



## CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### CVRW MAY GENERAL MEETING

**When:** THURSDAY, MAY 9

**Time:** 6:00 PM – Registration and Social Connections  
6:30 PM– Meeting business and Dinner  
7:00 PM– Guest Speaker:

### JUNE DUBREUIL

**Candidate Elect - Ventura County  
Republican Central Committee, District 4**

Ms. Dubreuil will be speaking about the Precinct Project to get to the voters by organizing precincts and getting to know like-minded neighbors to get out and vote. She will also be looking for volunteers locally to help head up this project as precinct captains and organize the neighborhoods to get out to vote.

**Place:** Sunset Hills Country Club  
4155 Erbes Rd., Thousand Oaks

**Cost:** Members - \$35 (*cash/Zelle/checks payable to CVRW*). Includes dinner\*  
Non-Members - \$39 (*cash/Zelle/checks payable to CVRW*). Includes dinner\*

\*Dinner includes: beef brisket with peppers and onions, roasted red potatoes and vegetables, mixed green salad, rolls, butter and dessert. *Beer, wine and cocktails available for purchase separately with credit card.*

### RSVP BY MAY 6

[conejovalleyrepubwomen@gmail.com](mailto:conejovalleyrepubwomen@gmail.com)  
(Please note new email address)

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Lisa Gelinas*

This past month the Guardian reported that the city of Thousand Oaks approved the use of over \$700,000 from tax revenue to build gender mixed bathrooms. This will be done at all local schools and will allow boys, girls, men, and women to use the bathroom at the same time, from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

What a crazy world we live in. Have we lost our collective minds? How is this inclusive, equitable, or fair? This seems wrong on so many levels. What's going to happen to our girls? Do they have to worry about their safety because of this arrangement? This project started in February and construction will be completed at the beginning of next fall. We need to stop the madness and all of us need to get involved at our local and national level to protect our children from policies such as this.

## MEMBERSHIP

*By: Jennifer McCarthy*

Thank you to all the members who have followed us from our previous club, and welcome to the new members (noted with an asterisk). We are excited to have you be a part of this very important election year.

### Ruby Lifetime:

Kerry Nelson  
Brandee Sisting

### Platinum:

Michelle Spencer

### Silver:

Lisa Gelinas  
Ruth McGettigan  
Donna Strull

### New Members:

Beverly Switzer\*

## WIN A \$50 SCOUT AND CELLARS WINE GIFT CERTIFICATE

As we enter this very important election year, we need as many people to get involved as possible. Who do you know? Friends, neighbors, family, PTA, bridge/gardening/crafting clubs, sports, etc.... all are great places to find other conservative women.

Between now and June 30<sup>th</sup> the person who sponsors the most new members will win a **\$50 gift certificate** for Scout and Cellars Wine. Just have the new member make a note your name on the application, or let Jennifer know when she joins, and by July 1st you could be sipping some tasty clean wine and your friend will be part of a great organization!

We're looking forward to growing in 2024.

## 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



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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | CVUSD Meeting  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Board Meeting  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Cinco De Mayo  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting                                      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Thousand Oaks City Council Meeting   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | General Meeting  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Mother's Day   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Thousand Oaks Board of Supervisors Meeting                                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | CVUSD Meeting  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting                                      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Thousand Oaks Board of Supervisors Meeting/ Thousand Oaks City Council Meeting |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Central Committee Meeting  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Memorial Day   |

## 2024 Officers and Committee Members

### President

Lisa Gelinas

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Michelle Spencer

### VP Membership

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Open

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#### Media

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### Ballot Harvesting

Open

### Voter Registration

Open

## CARING FOR AMERICA

by Jill Delaney

For the next few months, our Care America program will be supporting ASA-USA—a group that supports our military overseas. ASA-USA was formed in 1967, when a soldier in Vietnam asked his sister to try to do something to help raise the morale of his unit. We at CVRW are collecting items to be sent to our troops in the middle east.

