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Happy Elephant Hour

Each month, WVRWF members gather at a local watering hole for wine and wine.

These popular events give our members the opportunity to gather with like-minded Conservatives.

Watch for times and locations!



"When people get used to preferential treatment, equal treatment feels like discrimination."

- Thomas Sowell

SAVE THE DATE:

Wed., Sept. 12: Konstantinos Roditis, Republican Candidate for State Controller

WVRWF will be hosting Konstantinos Roditis, our Republican candidate for California Controller. Come learn how he plans to defund the high speed rail, stop the Service and Labor tax, and support the repeal of the gas tax.

See invitation on page 7 for details.

Thursday, Sept. 20: Happy Elephant Hour

Nabu Winery, 2649 Townsgate Rd. #200, Westlake Village
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

To become a member or for more information, visit wvrwf.org

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Nominating Committee is looking for anyone who might be interested in running for a position on the executive Board for 2019.

If you would like to serve in any capacity, please contact Rose Hernandez at rosalinda1020@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At some point during the last two years I totally lost hope that there is any sanity left in the liberal government of California. Between illegal immigration, early prisoner release and God knows what else, the democrat majority who are running our state have clearly done everything

in their power to destroy it. Our education system is ranked among the lowest in the country and our cost of living ranks among the highest. Our homeless situation is out of control and gangs and drugs run rampant. We pay among the highest state taxes and gas prices in the country. So what is it that convinces me that we have gone completely around the bend? Proposition 6. Who in their right mind would vote no on Prop 6?

On the November ballot there is a yes or no vote on Prop 6. Yes, to repeal the gas tax bill SB1 which Governor Brown signed early this year. Just to be clear - "SB1 will raise the base excise tax on gasoline by 12 cents per gallon, bringing it to 30 cents, starting Nov. 1. Another variable excise tax will be set at 17 cents. The excise tax on diesel fuel will jump 20 cents per gallon to 36 cents per gallon on Nov. 1. The sales tax on diesel will go up 4 percentage points from the current 5.75% to 9.75%. Electric car owners will pay a \$100 annual fee in lieu of gas taxes, starting in 2020. The measure also creates an annual vehicle fee ranging from \$25 for cars valued at under \$5,000 to \$175 for

cars worth \$60,000 or more. That fee kicks in on Jan. 1, 2019." A typical family of four will pay more than \$700 a year more in taxes.

The politicians have also inserted automatic tax hikes into this measure. By 2021 Californians will be paying close to *\$2 more a gallon* extra because of taxes, fees and other government mandates – that's \$40 extra *each time* you fill up your car. In other words, more for the state and less for your family to live on. These funds are reportedly to be used to repair state roads and bridges- and you can trust Governor Brown to do just that. Huh? Not a single sentence in the gas and car tax measure requires that a single cent be spent on road repairs or maintenance. The politicians can spend the money any way they want. Your yes vote on Prop 6 will repeal this tax and stop Sacramento from draining our wallets to fill theirs.

Governor Brown is selling us a bill of goods packaged in road safety issues to divert attention and funds away from infrastructure projects and into his bullet train to nowhere. Does he seriously think that anyone in their right mind is going to vote not to repeal his gas tax hike? He is actually playing right into our hands. If this doesn't drive Republicans to the polls in droves in November, I am not sure what will. That is what the most important job for Republicans is right now. We need to get out the vote and make sure that sanity once again reigns in Sacramento.

If we don't we better learn to balance our groceries on the back of a bicycle!

God Bless! -Dale

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NEW MEMBERS & BIRTHDAYS

The WVRWF welcomes the following new members:

Gloria Edwards and Stacy Flaig

WVRWF also wishes a **Happy Birthday** to the following members:

- Stephanie Knotts 8/2
- Dagmar Bocchi 8/8
- Esther Bleuel 8/13
- Deanna Bayer 8/18
- Donna Graen-Larkin 8/18
- Barbara Bellisario 8/19



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Stacy Flaig

Stacy Flaig is a happily married wife of 19 years. She received her BA in Psychology at CSUN and was a marriage and family therapist intern for nearly two years before having her beautiful daughter (age 14). Stacy works part-time at her husband’s law firm in WLV as an administrative assistant. When she is not working, spending time with family or traveling, she volunteers at her church.

