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General Meeting:
Sept. 27, 2017
Cost: \$27.00 per
person
Time: 11:30 to
1:00

DATELINE

Sept. 4 – Labor Day
Sept. 7 – OCFRW Board
meeting, Costa Mesa CC
Sept. 10 Wine Tasting
Fundraiser, Salt Creek
Wine Company
Sept. 18 – Central
Committee Meeting,
Irvine
Sept. 27 – LNRWF
General Meeting
Oct. 5 – OCFWR Board
meeting, Costa Mesa CC
Oct. 16 – Central
Committee meeting,
Irvine
Oct. 25 – LNRWF
General Meeting
**Oct. 27-28 – So. Div.
Biennial Convention,
Rancho Mirage**
Nov. 2 – OCFRW Board
meeting, Costa Mesa CC



TRUNKLINE

LAGUNA NIGUEL REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

— A Diamond Award Club • Chartered 1968 —

MEETING LOCATION

El Niguel Country Club
23700 Clubhouse Drive
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

NEWSLETTER EDITION

VOLUME 47, ISSUE 6

Speaker: Leonard A. Semas

Topic: Reading and Values

"As a college instructor for many years, I have observed that the essential determinants of educational success are parental involvement and reading. As an observer of society, I have noted a decline in traditional values. This presentation builds on the purpose of my latest book - the importance of reading, values and adult-child interaction. It draws on the backgrounds of our Founding Fathers, including quotations and historical anecdotes that stress the importance of reading and values. As shown, parent/adult involvement in education, reading and values are cornerstones of society - and we are losing all three." Len Semas

Brief Biography

Len Semas was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, and grew up in Santa Clara, California, where he attended public schools. He graduated from Santa Clara University with a major in biology and minors in chemistry and philosophy. Len volunteered for service in the U.S. Army and attended Engineer Officer Candidate School, receiving his commission as a Distinguished Graduate. He served 3 years from 1969-1972 and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. He returned to Santa Clara University and earned a Master of Business Administration degree, followed by a career in business. He has 40+ years of varied business experience and for the past 14 years, he has been involved in writing, publishing and speaking on politics, political philosophy, contemporary issues and current events. He teaches business writing and speaking at Western Nevada College. In addition, Mr. Semas has published and been the primary contributor in an online magazine, Sierra Sage, since 2002, and is the author/publisher of three books. His current book, ***Reading with Grandpa and Enzo: Learn the Most Important Words First***, is a reading primer that encourages adult-child interaction and promotes traditional values to beginning readers. His previously published works include:

- *Reason, Justice and Common Sense (author/publisher)* - 2nd edition pending
- *Bars of Nevada: The Historical, Hysterical and Barely Standing (editor/publisher)*

President's Message

Greetings to my fellow Republican women!

I hope everyone had a great summer. I had the honor of traveling to the East coast this summer with my family. We visited Gettysburg, DC and Virginia. The picture to the left is at the Whitehouse. If you have never been on this trip I highly recommend going. The rich history of our beautiful country is everywhere you look. Having family with you makes it even better.



We learned about the history of the Civil War, visited George Washington's home and spent hours in the Library of Congress in awe! The best part was we sat in the Senate Gallery and observed our political system in the works.

The one thing that stood out to me was that in DC people are working to make our country better. Bills are being passed, and although there may be disagreements, there is also much bipartisan work being accomplished. The news media has been sensationalizing things to the point where many are frustrated and think nothing is happening. This simply is not true.

I also had the privilege of touring the NFRW home office in Alexandria, VA. The ladies were kind and showed me around, as well as explained the importance of our local clubs and how our involvement makes a difference. I viewed the California room, which was donated by the CFRW. There were several pictures of Ronald Reagan in there and I believe our very own member Joyce Van Schaack donated one of them.

Just this past month I attended a "Women 2 Women" conference in Irvine with Mimi Walters and we learned about some of the bipartisan legislation that she has been working on. I want to encourage all of us to read more, search more and pay attention to more than just the media. As a result, we will find that America is still STRONG!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Wine Tasting Fundraiser on September 10 at Salt Creek Wine Company! Please plan on attending or at least sponsoring the event. Details are in this newsletter.

Sandy Rains



NFRW Headquarters in Alexandria, VA



Membership Report

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**2016 Total Regular
Members: 88**

**2016 Associate
Members: 5**

**2017 Regular Members:
91**

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN
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INVITE YOU TO A WINE TASTING
FUNDRAISER!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
FROM 3:00 TO 5:30 PM**

**AT
SALT CREEK WINE COMPANY
30100 TOWN CENTER DRIVE B-2
LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677**

**\$35.00 PER PERSON
ENJOY HEAVY APPETIZERS & WINE**

**SPOUSES AND FRIENDS ARE
INVITED**

RSVP NOW!