Items they are looking for include:

- personal notes
- pre-packaged food
- toiletries, cards
- games, zip-lock bags
- hats, socks (white or black)
- sports bras
- panties
- puzzle books
- magazines,
- hair/shower products
- lotions

Not acceptable are pork products, alcohol, liquid hand sanitizer, aerosols, chocolate (it melts).

PLEASE, EVERYONE—bring a few items, and a personal note to our meetings each month. Your efforts will go a long way in raising morale, just like 50 years ago when this group got started.

Check the website for more information:

[asa-usa.org](http://asa-usa.org)

Please bring your items to the May General Meeting and look for the drop-off bin.

## CVRW BOOK CLUB

Book Club is celebrating the growth of our group with new participants! If you would like to join us, just show up at any meeting, even if you haven't finished the book, we would love to see you there.

**Book:** **Blood Money**  
by Peter Schweizer

**Date:** Monday, May 13

**Time:** 12:30 pm

**Place:** Wood Ranch  
Oaks Mall

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

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## Legislative Report

by Gina Libby

There are countless opportunities to get involved in the fight to save our state and nation. One of the most important actions you can take is making your voice heard. We're asking for your help to phone, email, and write to our elected officials to discuss any or all the issues described below. We can streamline our efforts by using the tools, talking points and resources developed by the many exceptional advocacy groups who share our values and interest areas. Our voices matter and we must use them.

Please share these links with friends, neighbors, and your families.

**Call state representatives in support of SB 1414 – Crimes solicitation of a minor.**

See PERK for more resources: <https://perk-group.quorum.us/campaign/59688/>.

From PERK's website:

"This bill seeks to strengthen protections for children by making the act of soliciting, agreeing to engage in, or engaging in any act of commercial sex with a minor a felony.

Under the existing law, solicitation, attempting to engage or engaging in sex with a minor for money is classified as a misdemeanor offense. However, there are exceptions that impose more severe punishments but often require specific circumstances, such as the age of the minor or the involvement of force. Unfortunately, these conditions create loopholes that allow offenders to avoid stricter penalties and undermine efforts to protect juvenile sex trafficking victims aged between 14 and 17.

To rectify this significant gap in the law, SB 1414 will fight to ensure not one more child is sold for sex in California. The proposed legislation states that any individual who solicits, agrees to engage in, or engages in commercial sex with a minor, regardless of their knowledge or reasonable suspicion of the minor's age, will now be charged with a felony. This offense will carry a prison sentence ranging from 2 to 4 years, a fine not exceeding \$25,000, and registration as a sex offender.

**Act now to ask legislators to support SB 1414."**

**Sign the Protect Kids of California Act of 2024 Petition**

See: <https://www.holywave.org/bulletin/2024/protect-kids-ca>.

From Holywave website:

"The Protect Kids of California Act of 2024 petition is put together by an organization of parents that advocate for policies that prioritize and promote the well-being of children. The organization's initiative is geared towards protecting children and ensuring that parents are a fundamental part of their child's growth and safety.

According to the petition, "The initiative will:

1. Repeal the California law that permits students to compete in female's sports and students to be in females' locker rooms and bathrooms;
2. Prohibit schools from deceiving parents about their student's gender identity crisis and stop them from secretly transitioning a child; and
3. Stop sex change operations and chemical castrations on minors."

**Obtain the petition to Roll Back Prop 47 and Make Crime Illegal Again**

See <https://blog.electkevinkiley.com/end-47/> where you can obtain the petition, End47.com. Join the other 450,000 California voters who've already signed on to stamp out the rampant crime destroying our cities and reclaim our state. Take the petition around your neighborhood, get 6 more signatures, and turn it in!

