

Westlake Village Republican Women Federated

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President's Message

## Campaign Season is Here!

Labor Day is right around the corner and if you are anything like I am you are wondering



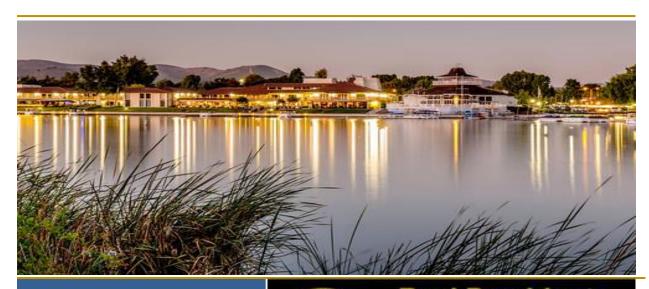
where the summer went. Pumpkins are everywhere and I'm still in flip flops, looking for my sunscreen and sipping my Margarita. I Just about lost it over the Christmas trees in Costco, but tequila helps! There is some good news with all this, however. Labor Day marks the official beginning of campaign season which can only mean we are closing in on November 8<sup>th</sup>, when we will take back our state and federal governments and save democracy from the evil hands of the progressive lunatics currently calling the shots. A lot to accomplish is less than 60-days but critically important! Are you up for the fight of our lives?

We have the most amazing slate of candidates running for office that I can remember, and I have been a political junkie on many campaigns over the years. All the way from the TO City Council to the US House of Representatives and the Senate there are great candidates – men and women who have stepped out of their everyday lives to lead an army of patriots who want to save California and the United States as we know it! If we don't win this time, we have no one to blame but ourselves. What are you going to do to help?

The first 'Vote by Mail' ballots and the first ballot drop-boxes begin Oct 10th. Select voting centers will be open for 11-days beginning Oct 29th. All voting centers will be open for 4 days beginning on Nov 5th. I was recently asked why Republicans don't vote. My answer was apathy. Voter turnout is critical to this election. Don't let people tell you their vote doesn't count. Remember Congressman Mike Garcia won by 313 votes! Every vote counts! Talk to your neighbors, volunteer to walk with candidate information, hold a meet and greet for your friends and neighbors to meet a candidate, just DO SOMETHING. Vote harvesting is legal. Collect ballots for friends who can't get out and drop them in secure drop boxes. Use your voice and your vote to help us win this election cycle. Please don't wake up on November 8<sup>th</sup> and wonder if you could have made a difference. We need you!

If you are reading this – you are a current or past member of Westlake Village Republican Women. If not you- who? If not now – when?

God Bless. -Dale



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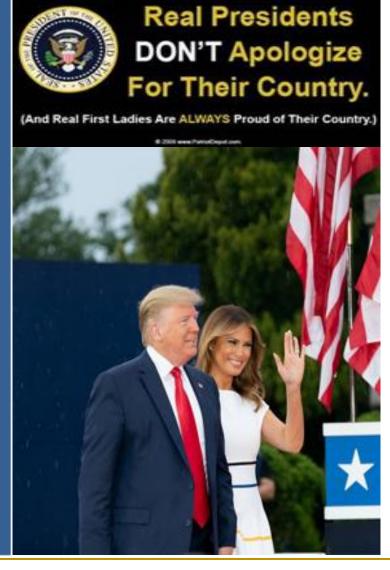
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## Do You Want to Take Back California?



Time to Exercise Your Freedom ~ Let's Take Back Our Golden State!

### We can win this with your help!

The midterm election is right around the corner, and we need all hands-on deck if we are going to save our state!

Dear Republican women, we need your help. We have amazing candidates who need people to help out to...

- ★ Host meet-and-greets in their homes
- ★ Assist with Precinct walking
- Make phone calls
- ★ Distribute yard signs, and more!

Contact the following WVRWF club members to learn how you can get involved!

