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## -President's Message

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2022 is turning out to be a red-letter year so far. The Democrats are working overtime to help the Republican party be successful in the midterm elections. Biden is leading the pack – taking us to the brink of war with Russia. Gavin Newsom continues to mask 5-year-old kindergartners while he galivants at sporting events mask less. It's good to be king. AOC continues to sound like a looney harpy. Nancy Pelosi is busy counting her millions and Hillary Clinton – oh Hillary what have you done? Spying on a sitting President. You make Watergate look like child's play. The rats are leaving the sinking ship; 30 Democrat congressman are retiring. Even the Pied Piper couldn't do that well.

Watching the Dem party is like watching a building on the Las Vegas strip implode to make way for the new and improved. The urge to say " I told you so" to the neighbor who hung their Biden sign in 2019 is almost overwhelming. The Rams are not bragging to the Bengals. It's just not sportsmanlike. But this isn't a game. This is our country and the people running the show are trying to destroy it. This is not the time to become complacent. This is not the time to believe "we got this." We probably "got this" but not without our continued focus and our continued efforts. We have amazing candidates ready to step up and fight for our conservative values but not without our help. Open your wallets to help campaigns. Open your doors to the door knockers. Get your friends to sign petitions. It's now or never. We are on the brink, and we need the Red wave. You can help make it a tsunami! Together we got this! God Bless, - Dale.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PAGE

*The Founding Fathers made an appropriate choice when they selected the bald eagle as the emblem for our nation. The fierce beauty and proud independence of this great bird aptly symbolizes the Strength and Freedom of America.*



### 2021 Executive Board of Directors

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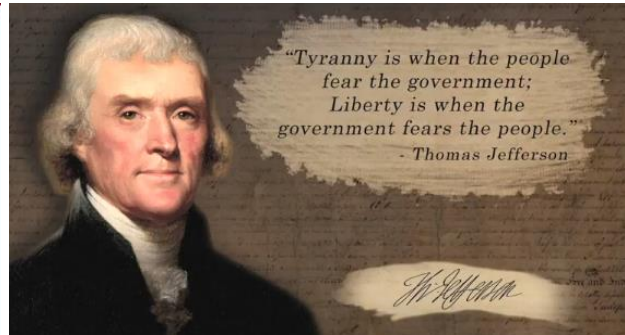
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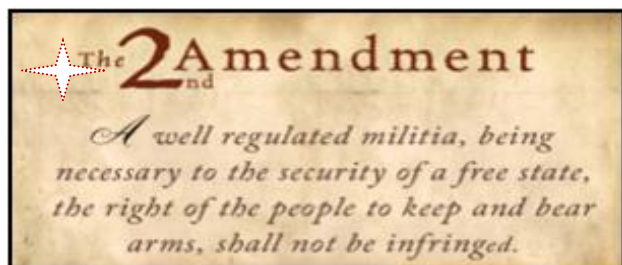


#### **Quote from C.S. Lewis!**

*Of all tyrannies, a sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience. They may be more likely to go to Heaven yet at the same time likelier to make a Hell of earth. This very kindness stings with intolerable insult. To be "cured" against one's will and cured of states which we may not regard as disease is to be put on a level of those who have not yet reached the age of reason or those who never will; to be classed with infants, imbeciles, and domestic animals.*

-C.S. Lewis

[God in the Dock: Essays on Theology \(Making of Modern Theology\)](#)





## WVRWF CANDIDATE PROFILES

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Sunland Winery provided the venue for members to hear from another great candidate who represents our conservative values. Eric Early is running to be the Attorney General for the state of California. A great law and order candidate, Early is an attorney whose priorities for CA include Securing our elections, the Border Crisis and CRT in our schools.

### ★ Eric Early's priorities for CA include:



[ericearlyforca.com](http://ericearlyforca.com)

- Securing our Elections
- Law and Order
- Protecting the Second Amendment
- Boarder Crisis
- Critical Race Theory - in our schools

This Happy Hour also drew the attention of Jeff Gorell who joined in the evening's festivities to announce that he will be running for Ventura County Supervisor in an effort to unseat Linda Parks. Gorell, a Navy Reserve officer, is notable for being the first California legislator called to active duty since World War II. During his deployment, fourteen bills were sponsored in his name.

