEATURED BANQUET SPEAKER**

KEN STARR

Ken Starr served as independent counsel, investigating the Clinton administration from 1994 to 1999. His distinguished legal career also includes service as solicitor general of the United States under President George H. W. Bush, as a federal court of appeals judge nominated by President Reagan, and as a law clerk to Supreme Court chief justice Warren Burger. He served as president of Baylor University from 2010 to 2016 and as dean of Pepperdine School of Law from 2004 to 2010. Ken Starr has had a distinguished career in academia, the law and public service.

CFRW Members are extremely grateful having Ken and Alice Starr present, as CFRW celebrates 95 years of service and devotion to the Republican Party.
# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY**

INFORM YOUR MEMBERS OF THESE MEETING DATES, EVENTS & DEADLINES.

*Be aware of these dates when scheduling county & club events.*

**DATES AND LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Save these 2019 dates.

?? Are you filling in your 2019 calendar with Federation events ??

?? Are you passing on these dates to your members ??

?? Are you scheduling your meetings and events so not to conflict with Federation meetings, conferences and conventions ??

?? Are you attending upper level meetings to gain valuable information for you and your club ??

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**PRESIDENTS’ PINS**

**NEW CHAIRMAN**

Nancy Meade Cotton  
29385 Port Royal Way  
Laguna Niguel CA 92677  
girlgardening@cox.net

It is customary for clubs to present a NFRW president’s pin to their club’s incoming president, and a past president’s pin to the outgoing/retiring president.

Order your pins today to be ready for 2020.

$8.00 each  
Send check to Nancy.

Check payable to CFRW

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**For our nation**

Heavenly Father, we look to You alone for the future of America. By Your Providence, You have placed each of us here at this time in history to be in this nation. Thank You for this blessing. Help us to love one another. Thank You for America.

*St John’s Lutheran Church, Orange*
Michael Reagan is the eldest son of former President Ronald Reagan and one of the most DYNAMIC and sought-after public speakers in the public arena today. His commitments to public service and the conservative vision his father championed are second to none, making him the natural heir to the Reagan Conservative Legacy. He is an expert on President Ronald Reagan's values and principals.


Mr. Reagan is also the founder and chairman of The Reagan Group, LLC. All his activities are brought together at www.Reagan.com<http://www.reagan.com/>.

Throughout his career, Michael has taken time to support numerous charitable organizations. To name a few: The Reagan Legacy Foundation<http://www.reaganlegacyfoundation.org/>, The John Douglas French Alzheimer’s Foundation, My Stuff Bags Foundation<http://www.mystuffbags.org/>, and Arrow Child and Family Ministries<http:// www.arrow.org/>. Michael has raised millions of dollars for many other notable charities including United States Olympic Team, Cystic Fibrosis, Juvenile Diabetes Foundations, the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund, the Santa Barbara and San Diego Navy Leagues, and the San Diego Armed Services YMCA.

> He is a popular national speaker on issues related to conservative politics, adoption, and the life lessons he learned from his parents

Please join us at Woodland Hills Country Club, 21150 Dumetz Road, Woodland Hills for brunch and a truly captivating speaker.
MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

UNITED WE WIN
Action Items for Improving
Republican Women, Federated Club

Elaine Anthony, Vice President-Membership

September 2019 Issue

CFRW SOUTHERN DIVISION

Presidents and Membership Chairs must be proactive and continually stress the importance of membership renewals and recruitment of new members in order to grow. This is important for the upcoming mid-term elections to keep the Trump victory momentum.

**California Voter Registration:**
Democrat Party 45%
Republican Party 26%
All Other Parties 29%.

To be proactive, assembling a working Membership Committee (directed by your Membership Chair with a few veteran and new members) is recommended for the purpose of planning and steering your membership efforts. Plan to involve all members to grow your club membership.

From experience, taking a personal interest in helping perspective members learn about RWF and inviting them to events (candidate forums, speaker luncheons, etc.) is an important element in the recruitment process.

