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WHO IN THE WORLD *IS* CATHERINE BRAGG AND WHY IS SHE OUR OCTOBER SPEAKER???



If you attended our September meeting, you know the answer. If not, why not? Anyway, here's a hint, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdsYf18y8fs>.

As owner of flourChylde Bakery in Novato, Bragg is among millions of small businesses in the United States struggling to outpace overhead -- labor, inventory, red tape and insurance, including **health care**.

Catherine was thrust into the national spotlight when her impassioned rebuke of Democrat Representative Lynn Woolsey at an August town hall was caught on tape and subsequently viewed by millions of Americans. During her allotted two minutes, Ms. Bragg made it clear that she, as well as other Americans, is fed up with high-handed elected officials who believe that they "know best." In straightforward terms, she articulated a three-legged stool for redress of today's healthcare woes (tort reform, competition, catastrophic insurance) that was nothing if not Reaganesque.

Because of her demanding work schedule and the unending requests she is now receiving from both radio and TV (you may have heard her on the Brian Sussman Show on KSFO), Catherine's availability is limited. Soooooo, we are *very* privileged to have her as our guest at our meeting on Thursday, October 8. Please fill the room and make it worth her while to have traveled all the way from liberal Marin County!!!!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER 8TH DINNER MEETING!

Our October 8th meeting will be held at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore at 2882 Kitty Hawk Road. Take the Airway Blvd. exit from Highway 580. The restaurant is located on the southeast corner of this interchange.

Members and guests begin arriving around 6:30 pm and dinner is served at 7:00 pm. **We ask that attendees pre-order their menu choices when they RSVP so that dinner service is more timely and efficient.** The selections are: (1) Broiled Top Sirloin Steak, (2) Grilled Atlantic Salmon, (3) Teriyaki Chicken, or (4) Spinach Ravioli with Marinara Sauce. All entrees include a baked potato, seasonal vegetables, all-you-can-eat salad, sourdough bread, ranch style beans, and coffee or tea. There is no extra charge for sodas.

OUR ORDERING DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4. Please RSVP to Jan Pinney at jfpinney@sbcglobal.net, on or before October 4.

The cost is \$26 for members and \$30 for non-members. We can accept only cash or a check. Payment may be sent prior to the meeting to Jan Pinney, 4596 Winter Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. You may also pay at the door.



President's Message

By the time you read this, I will be in Cabo, basking in the sun. (A long-awaited, lazy vacation!)

When I return, we will be very busy with some elections and working for our NEXT election, to boot out ALL incumbents.

Speaking of elections -- David Harmer, who is the Republican candidate running for Congress in the 10th CD Special Election on November 3, is looking for good people to work the phones for him. You can even work out of your home! So I encourage you to email dplinn@aol.com or call 925-979-5813 to find out how you can get involved in David Harmer's campaign. And I'm sure as we get closer to the next election, there will be other good Republicans who will want help, too!!

Don't forget our CFRW Northern Division Convention November 13-15 at the Concord Hilton. (Yes! That's Concord! Close by; just up Highway 680.) We have the opportunity to send 5 delegates, and it would be wonderful for TVRWF to send a full delegation. I will be going, so I would love to have 4 of you join me!!! Give me a call or email me if you are interested. We do not need to stay the whole weekend (unless you would like to). We can register for part of the weekend.

Also, don't forget our next dinner meeting on Thursday, October 8, at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. We will have our annual election for next year's club officers. Plus, as our guest speaker, we will have Catherine Bragg, the now-famous small business owner from Novato who stood up at a town hall meeting in August to challenge Obamacare! Let's all come to thank this courageous lady for speaking truth to power!

See you there!! Stay alert!! And always remember our Constitutional freedoms!! Here is Number Three:

***3rd Amendment:** "No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law."*

Jo Molz
President

TVRWF Name Badges Still Available!

