



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lisa Gelinas

As I sit here and reflect on the upcoming election in just 44 days, I can't help but think how our nation will change either way the election goes. We will either have more of the same, if not worse, or we will have stability, freedom, and a country back on track.

It's my hope and prayer that God will look down on our nation with his mercy and not his wrath. This is a spiritual battle as it is an information battle as well as a political battle with two sides at odds on just about everything. It is my hope and my prayer that God will intervene in his timing and bring the world back to order.

I pray for President Trump and his family, for their protection and safety, after two failed assassination attempts. November is right around the corner, and every vote must be counted in this very important election.

Remember to hand deliver your ballot if you are voting by mail. Offer to bring your neighbors ballot in if they are unable. Use the ballot box at headquarters located at 2219 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 103.

And, the rest is up to God!

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

When: Thursday, October 10

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Place: Sunset Hills Country Club

Speaker: Jeff Schwartz, Candidate for Thousand Oaks City Council

Cost: Members - \$38

*(cash/Zelle/checks payable to CVRW). Includes dinner**

Non-Members - \$43

*(cash/Zelle/checks payable to CVRW). Includes dinner**

**Dinner includes Turkey Roulade stuffed with sausage and vegetables and drip sauce; sunset salad; garlic mashed potatoes; roasted vegetables and dessert. Beer, wine and cocktails available for purchase separately with credit card.*

RSVP BY OCTOBER 7
CONEJOVALLEYREPUBWOMEN@GMAIL.COM

(Please note new email address)

Remember you can drop off completed ballots, your own, or those of friends and/or family members, at the General Meeting on October 10 to be turned into in to the Thousand Oaks county office.

GET INVOLVED!

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

By: Jennifer McCarthy

Our 2025 membership drive begins October 1. New members who join now will receive the rest of 2024 and all of 2025 for only \$35. This is a great time to encourage your friends and family to join CVRW. With only a few short weeks left until Election Day and ballots going out next week, now is the time to get involved!

Ruby Lifetime Members:

Kerry Nelson
Brandee Sisting

Platinum Members:

Michelle Spencer

Silver Members:

Lisa Gelinas
Ruth McGettigan
Donna Strull

2024 Officers and Committee Members

President

Lisa Gelinas

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VP Membership

Jennifer McCarthy

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Open

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Parliamentarian

Marie Doherty

Americanism

Suzanne Toton

Legislation

Gina Libby

Press & Publicity

Open

Campaigns

Open

Fundraising

Donna Stull

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

CARING FOR AMERICA

By Jill Delaney

CVRW is pleased to donate monthly to America Supporting Americans.

Please bring items to send to troops overseas to our monthly meetings. These items may include, snacks (no pork or alcohol), magazines, hats, bandanas, sunglasses, frisbees, hygiene supplies, etc., and especially personal notes. Troops say it's not important what you send, they just love knowing somebody is thinking about them.

Look for our bin at every meeting.

CVRW BOOK CLUB

Book Club members felt they needed a little more time to finish the September book, so it was decided to postpone discussion until the October meeting and instead enjoyed very nice September lunch together.

All members are invited to join.

Book: **THE NURSES' WAR**
 by Victoria Purman

Date: **Monday, October 21**

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: **Wood Ranch**
 The Oaks Mall

The CVRW Book Club meets monthly. All members are welcome to join. To RSVP or get more information contact:

Jill_Delaney@live.com



Legislative Report *by Gina Libby*

There are many opportunities to move the needle in Ventura County and California. Whether we act locally, at the state level, or federally, sharing our opinions and support or opposition to proposed legislation with our elected representatives is critical. They must hear from us! Take the first action by adding your representatives' phone numbers and emails to your contact list so they are literally on SPEED DIAL. Gavin Newscum is in my contacts with his employer listed as the CCP. Might as well have fun with it.

