BRWF 2021 Goal #3
Recruit and Train Potential Candidates for the 2022 Election

Kudos to our membership for Activating their Activism! The time is ripe for our local grassroots effort to get more women involved in how our local, state, and federal governments operate. There is no small part to play. Speaking out at your school’s PTA, providing citizen input at Supervisor or City Council meetings, and speaking truth to your family and friends about what is happening in our community, our country, and our world are all a part of lifting the paralysis we may be experiencing. The values we hold as conservative Republican women very much need to be shared.

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our call to action to be involved in our local government committees, boards, and commissions. To date, we have received 53 responses to serve in an appointed position within Kern County. That is roughly 20% of our membership declaring their desire for involvement in local government!

The Leadership Committee is hard at work finding vacant positions for which you can apply. Please realize this is a process, and we are working toward finding a position for each of you. Anyone can research the vacancies on the Kern County and Bakersfield City websites (listed below) and apply on-line. We encourage you to do some research of your own and let us know what position(s) you apply for. Please also let us know if you discover an opening somewhere we may have missed. We are attempting to build our own network of conservative leaders and advance them as far as they are wanting to go.

We are also in the process of reaching out to numerous candidate schools for training dates, webinars and other learning tools that will be available to help you prepare for your new roles. We are all learning through this process together and hope you will share any information or knowledge you have with us so that we can all be as informed as possible.

We have covered Kern County and are researching Bakersfield City positions before we move into other cities within Kern County to promote Republican Women’s involvement. We will also be focusing on school board positions and bond committee appointments. Our goal is to have 50% of our members get appointments.

Please contact a member of the Leadership Committee (Ann Batchelder, Diane Jenkins, Jan Lundy, Megan Rios, Sheila Henderson, Patty Vignolo, or Linda Willis) if you would like to express interest in an area, have any questions or would like to join our committee.

When Women Work We (all) WIN!!

Kern County and Bakersfield City websites:
- https://www.bakersfieldcity.us/477/Boards-Commissions-A---K
- https://www.bakersfieldcity.us/478/Boards-Commissions-L---Z

BRWF 2021 Goals

1. Increase our active membership to 300
2. Outreach to areas of Kern County outside of Bakersfield
3. Recruit and train potential candidates for the 2022 Election
4. Increase our club’s participation with CFRW events
5. Engage all local elected Republican officials
A Message from our President, Ingrid Lake

Hello BRWF Members and Supporters!

I must start by saying that our April General Meeting was so energizing for me, and I hope it was for everyone in attendance that day as well! That was one of the largest meetings we have had since I have been President of BRWF going all the way back to 2018. We had around 130 ladies and gentlemen at Stockdale Country Club and it was exciting to be around so many Republicans that are eager to take our state to the level we know it can be; prosperous, fruitful, and golden!

There are a few things that I want to share with you which I feel are important to keeping up the morale and energy needed to do the work we do. The first thing is that we are not alone! I don’t mean that in the sense that I think there are aliens in space that will come down to earth soon! What I mean is that because we are part of the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), we have a connection to tens of thousands of other women in California and throughout the United States that want the same thing we want - to preserve our conservative values and the true foundations that this country was built on.

Knowing all those like-minded ladies are out there is NOT ENOUGH. I believe that what will make us more Inspired, Unstoppable, and United is to make more of a concerted effort to engage with people outside of our own backyard and collaborate our efforts in the same way our opposition does. We need to lead by example and be willing to put ourselves out there for everyone to see what collaboration looks like. The easiest way to do this is to keep an eye out for emails that come from CFRW and NFRW. When you go to check your inbox for our club’s weekly Monday email, be sure to also look for these other emails and see what they are all about. Some of them are notices of training opportunities, special speakers, legislation information, and much more! If there is a Call to Action, consider taking some time to be a part of the political process! (And don’t forget that time spent on calls to action needs to be recorded in your volunteer hours!)

I hope that you take this message of engagement with our State and National Federations to heart and join me in becoming more involved. In case you did not know, CFRW was the largest State Federation in NFRW in 2020, and we are looking to retain that title! You may also be surprised to know that BRWF is the 3rd largest club in CFRW! This shows that ours is a club filled with leaders doing amazing work, so let’s keep up the good work!

We still have not yet met our own goal of 300 members for 2021, so please remember to invite your friends and family to our events and to become members. You can also give someone the amazing gift of membership to our club! This makes a great gift for anyone, so if you are interested, please reach out to our Membership Secretary Beth Medlen to ask her how you can do this!

Enjoy this wonderful season of Spring! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our May meeting and our other events! Be sure to check your inbox every Monday!

Take care,

Ingrid Lake, BRWF President

Happy Mother’s Day!
Orrin Heatlie is the man who started it all. He is the lead proponent of the Recall Gavin Newsom campaign. He saw the urgent need for people to send a strong message to those who govern. "They must be held accountable to the people they serve and this rogue Governor has lost sight of that and must be recalled!" He followed through and created the successful grassroots movement we see happening now.

Orrin was born and raised in Folsom, California, where he and his family still live today. He helped manage the family business for several years. In 1991 he left to pursue a career in law enforcement which lasted over 25 years.

