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Choose Joy!

by Dale Thomas
WVRWF President

2023 has been an interesting and challenging year in so many ways. We have watched our government take away so many of our freedoms. There has been a dramatic decline of spirit and moral and faith. The horror of the Hamas Israeli War continues as we pray for the hostages. This Administration seems to work daily to destroy our country. As Republicans we have to continue to fight. The holidays are a time for joy and celebration – in all these dark times we must chose the JOY. We must look into the faces of our children and grandchildren and see a brighter future and join in their excitement for the holiday season. I hope you will choose JOY.



This past year has also been a time for choices. As many of you are aware it has been necessary for our club to make an important choice recently. For the last year we have been faced with making the decision to either become our own independent club or to stay with the both the National and California Federations of Republican Women. A great deal of research and discussion has taken place and the entire club membership was asked to vote. I am today reporting that in an HONEST vote the membership has chosen to go our own way.

The benefits received from our association with the Federations did not outweigh the financial commitment and control necessary to stay. **Effective January 1, we will be the Westlake Village Republican Women *without being Federated*.** There will effectively be no change to your membership or your club. In the new year we will rewrite our bylaws and elect a new slate of officers. We will enjoy new freedoms with our own club and we welcome and encourage your input. The next year will be critically important for the future of our county, our state and our country. It is time for new leadership all the way around. If you are interested in playing a larger role in your club, please reach out to me or any member of our Board.

2024 will present its own set of challenges. We have a presidential election coming up that will truly decide the direction of our county. Our democracy hangs in the balance. We must look to our local elections as well to determine the future for our counties and our state. This will not be an easy battle, but it is a hill we must chose to die on. Please do not look back and say I wish I had done more. Renew your membership now and bring your friends to join the club - together we will stand, and we will win.

Merry Christmas!

*God bless,
Dale*

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Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Lake Sherwood Country Club



The WVRW Annual Holiday Luncheon was another smashing success at the beautiful Lake Sherwood Country Club.

Champagne, shopping, amazing food, comedy ... we had it all!

The beautiful and acclaimed **Nancy Osborne**, with her captivating voice and engaging personality, sang a stunning Star Spangled Banner.

Later in the program, award winning comedian, **Carlos Oscar**, had us nodding and laughing at his jokes about modern day family life and dynamics.

A Huge Thanks to the hard working team who organizes this special event every year!







November 7, 2023, HH with Ted Nordblum Candidate for CA State Assembly 42nd District

WVRWF meet with Ted Nordblum, candidate for CA State Assembly, to hear Ted's top campaign priorities for **Restoring the California Dream** by:

- bringing jobs and small businesses back to California
- protecting our communities from crime and drug addiction
- finally addressing the homelessness crisis

Ted's top campaign priorities:

1. Public Safety

2. Jobs and Affordability
3. Parental Rights in Education
4. Combating Homelessness
5. Unite the party to win in 2024

Visit <https://www.tednordblum.com/>
for more information



Visit Ted's Website



The Calm before the Storm

I vow to have a media blackout between Christmas and New Year 2024. My gift to you this holiday season is to try it as well.

Perhaps I can use it as credit toward lent, but mostly because I want to turn down the talking heads on cable TV and 'X' and turn up the voice of God ... I hear he's in the details.

I'm already hearing, I believe, that there is confidence that this too will pass, that right will prevail, that good men will rise to the occasion (with good women pushing them on), and that we can move toward 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men'.

I'm also going to guess, there will be an 'If not me, then who' divine inspiration to get organized and to help our club get organized, because there is work to be done in the New Year!

Here are the highlights:

- **Repeal the Death Tax!** I'm available to speak to your Real Estate offices about this important legislation that affects every property owner in the State.
- **Protect Kids of California Act of 2024!** Repeal, Prohibit, and Stop the Extreme Legislation Newsom and the Democrat Supermajority has shoved down California's throat that infringe on Parent Rights and Children's Safety.
- **Election Integrity/Voter ID Law** Present your ID to cast your ballot, request an absentee ballot if you need to mail in your ballot, and require Each County to "Audit the Vote" After Every Election ... voter confidence must be restored!