Stacy has been a “staunch” Republican since she was a senior in high school. She loved Reagan, campaigned for Bush, Sr., and lightly campaigned for McCain-Palin and Romney. Stacy is excited about being a new member in order to support our local and national candidates and to get the truth out about who we really are as Republicans.



BECOME A MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER!

Hillary Clinton believes that women who vote republican only do so because they mindlessly follow the orders of the men in their lives. Show her who the real mindless woman is! Join the WVRWF today and fight for conservative values! You will find the 2018 Membership Form on the following page.

Please reach out to help make us the best club in Ventura County. There is a great deal of talent within the membership and there is a role for every member to play. We always have a great time working together to serve the community. Registering Republican voters is one of the most important efforts we need to make as a club and we hope to continue this effort into 2018 in various locations in our community.

Please contact Dale Thomas at dale91377@aol.com or (818) 257-2358 if you would like to serve.



2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL: (____) _____ WORK PHONE: (____) _____

Email: _____ BIRTHDAY: Month/Day _____

Spouse*: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: **Circle one:** NEW member or RENEWAL

IMPORTANT: Membership is annual from January 1 to December 31. All RENEWALS must be received by March 31st. (NEW memberships received after October 1 will include full membership for the following year.)

_____ Active Member Annual Dues*\$ 35
 _____ Gold Elephant Sponsor\$100
 _____ Platinum Elephant Sponsor\$200
Sponsorships include dues and receive special recognition in newsletters, website, programs and directory
 _____ Student Member.....\$ 15
 _____ Couples Membership*Save when Spouses join together..\$ 50 (1 regular + 1 Associate)
 _____ Associate Member Annual Dues\$ 25
Associate membership eligibility is limited to men, non-U.S. citizens and regular members of another Republican Women Federated club. In what Federated Club are you presently a member? _____
 _____ Name Badge (optional).....\$20
Name to appear on badge: _____
 _____ Total Payment

Do you want your contact information to appear in the **2017 Membership Directory**? Yes No
The directory is for members only and will not be used for commercial purposes.

How do want to receive your monthly **Newsletter**: Mail Only Email Only Mail and Email

Pay via CC# _____ Exp ___/___ Security Code _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OR make your check for dues (and name badge if desired) payable to:
Westlake Village Republican Women Federated
MAIL TO: P.O. Box 3835 R. East Thousand Oaks Blvd. #109, Westlake Village, CA 91362

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your talents and time to help us grow stronger. Please check the areas in which you might like to assist us to better serve the Republican Party, our club and our community:

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| Hospitality _____ | Facebook/Social Network _____ | Website _____ |
| Election/Precinct Work _____ | Community Svc/Literacy _____ | Young Republicans _____ |
| Mailings _____ | Caring for America _____ | Phone Tree _____ |
| Legislation _____ | Membership Outreach _____ | Newsletter _____ |
| Photography _____ | Programs/Speakers _____ | Publicity _____ |
| Troop/Military Support _____ | Voter Registration _____ | Scholarship _____ |

NEW MEMBER WELCOME NIGHT

A WARM WELCOME



Last May I was invited to attend a local Women’s Republican Federated fundraiser (a fashion show luncheon) through a mutual friend of my sister. This friend (a sweet lady in her early 80’s) invited me after we got to talking about the political climate here in California since the most recent presidential election (as you can imagine, despite being thrilled about the results of the election, it was a dismal conversation laced with disbelief). I was excited to attend as I had been interested in joining a local Women’s Republican group for many years. I had procrastinated for no good reason and I thought, “This is just the invitation I needed.”

If it weren’t for a couple of cars in the parking lot adorned with Trump-Pence stickers, I would have thought I was at the wrong place. Upon arriving, I poked my head into the closest ball room of the outdated country club to see if that’s the room I should walk into. When I saw about 40 lovely ladies, all over 80 years of age sitting around their tables with hats on, I thought “oh this can’t be it. I must have wandered into a tea or a red-hat society event (even though there were only a few red hats),” but just then I was immediately ushered in by another woman who confirmed that it was indeed the Women’s Republican club.