During his time as Sergeant in the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Orrin served as a manager in nearly every team and division. Most notably he was the founding member and lead negotiator in charge of the department of Crisis Response and Hostage Negotiation Teams. He also took a special interest in mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Beyond his role as Sergeant, Orrin led a variety of other successful programs within the department. He served as a firearms and lethal weapons instructor and led the Field Training Program. Orrin volunteered to instruct a state sponsored program to prevent racial profiling to help bridge the cultural divide and promote harmony between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Orrin’s diverse supervisory background and his experience in public service have given him a broad set of skills. He is an effective coordinator, organizer and communicator. He is a strong leader with solid values and the drive to get the job done. All of this is evident as we watch Orrin successfully navigate the Recall Newsom Campaign.

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Orrin Heatlie
Recall Gavin Newsom Lead Proponent
May General Membership Meeting Speaker

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MAY GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 12:00pm
Stockdale Country Club
7001 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93309

**A RESERVATION & ADVANCE PAYMENT IS REQUIRED**
$25 per person, lunch provided

Join us as we hear from our speaker,
Orrin Heatlie
Lead Proponent of the Recall Newsom Campaign

Instructions for how to join us on Zoom:
*Go to zoom.us/join on your computer or phone to watch or call (669)900-6833 to listen
(Everyone except the speakers and host will be muted and off camera during the entire meeting)
*Enter Meeting ID: 834-1613-6826
*Enter Password: brfzrooms

Go to https://conta.cc/3v3p00D to buy your tickets before May 8, 2021.

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Follow-up on April’s Speaker

Local Republican political analyst, Cathy Abernathy, spoke at BRWF’s April meeting. She stated that 50% of Kern County’s election problems are caused by California state laws, mainly passed by a Democrat majority.

Many of the problems begin at the Department of Motor Vehicles when Californians renew or obtain a driver’s license. One of the questions asked is if one wants to register with a political party, even if one is currently registered. This can be confusing, especially for young people, so they often register as No Party Preference which explains the surge in NPP voter registrations.

Another problem stems from failure to clean the voter rolls. Years ago if a person did not vote for four years he/she was removed from the voter roll and had to re-register in order to resume voting. Now, many people remain active even after numerous inactive election cycles. The HR1 bill wants to make this a federal law thus putting no responsibility on voters.

For nearly 200 years everyone voted on one day, their ballots were private and the results were announced late into the night. Now, in California, election results are drawn out for months. At one time observing ballot counting was done at a close range which provided accurate observation and the ability to challenge ballot discrepancies. During the last several election cycles observers have been asked to sit behind a glass partition far from the ballot counting area. The new restrictions have made the job more difficult to do.

Mail in ballots have created a new challenge. On the first day of ballot mailings, Cathy sent her staff to the post office to check the trash cans. Live ballots were discovered there as well as in apartment building trash bins. This is troubling.

Washington D.C. wants to take redistricting away from the states or allow a commission to oversee the process of redrawing boundary lines. California’s redistricting commission is run by state employees which means it could be an insiders’ job. It should be up to the states’ legislators to determine boundary lines rather than a federal group.

Why is there such a rush to change election laws? The Democrats know they have a one term president and an unpopular vice president who is extremely leftist. Also, they are trying to get as many of their policies through before the midterm elections as possible.

The new agenda topic the Democrats are using to expand the U.S. Government is racism. In 2020 one-third of Asian Americans and Latinos voted for Donald Trump. That combination outweighs the 90% African American vote Dems depend on to win.

We can help locally by continuing to support Republican candidates, register new Republican voters, walk precincts, go door to door and make phone calls, especially two months before an election. Cathy also feels if we have children or grandchildren in high school or college we must talk to them about our conservative and family values. Do not allow the schools to indoctrinate our children.

Joe Biden stated shortly after he was elected president that our Constitution and Bill of Rights are not absolute. This is a scary notion!

BRWF Nominating Committee Election—May 11, 2021!

Nominations and election of members the Nominating Committee for the purpose of procuring nominations for our future officers for the 2022-2023 term will be conducted at the MAY 11th meeting.

I will be conducting the election and will begin the first meeting of the committee. It will be the charge of the committee to contact potential candidates for the following six offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary.

At this time, members should consider their willingness and ability to serve in any of these positions or to serve in the other appointed positions listed in the bulletin. Those members interested in serving in any of the elective or appointed positions should make their interest known to the President and/or to me as Parliamentarian as it will make the job less demanding for the committee.

I sincerely hope you will place your name for nomination to the Nominating Committee and contribute in a very important function of our club. Furthermore, serving on the Nominating Committee does not preclude YOU from accepting a nomination to any of the positions.

Thank you for your participation and willingness to serve!
Bakersfield Republican Women, Federated
April 13, 2021
Hybrid General Membership Meeting
Photos by Susan Guerard

Bakersfield Republican Women, Federated
March 30, 2021
Spring Shopping Event at Victoria’s
Photos by Karole Nelson
Recall Gavin Newsom Update—WE DID IT!

