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A heartfelt thank you to history teacher Richard Vanden Bosch, who gave us an excellent explanation of the history of our federal education system and a detailed overview regarding the pros and cons of eliminating it. He emphasized that, given historical data regarding student learning, we know that something different must be done with our education system.

As we all know, Israel launched a massive and unprecedented operation to destroy Iran's nuclear program. More than 200 Israeli fighter jets have struck Iranian nuclear facilities across the country, taking out dozens of military targets, and eliminated senior military leaders.

President Trump has made clear that Israel's action is the direct result of Iran's refusal to accept the offer to put on the table by envoy Steve Witkoff to permanently and verifiably dismantle Iran's program. The President reaffirmed America's strong support for Israel and said that Israel's operation has been excellent. "We gave them a chance and they didn't take it. They got hit hard, very hard.... And there's more to come. A lot more."

As we celebrate Independence Day, please remember to pray for America, pray for Israel, and pray for peace. We are thankful for our military, who have fought for our freedoms, and so many who have paid with their lives. Happy 4th of July ~ Julie Carroll

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Welcome to July!

by Linda Countryman, Modesto RWF 1st VP
and CFRW Americanism Chair

Celebrating the 4th of July A National Holiday

July 4th, also known as Independence Day, is when we declared America free, and independent from Great Britain rule by adopting the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It was a bold and dangerous move, but with the collective efforts of leaders and the people they made it possible for America to achieve its goal of independence and change the course of history.

The 4th of July is a time when many Americans get an extra day off work, participate in activities with family, friends, community parades, fireworks, music, and of course wonderful barbecues and picnics. It is a time to set aside time to celebrate our culture, freedoms, history, principles, values, and the spirit of the American people. This day should be a reminder of who we are as a nation and the many sacrifices made on our behalf. We need to make sure we are working toward a better future for ourselves, for our neighbors and for the generations still to come.

Walt Whitman asserts in his preface to Leaves of Grass:

"The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges or churches or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors... but always most in the common people."

It is the people of America whose character, optimism, dedication, and hard work that will find a way to give us reasons to continue celebrating America.

Celebrate with purpose but take a moment to remember our responsibilities to engage, participate, vote and stay informed to protect democracy.



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, July 8, 2025

Marie Alvarado Gil

California State Senator



SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS

***** MASONIC CENTER *****

800 Rose Avenue
Modesto California

11:30 a.m.—Check In

12:00 p.m.—Call to Order

***** Cost of Program: *****

\$25 cash

\$26 credit card

Must RSVP by Friday, July 4
Lunches are pre-ordered

Call Voicemail at 209.567.3399 OR -
Purchase for \$26 on website at modestorwf.com

A check, payable to Modesto RWF,
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Modesto RWF
P.O. Box 148 - Salida CA 95368

Program Includes:

Attendance at Meeting

Guest Speaker

Delicious Lunch

(includes beverages, entrée, and dessert,
plus taxes and Gratuity!)

**Program cost is the same with, or
without lunch**





California
Federation

Of

Republican
Women

In Support of Voter ID Legislation and Pro-Election Integrity Candidates in California

Whereas, the integrity of our elections is the cornerstone of a functioning and trustworthy democratic republic, and;

Whereas, a vast majority of Americans across all political affiliations and demographics support common-sense Voter ID requirements as a necessary safeguard to prevent fraud, ensure transparency, and strengthen voter confidence, and;

Whereas, California remains one of the few states without a comprehensive Voter ID requirement for in-person or mail-in voting, thereby increasing vulnerability to potential irregularities, and;

Whereas, implementing secure Voter ID laws does not suppress voter turnout, as demonstrated by data from states such as Georgia and Indiana, which have seen increased participation post-implementation across all racial and socioeconomic groups, and;

Whereas, California Republican Women and allied citizens are committed to upholding election integrity and empowering voters to support state-level elected officials who are committed to advancing voter ID policies;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the California Federation of Republican Women strongly supports the introduction, advancement, and public advocacy of Voter ID legislation within the State of California.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lydia Kanno", written over a horizontal line.

Lydia Kanno
President

California Federation of Republican Women

6-7-2025

Date

**CFRW Resolution from the
Summer Convention in Atascadero**

JULY GUEST SPEAKER!



Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil represents California's 4th Senate District, which spans 13 counties across the Sierra and Central Valley.

A native Californian, Marie grew up amongst apricot and cherry orchards and learned the values of hard work and perseverance from her grandparents. These

values guided her through her studies at UC Davis, where she first pursued Animal Science, and later, through her career raising three children as a single mother. She earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco, establishing herself as a respected leader in the public and nonprofit sectors.

