

ELEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lisa Gelinas

It's been an honor being the president of the CVRW group, but after some long discussions with my family, we have decided to relocate to Colorado Springs. I will be stepping down as of April 1, 2025, and Michelle Spencer will take over until a new president can be voted in. It's bittersweet as we have been Conejo Valley residents for 32 years. I plan to get involved in Colorado at the local level fighting for Republican causes. I want to thank my board, who have been fantastic, and the rest of the CVRW members who have been supportive of our efforts this year. It's been an amazing year so far with President Trump keeping his promises; let's keep the momentum going!



APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1st April Fool's Day
- 2nd CVUSD Board Meeting
- 7th Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting
- 8th Thousand Oaks Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 12th Passover
- 13th Palm Sunday/First Day of Passover/Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- 16th CVUSD Board Meeting
- 17th Good Friday
- 20th Easter Sunday
- 23rd Central Committee Meeting
- 24th Cocktails & Conservatives at Patron's
- 28th Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting
- 29th Thousand Oaks Board of Supervisors Meeting



MEMBERSHIP

By: Jennifer McCarthy

What a great time we've been having! What a great time to be a Republican! What a great time to be a Republican Woman! So, make sure your friends know...

Ruby Lifetime:

Kerry Nelson
Brandee Sisting

Platinum:

Michelle Spencer

Gold:

Nancy Smeets

Renewals:

Lindie Nelson

GET INVOLVED!

We still have board positions that need to be filled as well as other ways to get involved in CVRW.

- Campaigns
- Treasurer
- V.P. Ways and Means
- Website
- Press & Publicity
- Caring for America
- Achievements
- Ballot Harvesting
- Voter Registration

2025 Officers and Committee Members

President

Lisa Gelinias

VP Programs

Michelle Spencer

VP Membership

Jennifer McCarthy

VP Ways & Means

Open

Treasurer

Open

Recording Secretary

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Legislation

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Campaigns

Open

Fundraising

Donna Strull

Caring for America

Open

Website

Lola Bush

Achievements

Open

Communication and Social Media

Colleen Doran

Military

Jill Delany

Historian

Elisa Meissner

Ballot Harvesting

Open

Voter Registration

Open

CVRW BOOK CLUB

Join us to discuss this month's
book selection!

Book: Jackie, Ethel, Joan
(The Women of Camelot)

by J. Rand Taraborelli
(Available at the Newbury Park Library)

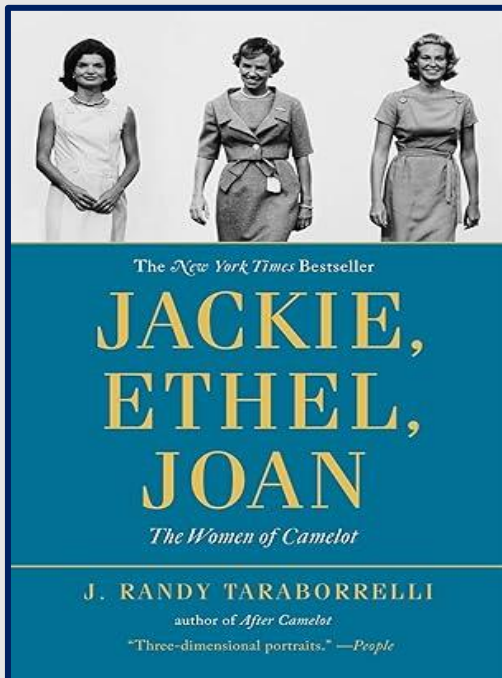
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Pickles Deli

1940 Newbury Road, Newbury Park,
CA 91320

The CVRW Book Club meets monthly. All
members are welcome to join.



To RSVP or get more information contact:

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“We’re going to be returning
education very simply BACK
TO THE STATES where it
belongs.” – President
Donald J. Trump



**Trump Signs Executive Order to
Empower Parents and States and
Close the Dept of Education.**

Military Committee

For the month of April, we are pausing our
collection of items for our wonderful military
members. We will be joining the Westlake
Republican Women for a general meeting
on April 3, 2025, at the Westlake Hyatt for
the “**Insurrection Hoax: Patriots or
Perpetrators?**” event. (See flyer below)
We will resume donations for our military
personnel at our May 2025 CVRW meeting.