We did it! On April 26th, the petition to recall Governor Gavin Newsom officially passed the 1.5 million signature mark necessary to qualify for the ballot. The petition has 1,626,042 valid signatures, a mark well over the 1,495,709 threshold.

Californians are unhappy and angry about Newsom’s strong arm lockdown policies that deny children an in class education, prevent parishioners from worshipping together in their church or hold Bible study in private homes and destroy small businesses but allow marijuana dispensaries to thrive, liquor stores to sell alcohol, strip clubs to remain open and criminals to be released from prisons.

When Newsom told the public they were not allowed to dine in a restaurant, gather with more than 6 immediate household members or go anywhere without a mask, he cozily celebrated with 12 others at the French Laundry Restaurant, indoors, without masks.

The Recall Gavin 2020 volunteers along with Recover California petitioners gathered 2.179 million signatures from July, 2020 to April, 2021. The signatures are from Democrats, those with No Party Preference, Libertarians and Republicans. The Democrat Party is attempting to block the recall vote in early fall, 2021. They sent a letter to the Recall Newsom original proponent, Orrin Heatlie, requesting immediate release of all petitions submitted to the county registrars as well as the California Secretary of State. This was intended to contact the voters and “encourage” them to recant their signatures. If the recall personnel do not comply, states the letter, legal action will follow. To paraphrase, Mr. Heatlie told the Democrats to “pound sand.”

Beginning in May Recall Gavin 2020 merchandise will be available. There will be many items including car flags, bumper stickers, yard signs and 3’x5’ flags. Stay tuned. We will provide ordering information and locations where donations may be made to take home Recall Newsom merchandise. Our goal is to saturate the state with these items and encourage voters to vote YES to recall Gavin Newsom.

AB-101 Pupil Instruction: High School Graduation Requirements: Ethnic Studies

There was a time in this country when parents could put their kids on a bus and send them to school with the full confidence they would be taught to read, write, do math, study English, history, the sciences and hopefully the same principles to live by that they were taught. A bit naïve for life today, but arguably there is still an expectation that the public school system will not deviate too much from that.

Until now...

In mid-March the California State Board of Education approved the State’s model curriculum for Ethnic Studies which will become a graduation requirement if AB 101- Medina is passed.

There is so much included in this curriculum that we could disagree with, but one section in particular is so far afield that the Pacific Justice Institute-(PJI) Center for Public Policy has stated that “most Californians will undoubtedly react in disbelief when they realize that their State is encouraging students to chant not just to deities, but to deities associated with human sacrifice.”

According to the PJI “there appears to be at least five distinct deities for whom chants have been approved by the State in the model curriculum accessed directly from the CDE’s (California Department of Education) website.

These are Aztec gods or deities who were known for or associated with sorcery, divination, enmity, discord, human sacrifice and other physical and mental torture. My friends, after we have all been told it is unconstitutional for us to have a silent prayer in schools to the God upon whom this country was founded, but it is to be mandated that our children chant to Aztec gods as a graduation requirement? How can we reconcile the absurdity of this?

In a letter to the Assembly Education Committee in Sacramento the Pacific Justice Institute goes on to say “The State-approved chants to Aztec gods represent just one facet of the many troubling sides of ethnic studies, as it has been developed and officially adopted...Suffice it to say that the model curriculum which the Legislature mandated to be created by March 31, 2021, has abjectly failed to live up to its high ideals of inclusivity, tolerance and respect for all. This is a faulty foundation on which to erect the additional mandates of AB 101.”

AB 101 is in committee and had a hearing date of April 28th. I urge you to do further research to check out what I am telling you. Then send your letter to the Education Committee in opposition to AB 101.

Assembly Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 111
1020 N. Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Last month I highlighted three men that have announced their intention to run, or hinted they are considering a run, to replace Gavin Newsom if he is voted out of office. These men are former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, former Acting Director of National Intelligence Ric Grenell, and businessman John Cox, who lost to Newsom in the 2018 governor's race. Here is some information about two additional contenders.

DOUG OSE: Former Republican Congressman Doug Ose, 65, announced recently that he’s entering the recall election which will take place in the fall (at the earliest). He was the third established Republican to enter the upcoming contest, joining forming San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and businessman John Cox.

“Californians are tired of having a governor whose operating themes are hypocrisy, self-interest, half truths and mediocrity,” Ose said in a statement announcing his candidacy.

He was the U.S. Representative for California’s 3rd congressional district from 1999 to 2005. In 2014 he ran for District 7 Congressional Representative but was defeated.

Ose says California has done nothing to plan for water infrastructure needs. We also need new supply, storage and conveyance facilities throughout the state, but leaders have turned a blind eye. Governor Newsom’s public school shutdowns have inflicted great damage on our kids. Families want what Newsom’s kids have – a return to in-person instruction.

Doug Ose is married and has two girls.

CAITLYN JENNER: Caitlyn Jenner, formerly known as Bruce Jenner, has been an Olympic hero, a reality TV personality, and a transgender rights activist. She is also now a candidate for Governor of California.

