



SFFRW

Santa Fe Federated Republican Women



Spring Newsletter

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"A woman is like a tea bag. You cannot tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water"

-Nancy Reagan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

It's sad to see them lined up like silver sardines. They are not sardines, but kids wrapped in those shiny shock resistant survival blankets. The news says there were 650 kids a day last month. The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol says that is up from 313 per day in February 2021, and an average of 208 per day throughout 2019. We normalize the children when we call them UACs (unaccompanied alien children). The US Department of Health and Human Services is running out of room and turning to FEMA for help. Soon the UACs will be shipped all over the country to a federal military facility as Obama did in 2014 during that surge of UACs. Last week there was a plan to bring a few thousand to Santa Fe County. Under President Obama's masterful plan UACs rose from 38,759 in 2013 to 68,451 in 2014. President Biden is on track to yield a quarter of a million children this year. Why do they come? How exactly does a 10 year old show up at the U.S. border?

They are coming to our border now because they heard President Biden, on the campaign trail, say that the gate is open. President Biden cancelled the Remain in Mexico agreement with President Trump and the gates opened. So parents sent their kids with the cartel's coyotes and \$7,000 to get to the U.S. border. What's missing from the discussion over Biden's illegal immigration policy discussion is the fact that another 600,000 non-USA citizens overstay their VISAS and become illegal immigrants lost in the system. Non-US citizens enter America every year with specific permits to visit on VISAS as students, businessmen, and vacationers. VISAS have dates that specify when they are to leave the country. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FY19 Overstay Report, 676,400 didn't leave the country when the permit expired that year. At the end of 2020, 12 months later, the number shrunk to about 500,000. And that's just one year. Year after year the number of non-US citizens in our country grows and grows. Is it serious? Yes. Is it urgent? Yes. The 9-11 terrorists overstayed their student VISAS in 2001 before they executed their plan to kill thousands of Americans, ultimately killing about 3000 Americans. I'm afraid the Biden Administration isn't interested in who is coming or staying in our country and what their intentions are. The catch and release game is back and it works.

Welcome to America.

-Anita Statman



Roundhouse Update

from Sharon Mottola

The first session of the 55th Legislature has come to a close, although a Special Session to continue the unfinished work of the first session is in progress as I write. It was a session unlike any other due to COVID restrictions. Because legislators and their staff were not required to physically be in the capitol building, all committee hearings were conducted via Zoom. The House Floor sessions also had members participating via Zoom. Floor votes were conducted both in person and remotely.

The lessons learned from the Zoom legislature will be evaluated over the next year. Pros include allowing the public to participate in committee hearings remotely, which apparently made it possible for more people to listen in than ever before. Not having to drive to Santa Fe and find parking is a plus. The Cons include not allowing in person conversations between concerned citizens and their legislators. There were no meetings in offices or hallways and there were no evening meet and greet events. There were no school groups and no lunchtime information desks set up in the rotunda. I think the legislators enjoyed having more time to read bills and prepare for committees, but the time schedule still became brutal in the last few weeks with late night sessions and early morning committee hearings.

The session had an informal feel to it because there were so few people around, yet the fence around the capitol and State Troopers everywhere was a bit unnerving. Legislators wore nice shirts and jackets for the above the desk view and jeans below. Food delivery was minimal and there were few places to go out to eat, so everyone brought lunch in or otherwise ate snacks. Staff were mostly confined to their offices, so it was less sociable than ever before. I fielded fewer phone calls than in past years, despite several controversial bills returning from the past. Legislators told me they received way more emails and text messages than in the past with a wider range of complaints. Technology is definitely changing the way we communicate and are governed.



We encourage you to write issue-based letters of support of our positions. We recommend that you follow the guidance on our website when writing letters. See: www.santafefrw.com/members
"How to write effective letters to Editors and Congressmen."

2021 SFFRW Priorities Update: Caring for America/ Caring for Santa Fe

Thank you to all who brought groceries or gave money in support of Bienvenidos last quarter.

The organization was overwhelmed with your generosity!

On February 21st, a team of four from our SFFRW group joined some other Bienvenidos volunteers, picking up donated food at grocery stores, & then sorting it all out at the Bienvenidos facility.