Some specific actions are:

1. Each month send a letter/email to all members, stressing the importance of membership renewals and recruitment of new members. Encourage members to bring in at least two new members this year. This will require members to be knowledgeable about the RWF and of upcoming events to invite prospective members to attend (include 2 membership applications, an upcoming event flyers and/or a current newsletter and/or all the conferences.  Without a doubt, this will help promote your club’s membership via other channels.

2. At each event:
   a. Allow the Membership Chair time to promote membership, proudly introduce new members and reward members who have recruited new members.
   b. At each event circulate fliers for your next event or place them at every place setting. Get members excited and interested while the momentum is ignited.

3. Host quarterly or semiannual New Member Socials at a member’s home. Encourage each new member to bring guests. Have a sign-up table to get the new members involved in all the open positions your club may have. This will expand your membership team. Have copies of all job descriptions, which are available in the Southern Division Guidebook.

4. Whenever your club schedules a speaker who resides in your community (get their permission) to present them with a certificate making them an Honorary Associate Member of your club. As associate members they will receive your clubs’ newsletters and invitations for future events. Their presence at events could create interest to guests and potential new members. They may also can help promote your club’s membership via other channels.

5. Consider hosting a Membership Workshop for your club members, conducted by your Executive Committee focusing on all levels of the Executive Committee and Board Positions.

6. Whenever you are providing a prospect with a membership application, always give them a copy of your current newsletter, one that contains a calendar of ALL future events. Events that your club is hosting, along with conferences hosted by Counties, Divisions, State of California,(cfrw.org) and The National Federation,(nfrw.org). All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Conventions and Conferences at all the levels. Calendars at all the levels are available on the respective web site, Southern Division (cfrwsoutherndivision.org) It is so important for your club to be ACTIVE with your members at any or all the conferences. Without a doubt, this will absolutely create Membership Retention.

7. If your club is experiencing delays with renewals, consider getting a PAST DUE stamp from Staples. Send a Past Due invoice. Include a return stamped self-addressed envelope.

8. The week after an event is the best time to send out your clubs’ newsletter. The cover page should be the announcement, invitation/flier for you next event. Each newsletter should include a detailed one-page article for membership that includes an application with contact information and benefits of being a member in your dynamic organization.

9. Consider “BE OUR GUEST” invitation to a limited number of prospective members for each event. This would be a special printed invitation that would include the details for the event such as the speaker, time and place, and the contact information for the reservation. Membership would incur the responsibility to follow up with the guest by providing her with an application and copy of your most recent newsletter.

*Continued in page 6*
10. Introduce a buddy system within your club. Enlist your seasoned members to mentor a new member, invite them to sit with you at events and introduce them to other members. Make them feel welcome and encourage them to attend other functions/events. Get their contact information and reach out to them on a regular basis.

11. Vary events that will appeal to all/many. Consider adding one of the following:
   a. Book club, with a potluck lunch, hosted at a member’s home.
   b. Morning Coffee for Conservatives hosted at a member’s home. Schedule a qualified speaker to discuss a current topic, i.e. health care, immigration, school board, gas tax, infrastructure, homelessness, drugs in your community, gangs, etc.
   c. Cocktails for Conservatives or Chips and Chat. Social gatherings to bond with likeminded Republicans.
   d. Weekend afternoon teas, social gathering with likeminded Republicans.

12. Review past per capita reports and rosters and find people who have not renewed. Contact them and invite them to the next scheduled event.

13. Encourage Associate Memberships to your club, spouses, business owners, members of other organizations in your community, Republican candidates in your community. They may know someone they could invite as a guest. This becomes a prospect for full membership.

14. Plan a membership contest for your club. Share your successes with other clubs.

15. A good way to advertise your club is business cards. Design a patriotic card with your club logo and your contact information. Update your club’s website and Facebook page on a regular basis.