The 71-year-old Republican has been consulting with GOP advisers and officially announced her candidacy on April 23, hoping to replace Newsom in a likely recall election later this year. She describes herself as “economically conservative, socially progressive”. Her positions on California’s most prominent problems are unknown. How would she handle the homeless situation and the coronavirus pandemic? Is she ready for the rigors of a statewide campaign and the pressure to raise tens of millions of dollars?

Prior to Jenner announcing her candidacy, California Republican National Committee member Harmeet Dhillon had declined to comment on a Politico report saying she would serve as the campaign’s general counsel. Jim Brulte, a former chairman of the California Republican Party said, “My understanding is she is in the research phase, trying to understand the pathway to victory.”

Now that she has joined the race, Jenner might face questions about a 2015 fatal crash in which she rear-ended two cars. A 69-year-old woman was killed when her car was pushed into the path of an oncoming Hummer.

2021 California Estimated Recall Dates:

- 4/29/21 – Deadline to verify signatures
- 6/21/21 – Deadline to withdraw signature from petition
- 7/6/21 – 8/17/21 – Time period for Department of Finance to analyze recall costs
- 8/17/21 – 9/16/21 – Time period for Joint Legislative Budget Committee to comment on Department of Finance estimates
- 9/17/21 – Secretary of State certifies signatures for the recall
- 9/17/21 – Lieutenant Governor calls recall election
- 11/16, 11/23, or 11/30/21 – Potential recall election dates
Global Positioning System better known by the acronym GPS, was created by the US Department of Defense in 1973. However, it was not until 1999 that the Benefon Esc first appeared on the mobile phone with GPS built in. Since then, we have learned to depend on its remarkable and fascinating abilities to direct our travel with clear directions, exact miles & timely arrival, alerts of possible road problems ahead, and all with audio enhancement. For example, once we enter the necessary information for our destination, if we miss a turn or decide to go in a different direction, we will hear the word “recalculate” or when necessary, “make a U turn when possible”.

Presently, we are living with uncertainty and increasing lack of confidence in our government leaders. Each day we hear of careless and poor decisions taking our country into socialism and communist governance. However, there is hope for those who place their trust in God.

In the Bible, in a well-known book of Psalms and chapter 23, King David begins with five defining words “The LORD is my Shepherd.” Also, in the book of John, Jesus is called the good shepherd. Now in Ezekiel 34, God clarifies the responsibilities of a shepherd, which are to:

⇒ Feed the flock
⇒ Strengthen the weak
⇒ Heal the sick
⇒ Bind up the broken, bring back the strays
⇒ Seek the lost
⇒ Sacrifice their life for the safety of the sheep

Sheep are dependent. They have to be led by a shepherd if they’re going to get anywhere. They don’t know which way to go or even that they are to go at all. So, when David says “The LORD is my Shepherd,” he is actually saying “I depend on you Lord for all my needs, my purpose, my direction, my all in all.” God knows that we often stray away and like a GPS, we hear in our heart “recalculate” or “make a U turn when possible.” From personal experience, David realized that “All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.” (Isaiah 53:6).

Our hope rests in the fact that THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD. Not will be, or was at one time, or maybe he’ll come around. NO! The LORD is our shepherd today and into our future. He feeds us through His Word; He strengthens us when we are weak; He fights for us; He binds our brokenness; He pursues us when we go astray; and most important, He gave His life for us – the lost sheep.

Let’s place our sight and focus on The Good Shepherd.
One Month Later: A Look at the Biden Border Crisis  
April 15, 2021

Last month, Leader McCarthy traveled to El Paso, Texas, to witness firsthand the crisis at our southern border. And make no mistake: since that time, Biden’s Border Crisis has only gotten worse.

The stories from our border are harrowing: border apprehensions are sky-high, smugglers are dropping children from high atop the border wall, suspected terrorists from different continents have been caught on patrols at different times and locations along the border, and Border Agents are being reassigned from patrolling the border to detention facilities to care for families and children.

Throughout all of this, the Vice President Kamala Harris—whom President Biden personally tapped to manage this crisis—has not held a press conference or visited the border even a single time since taking on her new responsibilities.

Enough is enough. Instead of hiding from this crisis, Republicans have five commonsense solutions to end the humanitarian and national security nightmare created by President Biden and his administration:

1. Finish the Wall and deploy technology to the border
2. Fully reinstate the “Remain in Mexico” policy
3. Maintain and robustly implement Title 42 authority
4. Require a negative COVID test before releasing migrants
5. Send a clear message: do not come to the United States illegally.

It’s time for President Biden to visit our border. It’s time for him to look our Border Agents and border communities in the eye and explain why his administration’s only solution to his crisis is to provide free health care and cash payments to those who seek to undermine our laws and sovereignty.

It’s wrong. It needs to end. And it needs to end now.

The Neverending Project: CA High-Speed Rail and the Boondoggle that Couldn’t  
April 1, 2021

In another disappointing, yet unsurprising, turn of events, the initial segment of the California High-Speed Rail project has been delayed by an additional two years, now to 2025. This news comes just ONE WEEK after a business plan with a 2023 completion date was adopted.

