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2026 Events Calendar

- **Oct 29: Thursday, MarinGOP Central Committee 7pm, Drakes Landing, Greenbrae**
- **Nov 3: Tuesday Election Day, Marin Election Observers monitor Votes tabulation**
- **Nov 8: Sunday Our MRWF *Holidays Party* luncheon 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm at Drakes Landing, Greenbrae**
- **Nov 11: Wednesday Veterans' Day, 20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. 9am – 11am**
- **Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day**
- **Dec. 1: MRWF Board 2027 Planning Meeting 10am**
- **Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Day**
- **Dec 19: MarinGOP Christmas Party**
- **Dec. 25: Christmas Day**
- **Jan 8, 2027: Friday Satellite evening pot-luck 6pm-9pm**

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Luncheon Holiday Party, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026



Mary Grove, 1st VP Programs

Reservations: $ 35 members and guests **Deadline: Tuesday Nov. 3rd**

I will attend Sunday, November 8th :
Name:_____
Email:_____
Phone:_____

Luncheon buffet

Mail reservations to: Jay Kist, 49 Bellevue Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901
Reservations Phone: [redacted]

Email: events@marinrepublicanwomen.com

Make Check payable: MRWF

Reserve: Reserve on line Click Here

Note: *Zip Code* – be sure you enter it or your transaction will not complete.

Notice: *Advance reservations required. Lunch reservations, unless cancelled the Friday before the event, will be billed to you. If you arrive with no reservation it disrupts our service to the attendees and the restaurant: $5 surcharge.*

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Presidents' Report

The Election is upon us! November 3, 2026 is the mid-terms General Election in California. See Page 5 for information.

What 'Actions' can you individually take to make a difference in this Election?

Standing on the sidelines is not an option in this day and age. Be active in governing yourselves; that is a civic duty.

We had 2 great opportunities in the first two weeks of October in San Rafael and in my local district.

One: the neighbors who live along Pt. San Pedro Road suddenly discovered that the line painting along the road cut out their curbside parking spaces. A small group went in to action and within two weeks got the City/County to halt the project and gather more comments on issues from the citizens affected.

Two: our Trustee on the Marin County Office of Education Trustee Area 2 resigned with 2 years remaining on the term. The MCOE Board decided to 'appoint' a replacement. But the neighbors pushed back and circulated a Petition to request a Special Election to fill the remainder of the term. We want to have candidates run for this important office. In a 2 week period, the neighbors succeeded in getting the required number of signatures on the Petition. We are waiting for the next steps from the Marin County Election Office.

The point is, we the Members of MRWF are interested in what goes on. With that there needs to be a personal commitment to take action and be active at whatever level you can handle.

Here is a project that I invite you to join with me: on Election Day and the few days that preceed it, be an 'Election Observer'. The objective is to have interested citizens visit their local Vote Centers, talk to the manager, and observe the activities. Ask questions. Just this simple level of citizens' presence and interest puts the local Registrar of Voters and staff on notice that we, the citizens, are observing and holding them accountable.

Faye Bourret & Elise Vitale, Co- Presidents

Membership Report



We are now starting to take your Membership sign-ups and payments for 2027.

Our goal is to have all of our renewal memberships received by December.

Please invite your family, friends, family and neighbors to explore our website at **www.marinrepublicanwomen.com**. You will find great information about Marin Republican Women, Federated. Email me with any questions you have at this email address: **Membership@marinrepublicanwomen.com**.

Encourage women you meet to join our MRWF club:

On-line: You may use our online form and payment site **www.marinrepublicanwomen.com/membership-form.php.**

By check: See the form on Page 7 of this Newsletter.



Anitamarie Donato, 2nd VP Membership



Americanism

Our American Republic Is Coming Apart *

According to author Davidson,* "The problem is this: too many people in this country either despise America or are completely indifferent to it.

Among these are the tens of millions of foreigners now living in the United States who don't just reject the natural law principles upon which our form of government rests, but also have no intention of adopting American culture or an American way of life. Many of them have made little or no effort even to learn the English language. They are here, essentially, to make money, and have no real vested interest in America as such.

