

Welcome to fall' y'all! Hopefully you'll be able to feel and smell it in the air once the smoke from the Mosquito Fire is under control. Please continue to pray for those who have been effected by this fire in one way or another and for our brave firefighters breathing in the smoke while battling the fire.

All members are invited to attend the BOD conference in Burlingame, CA October 14th & 15th. Check your email for invitations previously sent out from CRWF. I would like to also encourage each of you to take advantage of the upcoming opportunities to serve on the SRWF Board of Directors, as a chairperson or on a committee.

We invite you to join us on October 5th, as we celebrate our new and long-time members with a traditional English Tea Finger Sandwiches style luncheon. Be sure to put on your favorite dress and fancy hat or show off those 40's style fascinator hats, ladies' gloves or whatever makes you feel comfortable and let's have some fun!!! Membership, what is the true meaning of membership?

The Britannica Dictionary defines membership as:

1. The state of belonging to, or being a part of a group or an organization. The state of being a member.
2. All the people or things that belong to or are part of an organization or a group.

In this country there are organizations that require their members to be connected to a group or organization dating back hundreds of years by blood lines, or societies requiring you to be a Legacy, e.g., a direct descendant or someone who has been endorsed to be a current member. Even the American Legion requires a member to be an honorably discharged veteran who has served since Dec. 7, 1941, may join the American Legion, meaning military veterans who served in what were previously considered periods of peacetime between wars are now eligible for membership. I'm sure all these organizations have very good reasons for their membership criteria.

As elite as these organizations may be, the SRWF does not have stringent guidelines for membership. We merely ask that you are a registered Republican woman. If you are a man, and wish to join us, there is a place for you as well; they are called affiliates, and are just as important to our organization as any other member. That being said, I urge each and everyone of you to invite at least one like-minded friend or family member to join our organization. I like to quote Carol Hadley, NRRF 3rd Vice President's analogy, "If each one of us has one penny, we don't have much, but if we combine our pennies, we are able to buy a lot". Now, I've summarized this quote, but since I heard her speak these words it has always stayed with me. Together we are strong, and together, we can make a difference in Local and National politics.

I would like to take a moment to thank our last month's speaker, McGregor Scott, Former US Attorney and Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel for taking the time to speak candidly to our group. I would also like to thank him and his family for their generations of military service in the United States Army and wish his son Spencer all the success as he follows his family's footsteps as an Army Officer. The Scott family members are the finest examples of American patriots.

As we approach November 8th, just remember, we don't want good leadership, we want great leadership! Encourage and educate children about the true meaning of patriotism.

Life makes sense when you love your country!

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