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**NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18TH**

## OCGSRW EVENTS CALENDAR

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** – Parental Empowerment Event  
9:00am – 1:30pm. Please see [flyer](#) posted within this newsletter with a QR code to scan to register.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** – Board meeting at Michelle Morgan's office at 9:30am.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30am – 1:00pm OCGSRW will join two other Republican women's groups for a joint meeting to hear Steve Hilton speak. Steve Hilton is a British and American political commentator, former political adviser, and a contributor for Fox News. Cost is \$50. Reservations will be open in September. Look for reservation details in the next newsletter in September.

10:30am – Check in

11:00am – Meeting begins

For more GSRW events, information and ways to be involved and take action, please visit our website at [ocgsrw.org](http://ocgsrw.org).

Southern California Area Republican Women

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

**Steve Hilton**

SCARW is honored to have Steve Hilton as their keynote speaker on Wednesday, September 18! We are the host club for the event with several other Republican clubs attending.

Steve served as director of strategy for the British Prime Minister David Cameron from 2010 to 2012. He hosted *The Next Revolution*, a weekly current affairs show for Fox News from 2017 to 2023. In 2023, Hilton founded *Golden Together*, a bipartisan movement to restore the California dream.

Over the last couple of months, Steve has been on the road in California two or three days a week, enough to feed the rumor mill that he has his eye on a higher office in 2026!

Hills Hotel  
Crystal Ballroom  
25205 La Paz Road—Laguna Hills

Check-in at 10:30 a.m.  
Meeting starts at 11 a.m.

- More details to follow -



## Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: Check in 10:30am | Meeting Starts at 11:00am

Price: \$50/per person

### Reservations:

**Must make reservations by Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Please make reservations via the OCGSRW Signup Genius email that will be sent to you in early September. Simply follow the instructions in the email to make your reservations. Payment will be made when you arrive at the meeting.

### Location:

September Meeting Only –  
The Hills Hotel Crystal Ballroom  
25205 La Paz Road  
Laguna Hills

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## COMING TOGETHER | WORKING TOGETHER

**President's Message**

"President Trump, We Will Fight the Fight"

The harsh tenor of politics rose to a near disaster recently, with the attempted assassination of President Donald Trump. Who will ever forget seeing President Trump's fist in the air, blood on his face and yelling fight? It was truly clear to those who believe in God that there was an angel on his shoulder who averted the near death of our former President. It became very obvious as that bullet hit his ear and whizzed past his head, that God had a purpose for him to live. Through this event, and the various negative reactions to it, we see that our politics have become far too polarized, far too extreme, nasty and, frankly, unproductive. Enough is enough!

President Trump's speech at the convention brought a new vision for repairing what is broken in our country and he restored a sense of optimism and hope. We should evaluate how the fierce, vitriolic, bantering of opinions being postured as factual and absolute are more often inconsistent and are recklessly and instantly fueling irresponsible sensationalism. Social media platforms demonstrate this behavior only too clearly.

The theme of the convention for us to take forward is unification! We need to recapture that strength and unity we've always had when fighting the real enemy, instead of fighting amongst ourselves. When we come together and work together, there is no limit to the greatness we can achieve.

In the spirit of working together, we have been invited to convene our September lunch meeting at the Hills Hotel by the Southern California Area Republican Women's Club. In addition to our club, two other Republican women's clubs have also been invited. This is a start!

Remember we are not going to agree on everything but more importantly, we need to share a commitment to traditional Republican values. Who knows, perhaps if we can sit down and put our heads together, real solutions and constructive ideas can develop and evolve. After all, collaboration is the engine to move ideas.

Those who read this message should now be asking the question: "What can I do to help Republican candidates win in November?"



Linda Koelling,  
President OCGSRW

There are many ways to help: work on campaigns by doing phoning, sending campaign literature, have coffees with friends and invite candidates, distribute signs or walk precincts. Whatever our Republican candidates need. Many of these tasks can be done from your home. In addition, you can participate in election oversight. This is a pivotal year and it's "all hands on deck"!

