



SIMI VALLEY MOORPARK  
REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN'S FEDERATED

A Diamond Award Winning Club

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

Friday, April 19th  
11:30 a.m.

speaker

**Mara Rodriguez**

Zoo Development Coordinator

America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College

at the SV Cultural Arts Center

Don't delay. Make your reservation(s) **today** at [SVMRWF.com](http://SVMRWF.com) or mail your check to 2828 Cochran St. #228, SV 93065.

**Buffet lunch \$30 members/\$35 non** to be held at the SV Cultural Arts Center, 3050 E. Los Angeles Ave. , Simi Valley. *Questions? Contact Ivy Giles at [ivygiles5@gmail.com](mailto:ivygiles5@gmail.com)* Prepaid Reservations guarantee your lunch and seat.

### Mara Rodriguez

Zoo Development Coordinator  
America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College

Mara Rodriguez is a seasoned animal trainer and handler as well as the Zoo Development Coordinator at America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College. Her role involves creating experiences that help educate people from around the country with the help of students enrolled in the Exotic Animal Training and Management program. These experiences and interactions help raise funds that improve the zoo.



Mara has 30 years of experience as an animal trainer, and one of the best parts of her job is working directly with the zoo's animal ambassadors to educate people. Mara has specialized in the training of cats (focusing on big cats), both free contact and protected contact over the last 26 years. With a stellar safety record, she has raised and trained various species, such as tigers, lions and mountain lions.

### See What's Also Ahead...

- May 17 - John Barrick, Senior Prosecutor
- June TBD - Wine & Cheese gathering, private home
- August 24 - Murder Mystery, Wood Ranch CC
- September 20 - Jim Fryhoff, Ventura County Sheriff

### Message from President Jennifer Jones



Hello Everyone!

Spring is here and with it is warmer weather. We have a couple of fundraisers this year. Our big fundraiser is our Murder Mystery Night in August. We did not have a Ways & Means V.P. for fundraising last year, so this fundraiser is to make up for our lack of fundraising from last year. This event is open to the public and someone well known in the community will be murdered, and the murderer is someone well known in the community. Also, it's an election year, and we are hoping to fundraise enough money to have our own Republican Headquarters. We will be having a wine tasting event in June for The Peggy Saddle Scholarship. So, be sure to look for those events on our website: <https://www.svmrwf.com/>

At our March Board Meeting, we voted to endorse Donald Trump for the Republican Presidential Candidacy, Steve Garvey for US Senate, and Lucie Lapointe Volotzky for California State Senate. The board is waiting for the final numbers regarding our California Assembly and our US Representative to come back before discussion of endorsements for those two offices. Look for those endorsements in our May Newsletter.

I am excited about our guest speaker this month. Mara Rodriguez is a seasoned animal trainer and handler for America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College. I can't wait to see what animals she will be talking about.

As always, I want to let the members know I am willing to listen to everyone. If you have any ideas or concerns, please reach out to me. I will answer your questions. Thank you for all of your hard work.

### Legislation Report V.P.s.....Elaine Freeman/Ann Duran

#### SB 1159 Firearms: Annual Registration of Firearms

Existing law requires that the sale or transfer of any firearm to be processed through a licensed firearms dealer. **This bill would require:**

**every firearm in the state (except law enforcement) to be annually registered with the State; require the registrant to annually pay a fee to be deposited into a special fund that is continuously appropriated to the department for the express purpose of carrying out the administration and enforcement of the firearm registry; require the department to establish registration information available to other law enforcement agencies; require the department to make reasonable efforts to notify firearms dealers, firearm owners, and the general public regarding registration requirements.**

Registration shall not be deemed evidence that the registrant is lawfully permitted to own or possess the registered firearm nor that they are the lawful owner of the firearm. Prohibits the use of certain federal records in establishing or enforcing the registry.

#### AB 1595 Elections: Eligibility to Vote

This bill removes the prohibition of those serving or having served prison for a felony to be able to vote. Would require an elections office to provide the incarcerated elector with the voting materials required to be sent to a vote by mail voter in the locations where the elector is incarcerated, and would make other conforming changes.