The California legislative session ends September 30th so there is still time to call Sacramento. (*continues next page*)

upcoming EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3rd CVRW Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4th Rosh Hashanah
- 7th Planning Commission Meeting
- 8th TO Board of Supervisors Meeting/
City Council Meeting
- 9th CVUSD Meeting
- 10th General Meeting 6:00 pm
Sunset Hills Country Club
- 12th Yom Kippur
- 14th Columbus Day
- 15th Movie Night at HQ 7:00 pm
- 18th Alaska Day
- 20th Thousand Oaks Street Fair 9-4
- 21st Planning Commission Meeting
- 22nd TO City Council Meeting
- 23rd CVUSD Meeting/ Central
Committee Meeting
- 29th Movie Night at HQ 7:00 pm/TO
Board of Supervisors meeting
- 31st Halloween



Legislative Report (cont.)

I. For information and Action Steps on bills affecting children, parent's rights, and schools, go to: <https://www.perkadvocracy.com/california-legislation>

- a. The horrendous bill AB 1955 in a "gut and amend" trick by the legislature was signed into law by the Governor. This bill prohibits schools from adopting notification policies to parents when their children request to use a pronoun or the bathrooms/locker rooms of the opposite sex. The bill will be contested, and PERK will help lead the charge.
- b. Still on the Governor's desk is AB 2442—which expedites licensing for doctors and healthcare providers if they provide gender-affirming care. Call to oppose.

II. For Ventura County, tune into the Board of Supervisors meetings generally held two to three times per month on Tuesdays. You'll be shocked how many millions pass through the Board every session. Subscribe
at ventura.org/subscribe

to receive an E-Mail notice when new agendas are posted. Observe the Board of Supervisors meetings streaming live at: ventura.org/bosmeetings

- a. Support EIP-CA (Gloria Massey Chinae and team) locally for election observer training: <https://www.eip-ca.com>
- b. Support Restore the Vote Ventura's continued presence at BOS meetings demanding election integrity at: <https://restorethevoteventura.org>

III. A resource for state legislation is the non-profit CalMatters. You can sign up for their daily email updates on state matters

and legislative activities but realize their “non-partisan” claim is arguable. <https://calmatters.org>.

IV. For information and Action Steps on federal bills and Congressional matters, see the Heritage Foundation at: <https://heritageaction.com/about-sentinel>.

V. Stay plugged in on the Global Pandemic Treaty at: <https://sovereigntycoalition.org/>.



Elisa Meissner, Marie Doherty, Colleen Doran, and Marie Chodkowski.

September
General
Meeting



Conejo Valley Republican Women

Invite you
Tuesday, October 1st
Vice Presidential Debate



JD VANCE



TIM WALZ

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

*2219 East Thousand Oaks Blvd #103
Thousand Oaks*

Admission is FREE

Arrive 5:30 – Debate 6:00

Popcorn and Soda Included

BYOB

**We'll have Merchandise for Sale
and a RAFFLE too!**

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Please RSVP to

conejovalleyrepubwomen@gmail.com

Conejo Valley Republican Women

Invite you to

TUESDAY at the MOVIES

7:00 PM



- 9/24 *The Flynn Movie*
- 10/15 *Government Gangsters*
- 10/29 *Hillbilly Elegy*

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

*2219 East Thousand Oaks Blvd #103
Thousand Oaks*

**Admission: \$15.00 per person
(includes movie, popcorn and soft drink)
BYOB**

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Please RSVP to

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CONGRESS

Links to Republican Sites

National Republican Party:

<http://republicannationalcommittee.org/home.html>

Ca. Republican Party: www.cagop.org

Ventura County Party: www.venturagop.org

L.A. County Party: www.lagop.org

U.S. Senatorial Committee: www.nrsc.org

U.S. Congressional Committee: www.nrcc.org

The Federation of Republican Women has Experts to help you. When you have a question or need, go to these websites:

NFRW info: nfrw.org

CFRW info: cfrw.org

So Div info: cfrwsoutherndivision.org

VCRWF info: vcrwf.org



CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Membership Application 2024

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ Cell# _____ Birth Mo./Date _____

SELECT desired membership level below:

FULL Member: _____ \$35

SUSTAINING Member (Registered NPP): _____ \$35

SILVER Member: _____ \$75 Support Level + Spouse membership
(SPOUSE NAME: _____)

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) Mentorship: _____ \$20 per student (emailed newsletter to
student included)

Make checks payable to: CVRW (Conejo Valley Republican Women)

Mailing address: CVRW PO Box 7151, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

- Membership dues are paid annually – Due January 1 each year.
- 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 # _____