Our members are proud to be active Republican women, and we can wear official TVRWF name badges to show it! Order your magnetic name badge for just \$10.50. Contact Jan Pinney at jfpinney@sbcglobal.net.



Hello!

Membership Report

I would like to welcome a new member, Suzanne Tringali. Please say hello to her at the meetings, and be sure to add her information (see below) to your directory

A reminder that membership dues for NEW members joining from September through December are only \$20. As of January 1st, the renewal period starts for all returning members, and new members will be \$40 as well. Don't forget that men may join as associates for \$30.

Approximately 90% of the membership has received their new directories. If you have not received yours, please make sure to attend a meeting or arrange with me to pick one up.

Happy campaigning for the Cause!!

Jenny Buck
2nd VP, Membership
jjbuckid@comcast.net

Election for TVRWF Officers

TVRWF members will vote for next year's club officers at our next meeting on October 8. The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of candidates:

President: Karan Healy
1st Vice President: Janet-marie Persico
2nd Vice President: Tawnya Trunnell
Secretary: Amanda Suarez
Treasurer: Glorian Crosslin

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

In addition, the Nominating Committee recommends the following members for appointed Board positions, as follows:

Ways & Means: Jenny Buck
Legislation: Sara Volking & Jo Molz
Historian: Darlene Snider
Communications: Karen Wind
Social: Jan Pinney
Parliamentarian: Sara Volking

The new officers will be sworn in at our November meeting.

Dates to Remember

- October 4, Sunday.....**RSVP deadline for October 8th meeting**
Contact Jan Pinney at jfpinney@sbcglobal.net
- October 8, Thursday.....**TVRWF membership meeting**
Speaker: Catherine Bragg
6:30-9pm, Cattlemens Restaurant, Livermore
- October 16-18.....CFRW Convention, Ontario, California
- October 28, Wednesday.....Submission deadline for TVRWF November newsletter
Send by email to Karen Wind at kwind@flash.net
- November 3, Tuesday.....Run-off election, Congressional District 10
(to replace Ellen Tauscher)
- November 12, Thursday.....TVRWF meeting
- November 13-15.....CFRW Northern Division Convention, Concord



Keep Recording Your Volunteer Hours!

With elections coming soon, it's even more important to remember that your volunteer hours count toward the club's next Achievement Award. So please be sure to keep a record of your hours and turn them in each month.



Volunteer hours include: All non-paid political activities benefiting the Republican Party, candidates or the Federation; work for a special event, but not if you are paid; work at home (mailings, phoning); attendance at Federation board meetings and conventions, as well as time spent in preparation for Federation meetings, including travel time; in session at or travel to precinct, county or state party meetings and conventions; time spent as a county committee member or alternate; political work at club meetings; travel from event to event; volunteering at county headquarters, fair booths, voter registration, voter outreach; running for office; time spent with community service projects (please specify the project).

Hours can be submitted via a volunteer hour slip at each general meeting or by e-mail to Sara Volking

Name _____
 Activity _____
 Month _____ Hours _____

TVRWF Webmaster Wanted

If you have experience or interest in designing and maintaining a website, TVRWF can use your talent and enthusiasm! We need a webmaster who can make our club site something special! Please contact Karen Wind at kwind@flash.net for more information.

Support the Troops!

Alicia Watson's service group Delta Nu Psi just mailed out their 567th box of gourmet junk food to troops overseas. These boxes weighed in at a little over 15,015 pounds. They now have four squads from Pleasanton who are stationed in Afghanistan in a remote area with no stoves, microwaves or running water. All supplies must be brought in by helicopter. Delta Nu Psi sends smaller Priority Mail boxes because they can be tossed into the helicopter at the last minute and don't have to wait until all else is lifted in. One of the requests is for hand warmers, as the troops are high in the mountains. Alicia is trying to get a deal on the hand warmers, but help would be greatly appreciated! Contact Alicia for more information.