Once my friend arrived, I was introduced to many of the ladies, who were all very lovely and each one said the same thing: “Oh good, we need some young blood in here!” Although I was flattered at being called young (which doesn’t happened much anymore as I’m nearing 50), I was in total agreement! They DO need some younger people in here. Not because of any ‘ageism’ on my part, but because I thought “how can they be growing and affecting the younger generations for conservative ideals if it is ONLY women who grew up during the post WWII Eisenhower era? Where are their daughters and granddaughters?” It actually concerned me that there wasn’t even a slight variation in their generation. Of course, I didn’t say anything as I didn’t want to offend anyone. Instead, I stayed and enjoyed the afternoon with them, but I vowed to find a group that was more diverse in generations and one that cared about true growth and revolution in our party!

Later that day, I Googled other local conservative groups and I came upon the site of The Westlake Village Women’s Republican Federated. After surfing the site, I was immediately interested in reaching out to them and becoming a member. No more procrastinating. I was ready and willing to get involved in any way I could to help our party’s ideals reach more people.

I became a member of WVRWF in June of this year. After a series of warm and personable communications via email about various GOP events going on, I was invited (along with several other ladies) to the New Members Welcome party. Not sure what to expect again, I decided to bring another like-minded friend with me. Turns out, I had no cause for concern because from the moment we arrived at Karen’s lovely home, it felt like I would ‘fit in.’ Of course my first observation was the diversity in ages and backgrounds, which I found encouraging and delightful. With just a little over a dozen women in attendance, there was every kind of representation of conservative women there, but ALL were warm and welcoming and FUN!





That was the most pleasant surprise – it wasn't a serious and formal environment. Just the opposite. It was laid back and cozy, and sprinkled with irreverent humor at times (which I love!). The sense of humor the ladies had was contagious and that made me (and the other new members) feel relaxed and confident to speak to the group about who we were and our thoughts on politics and what we hope to contribute to the group. Another encouraging observation was the passion and excitement for our party's ideals all the ladies had. It made me feel that they really want to make a difference!

I appreciated the way Dale Thomas (our president) put it when she said, "This isn't just a social group to show up and talk about how we feel (*although that's fun and we do!*), but it's really about getting *involved* and having the courage to **DO** something!"

That clinched it for me. I knew I had found the right group. A group that is continually growing and adapting to modern ways of communicating our political truth to the communities around us.

I am so thankful to be a new member of WVRWF! I thank God and I thank the ladies of the group for the opportunity to DO something for our state and our country!

- Stacy Flaig, *New WVRWF Member*



Republican Candidate for State Controller

The State Controller is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the state of California. This is the person who decides where and how our tax dollars are spent. Come learn how he plans to defund the high speed rail, stop the Service and Labor tax and support the repeal of the gas tax.

- Date: Wednesday, September 12th
- Time: Social at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM
- Location: Westlake Village Inn, Wine Cellar
31943 Agoura Road, Westlake Village, CA 91361
- Price: \$45.00 for Members by September 5th, \$55.00 for Non-Members and Members after September 5th.
Price includes dinner. Dinner will be a grilled chicken breast with lemon, rosemary and garlic pan sauce. If you prefer the vegetarian choice of eggplant parmesan, please let us know when you RSVP. \$2 additional charge for Paypal and credit card use.
- Tickets: RSVP to nichols.donnell@gmail.com or www.wvrwf.org



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Mark Meuser



“They are finally getting to the bottom of why 118k Los Angeles County voters were removed from the voter rolls. As we are learning, the Secretary of State is proving that he is incompetent to run California Elections.”

Mark Meuser, accomplished attorney and candidate for California Secretary of State, has made it his mission to clean up voter registration and restore confidence in our elections. Meuser will ensure that those who have moved out of state or have died are removed from voter rolls, that no unauthorized individuals are registered to vote, and that that the overseas ballot process is improved.

Just one look at his twitter feed demonstrates how dedicated he is to his mission. Between July 9th and August 23, Meuser rode 5,000 miles on a bike tour in order to visit all 58 counties of California and talk to California voters. Our President, Dale Thomas, attended Meuser’s Ventura County Bike Tour Rally and shares her experience in the next section.

