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President's Message

By Elaine Stephenson, President

"The Right Stuff"

A healthy and happy New Year to everyone. 2012 will be a challenging year for Republicans. A victory in November is a must. It won't be easy to defeat the menacing Democrat machine. Cheating and voter fraud will be wide spread. Obama with his billion dollar war chest is determined not to lose! Everyone needs to do their part, no matter how small. Let's defeat this incompetent community organizer and get him out of the White House.

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January Luncheon & Speaker

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

10:00 a.m. social; 10:15 Business/Legislation & Americanism; 11:15 Speaker; 12 noon Lunc

Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton

Frank Aquila,

Author, Sarah Palin-Out of Nowhere

**Menu: \$25 a person. 1) sliced, braised beef with red smashed potatoes and green beans, or 2) cheese ravioli. Reservations by Friday, January 13*. Note: Some late reservations may be possible, so feel free to call. Barbara Allen – 925/672-5061 or jngcabot@pacbell.net
*Cancellations after 1/13/12 may have to be charged to the member.**

Board Meeting – All Welcome

All welcome. September 14, 9:30, Linda Ipsen's home, immediately preceding Membership Tea, 984 Kenston Drive, Clayton

Pat Scott's Farewell

Thanks to all of you all who helped make our club what it is and my two years as president rewarding. With your help, I have learned a lot and I hope to continue to work for Republican causes. We raised some money, thanks to Terri DiLoreto, Michele Daley, Diana Rentz and everybody who helped make our social and fundraising events successful. We were able to send several high school seniors to The California Federation of Republican Women's Advocacy Day in Sacramento where they learned about Republican values and how our state's government works. This year we have the opportunity to send even more students. Members of a high school Republican Club would like to attend Advocacy. We want to be able to send all students who are interested in attending this wonderful event. This is why we raise money. But, we have more students than we have the budget to support. If you would like to sponsor a student, you can send a donation earmarked for Advocacy to our club. The cost is approximately \$55 per student.

I also want to thank all those who attended our meetings, social events, and fundraisers. I hope more of you will get involved and "pitch in" this year. We have an important election coming up and we need your help with voter registration and other campaign issues. You can't find a better group of women to work with than Republican Women Your new president, Elaine

Stephenson, and the board will welcome your help and support.

Pat Scott

Tea Party Schedule – Come On Out!

- January 6- Friday Tea Party: 4p to 5:30pm. Corner of Tassajara and Crow Canyon - Blackhawk– Danville
- January 13 – Friday Tea Party: 4p to 5:30pm. Corner of Bollinger and Sunset - San Ramon
- January 20 – Friday Tea Party: 4p to 5:30pm. Corner of Stone Valley Rd and Danville Blvd – Alamo
- January 27 – Friday Tea Party: 4p to 5:30pm. Corner of Moraga Rd and Mt Diablo Blvd. – Lafayette

Rallies are from 4pm to 5:30pm EVERY Friday. You do not have to come for the entire time. If you can only come for a half hour that’s fine. Just come and join us. It’s fun .

Chaplain’s Corner Lil Fictenkort, Chaplain

THE YEAR AHEAD

Why do we look forward to a New Year?

This perception within ourselves is almost built into us.

The new year will be better than the last.

In whatever way the new year will unfold before us

remains a matter of God's providence. Our fulfillment of His will

rests in what we choose to do.

Calendar

- January 11 Board meeting (all welcome) at Pat Scott’s home, 9:30 a.m.
- January 18 General Meeting & Luncheon
- January 21 California Federation of Republican Women- Northern Division, annual Training/leadership conference, Rancho Cordoba (all welcome)
- February 3-5 California Federation of Republican Women state Conference, Manhattan Beach
- March 31 Spring Fling, Oakhurst, Clayton
- April 16&17 Advocacy&Student Seminar Sacramento (all welcome)
- April 20 Regional Republican Women Conference
- May 4-6 CFRW-Northern Division, Conference, May 4-6, San Jose

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Talk Radio Update

KSFO 560 on the AM dial remains conservative, with Melanie Morgan returning from 5 to 9 a.m., but we also have some interesting shows on KKSF 910 (Glen Beck at a.m. and Rush 9 a.m.) and KNEW 910.

