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## *-President's Message*

## *"A Box of Chocolates – June 7th"*



*The California Primary is June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are a traditional in person voter, you can go to the polls on that date and cast your ballot for the candidate you feel will best represent you in government. But wait- there's more. Ballots will be mailed to every registered voter in California on May 9 -dead or alive. You can choose to return it by mail or Drop Boxes will be made available. For locations, you can search [caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov](http://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov). Got it so far?*

*But wait – there's more. To further complicate things- the 'Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act', which took effect January 1, 2011, requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices are state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices. Only the two candidates receiving the most votes - regardless of party preference - moves on to the general election regardless of vote totals.*

*This means that if you know someone who is a registered democrat who is fed up, they must re-register prior to the election to change party affiliation! This is why it is **critical** for us to solicit voter registrations.*

*Are you beginning to understand how important it is that we GET OUT THE VOTE? You need to encourage your neighbors, friends, and family to VOTE! Your ballot is the only weapon you have to take back our state. Too many California Republicans don't bother to check the box because they think we are fighting a losing battle and their vote is meaningless. Wrong! Someone once said, "you lose 100% of the shots you don't take." This is our shot.*

*We have a plethora of amazing Republican candidates to choose from this election cycle. A literal box of chocolates. Each one totally qualified to turn our state around and put power back into the hands of the people. Ready to stop California from being a one-party state, the party that has brought us high gas prices, the death tax, CRT in schools, crime in our neighborhoods, open borders, homelessness- you name it. The only way to stop it is to vote.*

*If you are confused as to which wonderful Republican candidate to vote for, join us on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at Conejo Creek Park - Lakeside Pavilion at 11:00 a.m. This is WVRWF's gift to you. We are creating an opportunity for you to come and hear from each of our Republican candidates – to meet them and to understand how they plan to Save California. Politics in the Park. Its free and informative. Bring the family and be sure that when faced with a box of chocolates you know what you are going to get. Just remember – they are all good!! See you there. God Bless,*

*-Dale*



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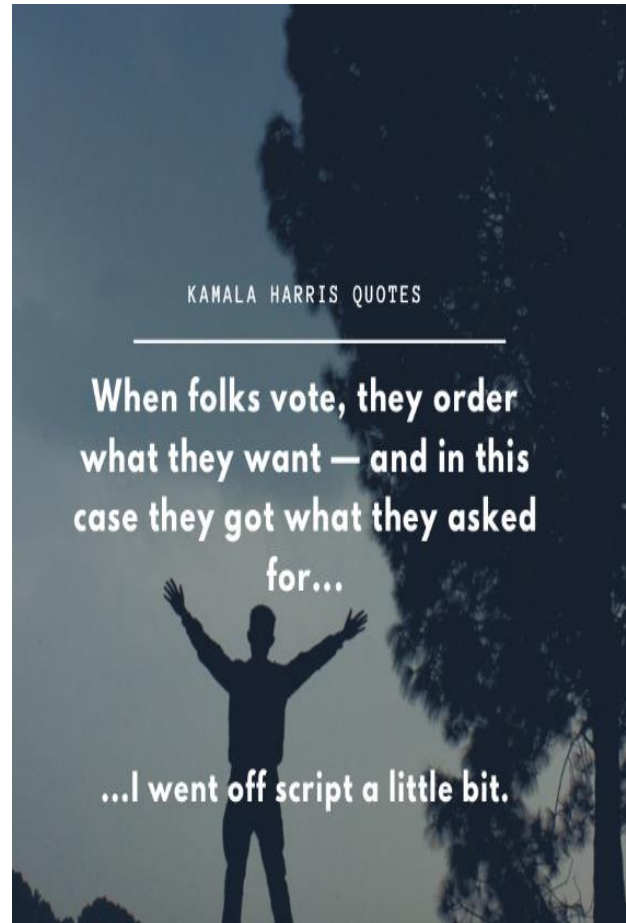
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**“Help Save American – VOTE!”**

*In a February White House speech, Kamala Harris proved her sanguine ability to leave the teleprompter behind. [More on page10.](#)*