Join us and let's win the day! Remember, united we stand, divided we fall!

**Time to Support All Republican Candidates!**

By Linda Koelling, OCGSRW President

President Trump spoke eloquently about the need to come together. We need to recapture the strength and unity within our party and elect all Republicans running. We encourage support for all Republican candidates for U.S. Senate, Congress, State, City and School Board positions.

**They include:**

Steve Garvey  
Scott Baugh  
Matt Gunderson  
Michelle Steele  
Young Kim

**On the state level:**

Laurie Davies  
Diane Dixon  
Kate Sanchez

**CALL TO ACTION**

By Linda Koelling, OCGSRW President

Golden State Republican Women, our 'Mother' club, sends out Time to call on State legislators as egregious bills get pushed through and will find themselves on the Governor's desk soon for signing into law or not! The voices of the people need to be heard! Call your legislators and contact Governor Newsom. We are losing our communities and our state.

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Ph: 916.445.2841

**SB-610: Fire prevention: wildfire mitigation area, defensible space: State Fire Marshal – OPPOSE**

Senate Bill 610 (Wiener) which will fundamentally reshape California fire and housing policy and make Californians more vulnerable to wildfire. The bill would completely abolish the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps that guide mitigation strategies and land use planning for development in fire-risk areas. The bill would also centralize all decision making in the hands of just one person: the State Fire Marshal.

**SB-7: Regional Housing Need: Determination (Blakespear) – OPPOSE**

This bill strips jurisdictions of their right to appeal carelessly determined allocations (Legislative Counsel's Digest). The five central issues that are fundamental reasons to vote no on this bill: (1) discretionary, unreliable allocations; (2) the loss of a right to appeal, which raises questions about constitutional right to due process; (3) denial of infrastructure impacts, endangerment to safety and open space; (4) failure to support RHNA methodology with robust economic theory; and (5) will increase market rate housing, but fail to meet the need for housing that is affordable.

**SB-951: California Coastal Act of 1976: coastal zone: City and County of San Francisco (Weiner) – OPPOSE**

**What is this bill about?** This bill is about removing the authority of California Coastal Commission from designated areas to allow for streamlining of housing development. ([Read the Bill](#))

**Summary:** Current law requires a city or county to prepare and adopt a general plan for its jurisdiction that contains certain mandatory elements, including a housing element. Current law requires the housing element to identify adequate sites for housing, including rental housing, factory-built housing, mobile homes, and emergency shelters, among other things. ***This bill would additionally apply specified rezoning standards for any necessary local coastal program updates for jurisdictions located within the coastal zone.***

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### BEWARE OF THE PROPOSITIONS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT!

Beware of the ballot propositions in November. Don't be fooled by some of the language used to get you, the voter, to succumb to their wishes through emotionally charged language. Please note that Prop 13 is again in the crosshairs of the state leaders. The most egregious proposition talks of funding needed for several issues and the state wants you to agree to reduce the threshold it takes to pass a tax increase from 2/3 (67%) to a simple 55%. They will muddy the waters as it gets closer to November so we will provide more information in future newsletters.

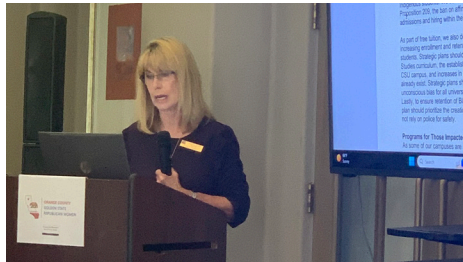
FYI, there was to be a Taxpayer Protection Act on the ballot for you, the voters, to decide upon, but Governor Newsom took this to court to get the initiative pulled. He won and the people of California lost! Remember this as you vote....

By the way...we still need signatures to recall Gavin Newsom. Signature gatherers are at the San Clemente Outlets on Saturday mornings. Let us know if you can help gather these signatures! Please contact Galina Connery at 951.317.7547 to sign up.