Lee Rodgers, who was on KSFO’s morning show with Melanie Morgan for many years, has

a great, easy to read news tidbits website at:
www.radiorodgers.com

Republican Women Events – Join Us!

Our club pays your registration (you pay for your lunch) for the annual Leadership/Training Conference, January 21, Rancho Cordoba, carpooling will be set up. Contact .

A Good Year for California Taxpayers

By George Runner, California Board of Equalization

As your elected member of the California State Board of Equalization, I am fighting to ensure your voice is heard in Sacramento. As always, I welcome your ideas about how we can work together to solve the pressing problems facing our state. **2011: A Good Year for Taxpayers** How about some good news to close out this year? If you're a Californian, your taxes are lower today than they were a year ago. That's a good thing for you, your community and our state economy. You may recall that earlier this year many politicians claimed catastrophe would strike if legislators rejected a five year extension of a multi-billion dollar hike in income taxes, sales taxes and car taxes. Thankfully, Republican legislators held firm. And, believe it or not, the sky did not fall. In fact, if you look closely at the latest numbers from the Department of Finance, you'll find that billions in unanticipated revenue has materialized this year without any tax hike at all.

Furthermore, according to the latest Board of Equalization numbers, taxable sales are up 8% throughout our state. Sales tax revenue has exceeded budget revenue estimates by more than \$100 million so far this fiscal year. You see, a recovering economy is far more effective at generating revenues than any tax hike. When Californians have jobs, state coffers always have plenty of revenue. Of course, we still have a lot of work to do. As we enter the new year, jobs continue to be the key to solving California's most pressing problems. As your elected representative, I'll continue to work on your behalf for jobs and a brighter future for our state. **Tax Victories You May Have Missed** Not every tax victory makes the front page of the newspaper. Here are a few victories you may have missed this year:

1. **Ag Exemption for Solar:** In a victory for farmers, the partial sales and use tax exemption for farm equipment can be applied to purchases of solar equipment if the taxpayer can "demonstrate that the solar facility is specifically designed to provide power to qualifying machinery."
2. **Collection Cost Recovery Fee:** In a victory for struggling business owners, a proposed 20% increase in BOE's collection cost recovery fee has been shelved for now. The fee will remain fixed in 2012 to allow time for staff to study the issue more thoroughly. *Learn more.* <http://dl5.activatedirect.com/f>

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3. **Deals of the Day:** In a victory for consumers, coupons purchased at deal-of-the-day websites, like Groupon and LivingSocial, will be taxed at the amount the consumer actually spends (e.g. \$50) rather than the value of the item purchased (e.g. \$100)
4. **Qualified Purchasers:** In a victory for small businesses, the Board suspended "courtesy registrations" and is allowing businesses who never signed up for this controversial use tax collection program to leave if they no longer meet the criteria to be in the program.
5. **Welfare Exemption:** In a victory for non-profits, the Board has clarified that charitable organizations should receive a property tax exemption if the "charitable activities performed by the nonprofit organization confer some 'meaningful,' 'important,' or 'significant' benefit to people in California." This means even California-based non-profits with an international focus may be eligible for this property tax exemption. *Learn more.*

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By: Liz Froelich, Legislative Co-Chairman

Senator Mark DeSaulnier has proposed a bill that will expand the concept of regional government. We read about such regional governmental entities when we read about the

Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments), and Metropolitan Water. To further his goal of more regional government he held a "public hearing" in Oakland on Dec. 13 as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing. The topic of the hearing was "*Ensuring Effective Community Outreach and Public Participation in Regional Governance.*"

First, I believe that the theme misleads the citizen and tax-payer into thinking that she/he will have some influence or clout in her/his future life through attending the session. Since we are encouraged to participate in these regional agencies, it leads one to believe that this is going to be good governance and good for each of us. This, in spite of the fact that these are unelected bodies that will determine our futures with respect to air, water, transportation, land use, housing, and any other aspect of life to guarantee that the Bay Area implements a "sustainable communities strategy." Did you notice that transportation is linked with housing in the committee title?