16. Coordinate events with Membership, everything about the club and its events are for the members. Membership remains the core of the club.

17. Consider starting a “MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP” for college Republicans, where the club will pay the annual per capita for the college student until such time that they graduate. The commitment from them is the following:

18. After graduation they will join and pay the renewal membership dues to your club as a full member- or a club in the vicinity of where they will reside. This will enable the clubs to gain younger members and continue the process for the long haul. A good source for recruiting college Republicans is the local schools’ clubs. Join them for a meeting, create fliers, and send letters along with applications and your clubs’ newsletter.

19. The college members are a wonderful addition to your club. Their expertise in technology is valuable for many of the club’s functions, newsletters, social media, programs, rallies, voter registration and all campaign functions.

20. Democrats & Republicans Contrasted, revised 2016 Booklets. Can be reprinted for distribution at Voter Registration events, Community Fairs, Independent Voters etc. Contact Bonnie Parsley via email parsley279@gmail.com to get your copy for printing purposes. Patriotic cover page is available via Paper Direct.com.

21. Campaign headquarters are a way to acquire new members. The prospect could be a volunteer or someone who has come by to pick up yard signs or literature. Always have membership applications available with your club’s most recent newsletter. Get names and contact information for follow up.

22. Candidate “Meet and Greet” is another means for acquiring new members for your club. Always have membership applications available. Get names and contact information for follow up.

23. Gift a new member; consider giving a relative, neighbor, friend an annual membership to your club. The gift could be for a birthday, thank you, Christmas, Hanukkah, graduation, etc. Each club would design their membership application to support the GIFT function.

24. During each campaign cycle, walk around your neighborhood and look for yard signs promoting our Republican candidates. Take note of their address. At some point, make proper introductions or leave a note at their front door with your contact information, a club brochure, or an invitation to your next club event. Eventually, you could expand your efforts to the next couple of streets. Watch your membership grow.

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**California Federation Republican Women**  
**SOUTHERN DIVISION**  
**2019 Per Capita Recap #7**

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TOTAL:

- 120
- 36
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- 8,343
- 7,438
- 2,509
- 2,102
- 10,852
- 9,539
Racing to Indy
National Federation of Republican Women
40th Biennial Convention.
Indianapolis, Indiana
September 26-29, 2019

NFRW Slate of Officers for 2020-2021 Announced

The 2019 Nominating Committee has unanimously nominated the following Slate of Officers to serve the National Federation of Republican Women for the 2020-21 term:

- **PRESIDENT:** Ann Schockett  
  New York
- **1st VICE PRESIDENT:** Eileen Sobjack  
  Washington
- **2nd VICE PRESIDENT:** Julie Harris  
  Arkansas
- **3rd VICE PRESIDENT:** Frances Taylor  
  Alabama
- **4th VICE PRESIDENT:** Martha Jenkins  
  North Carolina
- **SECRETARY:** Vanessa LaFranco  
  New Jersey
- **TREASURER:** Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman  
  Illinois

Special thanks to Nominating Committee Chair Vivian Dailey (MS) and committee members Jan DeWeese (MO), Dee Drewry (WA), Suzanne Heinzmann (IN), Beverly Owensby (SC), Daryl Reynolds (TX) and Pat Smith (NC) and to alternates Karen Smith (NY) and Georgia Davis (WY). The 2020-21 officers will be elected at the 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis in September.

CONGRATULATIONS
Daryl Reynolds, former CFRW member, who moved to Texas, was selected to be on the NFRW 2020-2012 Nominating Committee.

ENJOYING SOME CHUCKLES

IF YOU SEE ME TALKING TO MYSELF
I'M JUST GETTING EXPERT ADVICE.

