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-President's Message



"Ship of Fools"



"A ship of fools is an allegory originating from Book VI of Plato's Republic about a ship with a dysfunctional crew. The allegory is intended to represent the problems of governance prevailing in a political system not based on expert knowledge."

We are indeed at sea in a terrible storm with a ship of fools. The captain of the US of A is the biggest fool of all. Unqualified for the role, he is a bumbling fool of a puppet whose strings are being pulled by others less qualified even than he. Lacking the mental fortitude to even complete a sentence he has the power to change the direction of this ship and the lives of millions, with the simple swipe of a pen. He continues to steer our ship deeper into the storm with no thought to the chaos he is creating and leaving us with no lifeboats in which to escape. Our alternate Captain is a cackling hen whose best course of action is to hide behind a mask. Are we allowed to question this leadership? Sadly no, as our voices are drowned out in the howling winds of the storm. Supporting these inept excuses for leaders is a voice that raises above all others, the media, bending and influencing the minds of the people. The crew of this dysfunctional ship is only focused on the bounty that can be found and how they can profit and benefit from that treasure.

Enough of the allegory? Perhaps it is time for a Mutiny on the Bounty and time to stop rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Put on your life jacket and keep your eye on 2022 and 2024. There you will find the calm that always comes after the storm.

Meantime, may God bless us all,

-Dale



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Action Alert

Stop the Packing of the Supreme Court!

These are senators that are wavering that will make a difference. The single most important thing you can do today is call these senators and tell them **'NOT'** to pack the Supreme Court:

Brown (D-OH)	202-224-2315
Hassan (D-NH)	202-224-3324
Manchin (D-WV)	202-224-3954
Sinema (D-AZ)	202-224-4521
Tester (D-MT)	202-224-2644



WVRF events are held with a clear understanding and respect for the COVID-19 restrictions. Masks and hand sanitizers are made available at all our events. We also respect the rights of the individual to make their own adult decisions as to attending our meetings.



WVRWF CARING FOR AMERICA

Each year WVRWF has a "Caring for America" project wherein we show our support for an organization that supports our local communities. We believe it is important to show our support for organizations that support our troops. To that end we have elected -this year- to donate \$500 to the Gary Sinise Foundation. This nationwide effort has the support of our state federation. It is spearheaded by WVRWF Parliamentarian, Elaine Anthony, and we courage all our members to join us in contributing to this valuable organization.

-Dale Thomas, President WVRWF



[HTTPS://WWW.GARYSINISEFOUNDATION.ORG](https://www.garysinisefoundation.org)

Gary Sinise reminds us that since the terrorist attacks on our country took place in 2001, there have been three million men and women deployed to war zones. Nearly one out of every three are affected physically, mentally, or emotionally. They are carrying the physical and invisible scars of post-traumatic stress disorder. If that's not enough, another 30% of America's First Responders are also included in this arena, and many of them are also veterans.

Gary Sinise's Foundation Avalon Network was created in 2019. This cognitive health and mental wellness network will further expand our services to veterans and first responders experiencing post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, and substance abuse to help heal the invisible wounds afflicting too many of our nation's heroes, transforming struggle into strength and lifelong posttraumatic growth."

Find out more at the **Gary Sinise Foundation**.



Save the Dates



The Board of Directors of the Westlake Village Republican Women Federated are pleased to announce our upcoming events! Please mark your calendar and watch your email or for additional information, or visit our website at www.wvrwf.org

Also, you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and MeWe

- **May 6th** ~ Book Club get together, contact Julia Bach for more details - email Julia at: julialbach@gmail.com
- **May 13th** ~ Program with CA GOP Chair Jessica Patterson and California Governor candidates: Doug Ose, former congressman, and Pastor Sam Gallucci
 - More information to follow
- **May 18th** ~ COVID-19: Fact or Fiction hosted by Julia Bach and Jeanne Llewellyn
 - See page 12
- **May 25th** ~ Dr. Ron Martinelli, a forensic criminologist specializing in police/corrections practices
 - More information to follow
- **June 16th** ~ Fashion Show at North Ranch Country Club
 - More information to follow

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WVRWF HAPPY HOUR 2021 KICK OFF!



On February 9th, WVRWF's first "Happy Hour Kick Off" for 2021, was held at Pedals and Pints restaurant in Thousand Oaks. More than 60 guests attended the outside-tent dining and enjoyed pizza, wine, craft beer and conversation.

Many members brought their husbands along to promote WVRWF's "Associate Membership" registration that offers spouses the opportunity to join the club as well.

The yearly membership fee of \$25 dollars brings in new members and welcomes spouses to our many interesting and informative events!



HELP WANTED!

*Love giving parties, organizing menus, centerpieces etc?
We need you to help us with the position of Hospitality Chair
one or two events a month only. Fun and worthwhile opportunity to help your club*



Call or email Dale Thomas at (818) 257-2358 dale91377@aol.com.



Give the Gift of Membership!

Looking for the perfect gift for Mother's Day, Graduation, or Birthday?