Many others are not just indifferent but actively hostile toward their adopted country. This tendency seems especially pronounced among the adult children of immigrants, who grew up in the United States but were taught by liberal public schools and the mainstream culture to despise their country and resent it. They essentially revived the Third World politics of their parents' home countries and adopted the anti-colonialist mentality of their leftist teachers and professors. [...]

What can be done about it? One immediate step [...] mass deportations coupled with mass denaturalization. Get the people who have come here only to make money, or stage a revolution, out of the country."

Anna Mae Maly, Americanism Chair

*From John Daniel Davidson's "After 250 Years, Our American Republic Is Coming Apart." Access the entire, original essay at:
https://thefederalist.com/2026/06/25/after-250-years-our-american-republic-is-coming-apart/

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Member Birthdays

Delight in your Birthdays these next two months. You fall in the months of Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings.

November Birthdays are Regular Members **Terry Avtnomoff, Faye Bourret, Beverly Erbel, Linda Lathan, Jan Miller, Tina Menard, Ana Morrison, Heide Van Nelle,** and **Margaret Weed St John,** and Associate Member **Don Erbel.**

December Birthdays are Regular Members **Suzanne Balke**, **Diane Heath, Marilyn Hunter, Jay Kist, Michelle Larsen, Jane Liston, Anna Mae Maly, Susie Morlock, Rebecca Peterson, Leslie Ross, Elise Vitale,** and **Denise Walker,** and Associate Members **Larry Galetti** and **Joan Gard.**

Anitamarie Donato, 2nd VP Membership

Community Action Reports

Veterans

Here is what you can do to continue your support for our Veterans.

Go to **Troopathon** and support our Active Duty Troops. Donate a package to a Trooper, a Squad or a Platoon!

It is easy #1. This is your link:
https://www.troopathon.org/donate

Nov. 10, 1775

It is easy #2. Join us for a Field Trip!

MRWF team will be **carpooling on Tuesday January 19, 2027** to Sacramento to the Troopathon/MAF warehouse. We will pack boxes for sending to active duty troops. Text Anne at [redacted] to reserve a spot in the carpool.

Anne Brenneis – Veterans Project

Veterans Day November 11, 2026

The Marin County Memorial Day observance, conducted by Marin County United Veterans Council, will feature music, a remembrance program, flag displays and wreath-laying ceremonies.



Marin Veterans Memorial

9:00am to 11:00am

Marin Center Exhibit Hall

20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael CA

MRWF Satellite Club – Conservative Conversations, Cocktails, and Comestibles

Hello everyone!

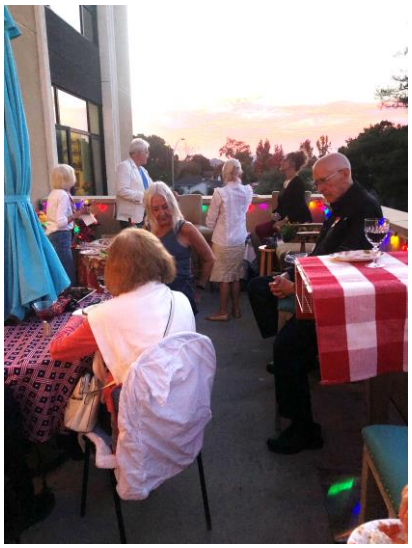
We all had a wonderful evening at Mary Grove's home in Novato. It was a beautiful, warm evening and we were able enjoy gathering on her roof-top patio. We enjoyed a spectacular orange and pink sunset to the West of Novato. Everyone brought something to share and Frank overdid himself with his salmon dip!

We are all happy to share different kinds of food and of course good conversation. With the election coming up soon there is a lot to consider. We helped one another ascertain which are important measures and candidates. Let's hope our guys win.!!

We will not have a Satellite event in November or December because of the holidays. Our Holiday Party is on Sunday, November 8. We hope everyone can come; sign up and reserve now.

Our next Satellite evening will be Friday, January 8, 2027 (tentatively).

