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TUESDAY, March 11, 2025
Featuring Modesto City Councilmen

Jeremiah Williams
and
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SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS

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WOMEN IN POLITICS

by Linda Countryman, Americanism Chair

It's been a long journey of perseverance and struggles for women... from claiming their right to vote, influencing policy, and to holding office. Women do have a rich history of political influence and achievements in the past and have laid the groundwork for the present and into the future. Since Republican Jeannette Rankin was elected to the House of Representatives in 1916 we see more republican women in major political positions even though we are underrepresented. Republican women continue to impact policy, serve in key positions, and provide invaluable contributions to our nation. **We are making progress.** Our continued efforts and contributions will directly influence and impact modern politics.

We need to stay involved and engage in the many opportunities to participate in the democratic process. Lend your support electing Republicans into public office and use your powerful voice for influence, and purpose.

Our primary political objectives are to provide political education, programs and provide loyalty and support of the Republican Party. Read and learn about the history of Republican Women Organizations, its goals and missions by referring to MRWF modestorwf.com, CFRW cafrw.org, and NFRW nfrw.org websites.

I agree with Jack Kemp's statement, that the most effective Republican organization in the front line is the National Federation of Republican Women. Without all the efforts and support of these women, both past and present the Republican Party would not be what it is. We need to embrace our role, meet the challenges, and continue with the hard work because **Republican women are the backbone of the Republican Party.**

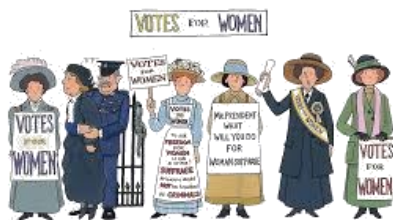
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world.

In fact, it's the only thing that ever has".

~ Margaret Mead

Trivia:

New Zealand became the 1st country to grant women full voting rights in 1893.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Julie Carroll, Modesto RWF President



Happy March everyone! We are grateful to Stanislaus County Supervisor Terry Withrow, for speaking at our February general meeting. He explained how federal, state, and county funds are handled. He also discussed drug addiction, mental health problems, and homelessness. He emphasized the great need to get involved with children of these circumstances, to stop further generational cycles. Supervisor Withrow mentors children at Sierra Vista Family & Child Services.

The DOGE is quickly cutting excessive government spending, and eliminating unnecessary jobs (waste and fraud). We all hear the wailing from the Democrats! Sounds like taking candy from a baby! There has been no accountability for the previous over-bloated federal bureaucracy. Elon Musk is doing a great job!

And President Trump marches on, signing Executive Orders, to do what's best for the American people!



Please make note of our new mailing address! **MRWF P.O. Box 148 Salida, CA 95368**

Be sure to invite your neighbors, friends, & family, to our No Host Meet & Greet event at Pura Vida, on March 29th, 2025 at 2pm. (See the flyer on page 5). It's a fun time to be with like-minded people – and grow our membership! **Thank you ~ Julie Carroll**

February Meeting Fun



MARCH GUEST SPEAKERS!



Jeremiah Williams was born in San Francisco, CA in 1964. He was raised in 13 different foster homes from the ages of 11 to 15 years old, and has lived in Modesto, CA since 1980. Jeremiah Williams and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, twin sons, and three grandchildren.

Jeremiah attended Tuolumne Christian School, Modesto Junior College, and Renaissance Art School. He holds an Associates Degree in theology, and a Theology Diploma from Texas Bible College

You may know Jeremiah from the many hats he wears. Since 1986 he is the owner of a custom cabinet shop Oak Crafts by Jeremiah. He currently serves our community as a Community Gang Task Force member, and a licensed minister at United Pentecostal Church International. He is also a member of the Airport Advisory Committee, Citizens Housing and Community Development Committee, the Modesto Irrigation District Domestic Water Policy Board, and Stanislaus Regional Transit Joint Powers Authority,

You have probably enjoyed seeing Jeremiah as the Chairman of Modesto's Independence Day Parade for the last fourteen years! He has been honored to be a Modesto City Council member since 2022. Let's give him a warm Modesto Republican Women Federated welcome at our upcoming meeting!