Secondly, I believe it was inaccurate to call it a public hearing when the speakers testifying were mostly from the governmental agencies such as Mayors of cities of Oakland and El Cerrito, together with Amalgamated Transit Union member and some special interest groups like Urban Habitat and Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment.

De Saulnier's bill **SB878** is a recent example of this non-representative government. SB878 was amended last year from a vehicle headlights bill to its present form: **Regional Planning: Bay Area**. The bill states: (1) The Metropolitan Transportation Commission Act creates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as a regional agency in the 9-county Bay Area with comprehensive regional transportation planning and *other related* responsibilities, including development of a regional transportation plan with a *sustainable communities strategy*.

Public input will be included in a report which will indicate how these strategies have been proposed. Here is a short account of how far reaching this 9 county agency will have jurisdiction

SEC. 2. Section 66536.3 is added to the Government Code, to read:

66536.3. (a) The joint policy committee shall prepare a report for submission to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing and the Assembly Committee on Transportation on or before January 31, 2013, addressing all of the following:

(4) Regional strategies for adaptation to climate change.

(1) Coordination of the regional sustainable communities strategy with local goals for the recruitment and retention of manufacturing, production facilities, business services, and other business enterprises providing high quality jobs that will remunerate employees sufficiently so that their household incomes will allow them to live in the Bay Area, educate their children, and enjoy the region's amenities.

(2) Regional strategies to ensure the coordination of infrastructure investments, including transportation facilities and services, for planned employment centers.

(3) Strategies for ensuring a common regulatory system for deployment and permitting of energy conservation facilities and improvements.

ACTION: Contact Senator DeSaulnier and ask him to block the enactment of any further regional agencies, as they are contrary to a representative form of government. Regionalism restricts the citizens' ability to have an effective voice, as the proposed public regional meetings become consensus meetings and are a form of democracy not a form of representative government. SB878 will be heard on January 10 in the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing. Republicans on the Committee are Vice Chr. Ted Gaines and

Committee members Senators Tom Harman and Bob Huff.

ACTION: Attend a "public hearing" sponsored by One Bay Area in Richmond on January 23 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and actually witness how the planners "listen" to the public. Call Liz (925-586-4350) for details.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By: Camille Giglio, Legislative Co-Chairman and CFRW Statewide Legislative Analyst

Legislature Reconvenes for 2012

The California legislature, on January 4th, takes up where it left off in December, voting on Bills to further reduce citizens' rights of privacy and autonomy in all matters relating to health, nutrition, education, workforce development, land and housing in general.

Bills that were held back in the first year of this two year session are now coming forward for another round of votes. Here are a few examples of bills being heard on the Senate floor on the fourth.

AB 733, Fiona Ma, (D), Public Records: Privacy Rights. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, is the only supporter. There is no listed opponent. This bill is modeled on the Buckley Amendment to the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act - FERPA, passed in 1974, otherwise known as the Buckley Amendment.

AB 733 basically declares that a student's educational information is private to the student alone, excluding parents, except for whomever this Act determines should have a right to know. Those who will be given the right to know are law enforcement, community organizations, mental health and other agencies.

Another Fiona Ma bill, AB 485, Local Planning, Transit Village Development Districts.

Supported by 6 smart growth land development agencies and opposed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn, and the California Taxpayers Assn.

The bill is amended to coincide with the latest Gov. Brown plan for Redevelopment Agencies and allow more Transit Village Development, apparently without voter input and establish and authorize local Transit village oversight agencies for up to “no more than 40 years.”