## *WVRWF Members Volunteer For The Troops!*



*Club members donated their time and efforts to assist with the fundraising efforts to help For the Troops. This great organization ships care packages each month to troops serving overseas. "For The Troops" is an all-volunteer run, non-profit organization dedicated to providing members of the American military with 'We Care' packages containing basic necessities, goodies, games, and - most of all - a show of support. Since its inception in 2005, "For The Troops" has substantially grown in volunteers and donors and has distributed more than 250,000 packages year-round to American troops who risk their lives overseas every day - far away from the comforts of home.*

*On March 15 members of the club worked at the Reagan Library for the annual Gala. Members took responsibility for all check-in and check-out procedures for the of more than 500 guests Training was required to learn the procedures for online operations and this dedicated team of Republican women took it in their stride causing one organizer to comment that it was the best organized process in their many years of holding the gala. Many thanks to all and thanks too "For The Troops" for the opportunity to show our support for our wonderful men and women in uniform.*





## Politics in the Park

### Free Community Event

All Are Welcome - Bring your Friends & Family

Tacos, Music, Flags & Fun

#### Appearances by Republican Candidates Running for the Following Offices

Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, United States Congress, State Assembly,  
Ventura County Supervisor, Ventura County District Attorney, Ventura County Sheriff,  
Thousand Oaks City Council

**Master of Ceremonies - Col. Buzz Patterson**

For a full and up to date list of speakers names please check our  
website [www.wvrwf.org](http://www.wvrwf.org)

Let us know your questions and concerns by emailing us at

**[WVRW1@gmail.com](mailto:WVRW1@gmail.com)**

Subject line "Question for Candidate"

Location: Conejo Creek North - Lakeside Park  
1379 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
Date: Saturday, May 21st  
Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
RSVP: <http://wvrwf.org/wvrwf-events>  
Charge: **FREE JUST RSVP PLEASE!!**

**Food is available for purchase**

Appearance does not constitute an endorsement by WVRWF

All speakers must be invited by WVRWF



## WVRWF Brings Easter to Foster Kids

Members gathered at the home of Gayla Lindquist on April 7th, to assemble Easter baskets filled with goodies for children in foster care. Working with James Storehouse Inc., our club provided colorful baskets for boys and girls to enjoy. Gayla provided an amazing array of food and drink for volunteers who helped with the assembly. This purpose is in keeping with our clubs "Caring for America" efforts. -WVRWF supports this great organization.



James Storehouse is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization located in Newbury Park. The organization supports children currently in foster care that are aging out and children who have been commercially exploited. They provide resources that ease the transitions and improve living conditions. James Storehouse encourages awareness and motivates community patriation in support of children in foster care.





## WVRF Members Welcome



## US Senate Candidate Mark Meuser!

On April 5th, more than 50 of our members met at the Sunland Winery in Thousand Oaks to hear from Republican candidate for the US Senate, Mark Meuser.

Mark's enthusiasm and positive thoughts on the upcoming November election were infectious as he outlined how he believes that Republicans can take the Senate back this year.

Only one seat is needed for us to retake the majority in the Senate.

Mark believes that there are several good reasons that we can prevail this year including Biden's track record since his inauguration. Other reasons include our increasing crime rate, immigration and "mamma bears" who have had enough of government intervention in their children's education.

He challenged every Republican to find 50 people whose trust we can gain and influence, prior to election day. Mark is a constitutional attorney who has filed more than 22 lawsuits against Gavin Newsom. Quoting statistics, Mark believes that California is not a blue state, but purple and that we need to "GET OUT THE VOTE" to take California back. Too many Republicans assume that their vote means nothing in a Democrat controlled state and end up staying home. Heed his words!





## **WVRWF Candidate profiles**

### **Lori Mills**

#### Candidate for CA State Assembly



Lori is a member of Westlake Village Republican Women who has courageously jumped into the political fray to work to defeat Jacqui Irwin, incumbent in the California State Assembly. The following is a message from Lori...

