



ELEPHANT TALK!!

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**Fran Peace, District Director for Wally Herger,
To Speak at TCRWF September Luncheon**

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On September 12, 11:30 at the La Grange Restaurant, we will be privileged to have Fran Peace as the guest speaker at the TCRWF luncheon.

Fran is going to speak to us on her visit with President Bush in the Oval Office.

Fran has served as District Director for Congressman Wally Herger since his

election to the Second Congressional District in 1987.

Those of us who were privileged to hear her speak on May 14 at the Region I

Conference are looking forward to the opportunity of hearing her speak again.

Fran also has a fascinating story to share with us about a heroic seeing eye dog.

Be sure to come and help us welcome Fran to Trinity County and our Republican Women meeting.

See you there!



Judy Derryberry, Program Chair



Welcome New Members!

A very special welcome to **Wendy Reiss**, PO Box 507; Hayfork CA 96041-0507; 628-4168. Her sponsor is Barbara Talvola.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to **June Black**. June is one of our Charter members. She has been inactive; but is joining us again! WELCOME BACK! She is sponsored by Barbara Talvola.

We are very delighted to welcome **Joy Brady**; PO Box 759; Weaverville CA 96093; 623-2638. Her sponsor is Barbara Talvola!

A heartfelt HOWDY to welcome **Joyce Robertson**; PO Box 400; Junction City CA 96048-0400; 623- 2678; and her husband **Conie Robertson** is joining as an Associate member as well! They're sponsored by Barbara "YOU GUESSED IT!" Talvola!!

WOW! Welcome Diane Kasper! HC 02 #3307; Junction City CA 96048; 623-4873 and her husband **Ron Kasper** is joining us as an Associate Member. They're sponsored by Barbara "WAY TO GO!" Talvola.

A Trinity County Welcome to **Billie Wall**, PO Box 1531; Weaverville CA 96093; 623-1531; and her husband **Frank Wall** is joining us as an Associate member! They are sponsored by Barbara "OF COURSE" Talvola!

A "Grand Old Party" welcome to all of you as new members. We are looking forward to meeting and greeting all of you!

LOOK AT US GROW!

We now have **65** members!

(17 are brand new!) Not only that but we now have **23** Associate members! ...11 more than last year!

Our Republican Presence is getting stronger and we're going to make a difference in Trinity County!

(BE SURE TO ADD THEM TO YOUR ROSTER!)



SEPTEMBER 5: Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 6: TCRWF Board Meeting; 11:30 @ PUD

SEPTEMBER 12: TCRWF Member Luncheon; 11:30 @ La Grange Restaurant.

SEPTEMBER 21: First Day of Fall (we can only hope!)

TCRWF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies:

It's almost Fall...September soon. The kids are back in school. The Fair was August 26,27,28. I hope all our members loaded up on Cookbooks at the Republican Booth. They'll make great gifts and give all of us an opportunity to support our Unit.

September is the time to elect a Nominating Committee for the 2006 slate of officers. Put your thinking caps on. Who would be your choices

for officers in the upcoming year?

See all of you September 12 at La Grange for the Luncheon at 11:30 and a visit with Fran Peace!



Angela Dills-Walker, President



SPOTLIGHT ON A TCRWF MEMBER

Alice Ackerly joined TCRWF May 12, 1986. She was sponsored in by Jane Poor.

Alice and her husband Bill moved to Hayfork in 1980. In 1982 she opened "Alice's Restaurant".

Just a few of Alice's accomplishments: In 1987 she was instrumental in the organization of the Independence Day Celebration in Hayfork; succeeded in having the DMV office open one day a week at the fairgrounds; had a 45 foot cable TV translator installed on Plumber Peak; invited the Supervisors to have an Office Day in Hayfork as

well as the County Assessor and Planning Department; and in the opening of Blanchard Flat School as a tourist information center.

In 1988, she worked with the committee to bring the ambulance back to Hayfork; helped to celebrate the new Merchants group...Hayfork Economic Alliance; was a Blue Ribbon winner in the Fair's window decorating contest; she was also Hayfork's July 3 Parade Marshal!