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Or mail to P.O. Box 6532 Laguna Niguel, CA
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Reservation Deadline: September 1, 2017
***We are accepting donations for auction
items!***

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

LNRWF TRASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 7/31/2017	\$7,596.00
Expenses	\$1,915.82
Balance	\$7,407.66

Fundraising Can Be Fun!

The Official 2017 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who served as the thirty-second president of the United States from 1933 to 1945 and his remarkable journey to restore the faith of the American people. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold.



Go to LNRWF.org to place your order or place your order at the meetings.

FEDERATION WEBSITES

Each level of the Federation has a website where there is a wealth of information. Access to some areas of the CFRW, Southern Division and County websites require a password. See below on how to obtain one.

NFRW website: www.nfrw.org

User name: federation

Password: nfrw1938

CFRW (www.cfrw.org), Southern Division (www.cfrwsoutherndivision.org) and Orange County (www.ocfrw.org) websites require a password. Your User Name will be your e-mail address. Once you set up your password, it will be the same for all three sites.

To request a password for to www.cfrwsoutherndivision.org. Click Members Only. In the drop-down box, click Request a Password. Complete all the required information and click Send Message. You will receive a response via e-mail within a couple of minutes. If you have trouble, please make sure your membership is current and that you enter your name as it appears on your Membership Form. For further assistance, please contact Lois Godfrey, Web Manager, itslois@earthlink.net or (714) 773-5552.

CFRW Capital Update – From the CFRW Website – www.cfrw.org

They're Back!

The legislature is back from their summer recess, and they have until September 15th to pass or fail over 800 bills. Right now the upcoming deadline that bills need to hurdle is the appropriations committee and suspense file bills. They have until September 1st to pass out of the fiscal committees or else the bill fails the deadline and is effectively dead. After the fiscal committees comes the floor sessions for both houses. This is when we will need our members in action, ready to call their Assembly members and Senators and ask them to vote YES or NO on the bills important to us. Here are the bills we are currently watching:

SB 10 (Hertzberg, D): This bill wants to do away with bail as we know it and assesses bail according to pre-trial flight risk or danger to public safety. I'm pretty sure that's basically how money bail works now, but proponents of the bill claim that money bail disproportionately affects poor people committing crimes.

SB 29 (Lara, D): Another bill making it more difficult for law enforcement, SB 29 prohibits local law enforcement from entering into private contracts with agencies to detain illegal immigrants while they are waiting for civil immigration proceedings.

SB 54 (De Leon, D): The "Sanctuary State" bill was once on the fast track in the legislature. It has lost a lot of steam, and in its final weeks, Governor Brown publicly said he could not sign the bill in its current form because it protects felons. If it passes out of the Assembly, which it could very easily do along party lines, we must put pressure on Governor Brown!

These three bills are holed up in the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File. This generally means they will be decided on at the very last, possible moment. Please be on the lookout for future Action Alerts when we will need you to make your voice heard with your Assembly member on these very bad bills!

Recall Newman!

The signatures and the results are in, Senator Newman will be forced into a recall election thanks to your hard work, especially in Southern California! Despite the Democrats best efforts to stop the recall, Republicans from across the state rallied to force a recall in the 29th Senate District. Senator Newsom won the seat by just 2,498 votes last year. The Democrats tried to protect Senator Newman by changing recall election laws with SB 96, but the 3rd District Court of Appeals put the measure on hold because it violated the single-subject rule for election laws, thus thwarting the legislative Democrat's plan. Not to be deterred, legislative Democrats are at it again with a duo of identical bills in both houses, SB 117 and AB 132, thanks to the gut and amend process. According to the Sac Bee, the bills are intended to "allow voters who sign recall petitions up to 30 days to withdraw their signatures. If there were still enough signatures to qualify the measure, the Department of Finance would have to issue a cost estimate for the election. Then the Joint Legislative Budget Committee would have 30 days to review and comment on the department's cost estimate. The measure also would require all signatures to be counted, one-by-one, instead of a sampling of signatures allowed for other signature-gathering efforts. That would add additional weeks to the certification process. In addition, Monday's legislation includes a new requirement that Padilla's office increase 'voter education and community outreach...including but not limited to, direct contact with voters' for elections in 2018." This is extremely disingenuous and deceptive to the voters of Senate District 29, as well as across the state. There were 66,289 signatures filed, of 63,593 needed, and over 90,000 collected, to qualify for the certification of the recall. Secretary of State Alex Padilla has less than 10 days now to certify the election, but his is dragging his feet. We aren't surprised.

