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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Julie Carroll, Modesto RWF President

Dear Members, Associates, and Friends,

A huge "thank you" to our guest speaker & representative of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation! It was so refreshing to hear how "Tunnel to Towers" has worked mightily to honor the sacrifice of first responders and military veterans - even in our local area!

Remember to **vote early!** And vote like your life depends on it, because it DOES!

If you have questions about the ballot propositions, bring your ballot to the October 13 program meeting and we'll review them together.

Don't let the noise of the radical left distract you - remember the tenets of our platform: God, Family, and country. As Ronald Reagan remarked "We have a duty to perform as citizens, and that means voting". So let your voice be heard!!

Thank you ~ Julie Carroll

*JUST A LITTLE
Reminder*

VOTE EARLY (VOTER GUIDES IN THIS ISSUE)

BRING IN TOYS AND PAJAMAS

BRING YOUR BALLOTS TO THE MEETING AND WE WILL DELIVER THEM



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SAVE THESE DATES

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

October 6 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF Board of Director's Meeting
October 9	Deadline: Last day to RSVP for MRWF October Program and assure there is lunch for everyone!
October 11	Columbus Day 
October 13 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF Program Meeting Guest: Assemblyman Juan Alanis
October 31 Halloween	Drive carefully for Trick or Treaters! 
November 3	
November 3	Modesto RWF Board of Director's Zoom Meeting
November 7	Daylight Savings Time ends 
November 10	MRWF Program Meeting



**Happy *October* Birthday
to our
Modesto RWF Members!**

**Sandy Cooper
Joanne Rollins**

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, October 13, 2026

**Featuring Assemblyman
Juan Alanis**



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 or check ~ \$26 credit card

**ALL attendees Must RSVP by Friday,
October 9th
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 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

PLEASE NOTE!!

**THE COST OF THE
PROGRAM MEETING INCLUDING LUNCH IS AN
ADDITIONAL \$5 FOR NON-MEMBERS**

OCTOBER

Bucket list

- Go apple picking
- Go on a bike ride
- Visit a pumpkin patch
- Watch classic scary movies
- Sip hot apple cider
- Dress your dog for Halloween
- Make a fall wreath
- Go to a football game
- Make caramel apples or slices to dip
- Drink a pumpkin spiced latte with a friend
- Take fall family pictures
- Collect fall leaves
- Make butternut squash soup
- Make homemade apple sauce
- Light a fall candle or two
- Make a pot of chili
- Bring a friend to the MRWF meeting
- Watch the World Series
- Make a fall centerpiece for your table
- Put out fall colored throws
- Cook your favorite soup recipe
- Curl up in front of a fire
- Bake an apple pie
- Answer the door for Trick or Treaters
- Visit a Farmer's Market
- Vote early
- Enjoy every minute
- Call someone and share an October memory



October 13 Guest Speaker

Juan Alanis began his career in public service on his 21st birthday when he proudly pinned on a badge as a law enforcement officer. For nearly three decades, he has dedicated his life to protecting others. Juan has received three awards for saving the lives of others, including a decoration for rescuing a child whose mother attempted to burn down their house with her inside.



The newly created 22nd Assembly District is more than just borders on a map: for Juan, it is home. It is where he married his wife, Barbara, raised their three children, and served as a peace officer protecting and serving in nearly every community in Stanislaus County over the course of his career.

Juan is currently the Republican Caucus Chair. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Assembly Committees on Agriculture, Business & Professions, Natural Resources, Public Employment and Retirement, and Water Parks & Wildlife. *Whew!* Juan has also been appointed to over a dozen select committees, highlighting the respect he has earned from his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. In 2024, Juan was named Chief Minority Whip and was ***promoted to Deputy Minority Leader for Operations in 2025.***

During his first term in the legislature, Juan successfully passed sixteen bills into law. These measures expanded privacy protections for survivors of kidnapping, provided additional safeguards for minors online, increased resources to combat the opioid epidemic, returned financial literacy instruction for grades 7-12, strengthened parental notification in schools, increased transparency for the placement of sexually violent predators upon their release, and so much more!

