

# THE TRUMPET

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## Presidents Message

### *The Story of a Country vs a State*

America has just entered her 250<sup>th</sup> year and we are celebrating! Has there ever been a better time to celebrate the birth of this great nation than today?

Has there ever been a better time to be a Republican and an American than now? We have a President and an administration putting America first and working tirelessly to make being an

American something to be proud of - giving even greater value to American citizenship.

We worked hard to get our President elected. Donald Trump made campaign promises that he has kept. The promise to Make American Great Again is what Americans voted for, and it is what he is doing.

After the debacle of the previous administration, this has been no small task. I don't know about you, but I wake up every day with a smile on my face to find that he has found new ways to remind me why I voted for him. He has worked to reduce the size of government, control government waste, stand up for women's rights in competitive sports, close our borders, protect children from sex change surgeries, deport criminals and rapists, raise our image on the international stage, and made the world understand that you don't mess with us. I could go on and on with this administration's accomplishments, all of which fall under the category of common sense.

My pride in our country is sadly offset by my disgust with our state. California to a wasteland under the control of Gavin Newsom. Everything our President is working to accomplish for our country- this man is working against. He flies in the face of everything Donald Trump is trying to do and, if the polls are to be believed, the federal government's clash with California over recent immigration raids seems to have improved Californians' impression of Newsom. This issue is certainly sensitive



but California not allowing ICE agents to arrest and deport real criminals feeds the increasing percentage of crimes committed in our state.

Sanctuary cities? Seriously? Come to California if you want a full-term abortion, if you want to participate in child sex trafficking, if you want to a surgical sex change for your 5 year old, if you want a place to hide while planning to destroy the country through terrorism, if you are a man who wants to defeat women in their sports, if you want to break and enter homes and not get caught, if you want to break laws and watch while the hands of law enforcement are tied.

Come to California if you want your tax dollars to end up in the pockets of politicians or if you are a drug addict that wants to live on the street while collecting money from the government. Many continue to leave California while others of us stay and fight. California is an embarrassment. We need new leadership to save our state and I, for one, pray it's not too late. May the Country win and the State stop losing.

*God Bless! Dale*

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## WVRW Upcoming Events

Save the Date!

# COCKTAILS & CONSERVATIVES

## CELEBRATING SUMMER

**We Love Warm Summer Nights  
with our Coolest Friends**

**Join Us, Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Crawfords Social,**

**974 S Westlake Blvd,**

**Westlake Village, CA**

**5:30p – 7:30p**



**Member Price: \$30.00**

**Non-Member Price : \$40.00**

***Includes Crawfords delicious Finger-foods / No-host Bar***

***Please RSVP to: [wvrw2024@gmail.com](mailto:wvrw2024@gmail.com) by July 9, 2025***

### Payment options:

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# WVRW

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN**



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## Coffee and Conservatives

Join us Tuesday morning for Fellowship, Friendship  
and of course, A SIP of delicious coffee and food!

**Location:** The Stonehaus, Coffee House & Bar  
32039 Agoura Rd, Westlake Village, CA

**Date/Time:** 9:00 am, Third Tuesday  
of each Month, Beginning Jan 2025

**Come as you are and Bring your friends!**

Coffee and food available for purchase



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## The Elephant in the Room

By Jeanne Llewellyn



**AND THEY'RE OFF!**  
The race to Mid Terms 2026

By Jeanne Llewellyn  
<https://www.facebook.com/jbrookslllewellyn/>

Ventura County's newly elected Central Committee has hit the ground running with a slate of outreach and community events for MAGA and MAGA adjacent from Tapo Canyon to Seaward! A Jul 8th Townhall hosted an impressive panel that ran through a litany of questions, timed responses kept the discussion moving, and the whole event wrapped up by MC Deborah Baber, whose enthusiasm and patriotism rivals a newly minted coin.. all that and getting the attendees to sing the National Anthem in closing! Ventura's got GOP spirit, no denying that.

The 2026 Primary starts May 5, 2026 through Jun 9, 2026, which means candidates are already jockeying for a post position for the 2026 Mid Term Election. Ventura

County Central Committee shot the starting gun to launch the season with a panel discussion between District 42 State Assembly candidates, **Ted Nordblum** and **Dan Weikel**. Nordblum may have the rail in this race, known name recognition, plenty of endorsements, where Weikel, although an impressive start in local politics, his prospects may be in future races. Part of a winning strategy in California, IMO is to narrow down the field so we don't have good candidates splitting the vote!

Remember, our Top Two Primary sends the Top Two Primary vote getters, regardless of party, to the General Mid-Term Election. So, if there are two Dem candidates and two Rep, we are splitting the Republican vote lowering our chances of getting on the Mid-Term Ballot.

So let's take a deeper dive at what this all means ...

Since 2012, California has been in a Democrat Trifecta, with the Governor and both houses all Democrat, all the time. That has gotten us a population exodus resulting in one less congressional seat, 30% of the nation's homeless population, 78% of jobs in lower than average paying sectors, with the public sector job pay double the private sector. This makes the race to the middle class on the back of the dwindling California taxpayer.