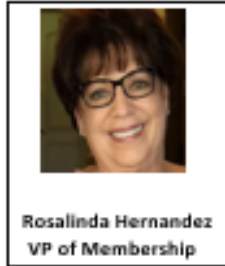
Think about giving the gift of "Membership" to our WVRWF group!

For only \$40 you can share with friends and family the opportunity to get legislative updates, hear from knowledgeable speakers, join in fun Happy Hours, and be a part of our efforts to take back our country!

Just fill out the application and we will reach out to let them know that you care! Membership applications are available on www.WVRWF.org web page.



For mothers, wives and children, for home and country pride
Our flag will guard the freedom Of land and ocean wide.



Membership News

By: Rose Hernandez, VP Membership
Karen Wetterlind, Co-VP Membership



April Birthdays	May Birthdays		Welcome New Members
Amanda Pedrow 4/1	Urline Tabor 5/3	Amy Semler 5/24	Anne Marie Branch
Karen Pinn 4/2	Klara Bergman 5/4	Diane Locklear 5/25	Marta Brown
Rose Jenkins 4/6	Regina Charles 5/5	Margie Davidson 5/27	Darlene Gregory
Sally Schneider 4/13	Gloria Edwards 5/6	Debbie Blumenthal 5/27	Victoria Llines
Missy Lunn 4/18	Joan R. Young 5/8	Lori Roseff 5/27	Elsie Onink
Karen Wetterlind 4/19	Bonnie Delvy 5/10	Ivy Ann Giles 5/31	Amanda Pedrow
Sheila Ruiz 4/25	Karen O'Mullan 5/22		Lorie Roseff
	Marilyn Erickson 5/23		Christine Sefein



New Members Reception



WVRWF welcome reception for new members was held on March 30, 2021, at the home of CO-VP Membership Karen Wetterlind. Fifteen new members who have joined our club in the last several months were given the opportunity to learn more about WVRWF and meet other members while enjoying Taco Tuesday. Tacos and margaritas were served while our new members had the opportunity to mix and mingle with other like-minded conservatives.

An impressive gathering, everyone shared the reasons they want to participate, how they learned about our club and their backgrounds. Many thanks go out to Karen Wetterlind for opening her beautiful home to our amazing new members.





Member Spotlight

Laura Davis

Chairman Voter Registration Committee

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A note from WVRWF President.

Voter registration is the most important job Republicans have between now and 2022. As of this writing there are 216,782 registered democrats in Ventura county and only 145,670 Republicans with 110,050 nonpartisans. More than 2.1 million signatures were on the Recall Newsom ballot. A large percentage of those were Democrats who have had enough. If we are to save our state, we MUST register those as Republicans.

Please support Laura in her efforts to put together a committee and volunteers to help with this important issue.

-Dale



I am a native Californian and have lived in the Conejo Valley since 1963. I have been married (50 years) to my husband Bob and have 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren. I was a stay-at-home mom, by choice, and Bob was a petroleum geologist for Union Oil (Unocal). In 1980, we were transferred to Indonesia, living on the island of Borneo, right on the equator. It was a wonderful experience as the emphasis was on family. It also gave us the opportunity to travel all over the world.

After 4 years in Indonesia, we were transferred to Bangkok, Thailand. We spent 2 years there. It was a big change from living in a compound on the edge of the jungle to living in a cosmopolitan city. We came home in 1986 for 4 years and then went back to Bangkok in 1990, where our son graduated from ISB. There was a downturn in the oil industry in 1992 and Bob took a severance package, so we both needed to look for work. After working for some environmental companies, Bob worked for Morgan Stanley and I started working in the travel industry for Princess Cruises. I left Princess to work in sales for a small, American company that specialized in representing luxury, family-owned hotels in Italy, combined with hand crafted itineraries for the independent luxury traveler. All of this came crashing down in March 2010. But losing my job has been a blessing in disguise as it gave me more time to be there when my family needed me and to get involved politically. I am a Regan Democrat and have never looked back, #WalkAway.

-Laura

CAPITOL UPDATE from the
CFRW Legislative Analysts Desk



Capitol Update



Important “Recall Newsom” Information

RECALL PETITIONS

[SB 663](#) - Existing law authorizes a voter who has signed an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to remove their name from the petition by filing a written request to do so with the appropriate elections official prior to the day the petition is filed. This bill would extend that period until the day prior to the 45th day after the petition is filed. This bill would also, unless the number of registered voters eligible to vote in the recall election is less than 50,000, authorize the target of a recall petition to inspect the petition and related memoranda for purposes of communicating with registered voters to determine whether they signed the recall petition and whether they understood the recall petition they may have signed, and to assist registered voters to withdraw their signatures on the recall petition, if they so desire.