Dean the Dog is a valued member of his squad.



Thanks for sending hand warmers!

More photos are on Delta Nu Psi's website www.deltanupsi.org.

2009 TVRWF Officers

Executive Board

- President - R. Jo Molz, rjm911@sbcglobal.net
- 1st Vice-President, Programs - Janet-marie Persico, jmpersico@comcast.net
- 2nd Vice-President, Membership - Jenny Buck, jjbuckid@comcast.net
- Recording Secretary - Sara Volking (925) 846-5165
- Treasurer - Cindy Aselage, caselage@sbcglobal.net

Appointed Board Members

- Americanism/Chaplain – Janet-marie Persico, jmpersico@comcast.net
- Communications (newsletter, publicity, website) - Karen Wind, kwind@flash.net
- Historian – Darlene Snider
- Legislation and Research – VACANT
- Parliamentarian - Sara Volking (925) 846-5165
- Social - Jan Pinney, jfpinney@sbcglobal.net
- Ways and Means - Karan Healy (925) 846-1879, kajore@aol.com

Republican Women Federated News

NFRW Convention Highlights

More than 1,300 registrants from 46 states attended the NFRW's 35th Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida, September 10-13. Common themes and topics included opposing President Barack Obama's healthcare reform plan, supporting tea parties and other grassroots conservative movements, and helping the Republican Party build momentum for the 2010 elections. On Saturday, September 12, convention delegates selected the women who will lead the Federation in 2010 and 2011. Sue Lynch of Wisconsin was unanimously elected president. Also elected were: 1st Vice President--Joyce Smith, Indiana; 2nd Vice President--Rae Lynne Chornenky, Arizona; 3rd Vice President--Martha Jenkins, North Carolina; 4th Vice President--Jessie Morton, Louisiana; Secretary--Jane Lane, New Hampshire; Treasurer-- Brenda Smith, Kansas. Following the convention, the Board of Directors elected the following as Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee: Patt Parker, Maryland; Kathy Brugger, California; and Carrie Almond, Missouri. Delegates also approved three amendments to the NFRW Bylaws, an annual membership dues increase, a resolution supporting the Enumerated Powers Act (H.R. 450), as well as four additional resolutions. The Bylaws amendments and the dues increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2010. Missouri Federation President Carrie Almond introduced delegates to Kansas City, Missouri, site of the 36th Biennial Convention, scheduled Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2011. If you would like to get the full story about what happened at the convention, visit <http://www.nfrw.org/programs/convention/index.html>.



Sue Lynch will be NFRW President for 2010-2011.

CFRW October Convention to Focus on Education

The California Federation of Republican Women will hold its 2009 convention October 16-18 in Ontario, California. Regular registration is \$45. The deadline to register is October 5. Hotel, meals and convention banquet are extra. Complete registration information is available on the CFRW website, www.cfrw.org.

Northern Division Convention in Concord

The RFW convention season ends with our Northern Division convention from November 13-15 at the Concord Hilton. November 3 is the registration deadline. The convention announcement, the tentative agenda and other information are posted on the new CFRW Northern Division website www.cfrwnd.org. Contact our club President Jo Molz if you would like to be one of the delegates representing TVRWF at the convention.

Federation Websites

- National Federation of Republican Women: www.nfrw.org
- California Federation of Republican Women: www.cfrw.org
- CFRW Northern Division: www.cfrwnd.org
- Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated: www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org

Conservative Quote of the Month

“Liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other views, but then they are shocked and offended to discover that there are other views.”

William F. Buckley Jr.

California Legislative News

Adapted from the September 25, 2009, CFRW Capitol Update

By Allison Daley Olson, CFRW Legislative Advocate

Proposed Restrictions on the Initiative Process. Members, take note! Our state government is trying to inhibit voters' voices in lawmaking with ACA 13 and 14 (Hernandez, D-57). **ACA 13 and 14 are proposed amendments to the California Constitution that would allow the legislature to decide which voter initiatives would be included on the ballot while limiting the number of citizen driven initiatives to 5 per election cycle.** The initiative process gives Californians a direct voice in government, and these proposed amendments are attempting to take that voice away. Both ACA 13 and 14 are still in the Assembly awaiting a vote next session.