Then on March 21st, our group of four plus four other Republican women embarked on these same tasks, and had a great time doing the work. The time commitment is only 2 to 2.5 hours. It was decided that we will continue on with this project, one Sunday each month. The next event is scheduled for Sunday, April 18th. We can really use the help, and we need some fresh volunteers to give our current volunteers a break. **Contact Montie Paquin at 505-930-9499 or email her at: montiepaquin@yahoo.com**

Our **Second Quarter** community involvement is with CARENET, a pregnancy counseling center.

The Director of CARENET, Robert Cheek will be attending our May 10th luncheon. She will tell us about all that CARENET does and provides and will let us know what we can do to help on an ongoing basis. On a one-time basis, I have volunteered our group to do a deep "Spring Cleaning" of their facility on Saturday, April 17th, at 9:00am. On that same day I have volunteered our group to help with their Yard Sale. This will be held in the parking lot of their building. So get ready! We need help for both of these activities. Please call, text, or email me OR speak with me directly at our April luncheon to sign up for these events on April 17th. **My cell phone is: 505-690-9831, and my email is: barbaradedmon@gmail.com**

Update on Election Integrity

In January 2021 your board of directors decided that election integrity would be one of our two priorities this year.

Election Integrity and voter integrity are terms we hear every day, but finding the definition for these terms is difficult because they are still being debated by lawyers around the country. At a minimum voter integrity includes preventing voters from voting twice or voting for others. Election integrity includes prohibiting ballot harvesting and prohibiting election watchers from watching the counting of all votes. These are activities that many New Mexicans believe happened in the 2020 election. Legal challenges are still in the process. The SFFRW has developed the project on the next page to better understand and act on election and voter integrity concerns going forward.

The project will be amended as more is learned.

Goal: Educate the Republican voters of Santa Fe County to help minimize activities that are inconsistent with the existing state law and local policies and guidance during the 2021 and 2022 elections to achieve a reliable election process and result.

Election Integrity Updates - continued

Objective 1. Train 50 Voter Registration Agents in Santa Fe County to facilitate greater voter integrity and 10% more Republican voters by 2022.

Activities:

*Host class for 25 residents at SFFRW event by end of 1st quarter 2021

*Host class for 25 residents by Q3 2021

Objective 2. Meet with County Clerk to discuss EI and VI complaints from 2020.

Activities:

*Seek and record a list of complaints by end of 1st quarter 2021

*Meet with County Clerk by end of Q2 2021

Objective 3. Educate ourselves on state election law and county policies and guidance.

Activities:

*Invite the Santa Fe County Clerk to speak to SFFRW members on election and voter integrity in Q2 2021

*Invite the Santa Fe County Clerk's Director of the Office of Elections and Voting to speak to SFFRW members in Q2 2021

Objective 4. Educate ourselves on the RPNM training for poll challengers and judges to turn out 150 poll challengers and judges for upcoming elections.

Activities:

*Train at least 3 Santa Fe County voters as trainers on RPNM election and voter integrity for poll challengers and judges by Q3 2021

*Train 50 poll challengers by Q2 2021 in SFC and assign them to precincts or polling locations

*Train another 100 poll challengers by Q2 2022 in SFC and assign them to precincts or polling locations

We invite your comments on this SFFRW project by emailing us at: santafefrw@gmail.com



an excerpt from:
Fear and the Freedom to Speak

written by Ryan Moffatt, published in The Epoch Times, January 14, 2021

2021 will be a year of big decisions. With the pandemic raging and the political landscape offering no certainty, the world teeters on the precipice of the unknown more acutely than at any time since the Cold War. At this pivotal moment, it's crucial to mitigate the powerful influences conspiring against our mental and moral independence. The increasingly authoritarian push by tech and media providers to control information is stoking political and cultural divisions, while leaving us vulnerable to manufactured consent, where we become obedient and unquestioning.

Conforming to Ignorance

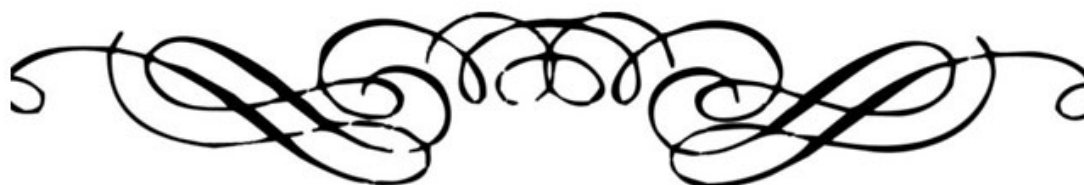
Freedom of speech isn't only a key element of democracy, but is its fundamental safeguard. Its importance was recognized at America's inception and enshrined in the Constitution as the primary defense against tyranny.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech."

