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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Julie Carroll, Modesto RWF President

**Please tell everyone you know to
Vote NO on Prop 50!**

Dear members, associates, and friends,

What a fabulous 100 year CFRW Celebration and Convention in Costa Mesa! So many terrific speakers. We learned so much - mixed in with fun! Important takeaways: Remember our vision, values, and velocity. Get on a school board or college board. Get on a committee or commission. Interested in running for office? Go to: bergesonseries.com.

The closing guest speaker was Emmy Award winning Fox News Anchor, Julie Banderas! She's not only beautiful, but intelligent and inspiring too!

At our next program meeting on November 11th, we will be honoring our Veterans who answered the call of duty and fought for our freedoms. We thank you for your courage, patriotism, and sacrifice. We will pay for lunch for our Veterans who are currently paid Members or Associates of MRWF. ***Please do the courtesy of an RSVP no later than 1 week before our next program meeting.***

Next month we begin our annual Membership Renewal campaign. Renew by November 27 to be in a prize drawing! More information on page 3.

~ Julie Carroll

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SAVE THESE DATES

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

November 2	Daylight Savings Time ends: Turn your clocks back one hour!
November 3 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF Board of Director's Meeting, Perko's Riverbank
November 4	Vote NO on 50!!! 
November 11	Veteran's Day ~ Fly your flag! 
November 11 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting with Guest Speaker Mike Douglass! Invite your Veteran Friends! MRWF Active Members and Associate Members who are Veterans enjoy the program for free .
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving! 
November 27	<u>Last day</u> to get in on PRIZE DRAWING for December Meeting (see page 3)
December 2 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF Board of Director's Zoom Meeting
December 9 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting A Christmas Luncheon, Bake Sale, and Ugly Sweater Contest! 
December 9 11:30	Bring new children's pajamas in any size and show a child we care! 

Happy November Birthday
to our
Modesto RWF Members
Mark Countryman
Nicole Countryman
Ron Hammonds
Charlotte Hinkle
Mary Mount
Ginger Ratto
Keith Uyeno

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, November 11, 2025

Michael Douglass

Host of KFIV's The Mike Douglass Show



SEE PAGE 3 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 Tuesday, November 4
Lunches are pre-ordered

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

A \$25 check, payable to Modesto RWF,
can be sent to our new mailing address!

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**





**MODESTO
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
FEDERATED**

BENEFITS TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EARLY!

Join or renew **before November 27th**, and have your name entered into a prize drawing at our Christmas Program

FOLLOW THE MONEY...YOUR ANNUAL DUES AT WORK

Have you ever wondered where your annual dues money goes? Republican Women Federated Clubs really know how to s-t-r-e-t-c-h a dollar and your annual dues go a lot farther than you may realize

Your annual dues are disbursed as follows:

\$20.00 is forwarded to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) for your membership in the largest volunteer political women's organization in the United States.

\$7.00 is allocated to the General Account of the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), where you join the **largest Republican Women organization in the State and the 2nd largest in the Country!**

\$10.00 remains for Modesto RWF's use to help fund the many activities of our Club:

- Support our NFRW scholarship programs
- Support publicity efforts to share our message
- Provide additional support for our Club to be a CFRW Ambassador
- Contribute toward registration for our club President to attend Federated conferences & conventions
- Lunch honoraria for monthly speakers
- Provide printing and postage for our outreach efforts to invite new members to join us

We need you to be part of the Federation team that will help enlighten others about our Republican values. And we need each of you to recruit your sister Republicans so that our message goes out to an ever-broadening audience!

Please fill in the following information and enclose with your check made payable to Modesto RWF.

Mail to: MRWF * P.O. Box 148 * Salida, CA 95368

Cut here: -----

Print Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

☐ I am registered as Republican **[We do not share your email outside of Republican Women Federated!]**

Spouse's Name _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

☐ Renewal \$37 cash/check (\$39 credit card) ☐ New Member \$37 cash/check (\$39 credit card) ☐ Associate* \$25 cash/check (\$27 credit card)

☐ +Donation _____ *Thank you!*

***Associate women:** please note the name of the Federated club to which you are paying your regular membership dues: _____).

***Associate men:** Republican Gentlemen are welcome to attend our General Meetings, and join us in a supporting role as associates!

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

Questions? Call 209.567.3399 or email ModestoRWF@gmail.com



NOVEMBER 2025 GUEST SPEAKER!



Pastor Michael Douglass is a veteran broadcaster, speaker, and community pastor from our Central Valley. He is best known as the host of *The Mike Douglass Show* on KFIV 1360, and for his work with the nonprofit Advancing Vibrant Communities.

As host on his radio show, he provides commentary on current events and conversations about issues affecting the Central Valley. He has conversations with listeners who call in.

With over 35 years of experience, Douglass is an inspirational speaker, master of ceremonies, and voice-over specialist.



As President, CEO, and co-founder, Mike lead the non-profit Advancing Vibrant Communities. It connected faith-based volunteers to service opportunities in their local communities. The organization became active in June of 2002. He also serves as an Associate Pastor at Sherwood Bible Church in Modesto.

In addition to Mike's pastoral and media work, he has had an extensive career, including: Experience in law enforcement; serving with the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services as Assistant Chief for Urban Search and Rescue and Deputy Chief for Fire and Rescue; Pursuing a Ph.D. through Trinity College and Seminary in Indiana; Authoring the book *Speaking Your Way to Success* in 1995.