As a proud member of the California Problem Solvers Caucus, Juan hopes to continue bringing his public safety expertise to Sacramento to improve the quality of life for all Californians. Beyond shaping policies that make California safer, ***Juan is committed to reducing the cost of living for working-class families, protecting the Central Valley's water rights, and being a true champion for the 22nd District's agricultural and business communities.***

Register now to welcome Juan in the way Modesto Republican Women do best!

Current members who bring a friend that joins can win a prize!



MODESTO REPUBLICAN WOMEN ★ FEDERATED ★

Join Us For a

Meet & Greet

MIXER



TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2026



5:30 PM to 7:30 PM



AT THE HOME OF
Joni Ogden
3330 Wycliffe
Modesto, CA

APPETIZERS AND
REFRESHMENTS



BUILD
Connections



MAKE A
Difference



PLEASE BRING
your spouse/partner,
a friend, a neighbor.



Spouses are eligible to
join as an "associate".

ABOUT OUR CLUB

The Modesto Republican Women Federated was founded in 1953 and welcomes women from all backgrounds.

We are an all volunteer club that provides valuable services to its members and promotes Republican values.

We are part of the California Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

RSVP

by October 15th



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Our **goal** is to educate, inspire, and provide opportunities for like-minded Republican women.

September "Take a Chance" Highlights

~by Mary Mount, MRWF 2nd V.P.

September's **Take a Chance** raffle was a perfect fit for our Central Valley roots. With harvest season in full swing, we enjoyed a wonderful selection of gifts generously donated by **Sue Houser, Marlys Layne, Mary Ann Uyeno, and Linda Ridenour**. It was great to see so many members and guests participating and enjoying the fun of our monthly drawing.

September Winner's Circle

(pictured left to right)

Bob Jones – Fall arrangement with a cup and \$25 Starbucks gift card

Glenn Mount – Held the winning ticket for a Tunnel to Towers book "Let Us Do Good"

Melanie Labriola – Cha-Ching! Melanie was blessed with the 50/50 winning ticket

Roxanne Jones – Was the prize winner of the basket filled with note cards and lots of goodies

Marlys Layne – Lucky recipient of a Free Lunch for the October meeting

Coming in October - "Oktoberfest"

October's theme is **Oktoberfest**, and we're already wondering what goodies will make an appearance. Could it be cheese, sauerkraut, beer nuts, pretzels, or perhaps a German chocolate cake? Maybe even some German-style sausage? Just thinking about it is making me hungry!

Our October donors, Renee Ellis, Joni Ogden, Karen Knox, and Suzanne Booke (who will provide the Mystery gift) -are sure to keep us guessing.

Whatever the prizes may be, one thing is certain: October is going to be deliciously interesting! A big thank you to all our generous donors and to everyone who participated in September's raffle. Your support keeps this monthly tradition going strong!



DEMOCRACY AND VOTING

The right to vote and voting are essential to the cornerstone in a well functioning democracy. Our Constitution and its Amendments states how and who can vote. When we vote it is a fundamental expression of our democratic participation because it allows the power of the people to have input in shaping the government and public decision making. Voting allows the people to choose our representatives and ensures that they remain responsive to our needs.

Voting serves key purposes in a democracy

- Expression of Popular Will
- Accountability of Leaders
- Peaceful Transition of Power
- Representation and Inclusivity
- Legitimacy of Government
- Engagement in Civic Life

Challenges to voting in a Democracy include:

- Free and fair elections/Electoral Integrity
- Voter suppression
- Low voter turnout

To avoid erosion of democracy and keep elections from becoming meaningless, you must exercise your right to vote and have your voice heard. The right to vote and voting ensures the stability and well-being of society, supports our civil liberties, and keeps the concentration of power with the people and not with a few individuals or groups. ***Voting is a powerful instrument, and elections are determined by the people who show up and participate!***

"Someone struggled for your right to vote." Use it.

~ Susan B. Anthony.

Article by: **Linda Countryman – 1st VP and Americanism Chair**





SACRAMENTO
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
FEDERATED

**Vote for
Republican
Assemblymembers
& Senators**

Protect California Taxpayers

Ballot Measures & Tax Legislation You Need to Know

★ **BALLOT MEASURES YOU ARE VOTING ON** ★

These measures appear on your ballot and
require **YOUR** vote.



Save Prop 13:

Protects homeowners
from massive property
tax increases.

**YES on
PROP 43**



Stop The Savings Tax:

Protects your savings
from being taxed.

