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## President's message

To all members, associates, & friends,

Attempted assassination? I questioned whether I was hearing the news correctly.

God had His mighty hand of protection on Donald Trump. This was unquestionably a display of God's providence!

Just a fraction of an inch from death, after being shot through his ear, Donald Trump raised his clenched fist, to show the American people that he was o.k., and that it was time to fight!

Complacency is NOT an option. Each one of us must be involved in the fight to save our country!

Thank you to those of you who are already volunteering to help on political campaigns, making phone calls, writing postcards, volunteering at the election polls, or putting up yard signs. It's also important to support local, state, and national races.

Thank you to all who attended the Reagan dinner. Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Jason Chaffetz, was unable to fly to California, due to the recent major computer glitch that affected airlines. However, he plans to come to California in the near future to speak to us! Stay tuned for more details. Thank you to Congressman John Duarte and Republican Party of Stanislaus County Chairman Joel Campos for speaking to us that evening. Thank you to all of you who donated basket items and volunteered to help at the dinner for a successful evening!

Thank you also, to all of you who submitted your Political Activity & Campaign hours:

together, we submitted a total of 3,909 hours! We have very active volunteers!!

Please note that in September, we will begin to announce the topic of elections opening for the Board of Directors for 2025. Thank you.

Julie Carroll





Next Meeting: August 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](mailto:ModestoRWF@gmail.com)

**Board of Directors:**

President: Julie Carroll

1st Vice President: Vicki Godkin

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mary Ann Uyen

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Caring for America/

Armed Services: Karen Knox

**RSVP DEADLINE = AUG 8TH**

**UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

August 5<sup>th</sup> - StanGOP meeting, 6 pm,

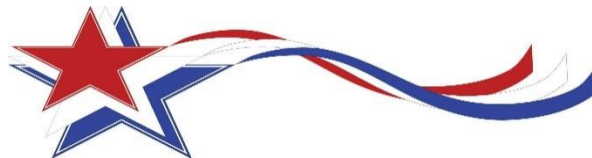
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August 13<sup>th</sup> - Luncheon Meeting

August 17<sup>th</sup> - StanGOP Summer Picnic (pg# 7)

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October 22<sup>nd</sup> - No Host Meet & Greet (pg# 5)

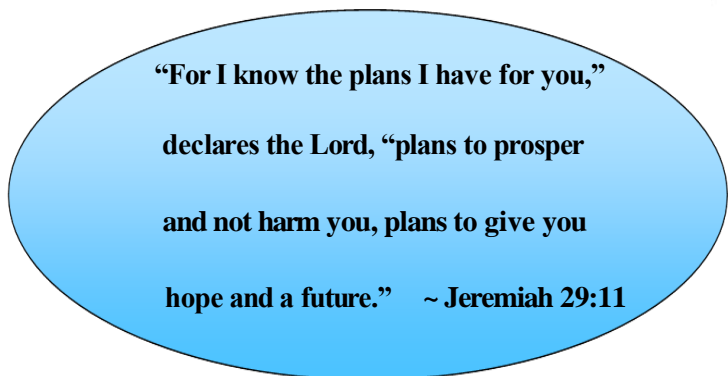


**Membership**

Renewal = 53

New = 22

Associate = 11





## AUGUST FEATURED SPEAKER:

# CONGRESSMAN JOHN DUARTE



Congressman John Duarte is a fourth-generation farmer, businessman, and Valley native who proudly calls Modesto, California home. Currently, Congressman Duarte is serving his first term in the 118th Congress as Representative of California’s 13th District. He and his wife, Alexandra have run a farming operation of vineyards and orchards together in the Central Valley since 1989.

Congressman Duarte holds key subcommittee assignments across three committees, reflecting his diverse interests and expertise. Within the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he serves as the Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, playing a crucial role in shaping policies related to transportation infrastructure. Additionally, he serves on the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, where he works on issues concerning transportation safety and efficiency. Congressman Duarte is a member of the Subcommittee on Water Resources, focusing on water management and related infrastructure projects. In addition, he serves on the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, addressing matters related to energy production and mineral extraction.

Through his work on the House Committee on Agriculture, Congressman Duarte brings his expertise to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit, examining policies concerning agricultural commodities and financial support. Through these subcommittee assignments, Congressman John Duarte actively participates in shaping legislation and policies that impact California’s 13th Congressional District.