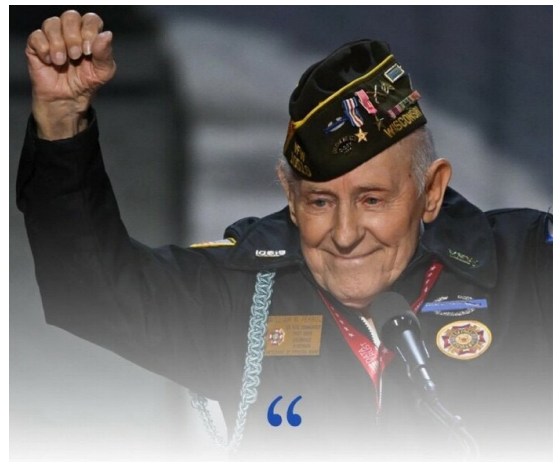
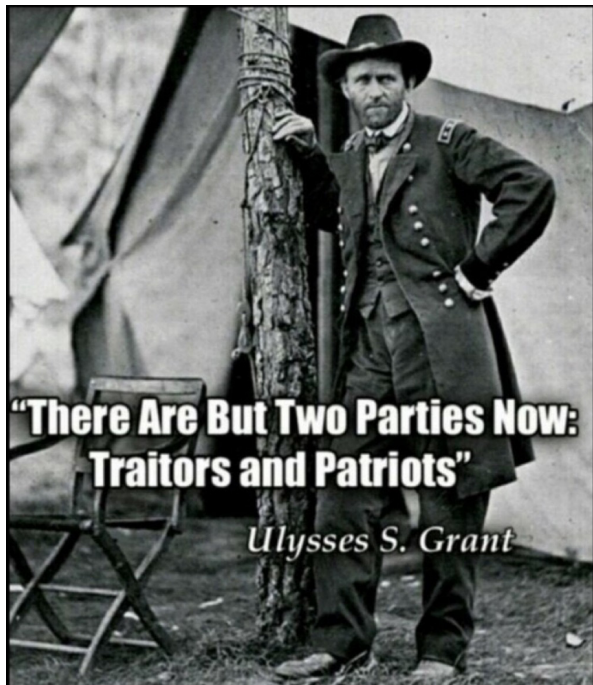
Volunteers at the Recall Newsom table at the San Clemente Outlet Stores: Galina Connery, Marcia Meenzhuber and Joan Garnett

### June Meeting Recap



Dr. Nancy Jimeno at our June OCGSRW meeting

If you did not attend the June meeting, you missed an amazing presentation from our very own 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dr. Nancy Jimeno. Nancy shared her perspective and experience of teaching as an adjunct professor of political science in the California State University system for twenty years. The most poignant part of her story is how she was attacked as a conservative while at the University, being singled out and targeted because of her views. The best part of the story is that inspite of the targeting and harrassment, Nancy remained strong in her convictions and fought back against the California State University regime without sacrificing her conservative convictions and principles. One of the most startling statistics she shared was that in the Fall of 2023, CSU Fullerton had a hispanic enrollment of 52.3% of all students.



“If President Trump was back as Commander-in-Chief, I would go back to reenlist today.”

SGT. BILL PEKRUL, 99, WW II VETERAN



## July 13, Elon Musk, and Murthy v. Missouri

By Phoebe Wise  
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Where were you when you heard about the attempted assassination of President Trump? And, if you are not too young, where were you when you heard about the assassination of President Kennedy? For many of our club's members, the day of November 22, 1963 will spring to mind as vividly as our recent national trauma on July 13, 2024.

Now, let me ask, how did you hear about each event? For those old enough to remember, news of the 1963 Kennedy assassination came from one of three channels on broadcast TV, or from radio. The principal of my junior high made the announcement to my 7th grade classroom over the school's loudspeaker system. Only two days later, Jack Ruby shot the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, on live TV, and Dallas police concluded that both men had acted alone and declared the case closed.