**Raise Awareness about the Proposed International Pandemic Treaty and Amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR's).**

**See:** [Get Involved - James Roguski \(substack.com\)](https://substack.com)

James Roguski has reported on the global efforts to centralize decision-making in response to pandemics or pre-pandemics. His Substack has print materials, videos, links, talking points, and the proposed language for the IHR changes.

As soon as May 2024, the United States could sign a Global Pandemic Treaty that voids our national sovereignty in declared emergencies or pre-emergencies. This is not getting media attention. Should the United States sign the Treaty as proposed, we Americans, as individuals, won't have a choice in which medications we can or cannot take for the next "Virus X" or whether we must or must not take vaccinations to travel, work, and recreate.

**Contact the Ventura County Board of Supervisors with Request to Add Election Integrity Discussion Item to their Agenda.**

**See** [Restore the Vote Ventura at: https://restorethevoteventura.org/](https://restorethevoteventura.org/).

Restore the Vote Ventura (RVV) has been speaking publicly at the Board of Supervisor's meetings since October 2023, alerting them to constituent concerns about election integrity. RVV is asking residents to contact the conservative Supervisors, Long, Gorrell and Parvin, with a request to add an election integrity

agenda item to the Board's agenda for discussion.

**Supervisor Jeff Gorrell:**

<https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/district-2-jeff-gorell/>.

**Supervisor Janice Parvin:**

<https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/district-4-janice-parvin/>.

**Supervisor Kelly Long (Chair):**

<https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/district-3-kelly-long/>.



**AMERICANISM**

**By: Suzy T.**

**THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

While it may sound like a place where smart people study, or a cool pub in Washington D.C., the Electoral College is the process by which we elect a president. The Electoral College was included in the Constitution by the founding fathers. This was a way to compromise between some wishing to have Congress to vote and others wanting qualified citizens. Article II of the Constitution and the 12th amendment describe this process by which the president is elected. Therefore, an amendment to the Constitution would be required to change it.

Each state has a certain number of Electors, which is determined by the number of people in the state. This is determined by the census. The states have the same number of electors as they do members in Congress. One or each Member in the House of Representatives plus two

Senators. If the census is inaccurate this will impact the number of representatives for the state.

A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the President. For most of the States all electors go to the Presidential candidate who won the popular vote. Maine and Nebraska have a different approach where they appoint electors based on the popular vote within each Congressional district. They have had split votes on a few occasions, in 2008, 2016 and 2020.

Political parties may require a pledge from an elector to vote for the party nominee. They may

be fined or disqualified if they do not. In 2020 the Supreme Court decided that States can make requirements as to how to vote.

The laws vary from State to State and can be found here:

[State Laws on Presidential Electors | NASS](#)

References:

<https://www.270towin.com/content/split-electoral-votes-maine-and-nebraska/>  
[About the Electors | National Archives](#)



**Terri Hargleroad**  
Board Member - League of Women Voters Ventura County. She encouraged joining LWVVC.  
<https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county>

**APRIL  
MEETING  
SPEAKERS**

**Lori Mills**  
Central Committee  
[www.UncoverCali.info](http://www.UncoverCali.info)



**Lucie Volotzky**  
Candidate District 27  
CA State Senate  
Assembly

# Contact Your Legislators

## CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD

*Congressmen, Senators, Committees*

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## CONGRESS

### Links to Republican Sites

National Republican Party:

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

Ca. Republican Party: [www.cagop.org](http://www.cagop.org)

Ventura County Party: [www.venturagop.org](http://www.venturagop.org)

L.A. County Party: [www.lagop.org](http://www.lagop.org)

U.S. Senatorial Committee: [www.nrsc.org](http://www.nrsc.org)

U.S. Congressional Committee: [www.nrcc.org](http://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](http://nfrw.org)

CFRW info: [cfrw.org](http://cfrw.org)

So Div info: [cfrwsoutherndivision.org](http://cfrwsoutherndivision.org)

VCRWF info: [vcrwf.org](http://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 # \_\_\_\_\_