I'M NOT ALWAYS RIGHT
BUT I'M NEVER WRONG

THIS IS WHAT A GENIUS LOOKS LIKE

INSUFFICIENT MEMORY AT THIS TIME

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS NO MATCH FOR HUMAN STUPIDITY

NEGATIVE PEOPLE AND EXPECT TO LIVE A POSITIVE LIFE
2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission

Christine Flynn
christineflynrwrfr@gmail.com

Be a major force and Apply for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We should all apply for this commission. We will have a say in the redistricting process if we have members on this commission. Federated members are more knowledgeable than most about civic engagement and fair representation.

California voters authorized the creation of the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) when they passed the Voters FIRST Act in 2008. The Act requires the State Auditor to initiate and implement an application process for selecting the 14 members of the Commission.

You can apply for the 2020 Commission if you meet the minimum eligibility requirements:
- Have been a registered voter since July 1, 2015 (check voter registration status);
- Have been registered without a, or "independent" of any, political party (decline-to-state or no party preference) or registered with the same political party since July 1, 2015; and
- Voted in at least two of the last three statewide general elections.
- However, an applicant is ineligible to serve on the Commission if the applicant has a conflict of interest as defined by the Act within the 10 years prior to submitting an application.

Go to the website for details: shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov

WHY APPLY?
- Opportunity of a Decade – If you believe politics are better when all sides work together and if you have a passion for civic engagement, this is the opportunity of a decade.
- Power to Draw Fair Lines – Ten years ago, voters gave Californians the power to draw fair district lines that best reflect the interests of the people, not the incumbent political parties.
- Fair Representation - You can help ensure fair representation for all Californians and make sure your community's voice is heard.

WHO SELECTS THE COMMISSION?
The Applicant Review Panel reviews qualified application materials to identify and interview 120 of the most qualified applicants—40 from each of the three subpools (Democrat, Republican & Neither Democrat or Republican)
All panel actions, including applicant interviews, occur during public meetings, which will be live-streamed and accessible to the public.
The panel will identify 60 of the most qualified applicants—20 from each subpool—and submit the list of 60 names to the four legislative leaders.
The four Legislative leaders can each remove up to two applicants from each of the three subpools. Thus, up to eight names can be removed from each subpool.
The remaining names are returned to the California State Auditor, who randomly selects the first eight commissioners.
Those eight commissioners select the remaining six to establish the 14-member 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Having Federated members on this commission ensures a fair objective commission creating our new districts.
I’ve already applied. Have you?

The communities of El Paso, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; Gilroy, California; South Haven, Mississippi; Lake Hallie and La Fayette, Wisconsin; Brownsville, New York as they grieve the loss of community members killed in shootings.
Dear Lord, look to the victims in time of trouble, fear, and doubt; and to share Your love with others.
COUNTY PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS

Orange County
Cynthia Thacker
Cell 714-749-6585

Our last OCFRW Board of Directors’ meeting will be

NOVEMBER 7TH

FINALE” - RECOGNIZE THE PAST / INSPIRE NEW BEGINNINGS.

Our finale meeting will be full of memories and showing a “new” path. We will have a special presentation showcasing all OCFRW Past Presidents and plenty of OCFRW Club Membership Awards. Most important we will have a Special Memento for all 2019 “NEW” members who attend. We are also excited to announce Bill Whittle as our keynote speaker.

Our final OCFRW Pat Nixon Scholarship will be awarded in November 2019 before the county organization dissolves.

We are short of our fundraising goal and need to solicit more donations.
Cynthia Thacker, OCFRW President 2018-2019,
5592 Monticello
Buena Park CA 90621
(714) 749-6585.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
Gale Hunt
949-910-1751
galehunt@gmail.com

Summer is half over. Clubs are dark, but we San Bernardino County Federation of Republican Women are busy planning and thinking of ways to grow our membership, increase our presence in our respective communities and ways to join with other Republican organizations to get our candidates elected in order to “Make American Great Again”, starting right here in California where the Democrats policies have made our beautiful state one of filth, poverty and poor education with one of the largest spreads between the rich and the poor, much like a third-world country. We are eager to get busy to make a difference!