That spells U N S U S T A I N A B L E for those in the back of the room.

The silo, echo chamber, bubble and 'hive mind' of the Democrat two-thirds majority in both houses has been enough for Democrats to approve tax increases (they're called 'fees' now), pass emergency legislation (COVID shut down ring a bell?), draft ill-conceived legislation that the people must try to correct through laborious and expensive grassroots means (Gas tax, Crime Bill, Voter ID) and change legislative rules to suit their agenda with little regard for what is external to it (State vs County on Voting protocols, Water regulation, Immigration law).

Californian's know how our state is suffering, we live here and live with the laundry list of grievances ignored by Sacramento as Newsom gaslights the failures on the nightly news. Even if we win a Republican Seat they will be ineffectual ... UNLESS we can win seven seats and the good news is across California there are 16 that are in play for the Midterms! Every seat won and held has us galloping in the right direction.

The play here is to build a base that sustains several election cycles that will erode the Democrat Trifecta, pop the bubble and claw back a voice on the legislative floor. I believe that's done by clear and meaningful messaging to voters, organized grassroots efforts, and staying away from gotcha issues that have no bearing in today's legislature. Our elected officials should be implementing the will of the people, not their own personal will, right?

We can do that by passing **Voter ID**, **DOGE California**, enforce Laws passed by the voters, and **REGISTER** and **VOTE REPUBLICAN**!

See you in the winners circle!

**Ventura County GOP at the Ventura County Fair**

***We Need your Help!***

Dear Members,  
As many of you are aware, our commitment as a



club to the Ventura County GOP is to provide coverage for **the Republican Booth at the Ventura County Fair.**

Our job is to register Republicans, sell party merchandize and answer questions about the election. This year we will have the support of one member of the Central Committee for each shift.

**Our dates to cover this year are August 3 and 4 (Sunday and Monday).** This is a fun and worthy project and your chance to do some good while enjoying the Fair (don't miss the fried Twinkies!).

The shifts will run for 3 hours (11-3, 3-7, and 7-11) We will need 2 people for each shift, and I would prefer there is man with you for the last shift as you will be exiting after dark.

All your expenses will be covered by the club (parking, entrance etc).

Please let me know which shift you are available for asap. This is your opportunity to become more involved with your club by helping out.

We appreciate the effort. I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks! Dale

**Email Dale to Volunteer**

## WVRW Event Photos

**January 6 Patriots  
April 3, 2025**



WVRW hosted an evening with Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Larry R. Brock Jr. (Ret.) and US Marine Corp Captain Chris Keuhne (Ret.) at the Hyatt Regency Westlake



Both highly decorated and honored veterans from two different branches of the military, they found themselves at the US Capital on Jan 6, 2020 ... a day that changed their lives forever - at an unjust cost no one should have to bear.

WE heard first hand their harrowing tale of Government Lawfare and Civil Rights abuses; and



how these brave men are still fighting for our Civil Liberties.



Continuing the fight for fair justice, Ret. Colonel Larry Brock Jr. is running for State Representative in Texas. WVRW wishing him success!



## An Evening with Sheriff Chad Bianco May 29, 2025

Sheriff Chad Bianco, candidate for Governor of California joined **WLV and CV Republican Women** at the Westlake Village Yacht Club on May 29, 2025.

He laid out his vision for a safer, stronger and more accountable California. Chad demonstrated his commitment to public safety and our beautiful state.

We were also fortunate to have our own **Sheriff Fryhoff**; **Ted Nordblum**, candidate for CA State Assembly in the 42nd District; and **Michael Koslow**, who is running for US House in CA 26th Congressional District.







Coffee & Conservatives  
June 17, 2025





WVRW and Friends enjoying morning coffee and breakfast treats at Stonehaus in Westlake Village.

Join us at 9:00am the third Tuesday of each month.

## Sip & Shop June 19, 2025

Lots of love (and sipping and shopping) at the *Heart Boutique*. A portion of the proceeds were donated to charity. Good times!





## California Elections

### *Legislative 'Call to Action'*

## California Voter ID Initiative

We **MUST** restore the integrity of California's elections – and to do that, we must qualify and pass the CA Voter ID Initiative in 2026!



In September, 2024, Newsom passed SB-1174 outlawing VOTER ID to cast a vote in the State of California. That act along with REFUSING to abide by a COURT ORDER to purge the Voter Registration Roles has left California Voters DISENFRANCHISED regardless of race, age, or socio-economic standing.

The challenge is this: to enact the VOTER ID Initiative, we must collect over 1 million signatures to place the Voter ID Initiative on the ballot.

- FIRST: Sign up to receive the Initiative when available
- SECOND: Sign up to Volunteer to Collect Signatures
- FINALLY, if you can donate to support the effort a link is available

### STEP 1: Sign the Online Petition

Sign the online petition here: [www.VoterIDPetition.org](http://www.VoterIDPetition.org), This puts you on the list to be mailed the initiative for signing when available. This list is needed to show prospective INITIATIVE DONORS that we have the BOOTS ON THE GROUND to get the signatures required!

