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A Message from Our President

Hello, RRWF Members - Welcome Back!



Cathy Kneer, President

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to gather together again. With a very important election ahead, we will have plenty of information to study and share. It is essential that we help get this information out to others!

We also have much to look forward to during the final months of the year. We will be electing a new board, enjoying great programs in September and October, and, of course, celebrating our Elegance of Christmas Tea in November. Be sure to read through this issue for more information about these upcoming events.

I would also like to acknowledge that our newsletter editor, Linda Parham, is currently experiencing some health issues. Please join me in keeping Linda in your prayers. We wish her a smooth recovery and hope to have her back next month with our regular newsletter.

At the end of September, I will be attending the CFRW Fall Board Meeting and Conference in Burbank. I look forward to bringing back valuable information and sharing a report upon my return.

I love fall most of all, and I look forward to a wonderful season with all of you!

Cathy Kneer

President

Guest Speaker: Chuck Kinnie



ABOUT CHUCK

Chuck Kinnie was born in Joplin, Missouri, in 1947 and moved to Orange County, California, in 1955. He married his wife, Judy, in 1965, and they have shared more than 60 years together. Chuck joined the U.S. Army in June 1967 and completed Army helicopter pilot training in 1970. He served as a scout pilot with the 1st Cavalry Division from 1970 to 1971 and was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star. In 2009, Chuck returned to Vietnam as a tourist and became involved in MIA recovery operations.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 16 at Noon

Red Lion Hotel | Cost: $30

Online: www.rrwf-sc.org

RSVP to Cathy Kneer

Call/text 530-524-6187

ckneer@aol.com

MUST RSVP TO ATTEND

★ RRWF ★

2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

2027 NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The 2026 Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of nominees for the 2027 RRWF Executive Officers:

President:	**Erin Ryan**
1st Vice President:	**Cathy Kneer**
2nd Vice President:	**Leslie Williem**
3rd Vice President:	**Patty Ostrowski**
Recording Secretary:	**Fran Belden**
Membership Secretary:	**Pam Barnhart**
Treasurer:	**Nanette Emmen**

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thank you to the members of the 2026 Nominating Committee for their time, thoughtful consideration, and dedication to the continued leadership and success of RRWF.

Leslie Williem, Chair	**Pam Barnhart**
Patty Ostrowski	**Nanette Emmen**
Cathy Kneer	**Kathleen White, Alternate**

Thank you to each nominee for agreeing to serve and for your continued commitment to RRWF.

REDDING REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED (RRWF)

Presents

The Maurice & Marianne Johannessen Veteran Success Center Tour

Honouring All Veterans with a FREE Lunch

when: **Oct. 21st Noon**

where: **Simpson University**
Collard Humphries Dining Hall



Handicap Transportation Provided

Seating is limited, please

RSVP

to Ginne by Oct 14th
530-524-3163


Please join us for
RRWF
ANNUAL
Elegance
of
Christmas Tea
at
WIN-RIVER
RESORT & CASINO
NOVEMBER 21, 2026
11:30AM
Be sure to reserve
your table with
Mary Spence
530-941-6463
spence@snowcrest.net

REDDING REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

2026 Woman of the Year

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

If you would like to nominate a member who you feel has provided exemplary service for the betterment of RRWF, please send a written nomination letter describing how this individual has shown her dedication.

A committee of past Woman of the Year recipients will review all nomination letters in September and vote in early October to select this year's honoree.

Selection Criteria

- She must be an active member of RRWF.
- She must be serving, or have served, in a leadership role.
- She must have worked to promote an informed public through political education and activity.
- She must work to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- She must have worked to promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party.
- She must have worked to encourage active citizenship.
- She must have cooperated with the Republican State and County Central Committees for the election of Republican candidates.
- She must display qualities of encouragement and friendship.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

Email your nomination letter to

paostrowski@hotmail.com

Questions? Call 530-945-5840

Informed Voters Make a Difference

KNOW THE ISSUES. KNOW YOUR VOTE.

One of my priorities as Communications Director is to expand the reach of Sacramento Republican Women Federated beyond our meetings and events - and put useful, credible information into the hands of voters.