This is Agenda 21/UN global village planning which places people in new communities developed for the benefit of the state, not the residents.

AB 1083, Bill Monning, (D), Health Care Coverage. Amended nine times repeals or adds to over 17 sections of the government codes on Health and Safety and Health Care. Further promotes cooperation of California’s Health Care plans with the Obama Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. It affirms that failure to comply with the regulations of the Act will be considered a crime.

There are also numerous ballot initiatives to become informed about. Parental rights have been severely abrogated these last few years through legislation. One initiative, soon to be distributed is the Parental Notification and Stop Predators Act. This initiative seeks to restore the right of parents to be informed of a minor daughter’s decision to seek an abortion. This is a redress of a loss of rights proper to parents.

AMERICANISM REPORT

By: Michele Daley, Chairman

This is my last Americanism article. I have been thinking about what it has meant to me to be the Americanism Chair. When I first started two years ago I wasn’t sure what Americanism meant. At the time that I accepted this position

I knew I had a deep love of our country and I felt Americanism was a form of Patriotism. When Pat Everette was Americanism Chair a lot of her focus was on veterans and our military. When I started my articles on Americanism I leaned towards our history and the founding fathers wisdom and insight. While both of these subjects embody Americanism I feel it is so much more.

The American people are the most generous and giving people in the world. Most private donations to charitable causes come from individuals. Last year alone over 70 billion dollars was donated to charities worldwide. So why does our government think that they need to “spread the wealth”? It seems to me that given the opportunity people do the right thing. Not only financially, but by volunteering Americans as a whole will always stand up to the call when their country or other countries are in need. I just don’t get the constant negative media attention about the citizens as a whole in this country. It seems that we are portrayed as selfish, greedy people who don’t care about the plight of those in need. I totally disagree! I see that when given the chance our citizens always step up to the plate even when our government is slow to respond. We give so much more than just money and time. Everyday in this country there are ordinary people who are giving of themselves even when it puts them in danger. Police, fire and other first responders go to work everyday, not knowing if they will return home to their families. Putting themselves in situations where they are verbally and physically attacked by the very people they are out there trying to protect. And they keep going back everyday. And of course our military who volunteer their lives to keep our freedoms secure here at home. They feel a calling that few people do.

Then there is the everyday hero who just happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time when something horrific is happening and they put themselves in danger to help a fellow human being. The citizens on the street pulling people out of burning cars, the student in the

school confronting a gunman to protect his fellow students. The guy on the street tackling the felon who grabs a ladies purse, the delivery truck driver that rams a car that was shooting and fleeing from police. These things happen everyday. But we rarely hear about them. It's always easy to do the right thing when everything is going well, but when faced with dangerous situations it is even harder.

To me all these things embody Americanism. As a nation we are made up of people that possess character, even though we are constantly hammered with stories from the media that tells us different. I believe that those stories make up the minority of our population, not the majority. It is hard to believe because the majority of news stories are discouraging and dispiriting. But as a whole our nation is full of good people with a strong moral fiber. People who on a daily basis are doing the right thing everyday. Living their lives making the right choices and helping others in need. That is Americanism!

Five Minutes with the Courageous and Curious Mr. Lincoln

By Clara Cabot, 8th grade winner of local and Northern Division essay contest, as read in Sacramento by Clara at the Fall Convention of CFRW-ND.

How does one narrow down talking to just five minutes the chance to speak with President Abraham Lincoln? The gentleman was courageous in his efforts to save the union, probably the biggest threat to the survival of the country. He was also curious, which is such an intriguing quality. He taught himself, was a huge reader thanks to his devoted stepmother, and never stopped learning.

Mr. Lincoln, we are here in 1865. It appears that the union has survived. Your Emancipation Proclamation has freed the slaves. Now what, sir? What is the next major threat to this great nation?

President Lincoln, what about capitalism? Will our economic system survive? There is a man named Karl Marx who wrote the Communist Manifesto that seems to question it. Do you think that his ideas and new system are a threat to us? There are already others who admire his work and think it is the best way. I hear it has many parts that make it sound really good, and it will trick people.