California Constitutional Convention. There may be two measures for the 2010 ballot calling for a constitutional convention. California has not had a constitutional convention since 1879. Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee(R-33) introduced ACR 1 last year, proposing that the citizens of California vote on the question of calling for a constitutional convention at the next statewide general election. This bill was stalled in committee and will be heard again in January 2010. CFRW has not taken an official position on the issue of a constitutional convention. To get more information, visit <http://www.repaircalifornia.org/index.php>.

Fun Fact: The California Constitution is the third longest in the world, after Alabama and India.



Special Session Update. The Governor has called two special sessions, one on education reform and one on tax commission proposals. And there may be more in the works. The President of the Senate emailed members to prepare them to return for a special session as early as October 13th. Stay tuned!

Bills Signed. The Governor signed AB 1422 (Bass, D-47) “Healthy Families” into law last Wednesday and will reportedly sign AB 717 (Cook, R-65) “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day,” an identical bill to AB 264 (Cook, R-65), which the Governor vetoed several weeks ago. But the fate of many other bills is still pending, while Governor Schwarzenegger continues to push the legislature towards a water solution. There are approximately 700 bills that passed this legislative session.

Tracking State Legislation. All members with email addresses on file should be receiving weekly Legislative Updates and the occasional Action Alert about pending legislation. The CFRW is unable to give members access to its web-based bill tracking service, but there is a way you can find and monitor California legislation. You can access that information on the Internet by going to <http://www.legislature.ca.gov> and completing the information on the right side by indicating either the bill number, the author, or key words. You can then subscribe to an email update, and you will be notified when there is action on legislation of interest to you.

For past CFRW Legislative Updates and more information about the work of the CFRW Legislative Advocate, visit the State Federation website at <http://www.cfrw.org/legislation>. Be sure to check the link on the left for the **Advocate’s Handbook**. It has great suggestions on how all of us can become better informed and make our voices heard on the issues being considered by our local, state and federal governments.

Do you ever say, “There ought to be a law!” Or maybe you think a state law should be changed or repealed. If so, then you should contact **Allison Daley Olson**, the new CFRW Legislative Advocate!

Ms. Olsen started as the CFRW Legislative Advocate on September 1. She is a graduate of University of California, Davis with a degree in Political Science. She chaired the Davis College Republicans from June 2006 until May 2008 and served as the Deputy Finance Director for the McClintock for Congress campaign.

One of the responsibilities of the Legislative Advocate is to work with California’s State Legislators on CFRW’s behalf. This includes promoting legislative proposals suggested by CFRW members. Every CFRW member can propose legislation. See <http://www.cfrw.org/legislation> for CFRW’s guidelines for legislative proposals.

Your Elected Representatives – Let Your Voice Be Heard

“It behooves our citizens to be on their guard, to be firm in their principles, and full of confidence in themselves. We are able to preserve our self-government if we will but think so.” – Thomas Jefferson

Pleasanton City Council, (925) 960-4010 citycouncil@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, jhosterman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio, ccook-kallio@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Councilmember Cindy McGovern, cmcgovern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Councilmember Matt Sullivan, msullivan@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Councilmember Jerry Thorne, jthorne@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Dublin City Council

Mayor Tim Sbranti, (925) 833-6663, tim.sbranti@ci.dublin.ca.us

Vice Mayor Kasie Hildenbrand, (925) 833-6665, kasie.hildenbrand@ci.dublin.ca.us

Councilmember Kate Ann Scholz, (925) 833-6661, kateann.scholz@ci.dublin.ca.us

Councilmember Kevin Hart, (925) 833-6662, kevin.hart@ci.dublin.ca.us

Councilmember Don Biddle, (925) 833-6664, don.biddle@ci.dublin.ca.us

Livermore City Council

Mayor Marshall Kamena, (925) 960-4020, mayor@ci.livermore.ca.us

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Councilmember Mary Leider, (925) 960-4019, mrleider@ci.livermore.ca.us