In that era, reporters for the broadcast and print media were more dependent on the information that was measured out to them from government sources, but there were enough discrepancies and questions about the official accounts that President Johnson felt pressured to appoint a special commission to investigate the assassination. Even leftist Wikipedia concludes that "this act made it possible both to avoid an independent investigation led by Congress and to avoid entrusting the case to the Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy," the President's brother. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren\\_Commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_Commission) In other words, Johnson's Presidential commission enabled a cover-up.

The Warren Report was published in September 1964, but portions of its attached documents were ordered sealed for 75 years. Most have since been published, but some remain sealed to this day. The secrecy surrounding the Warren Commission's work and its very debatable conclusion that both Oswald and Ruby acted alone, inspired deep distrust in the minds of many Americans, and a small industry of books and films sprang up that attempted to supply the people's thirst for the truth. (By the way, President Trump has said he will unseal the remaining documents if he returns to office.)

On July 13, 2024, another would-be assassin shot our 45th President, who is campaigning to be our 47th. Luckily, as Providence would have it, he only succeeded in inflicting minor injury.

Where were you? How were you informed about this event? And how did you keep up with the story in the days that followed? Some might have heard it on cable TV or radio, but more likely you saw it first on social media or an internet website.

I was on my phone, scrolling for news on X, formerly Twitter, when I came across the terrible announcement. I was sitting inside my brother's house in Houston, which had no internet in the wake of Hurricane Beryl. So I could not have turned on cable TV for follow-up information, even if I had wanted to. I went outside into the Houston heat for a stronger cell signal so that I could continue to follow the story on X and on several of my go-to alternative news websites.

X was by far the best source for real-time reporting, because rally attendees, and the many citizen journalists and MAGA media stalwarts who were at the scene, were posting first-hand accounts. Unbelievably, dinosaur cable news, broadsheets like the NYT, and leftist websites immediately tried to distort and downplay what had just happened at the rally. Here are some example headlines:

NBC News: "Secret Service rushes Trump offstage after he falls at rally"

USA Today: "Trump removed from stage by Secret Service after loud noises startles former president, crowd"

Dr. Aaron Kheriaty documents several more of these "reports" at his Substack under the heading of "They Think We Are Stupid": <https://substack.com/home/post/p-146649636>

As late as July 18, the day of the Republican National Convention, Joy Reid of MSNBC was still implying that Trump had somehow conspired to stage the whole event for a photo op. <https://x.com/charliekirk11/status/1813952771642786176>

What would have happened to the reporting on the July 13 assassination attempt if the X platform was still under the old Twitter management? How many more people would believe Joy Reid's narrative about flying glass nicking Trump's ear? Would the headlines read "Murderous Trump Lets Supporters Be Shot So He Can Get Photo Op"? One Twitter pundit answered the question very succinctly: "Had Elon not bought X, we'd all be catching permanent suspensions while this trash was written into history as truth." The Redhaired Libertarian <https://x.com/TRHOfficial/status/1813786585768583221>

Just as the Kennedy Assassination changed our nation, we realize that July 13, 2024, has changed the world. We can't see all of its effects now, but one thing we can know for certain: that day hastened the demise of the old media.

Elon Musk reported the astonishing increase of traffic on his platform the day after the event: "X usage hit another all-time high yesterday [July 14] with 417 billion user-seconds globally! In the US, user-seconds reached 93B, 23% higher than the previous record of 76B. In a single day." <https://x.com/elonmusk?s=43>

And what accounted for the increase in X traffic? As you might expect, Elon had a rather good analysis: "I tried using both X and legacy media this weekend, but legacy media was so far behind and wrong that it was pointless. When something is wrong on X, it is corrected extremely fast, but it stays wrong for hours to days on legacy media." <https://x.com/elonmusk?s=43>

Most of our membership has been using alternative or MAGA media as our primary or supplemental news source for a long time, so the lies and distortions of legacy media no longer surprise us. Not so for the "normies." That is a term that describes ordinary people who are so busy just trying to cope with life in Joe Biden's America that they get their news by catching a few minutes here and there on TV. Many "normies" got their first look at the difference between reality and the Mainstream Media Matrix when they saw the debate between Trump and Biden June 28, 2024. They saw with their own eyes, real time, that the man whom the MSM had described as "sharp as a tack" and "top of his game" was actually in a sad state of cognitive decline.