The California High-Speed Rail project is one of the most expensive failures in State history and could cost $100 billion, more than three times the $33 billion that was initially estimated. This project, still nowhere near completion, was also expected to begin service in 2020. But that timeline has since come and gone, and now rather than three years behind schedule – which was already inexcusable to California taxpayers that were sold a bill of goods in 2008 – it is once again off the rails. As a comparison, the Transcontinental Railroad was built in 6 years almost completely by hand and over a century and a half ago.

But advances in modern technology couldn’t save this project from the fundamental flaws that have plagued it. In fact, every step of the way, the California High-Speed Rail Authority has mismanaged funds, misled Californians about timelines, and misinformed the public about ridership figures in a feeble attempt to hide the truth – the California High-Speed Rail project is an undeniable failure.

To help cut our State's losses on this boondoggle, last Congress, Congressman Kevin McCarthy introduced a commonsense bill, the RAILWAY Act. This legislation would have repurposed certain unused federal funds for the California High-Speed Rail project to improve our State’s ailing water infrastructure, so that California’s nearly 40 million residents could actually see some benefits from its tax dollars. Unfortunately, the House Democrat majority refused to even consider the idea and did not allow a hearing or a vote on the matter.

The California High-Speed Rail project is going nowhere fast, and Californians should not be expected to foot the bill for a project that has been chronically stalled. California Republicans, including Congresswoman Michelle Steel, have rallied against this bad policy on the State level for years. And as a new Congresswoman, Steel has continued this fight on the federal level, recently introducing the Stop the High-Speed Money Pit Act. This legislation, which Congressman McCarthy was proud to cosponsor, would rightfully prohibit federal assistance for the wasteful California High-Speed Rail project.

The staunch evidence against this botched project is clear, yet somehow, President Biden has found California’s mismanagement of high-speed rail inspiring, and seems to be signaling that a $929 million grant, which was rescinded by the previous Administration for the California High-Speed Rail Authority’s failure to deliver on its contractual obligations, could be reinstated. Americans deserve infrastructure that is pro-worker, efficient in both time and costs, and effective, not an avant-garde concept that hasn’t delivered.

Submitted by Christiana Duncan, Parliamentarian
Senator Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) announced that her bill to consolidate most recreational trailers under Class C licenses passed the Senate Transportation Committee today. SB 287 would allow recreationalists and equestrian enthusiasts to tow their weekend trailers without having to undergo unnecessary verification and exorbitant fees, intended for industry’s heaviest commercial trailers.

“SB 287 levels the playing field and give peace of mind to California’s horse enthusiasts and recreationalists,” said Senator Grove.

As it stands today, if a driver decided to take their horse trailer with living quarters out for a weekend family excursion, they can tow it with a Class C license, if it has a gross vehicle weight under 10,000 pounds. However, the moment the trailer weighs one pound more, that same driver would be required to tow with a Class A license. This means that individual would have to pass a medical examination, 10-year history check, and pay the same fees that a commercial driver must pay.

All the while, that same driver could tow a toy hauler or fifth-wheel travel trailer weighting 14,000 pounds to the same destination and for the same weekend excursion simply with a Class C license with a recreational trailer endorsement.

Senator Shannon Grove’s Horse Trailer Bill Moves Forward with Bipartisan Support
April 13, 2021

Senator Shannon Grove Fights to Expand Veterans’ Disability Property Tax Credits
April 9, 2021

Senator Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) announced that her bill to allow every California disabled veteran who owns property to benefit from a property tax exemption passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee yesterday. SB 658 would allow partially disabled veterans to claim the state’s property tax exemption proportional to the disability rating percentage issued by the department responsible for their discharge from service.

Currently, disabled veterans may request a reduction on their home’s assessed value when determining property taxes but only if they are 100% disabled, totally blind or have lost one or more limbs. However, only a small percentage of veterans are listed as fully disabled.

“As it stands today, even if a veteran were to have a 90% disability rating, they would be ineligible for a property tax exemption,” said Senator Grove. “Many veterans who are severely disabled as a result of their service to the United States are turned away when seeking this exemption. We can do better for those who have sacrificed for our state and nation.”

While SB 658 will provide greater fairness for California’s disabled veterans, Senator Grove also hopes the bill will make it easier for veterans to afford the state’s high cost of housing. As of 2019, the US Department of Veteran Affairs found that an estimated 11,000 veterans were homeless in California.

Application for Jobs at the Kern County Elections Office

The Kern County Elections Office selects temporary employees from the following agencies:

• AppleOne Agency – 714-634-4631
• OfficeTeam – Westlake Village (805-494-6443), Pasadena (624-463-2031), Burbank (626-391-5501)
• Exact Staff Employment Agency – 661-393-9700

When applying let them know you are interested in working at the Kern County Elections Office for the upcoming election. The agency is supposed to flag your request.

Apply with the temp agency at least three months before any upcoming election.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 19, 2021

CONTACT: Sam Chung 818-621-5338
CONTACT: Lauren Skidmore, District Director 661-330-2953

Stop Enabling Sacramento’s Bad Behavior

We all understand why enabling bad behavior is not productive or helpful no matter how one tries to sugar coat the reasons. Over time, the consequences of bad behavior can be quite serious to themselves as well as to those around them. That is the situation we currently have with Sacramento politicians pushing another $22 billion tax increase (AB 310).