David Wright grew up in Salinas California where his Father and Mother were Ministers. After graduating high school, his family moved to Modesto in 1971. Months later he moved to Long Beach, California and started working for a shoe importer/wholesaler till 1985. During this time David joined the Army Reserves and was stationed in Fort Ord for 4 months.

In 1975 David married his wife, Debra. While in Southern California they had two children. In 1985 they decided to make a move to Modesto to be closer to family. They opened up the J. David Wright Jr, Insurance Agency, which became one of the top agencies in Stanislaus County for Farmers Insurance.

In 2010 he chaired Modesto's Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and served on Modesto Comprehensive Fees Task Force and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee. In 2019 David was elected to the Modesto City Council and was just re-elected for a second term in November 2024.

He serves on several city committees and also serves on StanCOG and StanRTA which are county committees. David has been involved with Modesto Rotary, Board Member for Teen Challenge, The Salvation Army Advisory Board and Modesto Neighborhood Inc. Also, he has served on the Stanislaus County Republican Party Central Committee where he served as Treasurer and helped bring top speakers to the Lincoln Day dinners for many years alongside of Chairmen Jim DeMartini. He looks forward to meeting you all on March 11!

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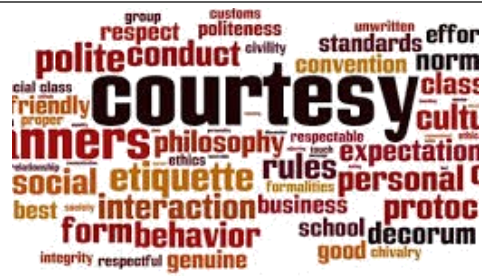


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CFRW OBJECTIVES FOR 100 YEARS:

- promote an informed public through education and activity;
- increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government;
- influence legislation and maintain a CFRW presence in State government in accordance with CFRW goals;
- promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party;
- encourage active citizenship;
- cooperate with the California Republican Party and the County Central Committees for the election of Republican nominees;
- facilitate cooperation among Federated Republican Women's Local Clubs;
- foster loyalty to Republican candidates in all elections including nonpartisan elections.



LUNCH MEETING ETIQUETTE

- ◆ Please arrive on time; late arrivals interrupt the proceedings. Between 11:30 check-in and Noon call-to-order, we have 30 minutes to chat with our friends.
- ◆ Don't chat amongst yourselves once the meeting has been called to order by the Chair. It is distracting to others, and you might miss hearing something important.
- ◆ Remember to turn your phone off or put it on silent mode upon arrival.
- ◆ Please don't interrupt the speaker. Save your questions for after the speaker has concluded their remarks. Jot down questions so you can ask them during Q&A.
- ◆ Raise your hand to be recognized for Q&A and wait for the Chair or the Speaker to call on you.
- ◆ If you wish to add something to the proceedings (members only), please consult the Chair beforehand. She will decide if there is time and if it is appropriate to add something to her meeting agenda.
- ◆ Have a wonderful time and enjoy yourself!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All General Meetings: Check-in 11:30am Adjourn 1:30pm

March 3	National Anthem Day
March 4 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF BOD Meeting
March 8	International Women's Day ~ Recognizing the Achievements of Women
March 9 2:00 a.m.	Daylight Savings Time Begins Spring Forward 1 hour!
March 11 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting with Councilmen Jeremiah Johnson and David Wright
March 17 All Day	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 29 2:00 p.m.	Modesto RWF Meet & Greet at Pura Vida, 1407 Standiford
March 31	Deadline to renew MRWF Membership
April 1 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF BOD Meeting
April 8 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Provided by Amy Russell
*California's Misguided 2025
 Affordable Housing Plan*

California is currently grappling with a pressing economic issue. A significant number of residents left the state in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to do so, primarily due to the exorbitant housing costs. Since 2020, the state's population has dwindled by approximately 1.4%, equating to a loss of about 400,000 residents. This underscores the urgent need to address the housing crisis.