We are indeed lucky to have Mike Douglass as our Guest Speaker this month. Those who have enjoyed hearing him in the past always look forward to it! **RSVP right away!**



Modesto Republican Women Support Our Community

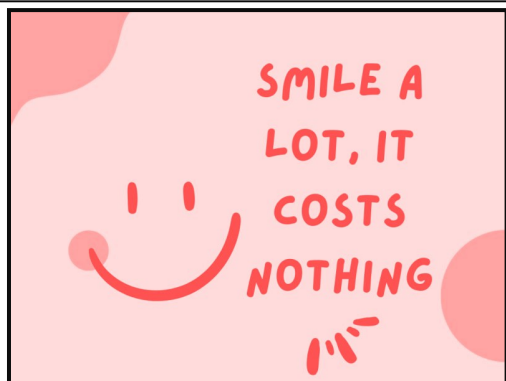
**READY
FOR THE
BER
MONTHS**

We really enjoy these "ber" months of September, October, November, and December. September left us happy to get back in the swing of things after the lazy days of summer. October brought us (finally) cooler air, crisp fresh apples, pumpkin flavored *everything*, Trick or Treaters, and falling leaves. November has us anticipating Veteran's Day events, family visits, Thanksgiving cooking and feasts with loved ones. Then suddenly, it's December and we decorate, shop, bake, and celebrate the reason for the season!

MRWF members and Associates always give back to our community, but more especially so this time of year and in the following ways:

- * November and December we renew our Club membership commit to raising awareness of Republican values in our town. If you renew by November 27th, you will be entered into a drawing to win a prize at our December Luncheon!
- * November brings us the opportunity to acknowledge Veterans and treat our paid Members and Associated Members to lunch as we honor them.
- * Also in November, we have a chance to bring in clothes donations for people in need (see the flyer on page 6) and we continue with the Toys for Tots new toy drive. Have you bought yours yet?
- * Thanks to your gifts, Anita Martin and husband Norm will be delivering books to the Veteran's Administration in Modesto and to Jessica's House in Turlock.
- * December finds us being our most generous selves! On the 9th you can still renew your membership. Wear your **Ugly Sweater** to the meeting, and something for the **Bake Sale!** It's also the last chance to bring a Toy for the Toys for Tots drive.
- * New for December is a chance to bring some new winter pajamas to give to children in shelters. Participate in our **Pajama Drive!**





A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give.

It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble.

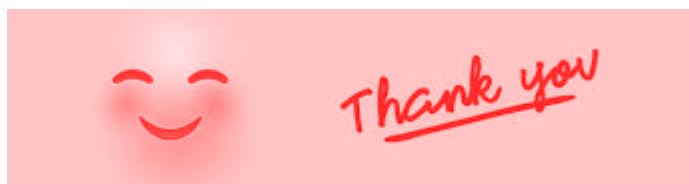
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

- Author Unknown

A smile is simple, easy, and yet such a powerful gift we can give. It carries hope, joy, kindness, and a connection with others. A real bonus is that it is free and looks good on everyone!!

Contributed by Linda Countryman - 1st VP MRWF



MRWF welcomes you to
Invite a Veteran friend
 To our November 11, 2025 General Meeting
 11:30 ~ Sign in
 Special Guest Speaker, **Michael Douglass**
 Veteran's recognition
 *** Wear your patriotic colors! ***



5 Facts About Veterans Day

It honors all U.S. veterans. This holiday celebrates men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces, both living and deceased, across all eras and conflicts.

It was originally Armistice Day. The holiday's original name, Armistice Day, was established in 1919 to mark the anniversary of the armistice that ended WWI on November 11, 1918.

The name changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by President Eisenhower.

The holiday is recognized internationally. Other countries that were allies in WWI such as Canada, Australia, and Great Britain, also commemorate their veterans around November 11th.

The military men and women who serve and protect the United States come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities.

Here are some facts about the veteran population of the United States:

- During the 2022 midterm elections, around a fifth (21 percent) of the candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House or governor claimed some degree of military experience.
- 10 percent of living veterans are women.
- 5.9 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 7.8 million veterans served in the Gulf War era.
- 933,000 veterans served during the Korean War.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 119,550 were still alive as of 2023.

Modesto Republican Women Federated unites
with Central Valley Commemorative Air Force



'TIS THE SEASON...

Donate to children in need. Providing toys really helps
children know you care! Please bring your **NEW** and
UNWRAPPED toys to drop in the collection box



Drop-off location:

MRWF General Meeting
800 Rose Ave
Modesto, CA

Available:

October 14th
November 11th
December 9th



CLOTHING DRIVE

**Give a Little,
Help a Lot**

**Support Your
Caring Communities
Clothing Drive**

Your **NEW** or **barely** used clothes can go a long way in
helping someone in need. From coats and sweaters to
shoes and accessories, every item you donate can
provide comfort to those who need it most. Together,
we can make a positive impact in our community.

****NEW****

UNDER GARMENTS,
T-SHIRTS, PANTS,
LEGGINGS, AND
SHOES ARE
NEEDED!

**MRWF General
Meeting**
800 Rose Ave
Modesto CA

**NOVEMBER
11th
11:30 a.m.**

California Federation of Republican Women Centennial Celebration Pictures



Comedian Ron Ruhman... hilarious!



Tom Del Beccaro,
Friday Celebration speaker



Lydia passing the gavel to incoming
President Ingrid Lake



Executive Board Members at Friday
Night Celebration ~ 1920's garb!



A sampling of the attendees dressed for fun!



Celebration Cake



MRWF and other Associate Members at an
intense meeting just for the Associates!



Convention Swag Bag with
bookmark, note pad, and pen inside



CFRW President Lydia Kanno and husband
John with Keynote Speaker, Julie Banderas



Award Winning FOX News Anchor
Julie Banderas



MRWF President Julie Carroll and husband
Steve with Keynote Speaker, Julie Banderas

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