 **Mark Meuser** @MarkMeuser · Mar 27

Cheryl found 19 voters registered to vote in one PO Box that was owned by the Democratic Party. #ElectionsMatter



Mark Meuser @MarkMeuser
pscp.tv

1.2K 14.9K 14.4K


 **Mark Meuser** @MarkMeuser · Aug 18

But I thought there was no such thing as voter fraud. I guess that is true if you do not look for it.

#ElectionsMatter



Craig Huey: I Illegally Registered to Vote as

 **ERIN CRUZ for U.S. SENATE** ... · Jul 28

Want free & fair elections, DEAD people off voter roles & ensure illegals are NOT VOTING?

8/1 on @TheErinCruzShow:

.@MarkMeuser running for Secretary of State!

Please give him a follow and share his election information.

Tune in Wed night, 7PM PST!

#MAGA cc @potus @OANN



MARK MEUSER BIKE TOUR RALLY



Ventura County Republican Women, with representation from all 6 clubs, hosted a Rally on Saturday evening, August 18, in Camarillo for several of our Republican Candidates. The guest of honor was Mark Meuser, candidate for California Secretary of State, as his statewide bike tour brought him to Ventura County. Mark rode into town on his bike which is taking him to all 58 California counties bringing his conservative message to the voters. He spoke of his goals to clean up the California voter rolls which are believed to have been corrupted for years. His "honesty comes first" message resonated with the many supporters in attendance. He explained that his bike tour has earned him a great deal of press and improved his name recognition across the state. Many of the liberal papers have covered his tour which would have otherwise been ignored.

Thousand Oaks City Council member Rob McCoy was the MC for the event. He spoke with great passion about our need to support our candidates, make phone calls, walk precincts and donate to the Republicans running for office to save our state and stop the liberals in Sacramento from their destructive legislation destroying our freedoms and our state. Other candidates in attendance were Antonio Sabato Jr., Candidate for the 26th Congressional district against incumbent Julia Brownley, Rhonda Baldwin Kennedy running against Jacqui Irwin for the state assembly and Konstantinos Roditis for CA Controller who addressed the many new taxes proposed by the current government for the new year including the gas tax and the new service and labor tax. The evening was both informative and encouraging for all who participated.

- Dale Thomas, *President*



Rhonda Baldwin Kennedy



Konstantinos Roditis

VOTER REGISTRATION: A DAY AT THE FAIR

I was apprehensive about my commitment to be at the Ventura County Fair, at Ventura County Women’s Republican booth. Our mission was to register new voters. I expected confrontation and rude comments and behavior...not the case. There were, of course, a few smirky looks, and a couple of teenage boys pummeling our Donald cut-outs. They were easily subdued! What I did experience was families coming by to register their soon-to-be 18 year olds. Imagine...young conservatives proud to be with their families. Parents, proud and hopeful that their children will not be “turned” from their family values as they are sent off to the Ivy League. It was a joy to have Veterans saying thank you to us for being there. Many people were so happy to speak openly, away from their work environment, where they so often are stifled....

They spoke of our Constitution, Trumps accomplishments, and their disgust at California policies.

It was a great day for me.

-Bonnie Baker, VP Membership



IN THE NEWS**“US”**

By Paul Genova

I haven't said too much about this election since the start....but this is how I feel....
 I'm noticing that a lot of people aren't graciously accepting the fact that their candidate lost.
 In fact you seem to be posting even more hateful things about those who voted for Trump.
 Some are apparently "triggered" because they are posting how "sick" you feel about the results.

How did this happen you ask? Well here is how it happened!

You created "us" when you attacked our freedom of speech.

You created "us" when you attacked our right to bear arms.

You created "us" when you attacked our Christian beliefs.

You created "us" when you constantly referred to us as racists.

You created "us" when you constantly called us xenophobic.

You created "us" when you told us to get on board or get out of the way.

You created "us" when you attacked our flag

You created "us" when you took God out of our schools.

You created "us" when you confused women's rights with feminism.

You created "us" when you began to emasculate men.

You created "us" when you decided to make our children soft.

You created "us" when you decided to vote for progressive ideals.

You created "us" when you attacked our way of life.

You created "us" when you decided to let our government get out of control.

You created "us" the silent majority

You created "us" when you began murdering innocent law enforcement officers.

You created "us" when you lied and said we could keep our insurance plans and our doctors.