**Note for Members:** Everyone is strongly encouraged to call or send emails to your local legislators. Scroll all the way to the bottom to capture your District representatives'

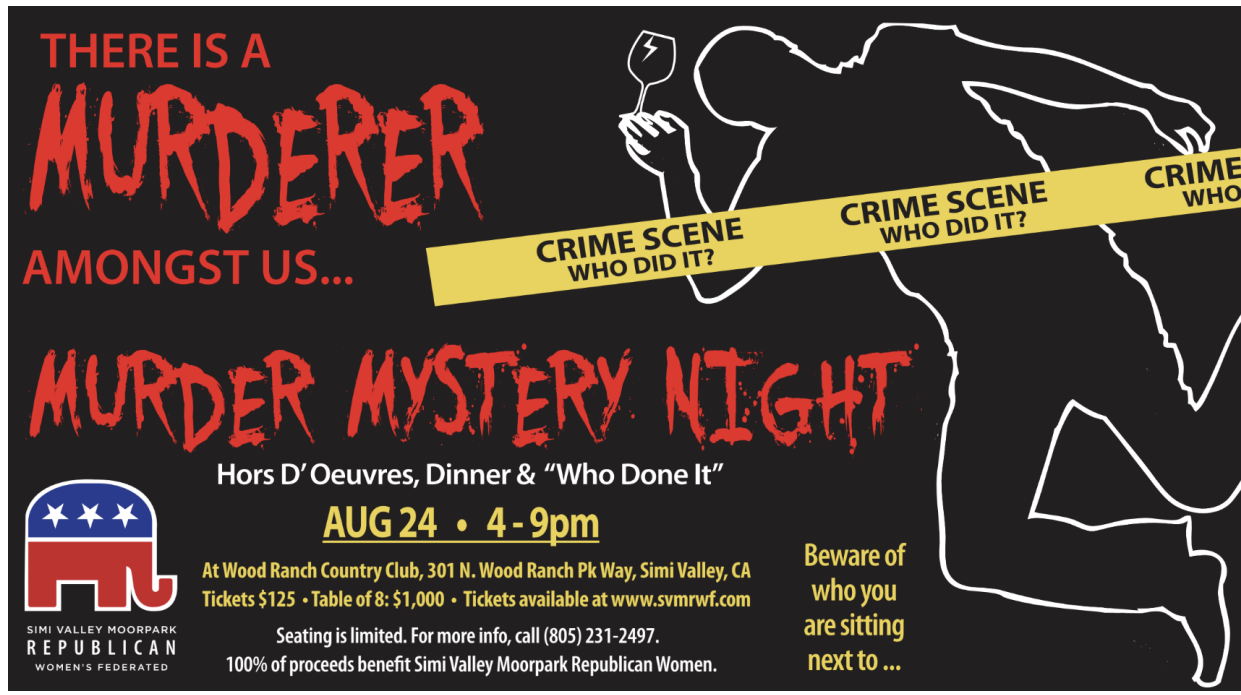
information.

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## Ways & Means V.P.s Jan Adams/Carrie Golden

So far we have over \$700 for our meeting marble madness drawing! So if we have a winner at the April meeting, someone will be winning one-half of possibly \$800! Also, check out the Republican apparel and jewelry that will be for sale. Proceeds also benefit our Club in order to support selected non-profits.

**SAVE THE DATE** for an exciting fundraiser: The Murder Mystery will be on August 24, 2024 from 4-9 at Wood Ranch Golf Club. Visit [svmrwf.com](http://svmrwf.com) to purchase your tickets.



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## Membership V.P.....Sherry Keowen

**Join today at [SVMRWF.com](http://SVMRWF.com), at the membership meeting or by mail (include all of your contact information).** Last year's members are welcome to join and participate this year. It will be a busy year with a lot of great opportunities to become involved in your choice of general meetings, speakers, and a variety of activities with like minded Republican women!

\$45 general membership; \$100 Gold membership; \$25 Associate for women who are members of other Federated Clubs, member spouses, and individual men who are Republican voters. *Associates do not make motions or vote.* We currently have 54 members so let's continue to grow this very, very crucial and important election year!

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Former City Councilwoman Barbra Williamson and Rancho Simi Park n Rec Director Dan Paranick at our March Luncheon. Barbra was on the city council and voted yes to start the Arroyo Project several years ago.



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President: Jennifer Jones  
1st V.P. Programs: Barbra Williamson  
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**Reminder:** The Board is extending to one member each month the opportunity to bring a guest (Republican party voter) as a guest of the Club. Be the first to contact Club Treasurer Sarit Judge, [dejudges@hotmail.com](mailto:dejudges@hotmail.com) to make your guest reservation.

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Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 5 p.m.  
Representative Raul Avila, Board of Directors

CAGOP.org; CA Republican Chairwoman- Jessica Millan Patterson  
Ventura GOP.org; Chairman- John Anderson; 4th Wed. every mo.  
SV/Moorpark Republican City Club; Chairman-John Absmeier;  
1st Tuesday every mo. 6 pm- The Junkyard Cafe.

Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District Office  
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Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday; 6:30 p.m.