**CFRW 2024 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING & CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 6&7 AT  
BAKERSFIELD!**



**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!**



To register, scan the QR code, or go to: [cafrw.com](http://cafrw.com) & click "Events"

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**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS -**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**JOAN CICCARELLI**

**SANDRA WILLIAMS**

**LAURA FLETCHER**

**ROSEMARIE LABRIOLA**





MODESTO REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

## NO HOST MEET & GREET

**\*\*INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY  
GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

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

OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 / TIME: 5 PM

MARCELLA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3507 TULLY RD, STE #10  
MODESTO, CA

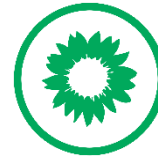
**\*\*RSVP DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024!**

**\*To RSVP: Include your name, phone#, & number of guests attending, by calling: 209-567-3399 & leave a message, or email: [Modestorwf.com](mailto:Modestorwf.com)**

**\*MEN ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND!\***

*Time to celebrate membership and get to know each other. This is an opportunity to build community, share goals and future activities. This is for new, not-so-new, and potential members. Hope to see you at this event!*





## POLITICAL PARTIES

The beginning of the formation of political parties (political factions) in America goes back to when the founding fathers struggled over ratification of the federal Constitution. There were discussions, dissent, disagreements, and differences over ideologies. For example, how much power the federal government should have vs. state. Their differences of opinions were not necessarily a difference of principles and did not make them less committed to doing what was right for this country and its citizens. Political Parties have evolved over time, changing their names, responding to changes in society, issues, and shift in public opinion. I will focus on a general overview of political parties.

Political Parties are organized groups of people who share common goals, ideologies and fundamental concerns about how a society should be governed and how resources and power should be allocated. Political Parties are important in our democratic governance and play a significant role in shaping political outcomes. Political Parties provide a way for citizens to participate in the political process, express their preferences, and influence policy decisions through collective outcomes.

These are areas where political parties play a significant role.

- Elections: Parties nominate candidates for political offices. They mobilize voters and compete for support in elections. The political parties are competing for control and political power.
- Organizational Structure: Parties have local, regional, and national organizations. The organizational structures include leaders, officials, activists, and members.
- Political Representation: Parties represent different segments of society based on factors such as ideology, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and regional interests. They aim to reflect and advocate for the interests of their supporters.
- Legislative influence: Parties negotiate and collaborate to pass legislation, influence and promote policy decisions.
- Actions on the part of their leaders and /or leadership.

Political Parties will face debate, criticism and scrutiny over their platforms. Their platforms outline their beliefs, principles, and policy proposals on various issues. Examples include domestic issues, education, foreign policy, economics, immigration, and health care.

Article by Linda Countryman  
MRWF Recording Secretary and CFRW Americanism Chair

Trivia: There have been more Republican Presidents (19) than Democratic Presidents (16).

Articles are short and usually only barely touch on the subject. I do not claim to be an expert on any subject I write about and will make a mistake/s. I research and then write the article. My hope is that you will be inspired, check the facts, and to look into the subject further to increase knowledge and form your own opin

# GOP Summer Night Picnic Car Show & Fundraiser

**Event Host \$2,500**

(4:00 p.m. Early Entry)

8 meal tickets, reserved seating,  
special recognition, wine at table

**Host \$1,500**

(4:00 p.m. Early Entry)

8 meal tickets, reserved seating,  
special recognition, wine at table

**Table Host \$750**

(4:00 p.m. Early Entry)

8 meal tickets, reserved seating,  
wine at table

**General Admission \$50**

1 meal ticket (entry 5 p.m.)

**17 August 2024**

*Evanshire Gardens*

1748 Evans Rd., Ceres, CA 95307



For more information: 916-8013-1943, 209-574-9744, or [www.stangop.org/gop-summer-night-picnic](http://www.stangop.org/gop-summer-night-picnic)

**JOHN  
DUARTE**  
CA 13 CONGRESS

★ FARMER ★

## POSTCARD PARTY

1633 E HATCH RD MODESTO, CA. 95351

5:00PM - 8:00PM

EVERY FRIDAY

COME OUT AND HELP RE-ELECT JOHN DUARTE  
BY WRITING POSTCARDS

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT:

REESE HARRISON

(209) 569-3570





## MODESTO REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP IS FOR ONE YEAR, FROM JANUARY TO JANUARY

(Please Print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

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

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

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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