Beverly Erbel, Satellite Club Chair





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Legislative Report

By Ruth Holly – MRWF Legislative reporter

California Proposition 38: $8.4 Billion Immunology Research Bond

Carlos DeMaio of Reform California surprisingly supports this measure even though taxpayers are liable for repaying the bond. California's stem cell research bonds (Proposition 71 in 2004, which authorized $3 billion for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine/CIRM, and Proposition 14 in 2020, which added $5.5 billion) have generated measurable economic activity through research spending, job creation, and tax revenue but direct financial returns to the state and taxpayers via royalties have been modest relative to the overall cost. The major backer of Proposition 38 is Dr. Gary K. Michelson, an orthopedic surgeon who invented multiple techniques and devices to improve spine surgery and subsequently sold his patents for over a billion dollars. There is no known financial relationship between Reform California and Dr. Michelson.

Proposition thirty-eight (**Prop. 38**) would authorize the state to issue $8.4 billion in general obligation bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research. These fields study and harness the body's immune system to fight diseases. At least $4.2 billion must target cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer's. Funds would split equally: half to a single University of California-affiliated nonprofit research institute selected by the California Department of Public Health, and half as competitive grants to public and nonprofit California institutions. Recipients must offer resulting treatments to California patients at 20% below the national average price, and the state would receive 10% of licensing royalties until the bonds are repaid. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates repayment costs of $500 million to $600 million annually for about 20 years from the General Fund.

Supporters argue the measure provides stable, long-term funding for promising research at a time of federal uncertainty, potentially accelerating cures or better treatments for major diseases that affect millions of Californians. It prioritizes nonprofit and public institutions over for-profit companies, caps administrative costs at 2%, and includes accountability measures such as audits and public reporting. The price discount and royalty-sharing provisions aim to return value to taxpayers and improve access. Advocates, including disease associations and Governor Newsom, see it as building on past successful state research bonds (such as those for stem cells) and positioning California as a leader in medical innovation.

Critics highlight the substantial long-term cost to the General Fund, which competes with education, healthcare, and other priorities, with uncertain returns. Research success is never guaranteed. The measure's detailed criteria for the institute receiving half the funds appear tailored to one specific organization co-founded and heavily funded by the proposition's main backer, raising concerns about special-interest influence rather than open competition. Some argue medical research is better left to federal agencies, universities, philanthropy, and private investment, or addressed through legislative processes instead of ballot-box bonding. Opportunity costs and the risk of adding debt without clear, near-term benefits are key objections.

Sources: calmatters.org and Grok Ai

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MRWF Field Trip Report

Field trips to pack boxes for active duty troops



L – R: **Grandma D,Jan, Laureen, Joan, and Anitamarie**

Join Faye and all for the next trips, **Tuesday January 19, 2027.** We will be carpooling. Meet others at 8:15am on Highway 37 exit 'Atherton Ave.' Park-n-Ride. If no one else is there waiting just get on the highway and drive yourself. Text Faye for the address: [redacted] if you need to.

Hand writing *Thank You* cards are **Beverly Erbel.** The Troops love those personal hand-written notes. **Margaret St. John, Anna Mae Maly, Marie Behr, Donna Pfeiff** and **Marilyn Hunter** collect the newspaper crossword puzzles from their neighbors which we put in the care boxes also.

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Be sure you vote all races
especially down-ballot races

General Election – November 3, 2026

- **Voter Information**: The Voter Information Guide will be mailed starting (estimate) **September 28, 2026**.
- **Vote-by-Mail Ballots**: On **October 5, 2026** begin mailing to registered voters. Civic Center Vote Center opens for voting.
- **Vote-by-Mail Drop Boxes: October 6, 2026** available
- **Vote Centers open: October 24, 2026**
- **Election Day: November 3, 2026**, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
  Source: Marin County Election Office

Marin GOP endorsed candidates in the ballot for the General Election November 3. 2026.