The state's response to this crisis is the new 2025 Housing Plan, a strategic blueprint that aims to 'Build More Homes Faster.' This plan holds the potential to significantly improve the housing situation in California, offering hope for a brighter future.

Proposition 1 will allocate \$2.2 billion to create permanent supportive housing for veterans, individuals with disabilities, and also the homeless through a new program called HomeKey+. This initiative expands upon the existing HomeKey program, which focuses on converting buildings into stable housing. The HomeKey+ program will specifically emphasize supportive services for vulnerable populations. The housing plan primarily focuses on tackling homelessness but provides limited guidance on efficiently constructing new homes, maintaining landlord rights, or encouraging natural incentives for property ownership.

Increased regulations affecting landlords and additional regulations imposed on city and county governments are expected to decrease the number of affordable housing options, particularly home ownership. Since home ownership is a key pathway to building wealth for individuals, California's approach—framed as promoting affordable and low-cost housing—may inadvertently hinder it. *In reality, low-cost housing has often turned into unaffordable rental units primarily owned by investment companies.*

Also in this issue on page 8...

That certain day in mid-April will be here before we know it, so we've included a fun "1047 Tax Form" to fill out. We can count and assess our blessings - and if we choose, share some of our abundance with MRWF. Donations are encouraged, but not necessary. *Have fun with this!*

Come Join Us

MODESTO REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

NO HOST MEET & GREET

Saturday, March 29th, 2025 / Time: 2pm

Enjoy hot or cold specialty coffee drinks, hot cocoa, real fruit smoothies, ice cream sundaes, milkshakes, shaved ice, frozen yogurt, & kettle corn!



LOCATION: PURA VIDA

1407 STANDIFORD AVE #A1

MODESTO, CA



RSVP DEADLINE: MARCH 19TH, 2025

To RSVP: Include your name, phone#, names of guests and total number attending, by calling: 209-567-3399 & leave a message, or email: 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!



Welcome to March

by Linda Countryman, Modesto RWF 1st VP

The Transition from Winter to Spring Month
and Celebration of Women Month

A few March Highlights:

- 3/8 Recognizing achievements of women
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20 First Day of Spring

Monthly Themes:

- National Nutrition Month
- Reading Awareness Month
- Women's History Women



It is important to recognize the achievements, celebrate, and support women during this month. **Women have changed and shaped history.** They have met challenges with strength and courage and inspired others with their actions. They have been trailblazers and broken barriers. They have been activists and fighters for political representation resulting in the 19th Amendment being passed in August of 1920. Women will continue to provide invaluable contributions to this nation and to our communities.

*"Our greatest glory consists not in never falling,
but in rising every time we fall".*

~ Oliver Goldsmith

The Modesto RWF Board of Directors want to acknowledge and celebrate the women within our own group, the inspirational women in our lives from the past, present, and into the future.

For Fun: St. Patrick's Day – 3/17/2025

St. Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish Culture honoring St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Shamrocks, leprechauns, wearing the color green, enjoy eating Irish foods, and attending parades are all part of the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy this very festive day while remembering to honor women the month of March. Slainte = Cheers!

Trivia: The legend that St. Patrick drove snakes out of Ireland is likely a metaphor for converting the country to Christianity. Ireland never had snakes due to its climate.

An Irish Blessing: May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.



Happy March Birthday

to our

Modesto Republican Women

Federated Members

Steve Carroll

Linda Countryman

Alice Davis

Lynelle Hains

Melanie Labriola

EXECUTIVE ORDERS 14187 & 14201

"This administration is bringing back common sense and restoring biological truth to the federal government," said **HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.** "The prior administration's policy of trying to engineer gender ideology into every aspect of public life is over."

HHS is also taking steps to implement policies protecting children from chemical and surgical mutilation, as directed by President Trump.