- ★ Jeff Gorell for VC Supervisor, email Dale Thomas dale91377@aol.com
- ★ Lori Mills for CA Assembly, email Stephanie Knotts stephanie.i.knotts@gmail.com
- ★ Matt Jacobs for US Congress, email Elaine Anthony e.anthony6@verizon.net
- ★ Mikey Taylor for TO City Council, email Nancy Van Volkinburg 4nancyvan@outlook.com





#### Nominating Committee for WVRWF for 2023 Year

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the nominating committee of the Westlake Village Republican Women Federated met to discuss potential officers for the coming 2023 year. The committee was comprised of Nancy Van Volkinburg - Nominating Committee Chair, Barbara Tuuri, and Ondrea Faillace. Since Barbara Tuuri was unable to attend, Rosalinda Hernandez was there as her alternate.

The meeting convened around 12:00pm with the Parliamentarian, Elaine Anthony, explaining the process. She soon excused herself from the actual meeting. It should be noted that nominations were encouraged at the two previous general meetings and few people expressed an interest in the positions to be filled. To that end, the committee made several inquiries as to who might be eligible and interested in the various offices and came up a list of contenders. The following prospective slate of officers includes women who have been a member of the Club for at least two years and are willing to serve in their respective positions:

President: Donnell Nichols and Rose Hernandez as Co-Presidents

V.P. Programs: Dale Thomas V.P. Membership: Barbara Tuuri

V.P. Ways and Means: Ondrea Faillace Recording Secretary: Jeanne Llewellyn

Treasurer: Nancy Van Volkinburg

The proposed slate of officers will be announced at the October general meeting, at which time nominations will still be accepted. Voting shall take place at the November meeting and the installation will be held at the December meeting to be held at Lake Sherwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Van Volkinburg – Nominating Committee Chair



## Join us for Sunday Brunch at North Ranch Country Club!



Before casting a vote, come join us to hear from the winning candidates ~ ask them questions, shake hands, and take photos!





## Candidate US Congress, 26th District.





## CA State Assembly, 42<sup>nd</sup> District.





**VC Supervisor, 2nd District** 

<u>★ Date:</u> October 2nd

<u>★ Time:</u> 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

★ Place: North Ranch Country Club; 4761 Valley Spring Dr., Westlake Village

**Price:** \$45.00 members, \$55.00 non-members

A "paid" reservation <u>must</u> be received by September 21st.

Pay online (\$2.50 service fee per reservation) at WVRWF.ORG

Mail check to WVRWF, P.O. Box 6536, Westlake Village, CA 91361



# WVRWF's Guest Speaker Happy Hour Jeff Gorell and Robert G. Kaufman!



Special remarks by Candidate for VC Supervisor

#### **JEFF GORELL**

Captain in the US Navy Reserve, Veteran of 2 tours in Afghanistan and expert in Homeland Security

## Featured Speaker Robert G. Kaufman The Gathering Danger While Biden Sleeps

A political scientist specializing in American foreign policy, national security, international relations and various aspects of American Politics.

An educator, he is currently a professor of public policy at Pepperdine University and has a unique and frightening perspective of how the Biden administration is destroying American's standing on the international stage.

> Date: September 20th Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Sunland Winery, 1321 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks

Price: \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members

Appetizers will be catered so please RSVP early No Host Bar

Pay online at www.WVRWF.org By September 10th please

Questions ~ WVRWF1@gmail.com



# Donnell Nichols, WVRWF's Corresponding Secretary, Works a Booth at the Ventura County Fair!







## 🔻 WVRWF School Board 'Mama Bear' Event Happy Hour 🔭



Sunland Winery was the perfect location for our August 16th Happy Hour and more than 50 club members came to meet the three ladies running for Conejo Valley School Board. Congressional Candidates Matt Jacobs and Lucie Volotzky, show their support for our "Mama Bears". Joelle Mancuso, Karen Meyer, and our own club member Sophia De Domenico, each spoke passionately about the very liberal and progressive school board currently in place and the tragic effect their policies are having on today's school children. These ladies detailed the lessons being taught about gender dysphoria, CRT, and sexual instructions going on in the classrooms today, and how they plan to stop this from continuing and return the classrooms to actual education. Remember these names when you see your ballot. This is too important to ignore. Our children are our future.