THIS MEANS ANYONE WHO SIGNS A RECALL PETITION COULD BE SUBJECTED TO UNWANTED CONTACT, PRESSURE OR RETALIATION FROM THE RECALL TARGETED PERSON. This bill passed in the Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee on 4/12/21 and has been sent to the Judiciary Committee. No matter where you live in California, we urge you to call Senator Josh Newman’s offices (SD29) and demand he rescind this bill which he introduced. He has himself attempted to harass voters who dared to sign the petition that started the successful effort to recall him back in 2018 when he named individuals who had signed that petition in a lawsuit. We do not want our elected officials using this type of intimidation against the voters!

EMERGENCY POWERS

Essential services: religious services. [SB-397](#)- This bill, the Religion is Essential Act, would, during a state of emergency or local emergency, require the Governor or the local government to deem religious services to be an essential service and to be necessary and vital to the health and welfare of the public. The bill would prohibit the state and local government from taking discriminatory action against a religious organization, as those terms are defined, and would require the state and local government to permit a religious organization to continue operating and engaging in religious services during a state of emergency to the same or greater extent than other organizations or businesses that provide essential services that are necessary and vital to the health and welfare of the public are permitted to operate.

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HOUSING

SB 601 - This bill, for taxable years on or after 1/1/21 and before 1/1/26 would revise the exclusion to provide that if a home buyer of a qualified principal residence, is a qualified first-time homeowner, the amount of the exclusions is increased to \$300,000 (single) or \$600,000 (married). The bill would limit the increased exclusion amount to transactions in which, on or before the closing date of the sale or exchange of the qualified principal residence, the seller obtains a certification from the buyer in writing, signed under penalty of perjury, that the buyer is a qualified first-time homeowner and including specified information concerning the sale of the qualified principal residence. By expanding the scope of the crime of perjury, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. **Gives a break to the seller's taxable amount from the sale of their home.**

UPDATES ON PREVIOUSLY NOTED BILLS

ELECTION LAW - **SB 503** - Voting: ballots and signature verification. **NOW SUSPENDED.**

CRIMES: Murder: Punishment- **SB 300** - Changes to penalties for murder accomplices. **The hearing is now set for April 19.**

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/the_state_legislature/calendar_and_schedules/audio_tv.html

The More We Know...

Do you know how a legislative bill becomes a law in California?
[Click here for a simple explanation.](#)

For further information on any of the bills mentioned here or others, [CLICK HERE](#) and simply enter the bill # or keywords where designated.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find/contact your local Legislators to inquire about or let them know your opinion about bills or issues.

Questions? Please e-mail legislativeanalysts@cfrw.org





California Legislative Update



Legislative Update by Denise Pedrow

Here is the latest update of legislation that is currently moving through the California Legislature.

SB 397 - The Religion Is Essential Act “Emergency powers: essential services: religious services”.

This bill would, during a state of emergency or local emergency, require the Governor or the local government to deem religious services to be an essential service and to be necessary and vital to the health and welfare of the public. The state and local governments cannot infringe upon church services, in-home or other small group meetings, bible study, prayer groups, youth meetings etc.

****This bill is active and is being heard 4/13/2021 in the State Legislature Senate Judiciary Committee.***

AB 705 - Health care: facilities: medical privileges:

This bill would require California’s religious medical institutions (Catholic Hospitals, other religiously or ethically inclined facilities) to perform abortions or assisted suicides if the medical staff were so inclined.

****This bill is active and on 4/5/2021 was referred to the Committee on Health.***

SB 245 - Health care coverage: abortion services: cost sharing:

This bill would require insurance companies to pay for all abortion costs and would exclude abortion from any co-pay plan. Many abortions are NOT done in medical clinics but in private doctor’s offices and hence are subject to private insurance.

****This bill is active and on 4/8/2021 it passed the Committee on Health and on 4/12/21 was referred to the Appropriations Committee.***

AB 1114 – Social Media Platform: traditional First Amendment forum.

This bill, written by Republican Assembly Members James Gallagher and Kevin Kiley would place California social media companies (Such as Facebook) in a “First Amendment Forum” category. The bill would require a social media platform located in California to develop a policy or mechanism to address content or communications that constitute unprotected speech, including obscenity, incitement of imminent lawless action, and true threats, or that purport to state factual information that is demonstrably false.

****This bill is active and on 4/6/2021 it was referred to the Judiciary Committee.***

COVID – FACT OR FICTION?

By Julia Bach

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Event Hosted by Jeanne Llewellyn



Are you frustrated by the contradictory and inflammatory mainstream media reporting about the science of COVID? Are you unsure which “experts” got it right? Would you like to have some of your scientific questions answered about this crazy past year? Yes, yes, and yes? Then please join us on May 18th, 4:30 pm. for a “COVID - Fact or Fiction” discussion with me, Julia Bach, a local scientist and WVRWF member. Learn useful information about viruses and vaccines, and how COVID is a serious illness but entirely unworthy of and un-helped by this level of panic.

Regain your sanity with us! RSVP to: dale91377@aol.com

Thank you!

-Julia



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Latest Update on Newsome Recall....



...He's Really Worried Now!

Total signatures needed to meet the requirements have now been qualified!

The recall vote is a certainty for late Fall 2021



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