You created "us" when you allowed our jobs to continue to leave our country.

You created "us" when you took a knee, or stayed seated or didn't remove your hat during our National Anthem.

You created "us" when you forced us to buy health care and then financially penalized us for not participating.

And we became fed up and we pushed back and spoke up.

And we did it with ballots, **not bullets.**

With ballots, **not riots.**

With ballots, **not looting.**

With ballots, **not blocking traffic.**

With ballots, **not fires,** except the one you started inside of "us"

"YOU" created "US".

It really is just that simple.

THIS FBI PLOT IS NO AGATHA CHRISTIE-STYLE COZY MYSTERY

By Susan Shelley, *Los Angeles Daily News*



It was Agatha Christie who once observed, “Where large sums of money are concerned, it is advisable to trust nobody.” The late, great mystery writer would have raised an eyebrow at the haul taken in by a particular GoFundMe account this week. In one day, the online fundraising effort for the benefit of newly fired former FBI official Peter Strzok collected more than \$300,000. Something similar happened when the former No. 2 official of the bureau, Andrew McCabe, was fired amid charges that he “lacked candor.” The case was referred to the U.S. Attorney’s Office for possible criminal charges. A McCabe Legal Defense Fund opened online on March 29, collected \$554,000 in a week, and then closed.

That might draw Agatha’s attention, too. There’s no upper limit to legal expenses, so why would anyone close a legal defense fund to new contributions? If this was happening in a novel, readers might suspect that the rapid-response money flow was a clue that these now former FBI officials knew something, and somebody was directing cash to them to buy their silence.

In fact, not fiction, Peter Strzok and Andrew McCabe know quite a lot. They were at the helm of investigations into whether Hillary Clinton broke the law with her unique private email server for official, sometimes classified, correspondence and whether the Trump campaign somehow colluded with the Russian government to win the presidential election. Both of these investigations have been the subject of an internal Justice Department investigation by the Office of Inspector General. The IG probe uncovered texts sent by Strzok that showed such intense bias against Trump that Strzok was removed from his job working on special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation and reassigned.

Strzok was on the Mueller investigation because he had been heading up the Russia investigation that the FBI began earlier, in 2016. He went straight from working on the Clinton email case to leading the Russia inquiry. So it caught everyone’s attention when an August 2016 text uncovered by the IG probe featured Strzok vowing to stop Donald Trump from being elected president. “No. No he won’t. We’ll stop it,” Strzok texted FBI attorney Lisa Page, in response to her text asking, “[Trump’s] not ever going to become president, right? Right?!”

The inspector general’s investigation into the FBI’s Trump investigation is still ongoing. Maybe something turned up, because this week, Peter Strzok was abruptly fired from his 22-year job at the FBI. He released a letter from his attorneys complaining that in making the decision to terminate him, the deputy director of the FBI had effectively overruled an internal disciplinary panel’s recommendation that Strzok should merely be suspended and demoted. That’s some character reference. A high-level job at the FBI isn’t like a high-level job anyplace else. An FBI investigation, backed by virtually unlimited resources, can wreck the life and drain the finances out of anybody who’s accused of violating federal law, even without anyone being convicted or even formally charged. If that power is misused for political purposes, it’s a problem. It’s also the subject of new book, not by Agatha Christie but by Fox News legal analyst Gregg Jarrett, titled, “The Russia Hoax: The Illicit Scheme to Clear Hillary Clinton and Frame Donald Trump.” From official sources, we still have only half the story.

In June, Inspector General Michael Horowitz released his long-awaited report on the FBI’s investigation into Clinton’s mishandling of classified material with her private email setup. Horowitz concluded that Strzok’s clear bias, while troubling, did not affect the decisions made in the Clinton investigation. However, he said he had not reached the same conclusion about the effect of Strzok’s bias on decisions made in the Trump investigation.

One of these days, the next chapter will be completed. The inspector general’s report on the FBI’s investigation into the alleged Trump-Russia collusion will be released to the Congress and the public. And then we’ll see what 450 investigators working for the inspector general managed to uncover. Did someone at the FBI or in the Justice Department cook up a plot in 2016 to frame Donald Trump with a phony, politically motivated investigation that continues to this day? It’s still a mystery.

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