*- "When it comes to the American Dream, California was once the best state in the nation to receive an education, find a great paying job, start a family, establish a business, and buy a home in a safe neighborhood.*

*Look around today and see how things have deteriorated in this once golden state. Homelessness is at an all-time high. Crime is increasing. Education ranks near the bottom nationally. The cost of living has become too expensive, forcing hardworking families to leave the state. California is headed in the wrong direction and our state elected officials have failed us.*

*However, it doesn't have to be that way. That's why I am running to represent our community at the State Assembly.*

*I have a six-point plan to make California golden again. It starts with reestablishing as top priorities crime prevention, supporting law enforcement, reigning-in government spending, and addressing homelessness, government overreach, and parental rights."*

You can vote for Lori on June 7<sup>th</sup>, in the CA Primary when the top two vote-getters will proceed to the general election.



## Death to the 'Death Tax' at WVRWF's Meeting

At what has become a regular watering hole for the club, members met at the Sunland Winery in Thousand Oaks on March 9<sup>th</sup>, to hear from officers of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. Jon Coupal President and Susan Shelly VP Communications joined members to share information about their efforts to gather signatures to force the repeal of the Death Tax. Many voters did not understand that Proposition 19, which passed in November 2020, reinstated a death tax in California. Reassessment of long held family properties to market value upon the death of a parent means that children will be forced to come up with a highly elevated property tax. Many club members have been working diligently to gather signatures for the petition to qualify the repeal to appear on the November ballot. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is the proponent of the Repeal the Death Tax Act.







## **KEY DATES FOR VOTERS TO KNOW IN THE CALIFORNIA JUNE PRIMARY ELECTION**

Leading up to June 7, voters should know the deadlines to register to vote and mail in their ballot for the California primary election.

### **April 28-May 17: County Elections Offices Mail Voter Guides**

Californians will receive elections guides from their county elections officers during this period. The guides include important information about where and how to vote in the June 7, 2022, California primary election.

### **May 9: Mailing of Vote-by-Mail Ballots and Early Voting Sites Open**

On May 9, county election officials will begin mailing voters vote-by-mail ballots. Early voting sites will also open on this date. All registered voters can visit a county elections office to request a vote-by-mail ballot. You can check your registration status by following this link.

### **May 10: Vote-by-Mail Drop Off Locations Open**

Drop-off locations for vote-by-mail ballots will open on this date in all counties. To find a location near you, follow this link.

### **May 23: Last Day to Register to Vote**

This is the last date for people to register to vote in the primary election. You can register to vote here. By this date, registered voters should also update their voter registration information.

### **May 24: Same Day Registration Available**

Beginning on the 24th, voters will have access to conditional voter registration. This allows you to register and cast a provisional ballot on the same day until the election closes. It means your ballot will be processed and counted once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process

### **May 28: Voter's Choice Act Counties Open Vote Centers**

Counties participating in the Voter's Choice Act will open vote centers on this day. This act mandates that all registered voters receive a ballot in the mail 28 days before Election Day and provides voters three ways to cast their vote: by mail, by a ballot drop box or at a vote center. Vote centers aren't restricted to ballot drop-offs, though. Registered voters can also get replacement ballots, vote using machines and solicit help and voting information in multiple languages at these centers.

### **June 7: Election Day and Results**

On Election Day, all polls in the state will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you're in line before polls close, you can vote. Following the 8 p.m. deadline, county elections officials will conduct the semifinal canvass of votes, reporting the results to the secretary of state.

