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CONSTITUTIONALLY SPEAKING...THE CHARTERS OF FREEDOM

Did you know that the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are collectively known as The Charters of Freedom? These three documents have secured the Rights of the American people since the birth of our nation and express the philosophy upon which our great nation was founded.

The Declaration of Independence expresses our governing principles and our American identity. As stated in the Preamble, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." The document is not legally binding, but it is "a rebuke and a stumbling block to tyranny and oppression (President Abraham Lincoln)."

The Constitution united a group of states with different interests, laws, and cultures, into a collective citizenry, vesting the power of the union in the people. As stated in the Preamble, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America."

The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are

known as **The Bill of Rights** and gave citizens more confidence in the new government. They contain our most valued freedoms. The Constitution might never have been ratified if the founding fathers had not promised to add a Bill of Rights. As found in the Preamble, "The Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best

ensure the beneficent ends of its institution." Learn more about these documents at <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs> Source: The National Archives



Speaker Sheriff Fryhoff



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I continue to want to say, "Happy New Year" and then I realize it's almost March! Of course, to get the newsletter out on time, this is written several weeks in advance. Today, while thinking about what to write, I was jolted out of complacency by an earthquake.

I then reflected, remembering that earthquakes had been one of the reasons people left California. However, in recent years, it seems the reason many people have departed California has more to do with the liberal politics than with the earthquakes. Liberal policies have created a California my parents would no longer recognize if they were still living.

That thought caused me to have a glimmer of hope when I read a recently released report. Even though the Democrats currently outnumber Republicans two to one in California, encouraging numbers were released by our Secretary of State.

In case you missed it, here are a few highlights from the report covering October 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024:

- Republicans have slightly increased the number of registered voters in every single State Assembly, State Senate and Congressional District.
- Republicans have gained voter registration in all but two California counties (Alpine & Mono).
- Republicans have gained 46,000 voter registrations statewide while the Democrats lost 30,000 and "No Party Preference" had a loss of 70,000 voters.

In a state with nearly 40 million residents these are extremely small numbers, but at least it is a bump in the right direction.

Let's continue this effort by sharing our Republican values and policies with others while we continue recruiting for Republican voter registrations !

See you March 12th at our evening program !

Cynthia Pike
CAMARILLO RWF PRESIDENT



Gina Brenner and Mary Bednar, VPs for Membership, offering renewals and information to assist members

This was found on the Internet, an anonymous author, but I thought it would be an interesting perspective to share. CP

THIS IS TOO TRUE TO BE FUNNY

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but an advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases:

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on this earth on two feet.
- E. **A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes at the rate our government is spending money.**

Where does this money come from? Us ! Some of our taxes include:

Building Permit Tax	Service charge Taxes
CDL License Tax	Social Security Tax
Cigarette Tax	State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
Corporate Income Tax	Telephone Federal Excise Tax
Dog License Tax	Telephone Federal Road Usage Tax (Truckers)
Federal Income Tax (Fed)	Sales Taxes
Federal Unemployment Tax (FU TA)	Recreational Vehicle Tax
Fishing License Tax	School Tax
Food License Tax	State Income Tax
Fuel Permit Tax	Universal Service Fee Tax
Gasoline Tax	Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Tax
Hunting License Tax	Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax
Inheritance Tax	Telephone Recurring and Non-recurring Charges Tax
Inventory Tax	Telephone State and Local Tax
IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)	Telephone Usage Charge Tax
IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)	Utility Tax
Liquor Tax	Vehicle License Registration Tax
Luxury Tax	Vehicle Sales Tax
Marriage License Tax	Watercraft Registration Tax
Medicare Tax	Well Permit Tax
Property Tax	Workers Compensation Tax
Real Estate Tax	

And to think, we left British Rule to avoid so many taxes!

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had no national debt and we had the largest middle class in the world...

What the heck happened to our country ?



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: EFFORT TO REPEAL THE INCOME—GRADUATED FEE FOR ELECTRICAL CUSTOMERS

Maria Mauro Acosta
CRWF Legislation/Activism Chair

Strange things happen during an Election Year. Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks), and all members of the Assembly, are up for re-election. So it should come as no surprise that the current public uproar against the California Public Utility Commission (PUC) plan to implement an income-based rate schedule has perhaps caused those very same Democrats a wee bit o' panic.

Irwin's announced on January 30, 2024, that she has introduced legislation to repeal the PUC's proposed income-graduated fixed fee (Assembly Bill 1999 Electricity: Fixed Charges with 19 co-authors, so far). But one might wonder how we got here in the first place?

Well, on June 29, 2022, Irwin, and the Democrat supermajority, voted FOR Assembly Bill (AB) 205, mandating the PUC to develop an income-graduated fee for electrical customers by July 1, 2024. Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law, and it was chaptered by the Secretary of State on June 30, 2022.