Elected in 2022, Marie is a strong advocate for rural communities, crime victims, and vulnerable children. Her landmark bill, SB 268, closes a dangerous loophole and provides vital protections for victims of sexual violence, further solidifying her reputation as a public safety champion. Her efforts have provided wildfire relief, protected agricultural rights, and strengthened partnerships with law enforcement. With a focus on pragmatic leadership, she promotes middle-class values, opposes government overreach, and works to unite communities.

Marie also is the founder of My First Farm, a nonprofit that introduces children to agriculture and animal care. She lives in Amador County with her husband, Cesar, and their blended family of six children, two grandchildren, and their beloved pugs!



LEFT: Caring for America & Armed Services Co-chair, Karen Knox, dropped off bags and bins of new socks to the Veteran's Administration in Modesto. Thank you Modesto Republican Women for your generous donations!

BELOW: Photos of CFRW President Lydian Kanno and 1st gentleman John Kanno; Lydia Kanno and Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil; and MFRW 1st VP Linda Countryman with CFRW Recording Secretary Bunny Hacker having a great time at the June Convention in Atascadero.



How great was this?
President Julie Carroll received this letter of thanks after the
MELP Committee delivered a dozen books to their library!
Thank you Anita Martin, MRWF M.E.L.P. Chair



**Jessica's
House**

*Grief Support for Children, Teens,
Young Adults and Their Families*



June 6, 2025

Modesto Republican Women Federated
PO Box 148
Salida, CA 95368

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your recent contribution of books received on 5/30/2025 to Jessica's House. Our support for children and families who are grieving would not be possible without your care and commitment.

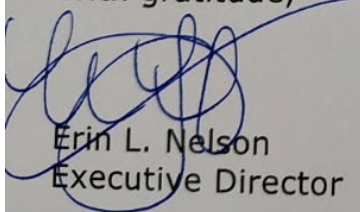
Your donation makes a difference for the hundreds of children and families we serve. Unsupported grief carries many risk factors for the mental and physical health of our youth, which is why our mission to support families who are grieving is critical in our community.

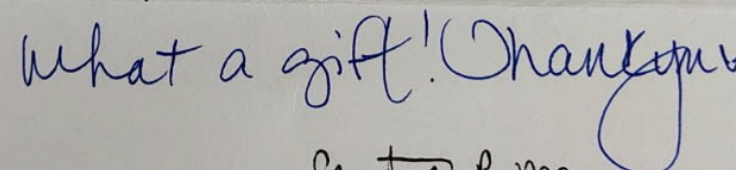
Jessica's House provides unique peer support groups where children and families who are grieving learn they are not alone and find healthy and therapeutic ways to express their grief. Currently, we are able to serve more than 600 children, teens, young adults, and their caregivers who are grieving a death.

At Jessica's House, we never ask a family in grief to worry about whether they can afford the help they need. It is because of your generosity that families who come to Jessica's House never pay for support and can always find an open door and open arms.

On behalf of the children and families served, we gratefully accept your generous gift and appreciate your kindness.

With gratitude,


Erin L. Nelson
Executive Director

What a gift! Thank you!

Courtney P. Morse
Director of Marketing & Development

*Thank you for
your generosity*

Jessica's House is a California not-for-profit religious corporation. Your contribution to Jessica's House is tax-deductible to the full extent the law allows. No goods or services were provided by the organization. Jessica's House Federal Employer Identification Number is 93-3606768.



Capitol Update



Prepared by Amy Russell

Legislative Update ~ June 2025

With the 2025-2026 legislation session in full swing, Democrats are up to their normal antics: destroying the economy, not addressing homelessness, empowering illegal aliens, encouraging crime, stripping parental rights, and generally stripping us of our rights.

In the California legislature, June 6 is a crucial deadline. It marks the end of the period for bills to pass in their "house of origin" (Assembly or Senate) and move to the other house for further consideration. Bills that don't clear this deadline will become "two-year bills," meaning they can be considered again in the following legislative session.

"Held at desk": Passed by one chamber, is awaiting action in the other.

Parental Rights/Child Safety

AB 379 (Schultz; D-Burbank) Combat Child Trafficking: Controversial bill the Dems fought against, moved forward with amendments to remove sex trafficking of 16-17 year olds from a felony to a misdemeanor. From the California District Attorney Association, "Last year, the passage of SB 1414 (Grove) increased the penalties for purchasing minors for commercial sex. While the law covered all minors under the age of 16, only a small fraction of 16- and 17-year-olds were protected under this new law. Specifically, 16- and 17-year-olds were only protected if they could be proven to be victims of human trafficking. AB 379 was introduced to close this gap that left many 16- and 17-year-olds unprotected from commercial sex buyers. AB 379 ensured that the crime of purchasing a 16- or 17-year-old for sex could be prosecuted as a felony, affording these minors the same protections as other children and aiming to reduce the demand for minors from sex buyers. AB 379 was stripped of this critical provision that protected all 16- and 17-year-olds and was a vital step forward in California's ongoing fight against human trafficking. While we support the loitering provisions in AB 379, as the bill advances during this legislative session, **CDA strongly urges lawmakers to reinstate this provision and pass AB 379.**

ROARING BIG THANKS!