### **June 14: Vote-by-Mail Ballot Deadline**

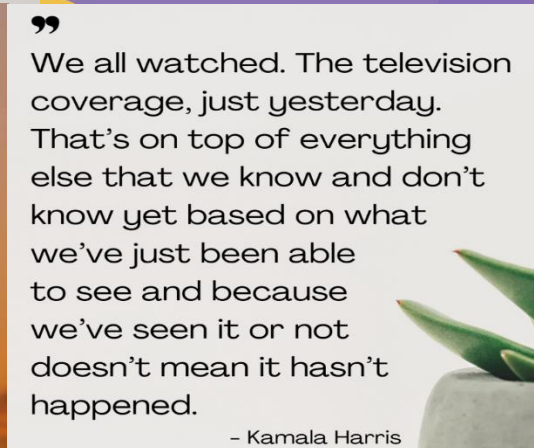
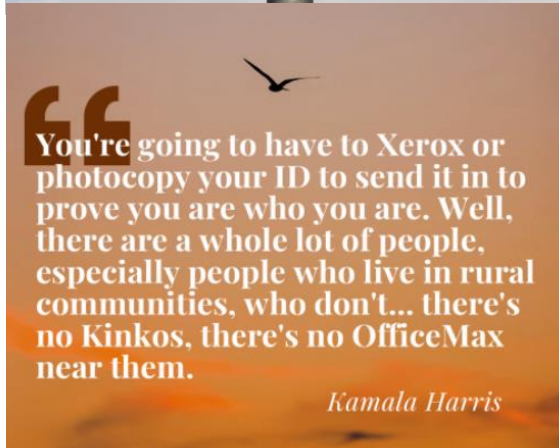
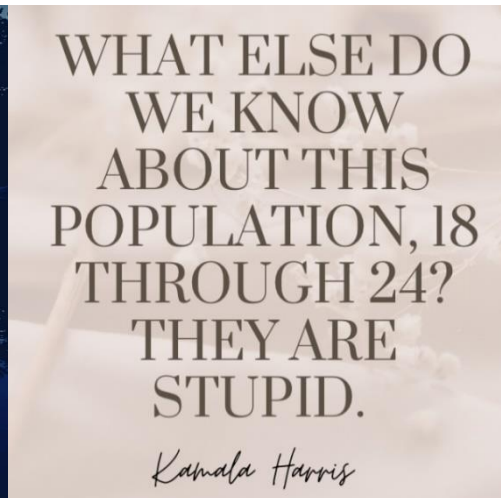
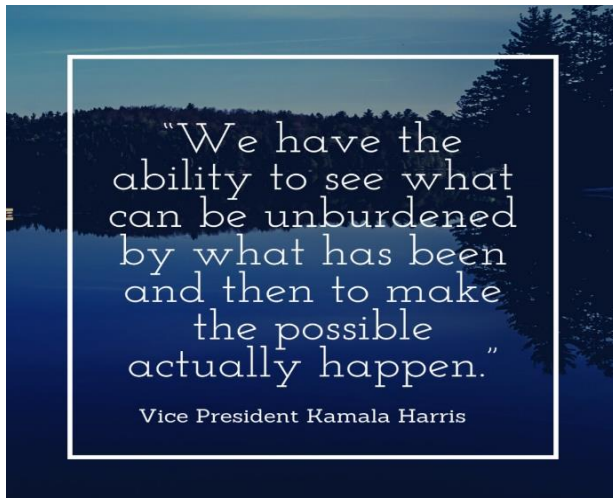
On this date, all voters casting their ballot by mail must have had their ballot delivered. To ensure your ballot is delivered in time, make sure your ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day.

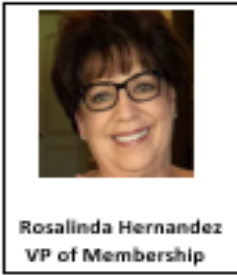


## A Note From WVRWF's Editor...

"I received a request from our wonderful WVRWF president to consider adding a few nonsensical comical quotes from our current sitting VP of the United States, Kamala Harris. However, after reading them, I was shocked not only by the inadequacy of what Harris says, but I believe she has no idea what she is doing, no respect for her position, no honor, no morals, or values. Most importantly, what I find very scary is she currently holds the codes to the nuclear button. This should be an excellent reminder of how crucial it is to get out and **VOTE.**" Every single vote counts!

-Marilyn Erickson





## Membership News!

**Rose Hernandez, VP of Membership**  
**Karen Wetterlind, Co-VP of Membership**

<b>May Birthdays</b>	<b>June Birthdays</b>	<b>Welcome New Members!</b>
<i>Martha Vincent, May 2</i>	<i>Laura Bintliff, June 11</i>	<i>Mary Alice Andert</i>
<i>Klara Bergman, May 4</i>	<i>Pam Moran, June 24</i>	<i>Cherlyn Barrett</i>
<i>Gloria Edwards, May 6</i>	<i>Donna Landry, June 24</i>	<i>Tatyana Bray</i>
<i>Joan Young, May 8</i>	<i>Stacy Flaig, June 28</i>	<i>Jennifer Carranza</i>
<i>Bonnie Delvy, May 10</i>	<i>Barbara Tuuri, June 30</i>	<i>Patti Croke</i>
<i>Theresa Yassini, May 14</i>		<i>Alejandra Hernandez</i>
<i>Margie Davidson, May 17</i>		<i>Donna Landry</i>
<i>Marilyn Erickson, May 23</i>		<i>Lori Mills</i>
<i>Debbie Blumenthal, May 27</i>		
<i>Ivy Giles, May 31</i>		