Legislative Report

By Gina Libby

As of March 25, 2025, President Trump has signed 161 Executive Actions in his first 60 days in office. There were only 220 signed in his first term.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/>

DOGE continues to reveal fraud and abuse with Elon Musk's Tesla taking the brunt with violent vandalism. <https://doge.gov/savings>. Does this organized violence resemble anything else in recent memory, say BLM 2.0? In other news, the trans activism erupting in city halls across the nation also appears organized and well-funded by the national Indivisibles organization. Ventura County Indivisibles has been very active engaging school boards to adopt transgender affirming care.

Our own City of Ventura is attempting to adopt the C.A.R.E. policy and make it a sanctuary city for transgender healthcare, abortion, and immigration protection. At their March 18th City Council meeting, over 140 public speakers shared their views. While the trans activists were given much leeway with their cursing and verbal outbursts, the mayor cut off a Christian woman mid-prayer during her public comments, stating, "we don't pray here".

In California, Governor Newsom continues to be the main driver for Republican voter registrations. Congressman Kevin Kiley reported that since Newsom took office,

Republicans have gained 1 million registered voters in California. This trend should continue, especially with Newsom bankrupting Medi-Cal by giving it to every illegal immigrant. He asked for a \$3.4 billion emergency loan from the federal government and billions more from the legislature. Continue to contact your state representative to say, "No More!"

Keep track of California's legislative activities at: <https://legiscan.com/CA>, a dashboard of proposed legislation, datasets, rosters and trends. It has a section for bill summaries, top bill sponsors, top committees, most viewed bills and most monitored bills.

TAKE ACTION: President Trump is following through on his mandate from the American people. We must follow through by staying engaged with our local, state, and federal elected officials so that California and Ventura County prosper like the rest of the nation.

1. Heritage Foundation—Information and Action Steps supporting conservative policy and legislation at state and national levels. Sign up to access weekly calls with staff "on the hill" in D.C., hear updates from committee actions in real time, and DO & SHARE their calls to action. <https://heritageaction.com/about-sentinel>.
2. Follow California Congressman Kevin Kiley's blog "Capitol Quadmire" at: <https://blog.electkevinkiley.com/> for weekly updates on his legislative endeavors, triumphs, and exposure of Newsom's failures. There are links to Kevin's epic speeches on the House floor, petitions, articles, and other action steps to "Newsom-proof" our state.
3. Support America First Legal's work to end unconstitutional "sanctuary" status of cities and states at:

<https://aflegal.org/>. Also see their interactive website, “Sanctuary Strongholds”, that show Americans where these Sanctuary jurisdictions are located across the country so people can speak up and urge government officials to stop violating federal laws.

STAY ENGAGED LOCALLY: PERK and RTV are on the front lines and have easy-to-use Action Steps to support their advocacy:

1. PERK—Information and Action Steps on bills affection children, parent’s rights, medical freedom, and schools:
<https://www.perkadvocacy.com/California-legislation>.
2. Restore the Vote Ventura—Support their continued presence at BOS meetings demanding election integrity measures be fortified:
<https://restorethevoteventura.org>
3. Ventura County Board of Supervisors—Tune in or attend the meetings held two to three times monthly on Tuesdays. Millions of dollars pass through the Board every meeting. Observe livestream or make public comments:
www.ventura.org/bosmeetings
Subscribe at www.ventura.org/subscribe to receive an E-Mail notice when new agendas are posted.

COCKTAILS & CONSERVATIVES

Date: April 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: 3709 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Westlake Village, CA 91362



President Donald Trump has signed an executive order requiring proof of US citizenship for voter registration in federal elections.



NASA Astronauts Splashdown to Earth After Nine Months Stuck in Space



AMERICANISM

by Suzie T.