"The executive order 'Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports' ensures the next generation of girls has a fair opportunity to compete with the safety, privacy, and equal opportunity they're entitled to," said athlete Riley Gaines. "The clarity and decisiveness of the Trump administration sends a strong, clear message to women and girls across the country that we matter." HHS' Office on Women's Health launched a webpage to promote guidance on sex-based definitions and other resources on efforts to protect women and children.

Definitions in HHS' guidance include:

Sex: A person's immutable biological classification as either male or female.

Female: is a person of the sex characterized by a reproductive system with the biological function of producing eggs.

Male: is a person of the sex characterized by a reproductive system with the biological function of producing sperm.

Woman: an adult human female.

Girl: a minor human female.

Man: an adult human male.

Boy: a minor human male.

Mother: a female parent.

Father: a male parent.

100 YEARS OF THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Provided by Bunny Hacker, CFRW Recording Secretary



In 1953 our Modesto Republican Women Federated formed. We are a political 527 Tax-exempt organization, members of the California Federation of Republican Women, chartered by the National Federation of Republican Women, and exist to educate our members and help get Republicans elected!

Our Modesto RWF Club's 72-year history is long and proud, but our roots go back even farther, **to 100 years ago!**

In 1920, Mrs. Florence Collins Porter founded a study club in Los Angeles. Born in 1853 in Caribou Maine, to parents who ran the town's General Store, Florence was an American newspaper editor, club woman, political campaigner and activist for temperance and women's suffrage. A headline in the June 4, 1924 edition of The Imperial Valley Press read "**Pasadena woman gets high honor at GOP Convention**". In the article, it was announced that she would be the first woman to vote at the Republican National Convention, and would second the nomination of President Coolidge at that convention!

In 1925, she issued a call to women of various Republican clubs in Southern California and Berkeley to attend a meeting in Los Angeles. It was at this meeting that the California Council of Republican Women (CCRW) was organized. The objectives of the CCRW bylaws were "to promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party".

In 1924, Mrs. O.P. Clark was the first woman elected to the Republican National Committee, and from 1925-1931, served as the CCRW's first President.

Our objectives as stated in our **CFRW** Bylaws today are the same as they were in 1925, which is "to promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party and to cooperate with our county and state Central Committees to help elect Republican candidates to office".

At their convention in 1938, the California Council of Republican Women voted to join the newly-formed National Federation of Women's Republican Clubs (NFRWC). In 1953 the NFRWC name was changed to the National Federation of Republican Women, and in 1954, under the leadership of California's outgoing President Jean Wood Fuller and incoming President Gladys O'Donnell, the CCRW changed to become the CFRW—California Federation of Republican Women.

Three of our CFRW Presidents went on to become Presidents of the National Federation of Republican Women: Gladys O'Donnell 1968-1971, Charlotte Mousel 1994-1995 and Kathy Brugger 2014-2015.

For 100 years, the CFRW has been a chartered volunteer organization of the California GOP and working in concert with our county and national GOP organizations to support and elect Republicans to office.

Starting under our 30th U.S. President, Calvin Coolidge, and celebrating our 100-year anniversary under our 47th president Donald J. Trump, the California Federation of Republican Women has continued to serve our Republican party, candidates, military and communities with our campaign activities and Caring-for-America projects. **We are the largest Republican Women's Club in California and the second largest NFRW federated club in the country!**

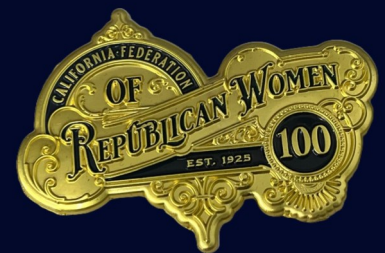
A lot of research is currently underway to provide a more comprehensive history of our California federation and will be presented at our **Centennial Convention in Los Angeles in October**. I strongly and enthusiastically encourage every one of our members to attend. It will be a celebration like no other of an organization to which we should all be proud to belong. I know that I am very proud to be on the board of this historic organization, and I wouldn't miss this celebration for anything!

Thank you ~ Bunny Hacker

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