It makes no sense to increase taxes and the costs of living at a time when small businesses are struggling and Californians are fleeing our state. But that hasn’t stopped Sacramento Democrats from trying.

There has been very little accountability for the mind-boggling waste, lack of competence, and terrible results of Sacramento’s bad behavior. Even now, there is no accountability for the upwards of $30 billion that were sent to fraudulent unemployment claims. Our entire state budget is $200 billion, so that should give you an idea of the extent of the level of fraudulent unemployment dollars that were sent to prison inmates, overseas mob rings, and people who do not even live in this state. While these fraudulent payments are being paid out at light speed, there are thousands of legitimately unemployed Californians who are not receiving a lifeline for months as they wait in bureaucratic EDD backlog and red tape.

The High Speed Rail is one of the most wasteful projects in California history. This project was sold to voters in 2008 as a real high speed rail system that will connect Los Angeles to San Francisco with a price tag of $30 billion. The project is now an estimated $100 billion and is basically a traditional train from Shafter to Madera. Even more staggering is that the rail project costs taxpayers $7.6 million per day! This project won’t be completed, so taxpayers will be paying back borrowed money and get nothing in return.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. California residents know that they are paying a ton of taxes and fees and getting less and less in return. Our road infrastructure is terrible, our electrical grid is unreliable, our IT systems are failing, public safety is getting worse, our students still aren’t back in school, homelessness is shameful, and we don’t have adequate water storage even though we are state prone to droughts. Where is all of our money going?

We cannot solve these basic problems by enabling the current failing system. Increasing taxes and sending even more money to Sacramento is classic enablement of bad behavior. Things will not get better and problems will never be solved this way. Giving a gambling addict more money because he pinky promises that he won’t lose it on his next big bet — while he has not shown any remorse or track record of changing his behavior — is simply foolish.

California already has the highest personal income tax, highest sales tax, and highest gas tax in the nation. In fact, Californians continue to pay as California is projecting a “surplus” of $15 billion even during the pandemic. California taxpayers sending more money to Sacramento yet again with a “pinky promise” to fix things is the definition of insanity.

THANK YOU Jan Lundy and Pam Brunni for registering new voters at the Life is Bee-utiful Vendor Fair at Riverbluff Ranch on April 17th.

Keep up the great work!
Once again, we're partnering with Ronald McDonald House Bakersfield and this time we're forming a team to participate in their Walk for Kids event. We just found out the event went from in person to virtual and we're working on formulating our plan for our virtual walk team party; stay tuned. Nothing has changed, we're still looking for walkers, we'll be raising money, and they've made it really easy to sign up to be a member of our BRWF Virtual Walk for Kids team. If you'd like to join our virtual team, visit the website at www.walkforkids.org, scroll down the page until you see SEARCH FOR A WALKER, click on the TEAM tab and enter Bakersfield Republican Women via your computer or via your phone enter Bakersfield Republican; click the SEARCH button. Click on the search results for Bakersfield Republican Women, click on the Join Our Team or Donate button, and fill out your profile.

We're looking forward to a fantastic event and we're hoping to reach our goal of $5,000.00 by June 5th and we want to thank all of you who decided to participate as walkers, raise funds and for all of you who decide to make generous donations to this worthy cause. God Bless You All! The winner of our Walk for Kids team name contest, along with pictures of this event will be in our June newsletter.

The turnout for our first Keep Bakersfield Beautiful clean up event was absolutely amazing; 20+ members, along with their children and in some case grandchildren, showed up to lend a hand in cleaning up our adopted street. We took some great pictures of the event. A few are below but make sure to check out our Facebook page for more pictures. Thank you to all of you who took time out of your Saturday morning to show your support for such a worthy cause. Keep Bakersfield Beautiful supplied us with gloves, garbage bags, and they hauled away the garbage we collected. The next cleanup will be Saturday, July 17th at 7am with our third cleanup occurring on Saturday, October 16th at 9am. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you out there.

In February we organized a food drive, we called it ‘Have a Heart’ and we partnered with Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK). For the month of February we collected 350 pounds of food and $450.00 in monetary donations. However, it didn’t end there; we collected another 250 pounds at our March meeting for a grand total of 600 pounds of food. Thank you all for your generous hearts!

Our March “Comfort Bracelet” event, held at On the Vine Wine bar, where participants made bracelets for guests staying at the Ronald McDonald House Bakersfield (RMHB) was a huge success. We were honored to have Scarlett Sabin, House Director with RMHB as our guest, she provided everyone with a bit of history about the Ronald McDonald House and how she became involved in this organization. Once again we would like to extend a huge thank you to our sponsors of this event Jason and Charlotte Badgley of Cornerstone Mortgage; THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who attended this event, for your generous house and monetary gift donations totaling $1,157, that were collected at our February and March luncheons and at our bracelet event. We hope everyone had a wonderful time making bracelets and thank you for taking the time to write inspirational words in the cards provided.