The club will be hosting Signature Tables around town in the New Year to get these items on the November Ballot .. sign up to volunteer (2-hour shifts) at jeannebrookslllewellyn@yahoo.com, please put WVRW Volunteer in the subject line.

There will also be deciphering of Propositions and Initiatives, 12 currently, before our March Primary and the November General Election ... so stay tuned, stay peaceful and let the blessings of the season renew your spirit for the New Year ahead!

WVRWF Upcoming Events - Save the Date!
January 24 - Tina Peters, Election Integrity Whistleblower

TINA PETERS THE TRUTH MATTERS

Everyone can do something. There are more of us than there are of them. They can't get us all." – Tina Peters

Former County Clerk of Mesa County, Colorado. Tina has been national and international news since the 2020 election relating to her views on the presidential election.

She made a backup of her county's Dominion Voting System server, only to stumble across evidence of manipulation in the 2020 general election.

She was the first elections official in the US to face criminal charges and an indictment for her search for supporting evidence of election fraud at her polling place.

Come hear her fascinating story of one woman's effort to prove that election fraud exists in this country and what she learned in the process.



Wednesday, January 24, 2024;
5:30 Social; 7:00 Program/Dinner

Westlake Hyatt Regency Hotel
100 S Westlake Blvd. Westlake Village, CA 91362

Cost: \$65.00 Member; \$75.00 Non-member

Check your email and the WVRW Website for reservation and payment information in January!

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Visit our website for more information on Upcoming Events

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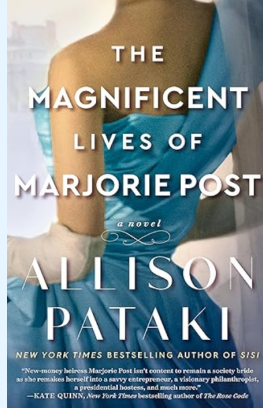


An Elephant Never Forgets WVRWF Book Club



Our November selection was *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki.

Growing up in the modest farmlands of Battle Creek Michigan, Marjorie was inspired by a few simple rules: always think for yourself, never take success for granted, and work hard—even when deemed American royalty, even while

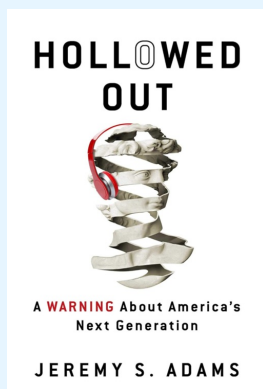


covered in imperial diamonds.

Marjorie had an insatiable drive to live and love and to give more than she got. From crawling through Moscow warehouses to rescue the Tsar's treasures to outrunning the Nazis in London, from serving the homeless of the Great Depression to entertaining Roosevelts, Kennedys, and Hollywood's biggest stars, Marjorie Merriweather Post lived an epic life few could imagine.

Marjorie's journey began gluing cereal boxes in her father's barn as a young girl. No one could have predicted that C. W. Post's Cereal Company would grow into the General Foods empire and reshape the American way of life.

And yet Marjorie's story, though full of beauty and grandeur, set in the palatial homes she built such as Mar-a-Lago, was equally marked by challenge and tumult.



For December, we read *Hollowed Out* by Jeremy S. Adams.

Educators like Adams see a generation slipping away. The problems that have hollowed out our young people have been festering for years. A year of COVID-19 lockdowns and social distancing have magnified them.

In *Hollowed Out*, Jeremy S. Adams reveals why students have rejected the wisdom, culture, and institutions of Western civilization—and what we can do to win them back.

Adams notes, when teachers get together, they often share an arresting conclusion: Something has gone terribly wrong. Something essential is missing in our young people.

