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## President's message:

Dear Members, associates & friends,

Thank you to Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder, Donna Linder! We appreciate her updates on many assembly & senate bills, followed by answering many good questions from attendees.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Committee Chairs: Karen Knox is our Caring for America/Armed Services Committee Chair. And, Sue Hauser is our Parliamentarian. Congratulations Karen & Sue!



**REMEMBER:** Watch for your voting ballots to arrive in your mail, starting February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*Check your voter registration status:** State: [sos.ca.gov](https://sos.ca.gov)

Stanislaus County: [stanvote.org](https://stanvote.org)

Make sure you are registered **Republican!**

**AND...VOTE EARLY!!**

The Primary election has begun! The Iowa caucus results were: Donald Trump = 51%, Ron DeSantis = 21.2%, and Nikki Haley = 19.1%.

The New Hampshire caucus results were: Donald Trump = 54.3%, and Nikki Haley = 43.2%.

Pray for our beloved country – for peace, security, and for God's blessings. He sees our frustration, and all the craziness going on all around us. Pray for our military, law enforcement, and firefighters. And pray for Israel and the hostages still being held in captivity.

Thank you

Julie Carroll





Next Meeting: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 11:30

Masonic Center of Modesto

800 Rose Ave, Modesto

\*COST: \$22 per person

\*RSVP (209) 567-3399 or

ModestoRWF@gmail.com

**\*\*RSVP REQUIRED! NO LATER THAN THE SATURDAY PRIOR!**

### Board of Directors:

President: Julie Carroll

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### Upcoming

### Dates/Events

February 13<sup>th</sup> - Luncheon

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day

February 19<sup>th</sup> - President's Day

You can pay for your membership  
or your lunch on our website:

[Modestorwf.com](http://Modestorwf.com)



“What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?”

~Romans 8:31 ESV

### Membership

Renewal = 24

New = 3

Associate = 7





## FEBRUARY FEATURED SPEAKER:



### **Mike Conklin**

Chairman and CEO  
Sentinels of Freedom

The idea for Sentinels for Freedom began with our founder, Mike Conklin, whose son Kris was wounded in Iraq. While visiting Kris in the hospital, Mike spoke with others who were also wounded. It was then that he realized the tremendous physical and emotional hurdles these war-torn men and women faced when transitioning back to civilian life.

Conklin established Sentinels of Freedom as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2007. Its mission is “...to provide severely wounded or injured post-9/11 veterans with comprehensive personal support and financial assistance as they complete their higher education and achieve success in their post-military careers. We are meeting our national responsibility as citizens to support those severely wounded veterans who have served and sacrificed to defend our freedom.”

[sentinelsoffreedom.org](http://sentinelsoffreedom.org)



# **MEET & GREET**

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY –  
AND TO ADD NEW MEMBERS!!

**\*\*EACH PERSON PAYS FOR THEIR OWN FOOD & DRINK\*\***

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*RSVP DEADLINE: MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 5PM**

**LOCATION: MARCELLA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

**3507 TULLY RD, STE #10**

**MODESTO, CA 95356**



**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**  
**JULIE MCVICKER – February 8<sup>th</sup> !**





## Americanism

By Linda Countryman

When asked if I would be willing to be the CFRW Chair for Americanism, I thought since I had taught history, I could do this. Then, I started thinking about how I would define Americanism, and realize I could not cite/articulate a definition like I could with the meaning of a constitution, which is a formal plan of government. So, I decided to ask a fellow history teacher how she would define Americanism. Shortly into this conversation we realized we had taught students about the foundational principles, and characteristics of Americanism, such as ideas of individual rights and freedoms, what a representative democracy was and meant for us. We talked about the spirit of the nation at that time, the impact of American art and literature, but not actually used the term Americanism.

If you go online, which most people do, Americanism is defined as: The set of beliefs, values, and customs that are characteristic of the United States and its people. It encompasses ideals such as individual freedom, democracy, equal opportunity, and the pursuit of happiness.

But, Americanism can mean different things to different people.

My next thought was to actually talk with people whom I know to hear how they expressed, termed what Americanism meant to them. These are some of their responses.