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The Democrats and their surrogate media, aka Fake News, immediately realized that their game of deception was up, and began a coordinated drive to replace their candidate. This about-face in turn caused even more distrust among the American people, so that on July 13 and days following, citizens turned to X in much greater numbers, as documented by Elon above. We need to take into account as well the increased traffic on other alternative platforms such as Real America's Voice, Rumble, Right Side Broadcasting, Substack, Locals, and the whole universe of podcasters.

Thanks to eyewitnesses on the ground recording the rally with their cell phones and giving their testimony, we know a lot more about the events of July 13 than the country knew about the Kennedy assassination. Through X and other platforms, we have heard experts from the worlds of the Secret Service, military intelligence, and the Deep State give their assessments of what happened. As a result, the American people have many legitimate questions about how this security failure happened and why. We need to press our Republican members of Congress to open a real inquiry; we certainly cannot trust the current directors of the Justice Department or the Secret Service to give us truthful answers. A Congressional inquiry may not be able to get the people responsible fired or prosecuted under the current administration, but House Republicans can sure as heck begin collecting evidence for when Trump returns to the White House. He will know what to do with it.

In the meantime, looking back at history, we can be thankful this is not 1963. As a Twitter pundit commented, "If smart phones and X had been available in 1963, very few people would have bought the narrative that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone." <https://x.com/bbear111670/status/1813711796295061893> We have a huge amount of firsthand documentation on July 13; we can legitimately hope that the truth will come to light, and soon.

All of us realize that technology and social media have changed how we gather information. In the past we waited for the government and a few big media outlets to spoon feed us the facts—or lies—that they wanted us to know. Now, every cell phone owner is a potential citizen journalist, and we can communicate directly with each other on X and other platforms. No need for the government or legacy news outfits. Social media enabled us to know so much more about the attempt on Trump's life in real time than we knew about Kennedy's assassination. But before you get too grateful that Elon Musk bought Twitter, thereby restoring a huge chunk of our First Amendment right to free speech, think about what reporting on July 13 and following would have been like if he hadn't. I hate to be too much of a Debbie Downer, but the Deep State and globalist elites are not going to concede victory to Mr. Musk and other platforms without a fight. They recognize that freedom of speech for the masses is an existential threat to their power.

In April of 2024, a left-wing Supreme Court Justice of Brazil began an investigation of Musk after he refused to block certain accounts. Musk posted that the judge had "applied massive fines, threatened to arrest our employees, and cut off access to X in Brazil. As a result, we will probably lose all revenue in Brazil and have to shut down our office there. But principles matter more than profit."

On February 17, 2024, Ursula von der Leyen, President of the EU Commission, oversaw the introduction of the Digital Services Act. This law will try to force the few remaining free speech platforms, including X, to censor whatever content the Commission says is "harmful" or

"disinformation" or "hate speech." Breaches of the law can result in fines up to 6% of annual revenue, effectively putting targeted companies out of business. Such fines blackmail media companies into censoring content on behalf of the EU and promoting whatever propaganda they want. That is how you turn a free speech platform into legacy media. Musk has vowed to fight this law by whatever legal means he can.

On July 19 President Von der Leyen, not directly elected by the citizens of the EU, and under the legal shadow of potentially being prosecuted for corruption in connection with EU vaccine deals during the Pandemic, declared that Europe needs a "European Democracy Shield" to counter "foreign information manipulation and interference." Mike Benz, a former State Department employee in the Trump administration, commented that "the democracy shield has one purpose & one alone: to stop domestic populist groups from winning domestic elections in Europe. It will do so using a fake predicate that Russians are backing them & thus activating domestic spycraft & prosecutions of popular political adversaries." <https://x.com/MikeBenzCyber>

Rising political parties on the right, such as AfD in Germany and National Rally in France, terrify EU elites like Von der Leyen, and these parties have already suffered cancellation, harassment, and censorship, much like MAGA here in the US. This so-called European Democracy Shield will no doubt intensify the persecution. Mike Benz further believes that the Deep State in the US will use this EU legislation as a back door to enforce more censorship here in the US. For more information, check out his many interviews on alternative media.