In 1989 she was chosen as Woman of the Year by Business and Professional Women. She was nominated by then TCRWF President Nellie Sharp. The

Judges were Barbara Childers, Terri McNeil and Barbara Talvola.

In 1993 she retired "Alice's Restaurant".

Although she has been unable to get out for several years, she still keeps up with "politics". She's on Congressman Herger's mailing list (he always referred to her as "Mrs. Republican"). She is still a TCRWF member, reads all the TCRWF's *Elephant Talk!!* newsletters and looks forward to conversations each month with TCRWF's Telephone Chair. We're very proud to be able to claim her as a member. What a Lady!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Members: I am so thankful for your prayers and support. I know this has been a year of change and difficulty for many. It is good to be a member of an organization which promotes encouragement, support and unity.

I have seen the result of your prayers in my own life and I have seen the result in our community, state and

country. We are blessed to live where individuals can make a difference through active participation in the governing process. Each of us does make this country a better place.

God bless you all.

Judy Smallwood, Chaplain



"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Prayer Book, 1662, 22)



LEGISLATION

(refer to Friday July 22, 2005 CFRW Newsletter for full text)

The Right to Own Property: A Civil Right? (By CFRW Legislative Analyst-Patricia Welch)

"...In 1954, in *Berman v. Parker* the United States Supreme Court ruled that government's power of eminent domain could be used to seize property in order to tear down "blighted" areas for public use. [Keep in mind that the other 'landmark' decision in 1954 was *Brown v. Board of Education*]. It soon became clear that these alleged 'blighted' areas sited for urban renewal were mostly populated with Blacks and other minorities. Justice Thomas noted in his dissent, when governments seize homes to enrich their own coffers, the poor and the black are likely to lose their homes...

...The first question that came to my mind was, who determines the definition of blight—the state/local government, the redevelopment agency, the property owner? As you may have already surmised, the definition is wide open for interpretation and is widely abused. Incidents of abuse can be seen in eminent domain cases in the cities of Garden Grove, Lake Elsinore, Fresno, and San Bernardino, and those are just the tip of the iceberg.

What is being done in California to curtail these abuses and rein in the effects of the Kelo decision? Assemblymember Mimi Walters (R-Laguna Nigel) has introduced amendments to her Assembly Bill 590 to specifically address this issue. Assembly Bill 590 would amend Section 1240.010 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to eminent domain; AB 590 would specifi-

cally prevent local governments from using the Kelo decision to take private property for private business development.

The California Constitution authorizes governmental entities to take or damage private property for public use only when just compensation, determined by a jury unless waived, has first been paid to, or into the court for, the owner. The Eminent Domain law authorizes public entities (government) to acquire property only for public use. Assemblymember Walter's bill would provide the "public use" does not include the taking or damaging of property for private use, including, but not limited to, the condemnation of non-blighted property for private business development. I would urge support of Assembly Bill 590"



Diana Sheen, Legislative Chair

KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

(from the *Trinity Journal*)

PRESIDENT; George W Bush (R) ; The White house, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

GOVERNOR: Arnold Schwarzenegger (R); Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Sacramento CA 95814, (916) 445-2841, FAX: (916) 445-4633; E-mail: governor@governor.ca.gov.

US SENATORS: Barbara Boxer (D); 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-0501, (202) 224-3553; E-mail by going to <http://boxer.senate.gov/contact/webform.html>

Dianne Feinstein (D), Hart Senate Office Building, Room 331, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

US REPRESENTATIVE(2ND District): Wally Herger (R) , 2433 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3076; or 1 Post Street, Suite 115, Redding, CA 96002, 223-5898

STATE SENATOR (4th District):

Samuel Aanestad (R) ; State Capitol, Room 5061, Sacramento CA 95814, (916) 445-3353; or 777 Cypress Ave., Redding CA 96002, 225-3142

State Assembly Member (1st District): Patty Berg (D); State Capitol, Room 2137, Sacramento CA 95814, (916) 319-2001; or 235 4th St, Suite C, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 445-7014.