Will the republic survive? After all, look at Rome and Greece, the things our Founding Fathers based our nation and its Constitution on. They were great, too, in their time. We took the best of what they did in democratic principles, left out the bad parts, but can we keep it that way? Perhaps we will get lazy like Rome and Greece did.

Do you think a monarch or a dictator will take over? After all you did for us that would be devastating. What if we have a president who will not leave office?

Mr. Lincoln, I have heard that your dreams are so real, that they have often come true. Have you had dreams about the future of the country after the Civil War? If you have, would you tell us? Perhaps it would scare us too much.

President Lincoln, I am now back in the year 2011. Sir, it is very scary. So many seem to dislike our country. Some say capitalism is bad. People seem to think Socialism is okay. Millions have died under Communism and dictators. People are angry. They want to take others' property without earning it. They say everything is unfair, but it sounds like the things they want to do are the "unfair" things.

Mr. Lincoln, what is in your dreams? It's sort of sad, sir. I am frightened. I will talk to my friends and try and teach them how good this country is. I will write essays and papers whenever I can, even though people might not like them.

We don't have anyone like you or President Washington, sir. As you can see, I am curious, just as you were. Now, all I can hope is that we can gather enough people who are courageous, just as you were.

President's Message (cont'd from Page 1)

When YVRWF asks for your help, I hope you will consider pitching in.

If you have not renewed your membership do so right away. Attend our meetings and bring a friend. Many voters will want to change their registration to Republican so that they can vote in the Primary. Most importantly, volunteers will be needed for voter registration.

In 2012, YVRWF will have a large group of about twenty high school seniors eager to attend Advocacy Day in Sacramento. That is great news, but costly to YVRWF. Let's do it for these future Republicans. A small donation would be a big help.

Our new year will not be all work and no play. We promise interesting speakers, a fashion show, beautiful lunches, day trips, parties, a summer barbecue and two evening meetings.

Pat Scott deserves a huge thank you for serving as YVRWF president for two years. She is excellent at everything she does and we appreciate her time and effort. The Board for 2011 was marvelous and accomplished many goals. We enjoyed a great trip to the Ronald Reagan Library. The Spring Fling and Bingo Parties were delightful. A new Membership Directory was printed and distributed. There was even a shoot 'em up Gun Clinic just for us ladies, but guys were welcome.

A sad note to 2011 was the passing of our dear friends, Dee Vanderpool, Carol Jaffke, Varine Horton, and sustaining member Eldora Hoyer; All wonderful Republican women. They will be missed.

I'm honored to be the 2012 president of Ygnacio Valley Republican Women. Thank you.

Wisdom (Courtesy of Lee Rodgers)

(www.radiorodgers.com)

These bits of wisdom have been attributed to various people. Regardless of the source, here are a few things kids did not and will not learn in today's schools.

Rule 1 : Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2 : The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 : You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a corporate vice-president until you earn it.

Rule 4 : If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5 : Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: They called it opportunity.

Rule 6 : If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault. Don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7 : Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were.

Rule 8 : Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to real life.

Rule 9 : Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND

YOURSELF.

Rule 10 : Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11 : Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Tidbits You Need to Know

* Here's something for the one-world "all the world's people are just alike" to chew on ...

Two men have been arrested in central India for allegedly killing a 7-year-old girl and cutting out her liver in a ritual sacrifice to ensure a better harvest.

* The Netherlands, one of the world's most liberal nations, is giving up on multi-culti ...

A new integration bill which Dutch Interior Minister Piet Hein Donner presented to parliament earlier this year reads: "The government shares the social dissatisfaction over the multicultural society model and plans to shift priority to the values of the Dutch people. In the new integration system, the values of the Dutch society play a central role. With this change, the government steps away from the model of a multicultural society.