## ~All Politics are Local ~ Guest Speakers; Mikey Taylor and Kevin McNamee

Our event on July 19 at Sunland brought out members who wanted to meet our local candidates for the Thousand Oaks City Council. Unfortunately, Halla Maher was ill and unable to attend but we were fortunate to hear from current City Council member Kevin McNamee and Micky Taylor, our candidate running for election to the council. Kevin confirmed he is a voice of reason on the Council and discussed issues currently of concern to the citizens of Thousand Oaks including high density housing, traffic, and the water shortage. He confirmed his endorsement of Mikey Taylor who is running for a seat on the council. A new generation of candidate, Mikey brings a new, younger, and much needed perspective to the issues facing our city. A young man who was brought up in Thousand Oaks, made his success and is raising his family here, he shares our concerns for the future of our city.





## **WVRWF**, Supporting Jeff Gorell for VC Supervisor!

Jeff Gorell is a Captain in the US Navy Reserve, Veteran of 2 tours in Afghanistan, and an expert in Homeland Security.

Club members showed up to show their support for our candidate's <u>Epic Saturday Rally and precinct walk</u> on August 27 at the Gorell H\Q.

Jeff Gorell wants to protect the quality of life in Ventura and has the experience and passion to work to stop increasing crime, homelessness, high density housing, water shortage, and all the other ills facing our county. He is running for the seat serving District 2 to replace termed out Linda Parks.





## FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & CONFERENCE

October 14-15, 2022 At the DoubleTree by Hilton, Burlingame, CA



For more detailed information visit, CFRW.org





## Membership News!





September Birthdays	October Birthdays	Welcome New Members!
9/7 Cherlyn Barrett	10/13 Tatyana Bray	Marlene de Boisblanc
9/12 Deborah Kniss	10/13 Gloria Pemberton	Sophia de Domenico
9/12 Patricia Luithly	10/20 Leslie Escoto	Gale Urtel
9/13 Paula Parsons	10/20 Rosalinda Hernandez	
9/17 Jennifer Carranza	10/21 Crystal Salapatas	
9/17 Patti Croke	10/23 Dale Thomas	
9/18 Joan Each	10/25 Jeanne Llewellyn	
9/24 Debbie Cutler	10/25 Debra Lucero	
9/24 Sandy Palmer	10/26 Mary Alice Andert	
9/25 Leslie Foumberg	10/30 Donnell Nichols	

## New Member Spotlight



WVRWF is happy to spotlight Kimberly Naslund of Oak Park, California. She is a Program Manager for a North LA district organization that supports adults with special needs. Along with her husband Scott, they have started the Naslund & Naslund Foundation that supports humanitarian causes. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, writing, and performing music with her husband. She has strong conservative values and a passion to promote and defend what is just, fair, and the constitution of our great America.





#### **WVRWF'S OWN BOOK CLUB!**

www.ourownbookclub.com

#### "ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET!"



"The club was kind enough to meet at Novo Cafe in honor of my birthday!" -Julia!

Elephants Never Forget is WVRWF's very own book club. We have fun the first Thursday evening of each month, sipping wine and discussing books that we may or may not have read.

June and July saw the WVRWF book club reading "Fiery But Mostly Peaceful," by Julio Rosas. a fantastic first-hand account of the Summer 2020 riots, and "Not My First Rodeo" by South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem's fascinating autobiography.

We are currently just finishing up with "*Apocalypse Never*" by Michael Shellenberger. Sadly, Shellenberger will not be our governor this time around, but he has explained so well how and why the environmental movement has gotten pretty much everything wrong for the last 60 years. No, the polar bears are not dying, and plastics saved the turtles (mostly from becoming tortoiseshell products) instead of hurting them. A great read!

Our book club is going strong - guests are always welcome!" If you would like to join us for our September meeting, or have any other questions about book club, please contact me at julialbach@gmail.com or (425) 337-1747.



-Julia Bach, WVRWF Literary Chair

## **2022 Ballot Propositions**

"The following information is provided to keep you up to date on the propositions that will appear on the November ballot. The opinions expressed here are those of our VP Programs, Jeanne Lewellyn and are for informational purposes only. They are not to be seen as the opinions of Westlake Village Republican Women nor the CAGOP."

From Right to Life to Right to Smoke and, of course, another Kidney Dialysis measure makes seven statewide ballot propositions on the ballot in California this November.

Let's break them down ...