California voters are asked to make decisions that directly affect our taxes, our businesses, our communities and our families. Yet understanding what legislation and ballot measures actually mean can be difficult. The language is complicated, the consequences aren't always obvious, and too often voters don't know what's at stake until it's too late.

WE WANT TO HELP CHANGE THAT.

SRWF is expanding our legislative and voter education efforts with clear, shareable information designed to help voters understand the issues and make informed decisions at the ballot box.

EXPERTISE BEHIND THE INFORMATION

We are fortunate to have Michaela Swainey serving as SRWF's Legislative Analyst. Michaela also serves as Legislative Analyst for the California Federation of Republican Women, bringing knowledge, research and a keen understanding of California legislation to our organization. Her work provides the substance. My job as Communications Director is to make sure that information doesn't stay within our organization - it gets into the hands of voters.

CALIFORNIA TAXES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

We begin with two companion pieces focused on California taxes. The first is informational - a straightforward look at proposed and pending tax increases that could affect Californians. The second is a Voter's Guide - highlighting key ballot measures and tax legislation, along with SRWF's recommended positions.

NOW HELP US GET THE WORD OUT.

Share it. Forward it. Print it. Send these guides to friends, family and fellow voters. Take them to meetings. Share them with your organizations and networks. The more people we reach, the more effective this effort becomes. Our goal is simple: educate voters, encourage informed decisions and make an impact at the ballot box.



SACRAMENTO REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

WHERE THEY STAND. YOU DECIDE.

KNOW THE ISSUES.
DEFEND YOUR VALUES.

DEMOCRAT/ PROGRESSIVE	ISSUE	REPUBLICAN/ CONSERVATIVE
FOR	Abortion for any reason up to birth	AGAINST
AGAINST	Right to Bear Arms	FOR
AGAINST	Legal immigration only	FOR
AGAINST	Deportation of those in country illegally	FOR
AGAINST	Pro law enforcement/ICE	FOR
AGAINST	Lower taxes for all families	FOR
FOR	Biological males in women's bathrooms and locker rooms	AGAINST
FOR	Biological males in women's sports	AGAINST
AGAINST	Parental rights over state rights	FOR
AGAINST	Strong defense and military	FOR
FOR	Pro-Communism/Socialism	AGAINST
FOR	Minors getting gender reassignment treatments without parental consent	AGAINST
FOR	Minors getting an abortion without parental consent	AGAINST
AGAINST	School vouchers to give parents a choice in their children's education	FOR
AGAINST	Working toward a color-blind society	FOR
AGAINST	Tighter controls on government spending and accountability	FOR
FOR	Censorship and limiting free speech	AGAINST
AGAINST	Acknowledging the Christian heritage of our nation	FOR

STAY INFORMED. STAY INVOLVED. THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.


SACRAMENTO
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
FEDERATED
Understand what these measures really do
YES ON PROP 39: Voter ID
California finally gets basic voter ID
YES ON PROP 41: Tax Accountability
Requires independent audits on any new state special taxes so politicians can't hide how your money is spent.
YES ON PROP 42: Stop The Savings Tax & Retroactive Taxes
Protects you from new personal property taxes and politicians reaching back to tax you for past years.
YES ON PROP 43: Protect Prop 13 – Stop The Tax Hikes
Closes the loophole that let some local taxes pass with only 50% + 1. Makes it harder to raise your taxes.
YES ON PROP 45: Fix CEQA – Cut The Building Red Tape
Reforms the broken environmental law that blocks housing, roads, and clean energy projects.
NO ON PROP 40: Everybody's Tax – Not Just Billionaires
A 5% wealth tax on net worth that could expand later and hit everyones savings and investments.
NO ON PROP 3: Permanent Income Tax Lock-In
Makes the "temporary" high income tax hike permanent — keeping California's highest-in-the-nation tax rates forever.
NO ON PROP 1: $11+ Billion More Debt
Another massive housing bond that adds to California's debt without fixing the real problems driving up housing costs.
NO ON PROP 38: $8.4 Billion Billionaire Research Giveaway
$8.4 billion in new state debt pushed by two billionaires to fund their preferred research projects.
NO ON PROP 44: Union Power Grab on Health Clinics
Pushed by the same union behind the wealth tax. Gives unions more control over community health clinics.
NO ON PROP 5: Makes Recalls Weaker
Changes the rules so it's harder to fully remove a statewide politician in one election.
NO ON PROP 4: Tax Payer Funded Campaigns
Lets politicians use taxpayer money to fund their own campaigns.
NO ON PROP 2: More Government Slush Funds
Makes it easier for Sacramento to keep and hide surplus money instead of returning it to taxpayers.
NO ON PROP 37: Taxpayer-Backed Developer Loans
Creates a state-backed loan program that mainly helps housing developers sell new homes using taxpayer resources.