- Knowing I have the freedom to pursue opportunities for personal, and economic growth of my choice. To make something of myself.
- To worship freely the religion of my choice.
- With the blessing of living in this country, as Americans we have responsibilities. We have a duty to be informed citizens and vote.
- To demonstrate loyalty to community and country.
- My daughter stated an example of Americanism for her was the entertainer Jelly Roll. He recently testified before a committee in the Senate addressing the fentanyl crisis happening in the United States. She stated this is a convicted felon, who cannot vote, but has taken the opportunity to change the course of his life, and is now involved in giving back to this country, by addressing a very serious social issue we are faced with. To her he is patriotic because he truly cares about American citizens and the well-being of this country.
- A willingness to serve this country in military service, and acts of volunteerism.
- To have pride in nationality.
- Obeying the laws, paying taxes, serving on jury duty, being a responsible citizen.
- Upholding the Constitution of the United States, its amendments, and the Rule of Law.
- Americanism includes a national identity, cultural and social norms, and political ideologies.

There was an overall theme, key words that resonated and stood out to me with what Americanism meant to them.

- Opportunity
- Freedom
- Informed
- Rights
- Education



Why is it important to have an understanding of Americanism?

Americanism defines the United States, its national identity. It impacts our lives. Understanding our values, such as democracy, freedom, equality, and individual rights helps us comprehend the foundation on which this country was built.

Understanding Americanism to promote civic engagement: As informed citizens we are more likely to participate in activities such as voting, and activism. We are better equipped to make decisions that align with our values, and the principles of this country.

We need to understand Americanism for educational purposes: Learning about our history, political system, and culture provides us with a comprehensive view of our nation.

*A quote by Theodore Roosevelt*

“Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood – the virtues that made America.”

We need to understand Americanism to preserve democracy.

Some examples of how women have played a crucial role in shaping Americanism in history.

- Thanks to women like Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton women have the right to vote with the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920.
- Women are continuing to increasingly take on leadership roles in politics and making strides in business and entrepreneurship. (economics)
- Women have and continue to engage in activism. They have had an impact on Civil Rights, Social and Environmental issues.
- Women have served and are serving in the military.
- Women have shaped education.
- Women have contributed to scientific and technological advances that have influenced American innovation.

In regard to Americanism, women have, are, and will continue to shape American history and our American identity.

Americanism is shared across political parties, communities, and individuals. Specific ways Americanism is promoted will vary based on the party’s platform, policies, and the individuals within the party. As Americans we are part of a larger community. Our words, and actions matter, they effect change and attitudes.

Americanism is a way of life. It means we practice the virtues of courage, honor, justice, and truth. It means a fair chance for everybody. It embraces the principles on which this country was founded and governed; equality, freedom and the pursuit of happiness for all. It should unite all Americans in purpose.

Americanism means being vigilant, using our voice, being a conscious engaged citizen, striving to create an equitable, just, and responsible society. Being ardent defenders of the United States Constitution, upholding democratic principles, and the Rule of Law.



In closing, I am committed to working with fellow Republican women, setting the example for actively promoting civic and social responsibility, patriotism, and demonstrating love of country, and flag. Let's take pride in actively promoting Americanism throughout our communities, putting the welfare of this country and its citizens first. This is our opportunity to inspire others, to stimulate awareness, and foster allegiance to the United States, its customs and institutions.



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AND THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY*

**LYDIA KANNO, CFRW PRESIDENT**

## **Join or Renew Your Membership**



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

OR

**JOIN A CLUB**

**Keep your Membership Current by Paying your Dues**

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Type of Membership:

New: \$37.<sup>00</sup>

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Associate: \$25.<sup>00</sup>

How do you prefer to receive your newsletter:  E-Mail

For more information call or email MRWF at 209.567.3399 or [ModestoRWF@gmail.com](mailto:ModestoRWF@gmail.com).

- ★ Please make checks payable to: Modesto Republican Women Federated (MRWF) and mail it to: **MRWF at P.O. Box 1111, Modesto CA 95350**
- ★ You do not have to attend meetings to be a member or associate
- ★ Your membership dues will help support and further the Republican Cause

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

Hear influential political and current event speakers ★ Participate in educational discussions ★ Work for the Republican Party ★ Meet candidates and work on their campaigns to help get them elected ★ Learn leadership skills ★ Become effective in influencing legislation ★ Develop new friendships with like-minded citizens ★ Find an avenue of involvement in the political process





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