

# Josephine County Republican

## Women

May - June, 2024



### **Our Constitution Essay Winners Share Their Award -Winning Writings With the Members**



Several members of the Scholarship Essay

Committee wore red jackets the night of May 8, Award Night, at Grants Pass High School.

At our meeting on May 21st, we were pleased to have 2 of our Constitutional Essay winners and their families join us. Evie Hitchcock was our 1st place winner, and was awarded \$5,000, and Rebekah Guymon our 2nd place winner also brought her father and mother. Rebekah was



awarded \$4,000. Unfortunately, Brynna DeLonge wasn't able to join us because our 3rd place winner had other commitments at Grants Pass High. Brynna had been awarded \$3,000 for her essay.

### **Josephine County's District Attorney Speaks at June Meeting**

Joshua Eastman is a very busy man. Being the Josephine County District Attorney, he has an enormous number of cases he is responsible for so it was very appreciated that he took time from



his busy day to come to our June meeting. In a short note I received after his visit, I learned he really enjoyed being asked to be a speaker and would definitely come back again at a later date.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

**July 23** - District Director Meeting -  
11AM-2 PM, Grants Pass Golf Club

**August 20th** - JoCRW meeting-  
11AM-1PM Si Casa Flores Restaurant.

**September 17th** Constitution Essay  
Fundraiser Picnic- Fields Park (this is on  
our regular meeting day)

"What unites us is far greater than what  
divides us"

John F. Kennedy, 1961

## AiKiDo and the Art of Arguing

A review by Richard Koury

In the past, arguing with someone meant discussing an idea and trying to convince the other person that your point of view was correct. These arguments were often sincere and both sides usually learned something beneficial from them. However, today a new philosophy has emerged where people are not interested in discussing different points of view, but rather in stating their position and expecting others to accept it as truth. This has resulted in arguments becoming less common, as people are often unwilling to listen to anything that contradicts their beliefs.

Unfortunately, arguments are now seen as fruitless, whereas in the past, arguments were civil and sincere, and both sides were interested in discovering the universal truth and making good decisions for the common good.

If you want to learn how to argue with someone who is locked onto an idea or ideology and refuses to listen to anything else, I recommend reading "How to Have Impossible Conversations: A Very Practical Guide" by Peter Boghossian and James Lindsay. This practical guide provides detailed and proven techniques, ranging from simple to complex, that can help you have a meaningful discussion with anyone.

I refer to this type of arguing as "AiKiDo arguing" because it is similar to the ancient art of self-defense, where the person being attacked uses the aggressor's power and energy to their advantage to defend themselves. It is impossible to describe all of the techniques in the book here, but I encourage you to read it and learn how to argue and win by using AiKiDo arguing techniques.

Many people today are afraid to engage in discussions with someone who holds an opposing view. They fear being labeled a bigot or a racist and do not want to ruin the relationship by getting into a heated argument. However, AiKiDo arguing techniques can help you to have a productive conversation with someone who holds an opposing view. Instead of disagreeing directly with their position, you can ask them how they came to their conclusion. By exploring their thought process and asking questions, you can develop a conversation that leads them to think about the merit of their position. Even agreeing with some of their points can make them feel that you are friendly and not an aggressive opponent, which can make them more objective and open to reason.

The idea is to lead, not push, the other person to your point of view. It may take some effort to master the techniques in the book, but it is worth it, as it may enable you to preserve a relationship and even change a few minds.

## A Message From Your President

*Starting in August we'll be having our meetings at SiCasa Flores Restaurant on the parkway. It will hopefully prove to be a very interesting meeting. We'll be having a panel discussion on*

*Voting in Oregon, Closed Primaries, our Two-Party System, Electoral College and voter Integrity. A lot for one meeting, you're thinking? Yes, it sure is! We're planning a*



*panel with guests who are well versed in*

*those topics and a Q&A session following their presentation.*

*Then on our regular meeting day in Sept. - Tues, Sept. 17th - we'll be having a Constitution Day Picnic at Fields Park with a BBQ, music and baskets of wonderful things to bid on for our Scholarship Essay fundraiser.*



*Another part of that fundraiser is a Cookie By The Pound Sale. I'll be telling you more about all of these great meetings and*

*activities very soon. In the meantime, find your favorite cookie recipe so you have it handy to bake cookies in*

*September! (I love cookies with coconut, nuts, chocolate...well*



*just about anything!)*



*Have a safe and fabulous 4th!  
Linda*

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Since I want people to see both sides of my card, I took 2 spots for front and back. This will be charged for 2 spaces.



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