Our San Bernardino County GOP Central Committee Executive Director, Regina Santamaria, has been reaching out to our clubs offering workshops to inform us about changes in voting procedures that we need to make in order to get our candidates elected—most important! Our clubs will resume their regular meetings in September.
As of June 27, 2019, California has a 2019-20 budget in the amount of $214.8 billion.

“The budget builds on the strong budget proposal of the governor (Newsom), while adding significant legislative priorities,” said Democratic State Senator Holly Mitchell, who leads the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. “The budget agreement maintains our agreement to responsible budgeting, which includes the largest reserves in history — over $20 billion — finally paying off the remaining wall of debt from the Great Recession and making supplemental pension payments.”

Says Bryan Anderson, writing for the Sacramento Bee, “Dog parks, playgrounds, and a theater: the California budget is loaded with earmarks” Republicans consider spending for such local projects largely unnecessary, and refer to the projects as “pork.” They’re highlighting a range from about $150 million to $425 million, depending on which items from the budget are included.

“I see a lot of money going to all kinds of districts for pork,” said Sen. John Moorlach, R-Costa Mesa, whose own district will benefit from a $1 million grant approved for a city park. He said he didn’t ask for it.

It took me 2 hours to scroll through this new budget – that’s not reading, just scrolling and picking out a few things as I scrolled. Very interesting! You can do that, too. Go to http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB74

Remember the fiscally conservative side of former Governor Brown? There were items that he would not allow in previous budgets. Well, they are now included in this one.

They do pay lip service to some Republican priorities – like paying down the debt and the unfunded employee pension fund, and funding short term projects rather than making them ongoing. (But don’t forget, “California has $1.5 trillion in debt and on the top of it, that we have $258 billion unfunded pension liability. Consider these figures in comparison with how much the budget will pay down.).

If they get the funds anticipated, the plan is to end the year with total reserves of $19.2 billion, of which $16.5 billion is in the Rainy Day Fund, $1.4 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, $900 million in the Safety Net Reserve, and nearly $400 million in the Public School System Stabilization Account.

The Budget makes an extra payment of $9 billion over the next four years to pay down unfunded pension liabilities. This includes $3 billion to CalPERS and $2.9 billion to CalSTRS on behalf of the state, and $3.15 billion to CalSTRS and CalPERS on behalf of schools.

Regarding health care, the Budget invests $1.45 billion over three years to increase Covered California health insurance premium support for low-income Californians – and provides premium support for the first time to qualified middle-income individuals earning up to $72,000 and families of four earning up to $150,000, partially funded by restoration of an enforceable Individual Mandate.

It expands paid family leave from six to eight weeks for each parent or caretaker of a newborn child, potentially allowing a child to benefit from as much as four months of paid family leave.

The Budget invests $1.75 billion in the production and planning of new housing. It includes support to local governments to increase housing production. (I have heard about both carrot and stick approaches, but I am not clear on what they are).

These are just a very small sample of items in the budget. In all, it looks like the legislature and the governor anticipate a strong economy. How did that come about? Do you think Trump’s policies had anything to do with it?

**Low income illegals from birth to age 26 now are covered with Health Insurance.**

The bill covering adults ages 18 to 26 was signed by Governor Newsom on July 9, 2019.

Since 2016, California has already provided taxpayer-backed health care to all children (both legal and undocumented) under the age of 18.

Neither plan covers all unauthorized immigrants under 26 - only those whose incomes are low enough to qualify. But the qualifications are generous.

Republican State Senator Jeff Stone said at a May legislative hearing. “We are going to be a magnet that is going to further attract people to a state of California that's willing to write a blank check to anyone that wants to come here,” "We are doing a disservice to citizens who legally call California their home."