Call to Convention! Our Biennial CFRW Convention is coming up and the Call to Convention is out! You are not going to want to miss this incredible gathering of inspirational Republican Women from across California! [CLICK HERE](#) for the official Call and for more information. Join us in beautiful Monterey Bay, October 6-8, for education, inspiration, and Republican Sisterhood! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the updated recommendation regarding reserving a room for the October Convention and respond accordingly! We will be contacting you again as soon as we make final arrangements with another near-by hotel. If the price of the room is from \$169 to \$199, take whatever they offer when you call. The sooner you make your reservation, the better the price will be. Also, if you receive this email, but did not receive The Call to Convention via email, please let us know. The people receiving this email are the people who should have received the CALL!

Sacramento Update: August 2017

By Senate Republican Leader Patricia Bates

Topic: Board of Equalization

Massive changes are underway at the [Board of Equalization](#) (BOE). It is being restructured into three separate entities, and the board is being stripped of most of its responsibilities.

Unfortunately, you may not have heard much about the changes and how they may impact you because Democrats eviscerated the BOE largely behind the scenes. The massive shakeup was done rapidly, and took place by putting the changes into a budget “trailer” bill, which only needs a majority vote to pass.

Budget trailer bills are not intended to be vehicles for legislative policy; they should only contain language necessary to enact the various spending provisions of the state budget. Due to Proposition 25’s changes to the budget process, trailer bills only need a majority vote – even if they contain policy that would require a two-thirds vote if it went through the standard legislative process; and they take effect immediately upon the governor’s signing. There’s debate as to whether it can be overturned by voters at the ballot box.

Another example from this year’s budget: Senate Democrats inserted a measure to change the timeline for recalling a state legislator into a trailer bill at the last minute because they wanted to protect one of their own. Columnist Dan Walters described it as “what banana republic despots do to maintain their power.”

Using trailer bills to enact major policy changes is not a new trick. It has been deployed in prior years. However, breaking up the BOE and changing constitutional elections law deserved far more discussion and transparency than they received.

A lack of transparency breeds cynicism and is corrosive to the civic process. Democrats in Sacramento control the process and the purse strings, and watching recent events, it’s apparent they will bend or circumvent rules to pass their agenda, no matter the cost to Californians and good government.

Senate Republicans are working hard to expose the manipulation and lack of transparency we see happening every day. Transparency in government is vital to preserving our constitutional freedoms.

If you have questions about a tax issue or appeal during the BOE’s transitional period, contact the BOE Call Center for simple questions or a referral to a new department. For more serious or complex issues, contact the office of the Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate. Of course, you also can contact one of my district offices (949.598.5850 for Laguna Hills or 760.642.0809 for Encinitas) and we’ll be pleased to assist you.

Phone numbers for questions regarding taxes, fees and tax and fee appeals:

- BOE Chairwoman Diane Harkey (her district includes Orange and San Diego counties): 949.724.2578
- BOE Call Center: 800.400.7115
- Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate: 888.324.2798

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2017

Laguna Niguel Republican Women Federation

Make checks payable to LNRWF and mail to:
LNRWF, P.O. Box 6532, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607

Membership dues and renewals are due Jan. 1 and delinquent March 31.

Regular Member New or Renewal \$30.00 (Republican women with voting rights in this unit)
Associate Member \$35.00 (Members of other units, Republican men)
Patron \$75.00 (Republican women, men or businesses wishing to request special status)

Member Information:

Name: _____ Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

(Optional) Month and day of birth _____/_____ for special events and recognition only.

Credit Card Information:

Name on Card: _____ Credit Card No: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

RESERVATION FORM:

Laguna Niguel RWF Luncheon Meeting on September 27, 2017

Yes, I / we shall attend Number of paid _____ Number of guest(s) _____

Please print: Member Name(s) _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Checks payable to LNRWF for \$25.00 per person. Deadline to receive checks is 9/25/17. Mail your check to Michelle Cicen, LNRWF P.O. Box 6532, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607, (949) 680-0893 or lagunaniguelrwf@gmail.com
Late reservation or walk-ins \$30.00. Thank you.

Reservation Deadline: Monday September 25, 2017

Reservation Policy: Your reservation is secured with a check or credit card payment. Checks must be received before or on the reservation deadline. If you call or e-mail to make a reservation and say that you will pay at the door and you and/or your guest(s) do not attend, you will be asked to pay for the entire amount. All "pay at the door" reservations are considered late. Any last-minute walk-ins must be checked in with payment by 11:00 a.m. to be included for lunch. The late/walk-in fee is \$30.00.

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Register to Vote/Absentee Ballots/ Election Questions:**Orange County Registrar of Voters**

Website: <http://www.ocvote.com>

Office address: 1300 South Grand Ave., Bldg. C, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Telephone: (714) 567-7600

Jennifer Sterling, 4th VP Precinct - (714) 767- 3687 or

sterlinginsurance@yahoo.com

Call the Registrar's office to register to vote or for information on how to register voters!



Our members Joyce Van Schaack and Jennifer Sterling were both honored as OC GOP volunteers of the month this past year. Thanks for making our Club stand out and for your commitment to volunteering!

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