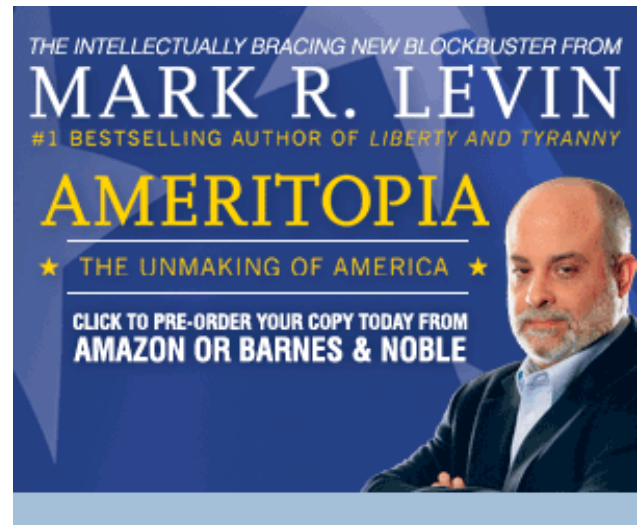
"A more obligatory integration is justified because the government also demands that from its own citizens. It is necessary because otherwise the society gradually grows apart and eventually no one feels at home anymore in the Netherlands".

The new integration policy will place more demands on immigrants. For example, immigrants will be required to learn the Dutch language, and the government will take a tougher approach to immigrants who ignore Dutch values or disobey Dutch law. The government will also stop offering special subsidies for Muslim immigrants because, according to Donner, "it is not the government's job to integrate immigrants."

2012 Dues are Due

See the renewal form on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you for your support. Please renew to support our speakers, our ability to send students for political education, and other local efforts.

Reading Recommendations



New Members Most Welcome

\$35 regular member
 \$25 sustaining member
 \$40 associate member (gentlemen or members of other Federated Women clubs). *Donations of any amount in addition to your regular dues help us get good speakers and educate our members through our newsletter and conferences.* Payable to: YVRW and mail to Ygnacio Valley RWF, 1920 Monument Bl., #309, Concord CA 94520.

Notable & Quotable

If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice, or representation.

Abigail Adams



YGNACIO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED
An East Bay Regional Club

Membership Application /Renewal Form

It is a pleasure to invite you to apply for membership to **Ygnacio Valley Republican Women Federated, (YVRWF)** a unit club affiliated with California (CFRW) and National Federations of Republican Women (NFRW.)

Your membership entitles you to a subscription to the **YVRWF** Newsletter.and you will be able to attend our monthly meetings, conferences and special events. Our informative meetings feature excellent speakers and provide opportunities for political education, discussion, and participation. **YVRWF** will keep you alert to legislation that affects your daily life and will be your connection to current politics and Republicanism. Visit us at <www.yvrwf.org>

YVRWF meets the third Wednesday of each month (except June, July, and August) at the **Oakhurst Country Club** on 1001 Peacock Creek Drive, Clayton. Meetings start at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and socializing. Speakers begin about 11:15 followed by an enjoyable lunch. Two evening dinner meetings are also scheduled each year.

Club Objectives:

- To promote an informed public through political education and activity.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- To promote a wide knowledge of the principles and politics of the Republican Party.
- To encourage active membership.
- To cooperate with the Republican county, state, and national committees for the election of Republican nominees.
- To facilitate cooperation among various Republican Women clubs.

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Keep the above information. Mail this section to **YVRWF, 1920 Monument Blvd. Box 309 Concord, CA 94520**. Please enclose check made payable to **YVRWF**. Membership fees: Regular \$35.00. Associate \$25.00 Sustaining \$40.00. Thank you.

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 Street Address.....City.....StateZip.....
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I am interested in the following committee activities:

Membership	Voter Registration	Hospitality
Ways and Means	Public Relations	Legislation
Newsletter assistant	Telephone Committee	Americanism

Please call (925) 680-0234 or visit www.yvrwf.org for additional information.