Yep! Irwin and the Democrats did this to Californians, **on purpose**, as part of their social-justice agenda. "Robbing the rich to give to the poor" might make for an entertaining work of fiction, but here in the real-world, wealth-redistribution schemes like this one just might cause a Democrat to be voted out of office.

Irwin claims that AB 205 (2022) was a "budget

trailer bill that drew little attention at the time." So, did she vote for a bill she did not read, or did she vote for a bill she did not understand? Or did she know EXACTLY what she was doing? The mandate being given to the PUC was very clear as excerpted from Assembly Bill 205 (2022), Chapter 61, Subsection 4:

"The bill would eliminate the cap on the amount of the fixed charge that the PUC may authorize. The bill would require the fixed charge to be established on an income-graduated basis, as provided, with no fewer than 3 income thresholds so that low-income ratepayers in each baseline territory would realize a lower average monthly bill without making any changes in usage."

Irwin is like an arsonist who sets fire to a home then returns to the scene of the crime to put out the fire she set, expecting admiration and appreciation for her heroic actions. **But Irwin has not extinguished the blaze yet.** Introducing AB 1999 is only the first step. It must be assigned to the appropriate committees, pass both floors of the state legislature, and be signed by the Governor before that part of **AB 205** (2022) is repealed.

Republican legislators have not yet weighed in on whether more protection for ratepayers should be included in AB 1999. **However, for now, let's not let AB 1999 simply be a campaign-trail talking point that coincidentally fails to pass once the elections are over. It's time to hold Democrats' feet to the fire that they caused:**

Contact your representatives in the State Assembly and the State Senate, and contact the Governor's office, to express your dissatisfaction with AB 205 (2022):

- **State you want the electrical customer income-graduated fee law repealed.**
- **State that you want the repeal to be FAST-TRACKED through the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor PRIOR TO the state-wide elections.**



Treasurer Barbara Ito manning a booth for a fundraiser: Bunco, Baskets, Bubbly



(l. to r.) Margie Hutchins, Denise Richardson, Jan Bender and Kay Rodgers

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS !

For anyone interested in supporting our newsletter and having their business card displayed to advertise in the Trunkline, please text or call Cindy Pike for information (661) 332-0230.



Booths promoting involvement! How fun!



Doug Dubois getting champagne...cheers!

VOTING INFORMATION

Check out your district map and elected representatives on the websites listed below:

<https://vcitsgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=be324ca2b8ee4fe98a449dda798b68d7>

or

<https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/elections/voter-lookups/who-are-my-elected-officials/>

Want to know how you are registered to vote? Check on this website:

<https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/elections/voter-lookups/am-i-a-registered-voter/#VoterEligibilitySearch>



Mary Alice and Robert Waldo



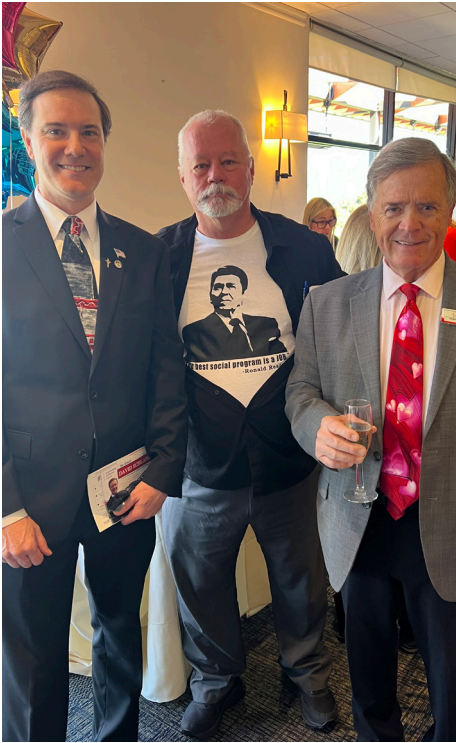
Nedra Kindig getting information from Elena Mishkanian about our website and use of the QR code

TRUNKLINE HELP NEEDED!

We need a volunteer who can have fun and if you can:

- Provide and implement ideas for the Trunkline newsletter that will entice members to read it;
- Coordinate timely collection of articles and photos; and
- Timely review of the newsletter and collaboration with the publisher and printer in order to get the newsletter mailed to members timely.