## Member Spotlight!



**Ondrea Faillace**  
**-Chair Community Outreach-**

*WVRWF is happy to welcome Ondrea Faillace! She has worked as a Forensic Social Worker for 17-yrs., earning her Undergraduate degree from Sacred Heart University in CT and Graduate degree in Social Work and the Law from Fordham University in NYC. Her professional experience includes child welfare, victim's advocacy, mental health and addiction counselor, life coach, CASA of Ventura County and, business owner of The Joint/ Black Rose Tavern in West L.A.*

*She was also the founder and President of the 501c3, Starving Musician's Program (SMP) which was a prevention and support program for at-risk youths pursuing careers in the music industry. As a true patriot, she has applied her faith in God and hope in humanity to all aspects of her life and career and continues to advocate, educate, and empower people to be their best and to celebrate the freedoms that only the United States can offer.*

*Welcome to the group Ondrea!*



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP REGISTER VOTERS**

Ondrea Faillace, Chair Community Outreach  
is looking for volunteers to work a couple of hours on a Saturday to  
**register voters.**

We do these in groups of 2-3 people, and you can choose a Saturday that  
works with your schedule.

This is an essential function of our group and with the primary on June 7th  
and the upcoming election on November 8th, **it's all hands-on deck!**

**Please let Ondrea know you are willing to volunteer!**

[ondreasmp@yahoo.com](mailto:ondreasmp@yahoo.com)



Westlake Village **Republican** Women Federated

Ventura County is transitioning to the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) and we need your help! The VCA modernizes elections in California by allowing counties to conduct elections under a model which provides greater flexibility and convenience for voters.

This election model allows voters to choose how, when, and where to cast their ballot by:

- Mailing every voter a ballot
- Expanding in-person early voting
- Allowing voters to cast a ballot at any Vote Center in Ventura County

We encourage former poll workers to become part of the elections team and assist with the upcoming June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

- 10 Vote Centers will be open May 28 through June 3, from 10am to 6pm.
- 51 Vote Centers will be open June 4 through June 6, from 10am to 6pm.
- 51 Vote Centers will be open on June 7 from 7am to 8pm



**Lead the Future of Voting - be an Elections Worker!**

If interested and would like to earn **\$22.37** per hour, please review the requirements on the job application and apply online today -be a part of history, join our team today!

[~Click this line for JOB ANNOUNCEMENT~](#)

***WVRWF'S OWN BOOK CLUB!***  
**"ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET!"**

[www.ourownbookclub.com](http://www.ourownbookclub.com)



***HOSTED BY JULIA BACH***

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.



***APRIL READING / MAY MEETING!***

*"Our book club is going strong, with a great meeting in April and a fun Cinco de Mayo meeting coming up in May"*

*Guests are always welcome! -Julia*

***HELLO TO EVERYONE OUT THERE WHO LOVE BOOKS!...***

For April, we met at the home of Stacy Flaig for a spirited and wide-ranging discussion - Thank you Stacy! We read "***Please Stop Helping Us***" by Jason Riley. The book is an excellent resource, documenting how failed liberal policies have hurt the black community over the last fifty years. So, the data is in, and the conclusion is clear; one piece of data that I didn't know... Democrats always yell and scream about how drug sentencing guidelines put minorities in prison because the penalty for crack cocaine was worse than the penalty for powder cocaine. But did you know that the black Congressional Caucus SUPPORTED those harsher penalties when they were passed? Reason being they wanted drug dealers out of their communities! This is just one example of the great things you learn in our book club. Our next meeting is May 5th at the home of one of our members.

Please email me at [julialbach@gmail.com](mailto:julialbach@gmail.com), or call at 425-337-1747 if you would like to join us. We are reading something a little lighter for May: "***West with Giraffes***" by Lynda Rutledge. Hope to see you soon! -Julia



*Julia Bach,  
WVRWF Literary Chair*





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