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Vote for **Republican** Assemblymembers & Senators

10 Proposed California Tax Hikes Pending in 2026

if members of the Democrat Supermajority are not voted out of office.

Property Tax Hikes/Prop 13 Repeal: Politicians have gutted Prop 13 and want to fully repeal it with their Split-Roll Initiative – with their ultimate goal of increasing your property taxes on your home to today's assessed value! If that happens, the average homeowner will end up paying $6500-9000 more in property taxes annually.

Savings Tax: Politicians want a new tax on your personal savings and investments.

Wealth Tax: This initiative is incorrectly dubbed the "Billionaire's Tax" when it is actually an "Everybody's Tax" that would confiscate 5% of your entire savings each year.

Income Tax Hike: This initiative would make permanent a "temporary" income tax hike that gave California the highest tax rates in the nation.

Mileage Tax: Politicians are proposing a 6-cents per mile tax costing an average of $900 per driver per year!

Sales Tax Hike: We are tracking over 300 local sales tax hikes and now state politicians are looking a statewide sales tax hike. Soon every city will be at 10-11% sales tax rate for every item you purchase. Includes increases in sales, property, income, and business taxes.

Healthcare Tax: Politicians propose to double California state taxes to fund government-run healthcare – costing average of $16k per household per year.

Utility Tax: Politicians want to impose massive "flat rate charges" on all utility bills – charging you no matter how much energy you use.

Gas Tax: The gas tax is set to automatically increase July 1. You currently pay $1200 a year in car and gas taxes.

Exit Tax: And if you finally decide to move from California because of these costly taxes, state politicians want to force you to pay an exit tax for up to 10 years after you leave!

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Vote for Republican Assemblymembers & Senators

Protect California Taxpayers

Ballot Measures & Tax Legislation You Need to Know

BALLOT MEASURES YOU ARE VOTING ON

These measures appear on your ballot and require YOUR vote.

Save Prop 13: Protects homeowners from massive property tax increases. — YES on PROP 43

Stop The Savings Tax: Protects your savings from being taxed. — YES on PROP 42

Stop The Wealth Tax: A tax on your total net worth, including savings, investments, and businesses. — NO on PROP 40

Stop The Income Tax Hike: Makes the "temporary" high income tax rates permanent. — NO on PROP 3

Sales Tax Hike: AB 1768 raises California's cap on local sales tax rates, allowing combined rates of up to 11.25% if approved by local voters. — NO on local tax hike measures

Stop The Exit Tax: A new tax on unrealized gains when you leave California. — NO on PROP 40

DEMOCRAT LEGISLATION PENDING AND PASSED "TAXATION BY REGULATION"

Mileage Tax: A new 6-cents-per-mile tax that could cost the average driver $900–$1,350 more each year. — AB 1421

Healthcare Tax: Higher taxes and mandates to fund Medi-Cal expansion and advance single-payer healthcare proposals. — SB 125 and Single-Payer Healthcare Proposals

Utility Tax: A flat utility charge on all customers — no matter how much energy you use. — AB 205

Gas Tax: Annual increases from SB 1 (2017). — Annual increases from SB 1 (2017)

"TAXATION BY REGULATION

When the Legislature passes a law, it often gives unelected state agencies the authority to create regulations that impose new "fees." These fees can function like taxes on Californians and businesses, without a direct vote of the people.

- Agencies write the regulations
- "Fees" increase costs for families & businesses
- No direct vote of the people
- Functions like a tax in practice