### ★ Jeff Gorell's priorities for CA include:



[JeffGorell.org](http://JeffGorell.org)

- Supporting Businesses
- Public Safety
- Protecting Open space
- Providing Support for public and mental health programs.

So many good candidates! Watch for WVRWF to be hosting more in the coming months to allow our members to meet and greet our many great Republican candidates!

-Dale



TIRED OF BEING TAXED TO DEATH



**Tired of Being Taxed to Death?**

Learn how we can fight back while enjoying a glass of wine, appetizers and the company of good friends.

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN FEDERATED**

**Presents Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association**

Founded by the late Howard Jarvis, the author of Proposition 13, HJTA's name is synonymous with tax relief and the uncompromising defense of the California homeowner.



Jon Coupal - President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Susan Shelly - Vice President Communications



**REPEAL THE DEATH TAX**

Date: Wednesday, March 9th  
Time: 5:30 pm - Social  
6:00 pm - Guest Speakers  
Place: Sunland Vintage Winery  
1321 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks  
Price: \$20.00

Heavy Appetizers Provided - No Host Bar

Pay online at [www.wvrwf.org](http://www.wvrwf.org) or mail your check to:  
WVRWF, P.O. Box 6536, Westlake Village, CA 91359  
RSVP by replying to this email or text Donnell at (805) 217-5323  
by March 6th



## JOHN BARRICK PLATFORM

[barrick4da.com](http://barrick4da.com)

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, WVRWF members met at the Sunland Winery in Thousand Oaks to kick off 2022 and hear from our candidate for Ventura County District Attorney. John Barrick is a County Prosecutor who firmly believes that no one is above the law. His platform is built around the idea that criminals should be prosecuted to the limit of the law. As crime continues to rise across our county and our state, this is the candidate we need to stop putting criminals before the rights of victims. The evening provided a wakeup call for all those interested in restoring law and order to our community.





**CALL TO ACTION !**  
**WE'RE IN THE FINAL STRETCH !!**  
**DONATE TWO HOURS OF YOUR TIME TO SAVE CALIFORNIA STUDENTS**

More than two years in the drafting, the Educational Freedom Act treats everyone in California equally. Parents of every California child has the freedom to spend \$14,000 provided by the State of California at a school of their choice—no matter how much money they make.

The Educational Freedom Act gets it right. It makes everything equal and fair. The key is the direction of state education tax dollars into the hands of parents. That funding follows the student without conditions, mandates, or means testing. Every California family and every California student is treated equally.

**The petition is also available for all to download and print.** Make sure you follow the step-by-step instructions. [https://www.californiaschoolchoice.org/print\\_your\\_own\\_petition](https://www.californiaschoolchoice.org/print_your_own_petition)

Contact Jeanne Llewellyn (805) 907-1589 for more information.



*L to R: Roxanne Rodgers and Stacy Flaig*



**WVRF'S HAPPY HOUR!**

*"Why Limit 'Happy' to One Hour?" - W.C. Fields*



*Donnell Nichols, Gayla Dasovich-Lindquist, Barbara Turri. WVRF member, Elaine Anthony, Jeff Gorell & Dale!*

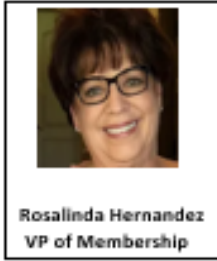


*Paula Parsons, Jeff Gorell*



*Jeff Gorell, and the cool table*





Rosalinda Hernandez  
VP of Membership

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



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



Karen Wetterlind  
Co-VP of Membership

January Birthdays	February Birthdays	Welcome New Members!
<i>Catherine Inbar 1/6</i>	<i>Susan Holt 2/8</i>	<i>Laura Bintliff</i>
<i>Marcia Lansdon 1/21</i>	<i>Gayla Lindquist 2/23</i>	<i>Tatyana Bray</i>
<i>Diane Manson 1/25</i>	<i>Nancy Van Volkinburg 2/28</i>	<i>Patti Croke</i>
<i>Rosalie Strong 1/28</i>		<i>Karen Hawkins</i>
		<i>Aileen Kampfe</i>
		<i>Kristin Mc Lain</i>
		<i>Joy Moore</i>
		<i>Sharon Multryan</i>