The Caring for America Committee currently consists of Charlotte Taylor-Badgley, Jenn Gilbraith, and me, Penny Martinez; however, we're always looking for other members to join in on the fun and we'd love to have more help in planning events. If you'd like to join our merry band or have an idea for an event, we would love to hear from you; just send us an email to brwfcfa@gmail.com, include contact information and the best time to reach you and we'll get in touch.
May greetings to all members! The Scholarship Committee has been working on the selection of this year’s recipients for the last several weeks. We have many qualified and talented young Republican women who deserve to be winners, but have had the difficult task of choosing just two of them! The 2 winners of the Sara Takii Scholarships will be announced at our May luncheon and the winners will be invited to the June luncheon to receive their awards. The Scholarship Committee is appreciative of all those who applied and have much admiration for their many accomplishments.

The BRWF Scholarship Program is an important avenue for getting young people interested in the political scene, as well as promoting our conservative, Christian values. We would like to encourage all our members to support the BRWF Sara Takii Scholarship fund. Many thanks to those members who have donated directly to this worthwhile function of our club.

The BRWF Scholarship Committee: Kathy Scrivner, Annette Londquist, Marisa Donovan, Pam Brunni, Kelly Fortnum, LaDonna Arthurs and Cynthia Zimmer

Win a Free Lunch

✓ Complete the free Constitution 101 course from Hillsdale College.
✓ Send your Certificate of Completion to Leadership Committee
✓ Leadership will buy your lunch at one monthly General Membership Meeting!

Send certificate to: mrsdbluu@aol.com
Or bring it to a meeting
Open to Active/Sustaining members
Offer ends October 12

Hurry! We can only buy lunches until our budget is spent!

Constitution 101

Jan Lundy
Voter Registration & Campaign Chair

Studying the U.S. Constitution again via the Hillsdale College Constitution 101 course gives me a renewed appreciation for all that our Founding Fathers had to establish so that we would live in a safe and prosperous environment. We usually think of the main ways in which we are protected - Armed Forces and Criminal Laws. What about Property Rights, Morality, and Religion?

Property rights allow people to acquire, possess, and protect property. How do we know who owns what? We wouldn’t, without land surveying, property deeds, and other land policies. Our Founding Fathers also had to make policies related to Free Markets – rights to buy and sell, to travel, and to go into business. Banking is another privilege afforded us by the Constitution. But today, according to Constitution 101, some people are put on the “No Fly” List without recourse. They are not told why they are on the list and may never be removed from it! Some banks now deny privileges of credit cards to certain groups. Groups such as gun dealers may be denied banking privileges. In spite of our forefathers’ hard work, many of our rights and privileges are going by the wayside. We need to be very vigilant!

The Founding Fathers knew that our country would need a welfare program. However, they designed it so that it would only help those in dire need. It would only give minimal support (not provide a comfortable living). It was planned so that people would want to get off “welfare” and get jobs! Good idea, but how many families now are on welfare for generations?

Even Morality is addressed in the Constitution because our wise forefathers knew that this government would only work with moral and religious people who make responsible citizens. The Founders believed that we should promote morality through education, which included studying the Bible and praying in school. Alas! Both have been taken out of public schools now.

You can see by these examples of our Founders’ foresight compared to our situation today, how we have strayed from this timeless document.

Please commit to completing the 12, 30-minute Hillsdale College Constitution 101 FREE online classes and win a free lunch courtesy of BRWF! These classes are so relevant to today.

If you want to talk more about what you learned or are interested in the Leadership Committee, contact Ann Batchelder, Diane Jenkins, Jan Lundy, Megan Rios, Shelia Henderson, Patty Vignolo, or Linda Willis.
New Member Spotlight

Every month we select one new BRWF member to highlight and introduce to our club. This month we are pleased to shine a spotlight on Allison!

1. Name: Allison Brandt Oliver
2. Month you became a member of BRWF: March 2021
3. Please tell us a little about who you are, what you do and your family. I am a 4th generation Bakersfieldian and Custom Home Builder who mainly focuses on the Luxury Home clientele. I am married to Scott Oliver, a chemistry teacher at West High School. We have 2 boys ages 22 and 21 and both live at home and attend school and work.
4. How long have you lived in Bakersfield? All my life – 4th generation.
5. What three words best describe you? Passionate, Trustworthy, and Creative
6. What is your favorite hobby? Painting is currently my favorite hobby although I would love to get back to playing tennis once my foot injury heals.
7. Why did you join BRWF? After the disappointing 2020 election results, I felt the need to become more involved in politics.
8. What made you become a Republican and why do you stay a Republican? Choosing to support the Republican Party means supporting small business and our commitment to both the small sized government plan and capitalistic economy our founders came to this country to establish.
9. What is one thing you hope to accomplish as a member of BRWF? I hope to meet more local influencers and possibly become involved in city or county government.
10. Who is your political idol and why? Currently Donald Trump for the impact he had on our economy and border control.
11. What personal value or belief motivated you to join BRWF? The fairness and respect I saw during the meeting I attended is what prompted me to get involved with these lovely women.

Yes! I would like to join Bakersfield Republican Women, Federated!