We are now in the midst of this subjugation.

Social media, despite its virtue of connection, progressively indoctrinates its users into a matrix of narrow ideas rather than encourage discussion among varied points of view. The recent banning of many conservatives from Twitter and the curtailment of the alternative social media platform Parler by Google, Amazon, and Apple shows just how far the social media giants wish to control the narrative. To the same end, the legacy media has taken great liberty with our perception of the world by prescribing what to think and how to think about it. Regardless of individual political leanings, this institutionalized conformity should concern every free citizen. It is a form of population control that requires no physical force or overt pressure, just a continual manipulation of information -- something most remain largely oblivious of. A recent Gallup poll found that 33% of Americans have no confidence at all in the media. This is an all-time high that reflects the overt partisanship that has come to characterize corporate media.

In such a climate, it's imperative we stick to our conscience and convictions to form our own perceptions and not be led by the nose to conform to opinions not our own. Open and uncomfortable conversations are absolutely necessary to navigate the many contentious issues of today, and media providers who refuse to engage on those terms should not be granted the authority to make decisions on our behalf. They have betrayed the trust of their positions. Free speech must be protected and fortified by individuals willing to take their place in the battle of ideas and not succumb to fear, denial, or ignorance. Otherwise, the masses will become lemmings headed toward the cliff of bad ideas, egged on by media propaganda that absolves them of independent thought.



Scholarship Contest

One of the missions of the SFFRW is to push forward traditional New Mexico values of faith, family, and freedom. To that end our organization has established a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior residing in Santa Fe County, who will be entering college in the Fall of 2021.

Eligible students are asked to submit an essay based on a quote from George Washington's farewell Address of 1796. The quote is:

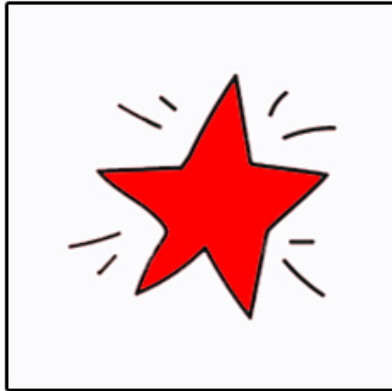
"However, (political parties) may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to be potent engines, by which cunning ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people, and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which lifted them to unjust dominion."

The student must:

- *Explain the quote in its historical context
- *Explain the meaning the quote has today with respect to current events
- *Explain the meaning the quote has to he/she personally in terms of faith, family, and freedom

Information on the scholarship and application process can be found at: www.santafefrw.com The completed application must be submitted by COB April 25, 2021. The winner will be notified in early May and will be invited to the May 10th SFFRW lunch meeting for the presentation. Further information may be obtained via email at: www.santafefrw.com

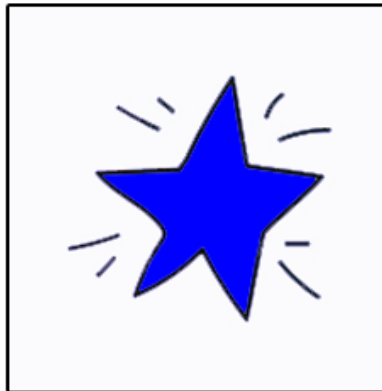
Saluting a Few of our Republican Businesses



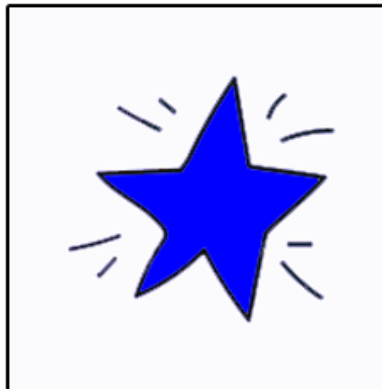
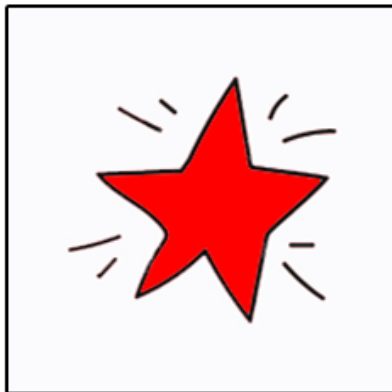
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