**Sign the Petition**



## STEP 2: Volunteer to Collect Signatures

WVRW will be an ACTIVE PARTICIPANT in SIGNATURE GATHERING with our Board Members volunteering as Area Leaders.

Please send WVRW an email of your interest and we'll contact you when the INITIATIVE is available. Please put VOTER ID in the subject line.

You will have the support and help you need, so sign up here:

**Email  
WVRW**

## STEP 3: Support the Initiative

Reform California must raise between \$1-2 million to ensure the success of this initiative. Your contributions will help fund the campaign efforts, including the printing of petitions, outreach to voters, and other essential activities to get the CA Voter ID Initiative on the ballot.

Contribute here: [www.VoterIDinitiative.org](http://www.VoterIDinitiative.org)

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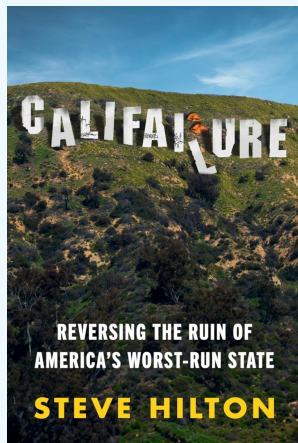


**An Elephant Never Forgets  
WVRW Book Club**





## WVRW Book Club's recent selections for discussion April - July 2025



### *Califailure, Reducing the Ruin of America's Worst-Run State* by Steve Hilton

California is a "model for the nation," Governor Gavin Newsom keeps telling us. "We're following a formula for success." In *Califailure*, Hilton compellingly captures exactly where this far-left experiment has gone fundamentally—catastrophically—wrong.

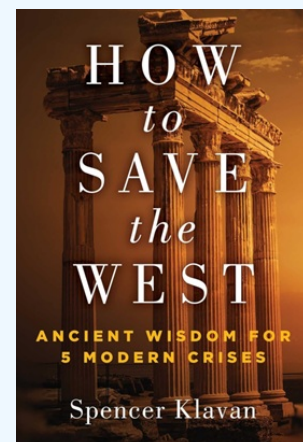
Great cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland collapsed into squalor as crime and homelessness were allowed to explode. The state that used to pride itself as the home of innovation and opportunity became the state with the worst rate of poverty, highest unemployment, and most hostile business climate in America—as well as the highest taxes.

How did this happen, and what is needed to turn things around? Hilton identifies the nine key "pathologies"—from Elitism to Cronyism to Narcissism—that define the ideology at the heart of California's decline. And he lays out a comprehensive program of policy reform ("CaliFuture") that will restore the Golden State to its rightful place as the very best of America.

### *How to Save the West - Ancient Wisdom for 5 Modern Crises* by Spencer Klavan

His analysis: The situation is dire. But every crisis we face today, we have faced before. And we can surmount each one. Today's "five essential crises" are:

- The Crisis of Reality: Is there such a thing as objective truth—and even if there is, can "virtual reality" replace it?
- The Crisis of the Body: Not just the "transgender" insanity, but the push for a "transhumanist" future
- The Crisis of Meaning: Evolution—both biological and cultural
- The Crisis of Religion: Science has not eliminated man's religious impulse, but rather



misdirected it—and wrongly dismissed the profound philosophical plausibility of Judeo-Christian revelation

- The Crisis of the Regime: Has America reached a point of inevitable collapse? Republican government was meant to end the destructive cycle of regimes rising and falling—but can it?

Klavan brings to the West's defense the insights of Plato, Aristotle, the Bible, and the Founding Fathers to show that in the wisdom of the past lies hope for the future. That wisdom can improve our own lives and the lives of those around us—and ultimately save the West.



*Fool's Gold* by Susan and Jed McFatter.

From the investigative research team behind Peter Schweizer's runaway bestsellers comes *Fool's Gold*, a hard-hitting work of journalism that tells the untold story of the dark side of the Democratic Party's Californian elites and the toll they've taken on the entire country.

Exposing the most powerful names in politics: Gavin Newsom, Kamala Harris, Nancy Pelosi, and Adam Schiff, among others; this explosive book warns that Gavin Newsom is actually right when he often declares, "As goes California, so goes the nation."

America's future is inextricably tied to California because of its sheer size and the enormous influence of its political figures who remain dead set on controlling the White House for decades to come—and turning the rest of America into California.

For more Book Club information - see our section on the [WVRW Events](#) page.

**WVRW  
Events**



**Member Spotlight**



Meredith is originally from upstate New York, and moved to California in 1978.

She worked at several local companies





**Meredith Pikulski**  
Our new Committee Chair for  
Merchandising

before ending up at Amgen for almost 25 years. Her background is in Human Resources and Training and Development.

She's been a member Westlake Village Republican Women for over two years.

In Meredith's own words, "I joined because of my political interest as I have a degree in political science and a Masters in Organizational Development and was looking to meet new people.

I have really enjoyed getting to know people in the group and participating in the various events, I especially like that there are multiple activities scheduled every month."

***Welcome new All New WVRW Members !***



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