As an aside, I can't resist making a big plug here for Mike Benz. If you want to know the nitty gritty of just how the Deep State censors American citizens on social media, you cannot do better than to follow Mike Benz on X. He gained broad recognition when Tucker Carlson interviewed him, <https://tuckercarlson.com/uncensored-the-national-security-state-the-inversion-of-democracy>

Deep State censorship started in earnest in 2020, and I still consider it to be the most terrifying aspect of the pandemic experience.

Everyone from President Trump to a friend who had a small faith and culture blog got banned from Twitter and Facebook. I couldn't share posts without getting tagged. When I searched Nextdoor for information about vaccines or treating covid, the most useful posts were disappearing in minutes, sometimes right before my eyes. "That's an amazing trick," I thought. "How do they do that?" Mike Benz answered my question in detail.

It's interesting to learn about the Deep State's techniques of censorship. Equally important is to know who is leading the fight against it. When I last wrote on this topic in the May newsletter, we were waiting, along with Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, to learn the outcome of *Murthy v. Missouri* in the Supreme Court of the US. Dr. Kheriaty is a former UC Irvine professor of medical ethics who was fired in December 2020 because of his opposition to vaccine mandates. He spoke to our club about his 2022 book, *The New Abnormal*. Big Tech companies banned him, and his reputation was slandered, with no recourse to self-defense in the public square of social media, and even people who tried to mention him on Facebook, etc., were cancelled. Along with Stanford professor Jay Bhattacharya, co-signer of the Great Barrington Declaration, he was a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit that later became *Murthy v. Missouri* at the Supreme Court. All the plaintiffs were asserting that their First Amendment rights had been violated by the Big Tech cancellations.



While many SCOTUS decisions in that historic June 2024 session were great news for the supporters of the Constitution—Chevron Deference and Presidential Immunity are examples—the decision on Murthy was an extreme disappointment. The Court had a chance to lay down an important principle for the 21st century, namely, that the government cannot use cut-out institutions as a back door to force Big Tech media companies to censor content. We no longer live in the era of print, but apparently not all members of the Court have made the transition to the digital era. Some justices on the court seem not to understand that the government should not give media companies the immunities that come with the status of a utility company unless they also assume the responsibility of a utility like a telephone company to give equal access to all. At a minimum, the justices should have understood that government never has the right to suppress freedom of speech, as it did during the pandemic, and is still doing today.



These issues are as complex as they are interesting, and for more information on the Murthy v. Missouri decision and its implications for free speech on platforms like X, I refer you to Dr. Aaron Kheriaty's clear writing on his Substack column entitled Human Flourishing. <https://aaronkheriaty.substack.com>

To offer some hope, it is notable that the Murthy decision reversed the lower court decision based on standing. Although that seems to mean that some of the more timid justices kicked the can down the road, it also means that the case may someday return to the Supreme Court, and then Alito's dissenting opinion might prevail.

Dr. Kheriaty is also hopeful and continues to fight against censorship. On July 17 he posted a comment on X, introducing his interview on AlisonMorrowTV about "why our free speech case is far from finished, why the issue of government censorship is not dead, and why we will prevail in the end."

<https://x.com/AaronKheriatyMD/status/1813700591170048286>

As President Trump would say, "Fight! Fight! Fight!"

## **Stop the World — I want to get off!!**

By Joan Garnett

This was the title of a 1961 musical of which I thought was an appropriate thought for our world now with all that has happened in the last month or so! It's been crazy!