#### Prop 1: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom

Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

In 2002, CA's legislature passed SB1301, the Reproductive Privacy Act. It states: "This bill would provide that the state shall not deny or interfere with a woman's fundamental right to choose to bear a child or obtain an abortion prior to viability of the fetus, as defined, or when necessary to protect her life or health. The bill would specify the circumstances under which the performance of an abortion is deemed unauthorized."

In 2022, CA's legislature passed SCA10 which will be on the November ballot as Prop 1. If passed, Proposition 1 would add Section 1.1 to Article I of the state constitution to read:[31] "The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection."

Prop 1 does more than codify a Pro Choice position in the California State Constitution, it will REPEAL the current ban on abortions after 23 weeks and will not restrict late-term abortion up to the moment of birth. Forget tourist abortions, taxpayer funded abortions, minors' access to abortion without parent consent, this proposition provides NO REGULATION.

Leave SB1301 on the books to be revised another day. VOTE NO ON PROP 1

#### Prop 26: Legalize Sports Betting on American Indian Lands Initiative

Combined Initiated Constitutional Amendment and State Statute.

Legalizes sports betting at American Indian gaming casinos and licensed racetracks in California; tax profits derived from sports betting at racetracks at 10% (with 70% going to the General Fund); and legalizes roulette and dice games, such as craps, at tribal casinos. Supported with \$73 million in donations is proof sports gaming is big business. Currently you have to go to Vegas for sports betting other than racetracks. It's important to note the proposition is in response to Prop 27 which would take this new gaming business away from tribal owned casinos.

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#### **Prop 27: Allows Online and Mobile Sports Wagering**

Combined Initiative Constitutional and State Statute.

Prop 27 would expand gambling in California beyond casinos currently operated by Native American tribes by allowing private businesses to operate online and mobile sports wagering for persons 21 and up. 85% of the tax revenue goes to the CA Solutions to Homelessness and Mental Health Support Account which would be spent according to Sec 12 Article IV of the CA Constitution. After salaries are paid of course.

I am skeptical of government created bureaucracies to run anything, especially if they are throwing money at existing programs that have not been successful. It also seems counter intuitive to create a platform that would fund the programs that some percentage of folks using the platform may end up needing because, well, gambling is addictive and has ruined lots of folk's lives who end up on the street. That's why gambling is a heavily regulated past time. The Native American tribes have done a great job controlling and executing the gaming platform in California. Unleashing sports gaming onto online platforms sounds like a set up for another societal catastrophe down the road.

I'm voting NO on both Prop 26 and 27. Homelessness is a serious crisis and needs serious solutions not convoluted funding schemes that feed off of folks' weaknesses and bad luck.

### Prop 28: Provides Additional Funding For Arts and Music Education In Public Schools

Initiated State Statute.

Will REQUIRE an annual source of funding for K-12 public schools for arts and music education equal to, at minimum, 1% of the total state and local revenues that local education agencies receive under Proposition 98. The fiscal impact likely to be \$800 million to \$1 billion annually. Yeah, NO. California schools rank 42nd nationally, that's the 9th worse. Where's the funding for reading, writing and arithmetic? Art programs are nice, but it's kinda like having dessert before dinner.

### **Prop 29: Dialysis Clinic requirements Initiative**

Initiated State Statute.

Proposition 29 would enact staffing requirements, reporting requirements, ownership disclosure, and closing requirements for chronic dialysis clinics. Prop 29 may be familiar to voters since it has been rejected TWICE before in 2018 and 2020. It is pushed by Labor Unions to mandate staffing and employee regulations that would benefit the Union not the patients.

Vote NO ... again.

## <u>Prop 30: Provides Funding for Programs to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Increasing Tax on Personal Income Over \$2 Million.</u>

Initiative Statute.

NO. MORE. TAXES. Specially to subsidize another Government run Trust Fund.

## <u>Prop 31: Referendum Challenging a 2020 Law Prohibiting Retail Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products</u>

Should California Ban Flavored Tobacco and overturn Senate Bill 793 which fines retailers who sell the products to ANYONE. It is already illegal to sell or give tobacco and vapor products to youth under 21. This prohibition is government overreach, selective in its exemptions, and would probably create an underground market that would make the products all the more enticing to youth.

Just Say No!



Jeanne Brooks-Llewellyn VP Programs