If you are interested, please text or call Cindy at 661-332-0230



Central Committee candidates David Sch and Dirk Lay with past Camarillo Mayor Mike Morgan



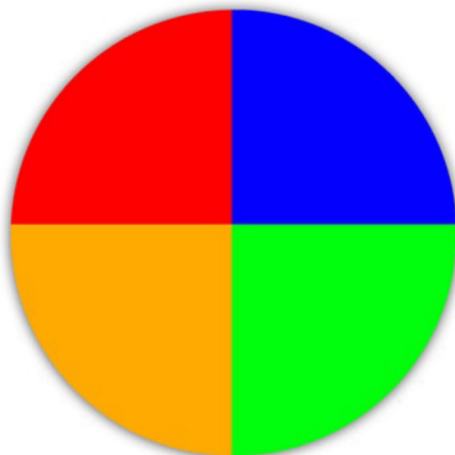
Checking in!



Cheryl Hardwood, winner of the gift basket

HUMOR, LOL!

HOW REPUBLICANS DENY PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE



- REQUIRE CITIZENSHIP
- REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION
- MUST NOT VOTE MORE THAN ONCE
- MUST BE ALIVE

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP VPS

On behalf of Camarillo RWF, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our Gold Members for their extraordinary generosity and unwavering support. Your significant contributions have propelled our club to new heights, enabling us to achieve remarkable milestones. Today, we celebrate a remarkable 80% increase in Gold Members, reaching an impressive total of 16 members compared to the previous year. Furthermore, within 3 months, our Male Associates' membership has witnessed an unprecedented surge, experiencing an estimated 10% increase encompassing 34 supporting and dedicated loyal associate members.

Your belief in our mission and dedication to fostering a thriving community have played a pivotal role in our collective achievements.

We also extend our gratitude to members who actively invited families and friends to join our club. Your efforts have not only expanded our community but have also contributed to the increased number of Gold Members.

As we commemorate this momentous occasion, we express our deepest gratitude to each one of you for your role in shaping the success of Camarillo RWF. Together, we look forward to continued growth, camaraderie, and shared accomplishments.

Thank you for being the driving force behind our club's success.

Warm regards,

Elena Mishkanian

Mary Bednar

Gina Brenner

2nd Co-VP Memberships

2024 Gold Members:

- Pat Zimmerman
- Yvonne Wooff
- Diane Starr
- Sara Peterson
- Kathleen Lombardi
- Charla Little
- Sue Kingsling
- Barbara Ito
- Betty Hendricks
- Carol Haverty
- Margaret Hansen
- Colleen Gulbranson
- Donna Gabriel
- Elke Foss
- Marla DeSha
- Terri Conlee

March Birthdays

- Terri Conlee* 09
- MaryAnn Garza* 09
- Kara Boyd* 11
- Maria DeSha* 14
- Suzanne Chadwick* 15
- Mardene Hanson* 17
- Valerie Palmer* 20
- Barbara Hemmens* 23
- Jerri Levi* 25
- Lois O'Connor* 27
- Brandee Sisting* 27





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ALL 2024 PROGRAMS WILL BE AT LAS POSAS COUNTRY CLUB – 955 FAIRWAY DR, CAMARILLO
SOCIAL TIME BEGINS - 4:30PM; BUSINESS MTG & PROGRAM, WITH DINNER INCLUDED, BEGINS - 5:30PM

JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH 12TH EVENING PROGRAM W/ ATTORNEY MARK MEUSER !



We are excited to present Attorney Mark Meuser who will speak to us regarding recent lawsuits involving voting and election integrity issues. Join in and learn about the results of these lawsuits and the impact they may have on our future elections and/or laws.

Mark currently works at the (Harmett) Dhillon Law Group (San Francisco) where he handles Constitutional and election law issues.

In the last year, Mark has been involved in over 100 lawsuits that have attempted to keep President Trump off the ballot due to a mis-interpretation of the meaning of Section 3 of the 14th Amendment.

Mark is a native Californian with a proven record of fighting for our Constitutional rights. He was the CAGOP nominee for California Secretary of State in 2018 and CAGOP candidate for the U.S. Senate in 2022.



PAID RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 3/05/24. No refunds for cancellations after 3/05.

Reservations may be made securely online at Ticket Spice: <https://crwf.ticketspice.com/March-2024>
or, mail completed reservation form *with check* to: CRWF Program Res. - P.O. BOX 1021 CAMARILLO, 93011

⇒ Menu choice #1: Pan Seared Chicken Breast Plicata Lemon & Caper Sauce| Rice Pilaf | Seasonal Vegetables

⇒ Menu choice #2: Oven Roasted Salmon w/ Meyer Lemon Beurre Blanc| Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables Dessert
Dessert : Brownie & Ice Cream Water,

Dietary restrictions: _____

PROGRAM COST, INCLUDING DINNER: Members = \$50.00 Non-Members / Guests = \$55.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Meal # _____ \$ 50.00

Guest: _____ Meal # _____ (\$55.00) \$ _____

Guest: _____ Meal # _____ (\$55.00) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Need a question answered? Contact Brenda Schearer at 805-233-4136.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there !

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