Name: 
Address: 
City: Zip: 
Phone Home: Cell: Work: 
Email: 
Birthday Month ______ Day ______ Wedding Anniversary Month ______ Day ______ Yes, I am registered as a Republican voter (a requirement to join BRWF)

*ANNUAL DUES

Check one: _____ New Membership _____ Renewal

Sustaining Member $75 _____ Regular Member $50 _____
**Associate Member $35 _____ Student Member $25 _____
Yes, please order a BRWF Name Badge for me $12 _____

**Associate Membership available to women who are members of another RWF Club or men

*Membership is for calendar year January 1 through December 31*

Make checks payable to BRWF and forward to:
BRWF
P. O. Box 1564
Bakersfield, CA 93302

Special talents (graphic design, database, editing, writing, etc.)

Issues that concern you:

Committees / Interests

Please mark the area(s) you have an interest

___ Literacy
___ Campaign Activities
___ Community
___ Outreach/Service
___ Fundraising
___ Legislative
___ Hospitality
___ Membership
___ Publicity/Media
___ Caring for America
___ Social Media
___ Membership Promotion
___ Supporting Troops
___ I can help anywhere
New BRWF Members

Debra Abel
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Kayla Calderwood
Melinda Del Papa
Florence Flesche
Barbara Leland
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Sherry Penny-Koch
Julie Smaby
Leilani Tedeski
Char Wylie
Russell Johnson
Geraldine Johnson

For contact information for our new members, please go to our website. www.bakersfieldrwf.org

Irene Sinopole
Corresponding Secretary

Irene Sinopole is our Corresponding Secretary. If you know of someone that needs a get well, sympathy, graduation or special occasion card, please contact Irene at tin23lizzie@gmail.com or give her call at 661-832-1871.

Naomi Martinez-Cox
Chaplain Chair

GOD IS STILL IN CHARGE AND PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

BRWF members are encouraged to send any confidential prayer requests to Naomi Martinez Cox, BRWF Chaplain. We can also accommodate requests on a prayer chain if so desired, because sometimes we need a lot of it!

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer

Email Address: naomiicox@yahoo.com

April Celebrants

Happy Birthday

Beth Hoffmann 5/6 Mandy Muth 5/15
Billie Reynolds 5/6 Juliennne Brandon 5/16
Jana Robinson 5/8 Traci Bramlett 5/18
Barbara Kleier 5/9 Maureen Becciari 5/20
Joy Stewart 5/9 Rose Medlen 5/21
Donna Nelson 5/11 Judith Walsh 5/22
Barbara Apsit-Incardone 5/11 Debbie Haley 5/25
Dolores Martin 5/11 Sandee Senior 5/27
Kim Goforth 5/12 Amanda Patrick 5/27
Carol Kurtis 5/13 Linda Wong 5/31
Laurel Sheffield 5/13

If you would like to be wished a Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary by BRWF, and you are not being recognized, please contact Beth Medlen at: 661-808-8110 or bethamedlen@gmail.com

Barbara Smith
Telephone Chair

Is everyone enjoying our beautiful spring weather? It was so great to see so many at our meeting! Also wonderful to be back at Stockdale Country Club.

This is a shout out to everyone to think about joining the telephone committee. It is an easy way to get involved with growing our club and takes less than an hour to call ladies and remind them about upcoming events and our monthly meeting.

Many thanks to our dedicated callers: Sandra Bafia, Jean Bamidis, Ruth Darrington, Doris Duquette, Dee Hinds, Julianna Hulick, Jan Lundy, Pamela McPhetridge, Rosalie Medlen, Connie Newton, Linda Owen, Gail Schweikart, Mary Ann Souder, Bonnie Walker, Patty Young, and me, Barbara Smith.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping with our calls. Call me at 661-333-0485 or email me at barbrasmit@gmail.com.
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Our Upcoming Events

May 4 - Get Together in Shafter
8401 Mayer Ave. 93314
5:30 p.m.

May 6 - Leadership Meeting
6:00 p.m.

May 7 - Prayer Walk -
La Costa Parking Lot
8:00 a.m.

May 9 - Mother’s Day

May 10 - Zoom KCRP Central Com.
6:00 p.m.

May 11 - Hybrid General Meeting
Meeting 12:00 Noon
Stockdale Country Club
7001 Stockdale Hwy, 93309
Pizzazz planning meeting
immediately following

May 25 - BRWF Executive Board
12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

May 27 - Leadership Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Every Month - 1st Friday @ 8:00 a.m. Prayer Walk Meet at La Costa Parking Lot, North-end, Near the walking trail - Stockdale Hwy and Calloway

June 5 - Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House Virtual Walk
June 8 - BRWF Hybrid General Meeting
June 14 - Zoom KCRP Central Committee
June 22 - BRWF Full Board of Directors Meeting
June 29 - BRWF Social—Shopping at Sugar daddy’s Boutique
Sept 23-26 - NFRW Launching Leaders, Orlando, FL
Nov 13 - BRWF Pizzazz

All events are subject to change. Check your email and the BRWF website, www.bakersfieldrwf.org for updates.