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Gayla Dasovich-Lindquist**  
**Co-Chair of Hospitality**

*Gayla is WVRWF's new Co-Chair of Hospitality! She moved to Conejo Valley in 1980 from the San Fernando valley where she currently resides in Thousand Oaks with her husband Boyd and daughter Molly, for the past 27 years. Gayle retired from the Real Estate Financing world after 36+ years. In her spare time, her favorite activity is treasure-hunting through all kinds of thrift stores.*

*She discovered her passion for event planning back in 2008 and has since been planning events that include: Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Inaugural ball, house parties, weddings, events for local elementary schools, as well as various sports and church events. Even during the pandemic, she was able to plan/host a baby shower, Christmas parties for her neighborhood's kids, surprise birthday parties, and a Fourth of July celebration to include all the proper COVID safety requirements.*

*WVRWF is so happy to welcome Gayla and thrilled to have her onboard as our Co-chair of Hospitality working with Hospitality Chair, Barbara Turri, in planning our upcoming events. She has the heart-felt ability to bring joy to others and she certainly has brought joy by joining our team.*

*- Welcome aboard Gayla!*



**WVRWF'S BOOKCLUB!**  
**ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET!**



**Hosted by Julia Bach**  
[www.ourownbookclub.com](http://www.ourownbookclub.com)

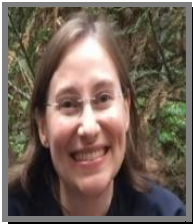
Elephants Never Forget is WVRWF's very own book club. We have fun the first Thursday evening of each month, sipping wine and discussing books that we may (or may not) have read.

**February Reading / March Meeting!**

**February**, we had a great thought-provoking discussion of ***Irreversible Damage*** by *Abigail Shrier*.

**For March**, I have chosen ***The Hundred Year Marathon*** by Michael Pillsbury ([Barns & Noble](#)). Although this book is a few years old, Sharon recommended it to me recently as a good book to understand China's current government and their plans for global power. Going forward, we will need to understand this! Then we will do a more "lighter" book, I promise!

Please email me at [julialbach@gmail.com](mailto:julialbach@gmail.com)/or call me at (425) 337-1747 to learn the next book and meeting location. Guests are welcome!



**-Julia**





Jeanne Brooks-Llewellyn  
VP Programs



## AGREE IN A POST COVID WORLD?

**By: Jeanne Llewellyn**

Will we ever agree in a post COVID world? Great question ... and one that I believe is on the minds of so many of us who have strained relationships with friends, and family members, or are frustrated trying to sway the other side to their way of thinking.

My advice: LET IT GO!

The hard right and the hard left will never agree. Should we even want them to? That would leave us with a single party system of government that history has shown is unsustainable. The American system of government was designed for disagreement and disparities. Our Forefathers honed the dissent of many voices into a functioning and workable government. All grounded in the disagreement of democracy.

One could argue that American leaders today, 244 years into the Great Experiment, could be expected to be steadfast in upholding our Constitution: protecting free and fair elections, a free press, and to represent the American people through a representative government. We learned the hard way, through the government response to COVID, that the Shining City on a Hill may need some renovation.

None of the response, sadly, involved We The People. State legislatures have been shut down, the unelected bureaucrat imposing 'one size fits all' rules and mandating regulations that resulted in business closure, school closure, with outcomes and ancillary damage we have only begun to quantify. None of the responses tapped into the self-reliance and common sense that has seen Americans through WAY WORSE without being micromanaged every step of the way. None of the responses allowed for debate.