HAT'S OFF TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED!

Your MRWF Board of Directors is collecting prizes for a *HUGE* drawing at our upcoming **1920's themed Centennial Dinner** (see flyer on page 8). If you have items you'd love to contribute, just let us know! We are especially looking for:



Symphony Tickets
Restaurant Gift Cards
Vacation Getaway
Special Wines
Round of Golf



Jewelry
Completed Themed Baskets
Artwork!

Gas, Home Improvement, and other Gift Cards
Gallo Theater Tickets

If you own a business or know someone who does and would be willing to help us, please ask them!

Happy July Birthday

to our

Modesto RWF Members

Jane Bledsoe

Joe Kroeze

Sonja Perino

Jean Philbrook

SAVE THE DATES

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

July 2 9:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF BOD Meeting
July 4	America's 249th Independence Day Fly your Flag!
July 8 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting with Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil Please RSVP
July 9 6:00 p.m.	CFRW Distinguished Speaker Zoom with Steve Hilton
August 16 Tickets on sale now	Centennial Dinner - Save the Date! Speaker, Drawings, 1920's theme
October 17—19	CFRW CENTENNIAL CONVENTION & CELEBRATION You're invited!



Modesto Republican Women Federated

Centennial Dinner

Tonight's Theme we are Roaring back to the 1920's.
(Period Attire Optional)



California Gubernatorial Candidate
Sheriff Chad Bianco

August 16, 2025

VIP Table - 8 Seats Donation \$600
(VIP Time includes appetizers and picture with Sheriff Bianco)

Individual Tickets Donation \$65

Masonic Center of Modesto 800 Rose Ave Modesto, 95350

Doors Open: VIP @ 5:00pm - General Admission @ 6:00pm - Dinner @ 7:00pm

For Tickets: modestorwf@gmail.com



Limited Seating Due To Venue
NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR





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Lydia Kanno, CFRW President

CFRW DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER ~ STEVE HILTON CANDIDATE FOR CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR



Steve Hilton has founded several businesses and is a public policy innovator. Born in the UK to Hungarian parents who were fleeing Communism, Steve attended Oxford University, started his own company, helped David Cameron become UK prime minister and then worked as senior advisor in 10 Downing Street. In 2012, Steve moved to Silicon Valley with his wife and two children, becoming a US citizen in 2021. After teaching at Stanford and starting another business, he hosted a TV show — The Next Revolution with Steve Hilton — and several podcasts: California Rebel Base, The Steve Hilton Show and Big Ideas Book Club. Through his policy organization, Golden Together, Steve has set out the changes needed to make California ‘Golden Again’.

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Members Only

**Registration closes at
midnight on July 8.**

Questions?

Contact CFRW 3rd VP and Immediate Past President,
Mary Ervin at maryervinlaw@gmail.com or go to
cafrw.org to register.

Editor's note:

Don't miss this opportunity to hear this candidate
free of charge in the comfort of your own home!



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Capital Connection Message from Julie Harris,
President NFRW

"It's Time to Pass the One Big Beautiful Bill"

The **NFRW** urges the Republican Senators to vote for President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill.

This historic legislation delivers on the promises we made to voters and addresses the critical issues facing our nation today!

Our border crisis demanded immediate action to protect our national security. **President Trump is delivering on his promise to secure the border** and now we need to help **make it permanent** by passing this bill that provides the largest border security investment in history, hiring 10,000 new ICE agents, 5,000 customs officers and 3,000 Border Patrol agents. We will finally **complete President Trump's border wall** construction, 701 miles of primary wall and hundreds of additional miles of barriers to stop deadly fentanyl from flowing into our communities.

This **bill offers real relief for hardworking families** struggling with inflation. It **delivers the largest tax cut** in American history, putting an extra **\$5,000** back in Americans' pockets. Families earning between \$30,000 and \$80,000 will see their tax bills drop by **15%**. The **bill eliminates taxes on tips and overtime, increases the child tax credit to \$2,500, and creates Trump savings Accounts** for newborns.

Women across America have watched their grocery bills skyrocket and their paychecks stretched thin under failed Democrat policies. This **bill reverses course with 1.6 trillion in spending cuts**—the largest deficit reduction in nearly 10 years. It **protects family farmers** from crushing **death taxes** and **expands childcare access** for working mothers.

Republican women understand what's at stake. We worked tirelessly in 2024 to elect Republicans who would fight for secure borders, thriving families, and economic opportunity. The One Big Beautiful Bill delivers all three. Our families and our country are counting on those elected Republicans to pass this bill!



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