Alien Enemies Act and Sedition Acts

Earlier this month, President Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act to deport dangerous criminals, namely the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua. They are active in about 16 states across the US, including Colorado, Tennessee and New York. Many know of the infamous apartment complex in Aurora, Colorado, where they stormed an apartment building with guns, threatened the landlord and kicked out the tenants. Other violations include harboring ghost guns (unlicensed/untraceable) guns.

The ACLU and others are claiming it is unconstitutional. However, Trump has reasoned the Venezuelan government has released them into our country, knowing that they are dangerous.

The Alien Enemies Act (AEA) originated in 1798 and allows the president to detain or deport the natives and citizens of an enemy nation. During that time, the two parties were the Federalists and the Democratic-Republican party. The Federalists wanted more of a monarchy than the Democrat-Republican party. They had concerns that the Democrat-Republican party were too close to the French, and they feared a French invasion, and thought the French were spying on them. Four laws were passed that include the Alien and Sedition Acts.

The Sedition Act was also passed around this time and prevented people from being able to speak out against the President. It also made it illegal to put out any false or malicious writing against Congress or the President, and to oppose any measure of the government.

Most of the Alien and Sedition Acts were repealed or expired by the early 1800s, except for the Alien Enemies Act, which was used to

incarcerate Japanese descendants into internment camps during the war with Japan.

<https://www.history.com/articles/alien-and-sedition-acts>

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN



NEXT GENERATION AIR DOMINANCE

F-47

"...the generals picked the title, and it's a beautiful number."

-Donald Trump

WESTLAKE VILLAGE AND CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Insurrection Hoax: Patriots or Perpetrators?

Dinner & Guest Speakers:

Two highly decorated and honored veterans from two different branches of the military find themselves at the US Capital on Jan6, 2020 ... a day that changed their lives forever at an unjust cost no one should have to bear.



Air Force Lieutenant Colonel
Larry R. Brock Jr. (Ret.)



US Marine Corp Captain
Chris Keuhne (Ret.)

Join us to hear this harrowing tale of Government Lawfare and Civil Rights abuses; and how these brave men are still fighting for our Civil Liberties.

Date: April 3, 2025; Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Hyatt Regency Westlake

880 S. Westlake Blvd, Westlake Village, CA

Price: \$75 WVRW & CVRW Member/\$100 non-Member

Dinner/No-host Bar

Payment options:

- Pay with Zelle, use QR code or search for payee:
wvrw.treasurer@gmail.com
- Send a check to: WVRW, P.O. Box 6536,
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***** Your payment or check received confirms your reservation *****



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Links to Republican Sites

National Republican Party

www.gop.com

Ventura Republican Party

www.ventura.gop.org

Ventura County Republican Assembly

www.vccra.com

Los Angeles Republican Party

www.lagop.org



CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ CELL# _____ BIRTH MO/DATE _____

SELECT desired membership level below:

FULL Member: _____ \$35 NEW _____ RENEWAL

SUSTAINING Member (Registered NPP): _____ NEW \$35 _____ RENEWAL

SILVER Member: _____ \$75 Support Level + Spouse membership

GOLD Member: _____ \$150 Support + Spouse membership + VIP Seating

(SPOUSE NAME: _____ **)**

PLATINUM Member: _____ \$275 Support + Spouse membership + Seating at Speaker Table
+ CVRW Name Badge

(SPOUSE NAME: _____ **)**

ASSOCIATE (Spouses): _____ **\$15 Email)** _____

(SPOUSE NAME: _____ **)**

FULL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$20 (Emailed newsletter included)

SPONSOR a Student(s) Membership _____ \$20 per student (Emailed newsletter to student included.)

- **Make checks payable to:** CVRW (Conejo Valley Republican Women)
- Mailing address: CVRW P.O. Box 7175, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359
- Membership dues are paid annually – Due January 1, 2025.
- Membership Newsletter E-Mailed unless otherwise specified.

MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED REPUBLICANS OR NPP and join as a sustaining member.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Paid: _____ Amount _____ Method of pmt./check# _____