



## December 2025 Newsletter



### December 16th Speaker Series Luncheon Dr. Barry Strauss, Hoover Fellow



Baylands Golf Links and Café  
1875 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto,  
Checkin: 11:30 a.m. Program: 12:00 p.m.



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## About Dr. Barry Strauss

Barry Strauss is the Corliss Page Dean Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Bryce and Edith M. Bowmar Professor in Humanistic Studies Emeritus at Cornell University. Strauss is a 2025 recipient of the prestigious Bradley Prize. He is a member of the American Academy of Sciences and Letters. Strauss is a military and naval historian with a focus on ancient Greece and Rome and their lessons for today. "No one presents the military history of the ancient world with greater insight and panache than Strauss," writes Publishers Weekly. He is the author of nine books on ancient history, several of them bestsellers, and co-author or co-editor of several others.

His latest book is *Jews vs. Rome: Two Centuries of Rebellion Against the World's Mightiest Empire*, which was published in August. From Andrew Roberts' review of *Jews vs. Rome* in *The Wall Street Journal*: "Mr. Strauss is excellent at using modern archaeology to extract information from ancient battlefields. . . . *Jews vs. Rome* is packed with tales of assassins, mobs, agents provocateurs, zealots and traitors. . . . Without the Jews and their indomitable determination to resist Rome, this book argues powerfully, modern Judaism would look very different—and less heroically noble—than it does today."

He is Series Editor of Princeton's *Turning Points in Ancient History*. He also served as Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Defense Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School. He holds a Ph.D. from Yale and a B.A. from Cornell.

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# President's Letter



*"I get by with a little help from my friends"*

*The Beatles*

This has been a wild month. I bought a new home and moved in three days before Thanksgiving and actually pulled it together enough to have my kids and my granddaughter all around my dining room table. I had no cable hooked up, and as of this writing, I still don't have the internet....hence the newsletter getting out a little later than normal.

There were no football games on, nothing to entertain ourselves but each other.

It was a perfect day.

My life right now is a sea of boxes and moving things from the condo to the house, and most days I have fallen into bed exhausted, only to get up and do it again. Since I moved in and until the cable was connected, my mornings were quiet, just me, God and my coffee cup.

In the midst of moving, scheduling utilities, and holiday craziness...the love of God, family, and friends has carried me through what has felt like a whirlwind at times.

I am so grateful for all of you. Palo Alto Republican Women Federated Club is better because of you. Please renew your membership; your dues help us continue to bring in great speakers and cover airfare, hotel rooms, and other expenses incurred in keeping the club rolling.

With a grateful heart,

Jennifer Hawks



# RSVP To Luncheon



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R.S.V.P by December 12th

Pay Online [Here](#)

OR

Mail your check

\$35 for members

\$38 for nonmembers

-Sorry, no refunds-

A reservation made is a reservation paid

PARWF P.O. Box 60415 Palo

Alto, CA 94306

## MENU:

Sliced Beef Stir-Fry, Japanese Vegetables, Fried  
Rice with Peas and Carrots, Salad and Cookies

Questions: Call/Text Jennifer (650) 305-5003



### **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 stretch a dollar and your annual dues go a lot farther than you may realize.

From your annual dues, \$27.00 is sent to CFRW. They disburse that money 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 thousands of California women in over 100 clubs in one of the **largest State Federations in the Country!**

**\$33.00** remains for Palo Alto RWF's use to fund the many activities of our Club:

- Support our NFRW scholarship programs
- Support publicity efforts to share our message
- Pay expenses for our website and monthly newsletters
- Pay expenses for our club President to attend Federated conferences & conventions (If requested)
- Sponsor a portion of registration for members to attend CFRW conferences & conventions (If requested)
- Lunch, honoraria and/or travel expenses for monthly Speakers, as required or requested
- 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 it with your check made payable PARWF or sign up online at [www.paloaltorwf.org](http://www.paloaltorwf.org)**

**Mail to: PARWF, P.O. Box 60415, Palo Alto, CA 94306**

Cut here: -----

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am registered as Republican **\*\*We do not share your email outside of the Federated**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Renewal \$60 ☐ New Member \$60 ☐ Sustaining \$80

☐ Associate\* \$25 ☐ +Donation \_\_\_\_\_

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