The propagandized, unrelenting media narrative of 'one size fits all' throughout the COVID response was, largely, willingly accepted by 330 million Americans. We gave up our right to debate when we allowed an unelected bureaucrat to run roughshod over our lives. Accepting "the pandemic according to Fauci" didn't leave anyone room to gracefully reconsider other options. It prevented politicians, bureaucrats, and your neighbor from changing course without having to admit defeat or even reconsider based on new incoming data. They put more emphasis on not being wrong than on being right.

We The People were left to take sides, as if picking an absolute was a self-righteous rite of passage to affirm our political affiliation: you were either Karen or Kanye. But then the virus changed, and the rules didn't, the messaging proved manipulated, and the data didn't add up, the resolute can begin to reconsider.

A new space has opened up where the 'one size' approach doesn't fit anymore. Just like that, the many variants of 'compromised', 'vaccinated', 'essential worker' broke up the far left and far right into many subtle variations of response and versions of 'stay safe'. We're starting to see that rigidity and resoluteness fade away. Allow your adversary the space to save face, change their mind, and LET IT GO!

## UPDATE ON BRANDON STRAKA

Several months ago, we were fortunate to have Brandon Straka as a guest for a WVRWF Event. Many of you have enquired as to the results of his battle stemming from the charges against him from January 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Brandon Straka was sentenced in federal court after a yearlong legal nightmare stemming from U.S. Government charges against him for being on Capitol Grounds on January 6th.
- Brandon DID NOT enter the US Capitol Building.
- He DID NOT witness or participate in any acts of violence, vandalism, theft, or destruction nor was he charged with such crimes.
- Brandon has consistently denounced the violence and destruction of January 6th.
- Brandon was sentenced to three months home confinement, 3-years of probation, 60-hours of community service, the maximum fine of \$5000, and \$500 restitution (though it was acknowledged by the court that he did not actually cause any damage). Sentencing took place AFTER a year of pre-trial court supervision and two days in jail under 24-hour lockdown. The government also asked the court for the ability to monitor Straka's computers, phones, emails, social media, and bank accounts for three years, but the court denied their request.
- Brandon was present on the east side Capitol steps (opposite the west side where the violence synonymous with that day occurred) for EIGHT MINUTES filming the scene he witnessed: a large group of people attempting to make their way toward two large metal doors, which were wide open. The crowd Straka witnessed was not "rioting" or engaging in any destruction, as had happened earlier on the opposite side of the Capitol Building.
- On January 25th, 2021, the FBI raided Brandon Straka's home and presented him with a warrant for his arrest and to search and seize his property. He was taken to jail in handcuffs and spent two days in 24-hour lockdown inside a small concrete cell. When released, he learned the government had charged him with two felony charges and one misdemeanor charge. This began a yearlong nightmare of relentless, endless harassment and abuse from the federal government, media, and Big Tech.
- Brandon is now placed on a TSA terrorism list which results in hours of invasive and intimidating screening every time he travels.
- He was evicted from his apartment following his release from jail due to media coverage labeling him as an "insurrectionist" guilty of "killing people" at a "MAGA riot."
- Immediately after his arrest, Brandon was permanently banned by numerous companies including PayPal, Venmo, Stripe, Patreon, MailChimp, Constant Contact, Anedot, Classy, and more.
- The government has repeatedly tried to find a conspiracy related to January 6th and conducted numerous interviews with Brandon, attempting to find links between the violence that day, White House insiders, and the Trump Administration. Brandon has consistently denied that any such conspiracy exists.

After living through this harrowing and crushing experience, Brandon is ready to come forward and tell his story. The world needs to understand what is being done to January 6<sup>th</sup> defendants who have, at worst, committed petty crimes. All people charged are being treated as dangerous, violent terrorists and their lives are being torn apart. Brandon has personally experienced this.

*"I have consistently condemned all violence and destruction that took place on January 6<sup>th</sup> as well as ALL political violence. But hundreds of people with nonviolent, petty charges have been dragged through hell for the purposes of creating political theater. I am now ready to come forward and will be available for interviews to share my firsthand account of the atrocities being committed against good people who had the misfortune of being present on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, without any intentional criminal wrongdoing."*



-Brandon Straka, <https://www.walkawaycampaign.com/>



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