Click on underlined name to go to their specific websites:

State Senate - District 2	Tief Gibbs
Governor:	Steve Hilton
Lt. Governor:	Gloria Romero
U.S. Congress - District 2	Robin Littau
Secretary of State:	Don Wagner
Controller:	Herb Morgan
Treasurer:	Jennifer Hawks
Attorney General:	Michael Gates
Supt.of Public Instruction:	Sonja Shaw

Link to detailed list of Candidates on Marin County ballot:
https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/elections/november-3-2026-general-election/information-and-about-candidates-110326/local-candidates-ballot-110326

Link to detailed list of ballot Measures on Marin County ballot:
https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/elections/november-3-2026-general-election/information-about-measures-110326/list-measures-110326

Five Local Marin Candidates to support:

Craig Adams - Marin County Board of Education Member, Trustee Area 3

Francis "Frank" Drouillard - Novato Unified School District Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 4

Chris Carpiniello - City of Novato Councilmember District 4

Clayton Hess - Marin Healthcare District Director, Division 1

John Turnacliff - Richardson Bay Sanitary District Director

Links to recorded commentary and debates between candidates on your Marin ballot:

9/10/2026 Election/ballot review of candidates and ballot measures by Dick Spotswood of the Marin Independent Journal. Hosted by Marin Coalition. Click this link to see video at **Marin Coalition**

9/23/2026 Candidates Forum hosted by Federation of San Rafael Neighborhoods and Point San Pedro Road Coalition. Held at San Rafael High School. Candidates for City Council, CA State Assembly, and Marin County Office of Education. Click on this link to see video **Candidates Forum**

9/24/2026 Candidates Debate hosted by Marin CO$T (Coalition of Sensible Taxpayers). Held on Zoom. Candidates for California State Senate Tief Gibbs and Damon Connolly. Click on this link to see video **Candidate Debate State Senate**

9/30/2026 Candidates Debate hosted by Marin CO$T (Coalition of Sensible Taxpayers). Held on Zoom. Candidates for California State Assembly Eric Lucan and Jackie Elward.. Click on this link to see video **Candidate Debate - State Assembly**



Support candidates with your donations, your volunteering for campaign phoning & postcard writing, & addressing cards for Marin-Oakland local candidates.



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Matt McReynolds, Deputy Chief Counsel
Pacific Justice Institute
"The Latest Developments at the U.S. Supreme Court"

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Also Tuesday, December 8, 2026
Christmas Buffet Luncheon

Marin Country Club | 500 Country Club Drive, Novato, CA 94949

Check-in 11:00 | Speaker 11:30 | Lunch 12:15
$42 Members & Associates | $47 Guests
Register on-line at www.Novatorw.org
By email: lunchlady@novatorw.org
By phone: [redacted]

10/29
Thursday, 7:00 pm
Drakes Landing
Community Room
Greenbrae

MRWF Committees:
Newsletter – Faye Bourret
Community Service - Open
Veterans – Anne Brenneis
Voter Registration – Open
Legislation – Ruth Holly
Telephone Communications – JoAnn Bank
Hospitality – Marilyn Hunter
Working Women – MRWF Satellite Club – Bev Erbel
Mamie Eisenhower Library Project – Mary Elsbree
Americanism – Anna Mae Maly
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The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance – Thomas Jefferson

I am a Republican and wish to ___ Join | ___ Renew Membership (Enclosed are my dues of **$55**)

I am a Republican and wish to ___ Join as an Associate | ___ Renew as an Associate Member
(Enclosed are my associate dues of **$ 35**). I am currently a member of :_____RWF
(Associate Members are members of another Federated Republican Women's Club, citizenship other than US or Republican men)

I heard about MRWF from:_____

My Name:_____
Address:_____City, State, Zip:_____
Phone:_____ Email:_____

I would like to help with: ___Hospitality ___Voter Registration ___ Phoning ___Community Action
___Technology ___ Events Other ways I can help:_____.

My Birthday month _____(for Newsletter recognition only). Mate's Name: :_____

Send Newsletter via: ___Email *(preferred- saves club mailing costs)* ___ Mail ___Both Email & Mail

Membership Roster via: ___Email *(preferred- saves club printing costs)* ___ Hard Copy for pick up at meetings
OR ___ Hard Copy mailed – **include additional $5.00**

By Check: You may mail your check payable to **MRWF** and this form to:
Anitamarie Donato, 1725 Marion Avenue Apt. L 6, Novato CA 94945-2271

On-line: You may also use our online form and payment site: www.marinrepublicanwomen.com/membership-form.php

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860 AM	SHOWS
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Hugh Hewitt	M-F, 12n-3pm
Larry Elder	M-F, 3-6pm
Jay Sekulow	M-F, 6-7pm
Chris Stigall	M-F, 7-8pm

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