Just as a recap, here are a few things that happened since we last met in June;

- **June 26** – A 6-3 decision was handed down in *Murthy v. Missouri* by the Supreme Court, saying the suit did not have 'standing' and thus has not stopped the government from asking Social Media companies to censor anyone they wish. Justice Alito wrote a dissenting opinion saying that the government used coercive tactics to silence those it disagreed with.
- **June 27** – The debate that stunned the world happened between President Trump and President Biden. What we on the right already knew, that Biden was suffering from dementia and not capable of not just debating but running the country, was made blaringly clear to the rest of America and the world. All of a sudden, that wonderful President Biden, so adept and with it, was run over by the Trump Train and the fake news media who now couldn't lie anymore. The money dried up from big donors in a split second...throw Biden out!
- **July 1** – Steve Bannon reports to federal prison for refusing to comply with a subpoena to the J6 fake committee. Now we find out the Bureau of Prisons is refusing to let members of Congress visit him.
- **July 13** – An attempted assassination attempt on President Trump at a rally in a field in Butler, Pennsylvania. He survives by moving his head where the cascade of bullets miss him. We all know he has the armor of God protecting him and now he knows. Elon Musk announces he is endorsing President Trump and makes a commitment of millions of dollars per month to his Super Pac.
- **July 15** – The four-day Republican National Convention takes place with President Trump being unanimously selected as the Republican candidate. President Trump shows up just two days after being shot. He selects JD Vance as his VP running mate. Trump gives an incredibly heartfelt speech on the last night, teary eyed at times, recounting what happened and truly united not just Republicans behind him but many independents and democrats with a brain.
- **July 15 onward** – Suspicious activity on the part of the shooter, the local police and Secret Service starts a whirlwind of controversy of how inept the Secret Service was at protecting the former President. So much evidence was revealed that many consider it 'an inside job.' More information pours out about the shooter being seen at least an hour before his first bullet is shot and how much evidence of what could be termed malpractice on the part of the Secret Service, who neglected to turn up for the meeting with local police that sets up the sight for protection.
- **July 21** – After many attempts to convince the American people he was still running for President, Joe Biden drops out of the presidential race with a note on X, with a questionable signature, saying he must 'stand down', and not written on White House letterhead. His staff found out he dropped out by reading the X post. Pelosi, Jeffries, Obama and other elite Dems convinced him to drop out (or maybe it was more than convincing...).
- **July 22** – Kamala Harris was endorsed by Biden for President to take Biden's place on the ticket. And like someone waved a magical wand over the land, she is endorsed quickly by what we're told is all Dem delegates throughout all 50 states. Hard to believe. Obama resisted endorsing her for a few days and rumor has it he felt forced to do it, and still wants an open primary convention. Rumor has it they may dump Kamala, but it's a bit late in the game to get someone else up and running so quickly.
- **July 23** – After a brutal congressional session the day before, questioning Kimberly Cheatle, the Director of Secret Service, Cheatle resigns. She proved to be blatantly inept and refused to answer questions during the Congressional session but did take responsibility for the horrible attempt on Trump's life. Still smacks of an inside job.

There's so much more I could add, but keeping abreast of your favorite, trusted accounts on X will keep everyone up to date on what's happening.



## **Our July Summer Social**

Much fun was had at our Summer Social at the Inn at The Mission San Juan Capistrano. We talked, we laughed, we made fun of certain political figures, we hailed certain political figures, and shared some drinks, food and conviviality! Below are a few pics of us enjoying ourselves!



## **Catherine Herridge: A Bully Pulpit Journalist**

By Joan Garnett

If you've heard of what happened to Catherine Herridge, an outstanding journalist who was fired from CBS News in February 2024 for her truthful reporting on the Hunter Biden laptop and later hauled into court for not revealing her sources, you may be as convinced as I am that we live in a time of extreme censorship and an all-out war against the First Amendment.