And what about the cost? They say that the new spending will be offset by a fine on uninsured Californians similar to the “individual mandate” imposed at the federal level under Obamacare and subsequently reversed by the Trump administration.
THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF IMMIGRATION

Trying to keep up with what’s happening with immigration is absolutely impossible to do, when everything is changing daily and with both President Trump and the Democrats locked in a terrible feud with polarizing stands. We have to admire his steadfast focus on trying to deal with the invasion of asylees at the Southern border, and calling on all kinds of resources and standing up against practically everybody - the House and Senate Democrats, the (firing) Squad of AOC et alia, the judiciary, the fake media, etc. that have demonized him and the Republicans who support him.

It has long been proven that Democrats want open borders by any means, because the strategy works to strengthen their power base, and unfortunately Republicans are affiliated with corporate and business interests tied to cheap labor. In the meantime, little attention is shown to population explosion, diminishing resources of water, land, food, infrastructure, housing, etc., economic and cultural challenges, and a dislocation of traditional values because too many immigrants lack the time or the will to assimilate. For progressives there is no moral imperative for loyalty or patriotism any more. Listen to Congresswoman Ilhan Omar condemning Israel and the country that has given her refuge, education, support and the opportunity and means to achieve the highest honor of serving the land.

In my last article I’ve drawn attention to the fact that the southern border is inundated with hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers each month from Central America’s Northern Triangle (Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala). It peaked in May with about 143,000 arrivals and the humanitarian crisis was very evident because the Border Patrol, detention places and immigration judges were overrun, all the while with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer denying that there is a crisis and it was manufactured by the President. Lawful separation of children and parents, miserable detention facilities and lack of resources were caused by the President. Lawful separation of children and parents, miserable detention facilities and lack of resources were caused by the Democrats withholding funds that would have relieved the invasion of asylees at the Southern border, and calling on practically all kinds of resources and standing up against the Democrats and their cohorts. Sanctuary cities have risen to defend illegals against ICE raids. The most recent ones targeting 2000 criminals for deportation only netted 35, partly because the President publicly announced it beforehand.

Recent Developments:

U.S. – Mexico Agreement:

By threatening to place tariffs on Mexico, President Trump was able to enter an agreement with Mexico to step up its own immigration enforcement at the southern border with Guatemala by deploying 6,500 of its incipient National Guard and 15,000 more on its northern border with the U.S. Law enforcement now raid La Bestia, the train used illegally by migrants to take them across to the U.S, and they now ask bus companies to require immigration documents from people before riding buses across the country.

Furthermore, Mexico also expanded the Migrant Protection Protocol, which has doubled the number of applicants requesting asylum to stay in Mexico until their U.S. court hearings. Since the agreement in June, there is a 28% drop of the number of people detained after crossing. Still Mexico detained 29,000 in June, up 200% compared to a year ago.

Interestingly, most migrants come from Honduras (46%), Guatemala (26%), and Salvador (10%). But there are also Haitians, Cubans, Nicaraguans, Cameroonians, Congolese, Angolans, Indians, Bangladeshis and Sri Lankans.

Bilateral Budget Passed:

The Senate passed a broad two-year budget deal that boosts spending and eliminates the threat of a debt default until after the 2020 election. Conservative Republicans voted against it as it will increase military and domestic spending by $320 billion over two years. It will increase overall discretionary spending from $1.32 trillion in fiscal 2019 to $1.37 trillion in 2020 and $1.375 trillion in 2021. The national debt is now $22 trillion. The government spends roughly $4.4 trillion and will bring $3.5 trillion, leaving the gap between $900 billion and $1 trillion. We’re living dangerously! Previously Congress finally passed $4.5 billion funding bill for the border. Also the Supreme Court recently allowed the President to withdraw funds from the Pentagon to fund the border wall.

All of this does not solve the immigration problem.

1. California with 26.9% of the nation’s illegal alien population, is giving every benefit conceivable to them, including health care.