**YES on
PROP 42**



Stop The Wealth Tax:

A tax on your total net
worth, including savings,
investments, and
businesses.

**NO on
PROP 40**



Stop The Income Tax Hike:

Makes the "temporary"
high income tax rates
permanent.

**NO on
PROP 3**



Sales Tax Hike:

AB 1768 raises California's
cap on local sales tax rates,
allowing combined rates of
up to 11.25% if approved
by local voters.

**NO on
local tax
hike measures**



Stop The Exit Tax:

A new tax on unrealized
gains when you leave
California.

**NO on
PROP 40**

★ **DEMOCRAT LEGISLATION PENDING AND PASSED** ★

"TAXATION BY REGULATION"



Mileage Tax:

A new 6-cents-per-mile
tax that could cost the
average driver \$900–
\$1,350 more each year.

AB 1421



Healthcare Tax:

Higher taxes and mandates
to fund Medi-Cal expansion
and advance single-payer
healthcare proposals.

**SB 125
and Single-Payer
Healthcare
Proposals**



Utility Tax:

A flat utility charge on
all customers — no
matter how much
energy you use.

AB 205



Gas Tax:

Annual increases
from SB 1 (2017).

**Annual
increases
from
SB 1 (2017)**

"TAXATION BY REGULATION"



When the Legislature passes a law, it often gives unelected state agencies the authority to create regulations that impose new **"fees."** These fees can function like **taxes** on Californians and businesses, without a direct vote of the people.



Agencies
write the
regulations



"Fees" increase
costs for
families &
businesses



No direct
vote of the
people



Functions like
a tax in
practice



YES ON PROP 39: Voter ID
California finally gets basic voter ID



YES ON PROP 41: Tax Accountability
Requires independent audits on any new state special taxes so politicians can't hide how your money is spent.



YES ON PROP 42: Stop The Savings Tax & Retroactive Taxes
Protects you from new personal property taxes and politicians reaching back to tax you for past years.



YES ON PROP 43: Protect Prop 13 – Stop The Tax Hikes
Closes the loophole that let some local taxes pass with only 50% + 1. Makes it harder to raise your taxes.



YES ON PROP 45: Fix CEQA – Cut The Building Red Tape
Reforms the broken environmental law that blocks housing, roads, and clean energy projects.



NO ON PROP 40: Everybody's Tax – Not Just Billionaires
A 5% wealth tax on net worth that could expand later and hit everyone's savings and investments.



NO ON PROP 3: Permanent Income Tax Lock-In
Makes the "temporary" high income tax hike permanent — keeping California's highest-in-the-nation tax rates forever.



NO ON PROP 1: \$11+ Billion More Debt
Another massive housing bond that adds to California's debt without fixing the real problems driving up housing costs.



NO ON PROP 38: \$8.4 Billion Billionaire Research Giveaway
\$8.4 billion in new state debt pushed by two billionaires to fund their preferred research projects.



NO ON PROP 44: Union Power Grab on Health Clinics
Pushed by the same union behind the wealth tax. Gives unions more control over community health clinics.



NO ON PROP 5: Makes Recalls Weaker
Changes the rules so it's harder to fully remove a statewide politician in one election.



NO ON PROP 4: Tax Payer Funded Campaigns
Lets politicians use taxpayer money to fund their own campaigns.



NO ON PROP 2: More Government Slush Funds
Makes it easier for Sacramento to keep and hide surplus money instead of returning it to taxpayers.



NO ON PROP 37: Taxpayer-Backed Developer Loans
Creates a state-backed loan program that mainly helps housing developers sell new homes using taxpayer resources.



Modesto Republican Women Federated unites
with Central California Commemorative Air Force

Toys for Tots Toy Drive

'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 boxes



MRWF General Meetings on:

September 8th, October 13th,
November 10th and December 15th

800 Rose Ave, Modesto



'tis the season...

Bring a pair of NEW and UNWRAPPED pajamas and give a child the gift of warmth and comfort this season! All sizes are needed from a 0 infants to a Large for the older kids!



PAJAMA DRIVE



Let's fill those bins, Modesto RWF!



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 _____ **Birth Month (for acknowledgement in newsletter)** _____

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

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



Check out these snaps from September Meeting!



MODESTO RWF

c/o Julie Carroll, President
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