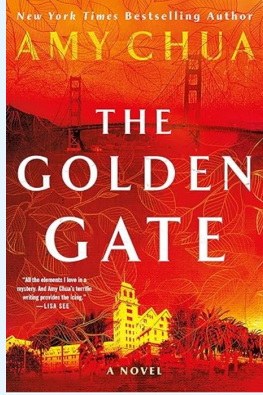
Their curiosity stunted, their reason undeveloped, their values uninformed, their knowledge lacking, and most worrying of all, their humanity diminished.

Digital hermits of a sort unfamiliar to an older generation, they have little interest in marriage and family. They largely dismiss—and are shockingly ignorant of—religion. They sneer at patriotism, sympathize with riots and vandalism, and regard American society and civilization as so radically flawed that it must be dismantled. Often friendless and depressed, they eat alone, study alone, and even “socialize” alone.

Poignant, frightening, and yet inspiring, this is a book for every parent, teacher, and patriot concerned for our young people and our country.

Our January book, *The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua, is her debut novel, A compelling historical thriller that paints a vibrant portrait of a California buffeted by the turbulent crosswinds of a world at war, and a society about to undergo massive change.

In Berkeley, California, in 1944, Homicide Detective Al Sullivan has just left the swanky Claremont Hotel after a drink in the bar when a presidential candidate is assassinated in one of the rooms upstairs. A rich industrialist with enemies



among the anarchist factions on the far left, Walter Wilkinson could have been targeted by any number of groups. But strangely, Sullivan's investigation brings up the specter of another tragedy at the Claremont, ten years earlier: the death of seven-year-old Iris Stafford, a member of the Bainbridge family, one of the wealthiest in all of San Francisco. Some say she haunts the Claremont still.

The many threads of the case keep leading Sullivan back to the three remaining Bainbridge heiresses, now adults: Iris's sister, Isabella, and her cousins Cassie and Nicole. Determined not to let anything distract him from the truth—not the powerful influence of Bainbridges' grandmother, or the political aspirations of Berkeley's district attorney, or the interest of China's First Lady Madame Chiang Kai-Shek in his findings.

This is a hard book to put down - just the thing needed for some post-Holiday R&R!

For more Book Club information - see our section on the **WVRWF Events** page.

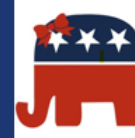
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At our December meeting, The **Elephant Never Forgets Book Club** held their *Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange*.





Member Spotlight



Stacy Flaig

Stacy Flaig has considered herself a “proud Republican” since she was in high school during the late 1980s! Back then, she campaigned for George H.W. Bush and worked to promote the CA Young Republican club when she was in college at CSUN. During the last three decades, she has continued to volunteer for many Republican and conservative causes, especially around election cycles.

Stacy has lived with her husband Donnie in Calabasas for the past 25 years. They have one daughter, Raven, who is a sophomore in college at GCU in Arizona.

About 6 years ago, Stacy was tired of complaining about the politics in this country (as well as locally), and knew she had to become active and get involved. She researched the area to find a local Republican women’s club.

After going to a couple in Los Angeles County, she was somewhat disappointed in how they were run, and the lack of younger people who were involved, so she decided to reach out to the Westlake Village Women’s Club and was so happy to find a great group of women who were obviously concerned with what’s going on in our society and they were highly involved and had a more diverse demographic. She was eager to join these women in the fight for truth and justice!

When Stacy is not volunteering with the club or enjoying their fun events, she is likely cheering her USC Trojan football team on at all the home games with hours of

'tailgating' shenanigans before kickoff!

Besides working part-time with her husband at his estate planning law firm, Stacy enjoys the opportunity to serve in the Care Ministry at Calvary Community church and is leading a Christian women's small group. She and her husband also make time to host a couple's Bible study.

Besides all that, her favorite thing to do is enjoy fine dining with her husband and friends, as well as spending time in their second (part time) home in Malibu.

Stacy feels so blessed for all things mentioned above and very blessed to be a part of the Westlake Village women's Republican club - which is another wonderful opportunity to promote truth and create a better world for the next generation!



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