Councilmember Doug Horner, (925) 9980-2655, jdhorner@ci.livermore.ca.us

Councilmember Jeff Williams, (925) 455-5575, jdwilliams@ci.livermore.ca.us

Alameda County Supervisor

1st District, Scott Haggerty, Pleasanton Office, (925) 551-6995 scott.haggerty@acgov.org

California Assembly

15th District – Joan Buchanan (D), State Capitol, P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0015, (916) 319-2015

assemblymember.buchanan@assembly.ca.gov

18th District - Mary Hayashi (D), 22320 Foothill Blvd. Suite 540, Hayward, CA 94541, (510) 583-8818 hayashi@assembly.ca.gov

20th District – Alberto Torrico (D), 3150 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538, (510) 794-2580 torrico@assembly.ca.gov

California Senate

9th District – Loni Hancock (D), State Capitol, Room 3092, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 651-4009

<http://www.senate.ca.gov/hancock>

10th District – Ellen Corbett (D), 39155 Liberty St., #F610, Fremont, CA 94538 (510) 794-3900 senator.corbett@senate.ca.gov

Governor

Arnold Schwarzenegger (R), State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2841 <http://gov.ca.gov/interact>

Congressional Representatives

10th District, vacant (formerly Ellen Tauscher)

11th District, Jerry McNerney (D), 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, 175, Pleasanton, CA 94588, (925) 737-0727

mcnernyinfo@mail.house.gov

13th District, Fortney “Pete” Stark (D), 39300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 220, Fremont, CA 94538, (510) 494-1388

ca13casework@mail.house.gov

U.S. Senate

Dianne Feinstein (D), One Post Street, Suite 2450, San Francisco, CA 94104, (415) 393-0707

<http://feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=ContactUs.EmailMe>

Barbara Boxer (D), 1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 240, San Francisco, CA 94111, (415) 403-0100

<http://boxer.senate.gov/contact/email/policy.cfm>

White House

President Barack Obama (D), 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/>

2009 Application for Membership and Renewal

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated

Check one:

- Regular Member \$20 thru 12/09 Registered Republican Women
 Associate Member \$30 Women who are regular members of another Women's
 Federated Club - Club name: _____
 and registered Republican men.

Membership Benefits

- ★ Eight luncheon or dinner meetings per year, featuring topical speakers, and/or local Republican officeholders or candidates, addressing current issues
- ★ Information and opportunities to volunteer for election work, fundraisers and Club sponsored community service activities.
- ★ Club newsletters featuring the latest club information, Women's Federated events, conservative articles, legislative updates/alerts, and opportunities to volunteer and get involved.
- ★ Subscription to the Federation's national magazine "The Republican Woman."
- ★ Regular updates on local and national political activities and elections.
- ★ Opportunities for seminars and conferences to gain information and knowledge of the principles and practices of the Republican party.
- ★ Membership in the California, as well as National, Republican Women Federated.

**Make checks payable to: TVRWF (Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated)
 Contact Jenny Buck at jjbuckid@comcast.net for mailing address.**

PLEASE PRINT

Name:				
Address:				
City:		State:		Zip:
Home phone:		Mobile:		Work:
Email:				
Birthday:		Anniversary:		Spouse/SO:

Get Involved! YOU can have an impact!

Please circle the committee(s) that you are interested in.

Campaign/elections	Legislation	Membership	Telephoning	Fundraising
Party planning	Greeting/hostessing	Computer skills	Record keeping	Voter registration

Other interests or hobbies: _____