2. The White House (with Jared Kushner) is drafting a comprehensive immigration bill that will reschedule the existing legal system to include a more merit based system and limiting visas given to family members of U.S. residents, beef up border security, include mandatory use of E-Verify, restrict asylum procedures, etc.

IMMEDIATE ACTION ALERT:

Please call Speaker Nancy Pelosi (202-225-0100) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (202-224-2158) and your Democrat Congressman and Senator to CHANGE THE ASYLUM LAWS and ALSO PASS S2059 and HR 3964 the Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act!
The continuing invasion at our southern border from Central American caravans is still being completely ignored by mainstream media and the Democrats, and frantically addressed by President Trump’s numerous futile attempts to stop it. It’s pitiful that Laura Ingraham, from Fox News, consistently investigates what the truth is that’s happening at the border. But if Democrats visit it at all, they’re there to criticize the “mistreatment” of the refugees, not to address the Border Patrol’s inability to deal with the situation due to lack of facilities, supplies and personnel. The Democrats have opposed and not offered any solutions although it has become a humanitarian and national security crisis, principally because they hate the President and wish to make this a 2020 election issue.

The numbers are unbelievable. Although less Mexicans are coming here illegally, those from Central America have climbed up exponentially. In 2018 total apprehensions were 400,000. In March, the Border Patrol dealt with more than 100,000, including 58,474 members of family units, and in April the Border Patrol took 109,144 migrants into custody and about 140,000 in May! At this rate apprehensions will climb to 1.2 million easily this year! Remember this is just immigrants claiming refugee status! And the Democrats continue to insist there is no humanity crisis at the border!

Causes of Central American Migration:
Countries from the Northern Triangle (Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala) have weak institutions riddled with government corruption, and rising levels of crime (transnational criminal organizations use these countries for a range of illicit activities, including transporting 90% of cocaine bound for the U.S.). Citizens are victims of crime and disasters like drought and earthquakes that periodically hit these countries because of climate variability, and the inability of impoverished governments to protect and help them. Additionally, they migrate to the U.S. because of the attraction of family reunification, economic opportunity, public safety and public benefits (good education, health care, living conditions etc). Refugees span across the U.S. and become dependent on local and federal government benefits to support them.

Role of Department of Homeland Security:
Liberal twit Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez led the charge to dismantle ICE, without familiarizing herself with the important functions of ICE, so let’s revise what the roles of the government agencies under DHS do as regards to immigration.

Current Rampant Abuse of Asylum Laws.

Customs and Border Protection –(CBP) or Border Patrol secures U.S. borders at and between ports of entry.

Currently the Border Patrol is so tied up with simply dealing with the flood of humanity (including saving lives of migrants crossing the Rio Grande) at ports of entry that they do not have the time to prevent drug and human smuggling in between.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Protects country from cross border crime and illegal immigration that threatens national security and public safety. ICE does internal enforcement. It oversees detention centers, removes deportable aliens.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

USCIS is responsible for adjudication and naturalization petitions, consideration of refugee and asylum claims and related humanitarian and international concerns.

Central American families have rushed to come here because coyotes have told them that if they came with children and surrender themselves on U.S. soil and ask for asylum, they will stand a better chance to be detained and released (catch and release) given a hearing by a judge, which will not be for years because of the huge backlog. Invariably the immigrant asylees do not return for a hearing to determine the validity of their case.

Immediate Action Required:

Asylum law loopholes have to be closed. The Flores amendment has to be ended, so children would not be separated from their parents. Tighten admissibility rules to exclude gang members, criminals etc. Ask Speaker Pelosi (202-225-0100) and Senate Minority Leader Schumer (202-224-2158) to grant President Trump’s request to bolster funding for humanitarian aid and more enforcement support, etc (no wall) immediately.

Change Asylum Rules!

Support HR 517 (Rep Mike Johnson) the Closing Asylum Loophole Act to increase the asylum request threshold to establish “more probable than not fear” the possibility of persecution, to lessen spurious claims.