TRINITY CO SUPERVISORS:

Send information to Board Members at PO Box 1613, Weaverville CA 96093-1613. The Supervisors' Courthouse phone number is: 623-1217.

DISTRICT 1: Bill Chambers; Home phone: 778-3200, E-mail bchambers@trinitycounty.org

DISTRICT 2: Jeff Morris; Business phone, 623-6363; PO Box 1998, Weaverville CA 96093-1998, District 2 Website: trinitydistrict2.com

DISTRICT 3: Roger Jaegel; Home phone, 628-5776; PO Box 283, Hayfork CA 96041-0283

DISTRICT 4: Howard Freeman; Home phone: 623-4664; PO Box 1173, Weaverville CA 96093-1173. E-mail hfreeman@trinitycounty.org.

DISTRICT 5: Wendy Reiss; Home Phone 628-4168; PO Box 507; Hayfork CA 96041-0507

HELP A FRIEND REGISTER TO VOTE!

Pick up a voter registration form now from your local Post Office (you can even call and ask them to put a couple in your PO Box!) or you can visit the Courthouse and pick some up there!

The ballot is
stronger than the
bullet...
Abraham Lincoln

Use these forms when you renew your membership to ensure we have all the latest data in our files. Also, use one when you sign someone up to be sure we have all the information correct from the start.

The TC Republican Women Federated (TCRWF) meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30. The meeting place is announced in the Newsletter for that month.

Regular Membership dues for TCRWF are \$20.00 annually. **Associate Membership** dues are \$5.00 annually. Use the form in the Newsletter. Contact Carol Pasch @ 623-2144 to sign-up or renew your membership or you can mail it to: **PO Box 2302; Weaverville CA 96093-2302**

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!
(JUST CLIP, FILL OUT AND MAIL)

Trinity County Republican Women Federated Unit #1747
invites you to join in the fun!

ANNUAL MEMBER DUES:	\$20.00
ANNUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES:	\$ 5.00

Name: _____

Associate Member Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

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COULD YOU PASS THE TEST TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN??

(from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services website)

Most of us probably feel we understand our system of government and could comfortably talk about its history and explain its processes. But those who are native-born Americans likely have not had to prove they know enough to be good citizens.

A foreign-born person wishing to become a naturalized citizen of the United States must, among other things, pass an **ORAL** examination showing that he or she knows something about our history and form of government. The tests are not routine; the questions may vary from one exam to another.

Following are sample questions which an officer of the U.S. immigration and Naturalization Service may ask of a person applying for citizenship. **HOW WOULD YOU FARE ON THE TEST?**

1. What are the colors of our flag? ***(Red, White & Blue)***
2. How many stars are there in our flag? ***(50)***
3. What color are the stars on our flag? ***(White)***
4. What do the stars on the flag mean? ***(One for each state in the Union)***
5. How many stripes are there in the flag? ***(13)***
6. What color are the stripes? ***(red and white)***
7. What do the stripes on the flag mean? ***(They represent the original 13 states)***
8. How many states are there in the Union? ***(50)***
9. What is the 4th of July! ***(Independence Day)***
10. What is the date, of Independence Day? ***(July 4th)***
11. Independence from whom? ***(England)***
12. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War? ***(England)***
13. Who was the first President of the United States? ***(George Washington)***
14. Who is the President of the United States today? ***(George W Bush)***
15. Who is the Vice-President of the United States today? ***(Dick Cheney)***
16. Who elects the President of the United States? ***(The Electoral College)***
17. Who becomes President of the United States if the President should die? ***(The Vice President)***
18. For how long do we elect the President? ***(4 years)***
19. What is the Constitution? ***(The Supreme Law of the Land)***
20. Can the Constitution be changed? ***(Yes)***
21. What do we call a change to the Constitution? ***(An amendment)***
22. How many changes or amendments are there to the Constitution? ***(27)***
23. How many branches are there in our Government? ***(3)***
24. What are the three branches of our government? ***(Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary)***
25. What is the legislative branch of our government? ***(Congress)***

(Well, if you think those are easy, go to the Website and see how well you do on the others! I failed *miserably* on some of them)