Catherine Herridge started her career in London at ABC 30 years ago. She describes it as being a 'rarefied atmosphere' where she learned from very experienced journalists and editors. She described it as being accountability journalism where her job was to inform the world of the truth, not her subjective opinions. That is why I describe her as a bully pulpit journalist. She and Tucker Carlson may be the last of that breed. If you've read *The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, you learn that President Theodore Roosevelt coined that phrase, bully pulpit, referring to his public office and position of authority, and wanting journalists to tell the truth of what he spewed from that pulpit. He felt it was an obligation of journalists to tell the truth and spread it everywhere. Catherine refers to that obligation as speaking truth to power on both sides of the aisle.

Catherine suffered a great deal when she was fired. She lost her company health insurance, which was a huge thing for her family, having a son who is a transplant patient with a chronic medical condition. She was laid off on a zoom call with no explanation except that they were making cuts. She was quickly locked out of her office and out of her email. They confiscated her work product...all of her investigative files and research. Catherine made the jump from Fox News to CBS, thinking she would have more exposure for her objective reporting, not realizing she was entering the lion's den.

She believes her authentic reporting on the Hunter Biden laptop, coupled with her reporting on the IRS whistleblowers, got her fired. She is still involved in a suit against her employer, CBS, for their retaining her research. Though she's hesitant to say because of the ongoing litigation, she intimated that perhaps 'others' wanted her investigative notes and research to get it out of the public domain to protect those involved.

Like Tucker Carlson, Catherine has continued her own on X, still doing that wonderful objective reporting she did before. Please follow her on X @C\_Herridge.

An update on something she recently exposed: The Army and National Guard abandoned a 24-year-old soldier with a debilitating heart condition that an internal memo linked to the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. Her military records indicated that her injury was in the line of duty. Catherine interviewed her, Army Specialist Karolina Stancik and publicized her agony after being forced to take the vaccine, twice. Due to her expose, as of July 25, a military review board granted "full relief" to SPC Stancik, and she will be retroactively returned to active duty including back pay and allowances. This is thanks to Catherine and her incredible investigative reporting!



# PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT EVENT

**SATURDAY AUGUST 10 9:00-1:30**

**LAGUNA NIGUEL \$25**

**ADDRESS PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION**

Join us for panel discussions, insightful speakers, engaging Q&A, and networking opportunities. This event is designed to empower parents with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the challenges of raising children in today's world.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with other parents, gain valuable resources from a variety of experts and school board professionals.

Doors open at 8:30, box lunch will be provided, no walk-ins.



**DR. AARON  
KHERIATY**



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## JUST FOR LAUGHS

I, TOO, WAS ONCE  
A MAN TRAPPED IN  
A WOMAN'S BODY.

THEN I WAS BORN.



Did your human promise you  
a car ride and take you to the  
vet?

You may be entitled to compensation.



DO NOT SIT, STAY, AND SETTLE.  
PAW US TODAY TO SCHEDULE  
YOUR PRO-BONE-O CONSULTATION

EST 2024  
Sniffem, Lickem,  
& Stickem  
Attorneys at Paw

Augie, ESQ.

\*SLAPS ROOF\*



"You can scare off so many  
feds with this bad boy"



Each time you light your lighter  
your lighter gets lighter until  
your lighter gets so light  
that it won't light



YOU CAN'T  
HANDLE THE SLOPE!!

Chocolate is vital for  
our survival.  
Dinosaurs didn't  
have chocolate and  
look what happened  
to them...

Excuse me - both X and  
SpaceX are moving to Texas  
and not ONE JOURNALIST  
went with the headline 'All  
My Xes Live In Texas?'



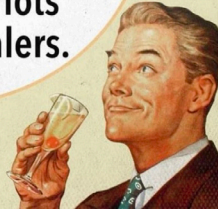
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AN AGENT  
OF THE UNITED  
STATES SECRET  
SERVICE

NOW HIRING INDIVIDUALS  
WITH ROOFING  
EXPERIENCE.

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**JUST FOR LAUGHS CONTINUED**

The biggest Super Bowl in history is coming up.  
It's the Patriots vs. the Stealers.



I just found out my uncle, a lifelong Republican is voting Democrat this fall. This would've never happened if he were still alive

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