



LEPHANT TRACKS

CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

CVRW FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

When: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Time: 6:00 pm – Registration and Social Connections
 6:30 pm – Meeting business and Dinner
 7:00 pm – tbd

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

Cost: Members - \$38 (cash/Venmo/checks payable to CVRW)
 Non-Members - \$43 cash/Venmo/checks payable to CVRW)

Beer, wine and cocktails available for purchase separately with credit card. Mail checks to:
conejovallerepubwomen@gmail.com

Payment & RSVP Due by Feb. 13

Scan this code in your bank's app to pay
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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lisa Gelinas

The first 100 days of President Trump's administration is going to be epic. The first order of business was 200 executive orders on his inauguration day. He wasted no time getting down to work to undo the damage that was done to our Republic by the last administration. Renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America was first on his list. Designating cartels as foreign terrorists was next. Getting us out of the Paris Climate Treaty and WHO after Biden got us back in; was signed with the stroke of his pen. There is now a policy in America to recognize two sexes: male and female, on official government documents. There will be a hiring freeze on all government positions. Trump pardoned the J6 defendants (1500) to be exact, after being held hostage for four years. He ended diversity, equity and inclusion programs in the federal government. These are some of the changes our president has done as well as restore sanity and common sense to our nation because we lost it.

We had a discussion at the last board meeting to pre-pay for general meetings in 2025. In the past, people made

reservations, didn't show up, and the club lost money. It's not fair. We will no longer accept payment at the door. Instead, we will provide a QR code on the Newsletter that will give you our Zelle address to make your Zelle payment one week in advance or you can mail your check to P.O. Box 7151, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359 and it must be received one-week prior to the general meeting date. This will make check-in easier when everyone has pre-paid. A reservation paid is a reservation made. We will not be providing refunds.

The menu for our February 20th meeting

will be:

Chicken Marsala

Rice Pilaf

Sunset Salad

Rolls & Butter

We look forward to seeing you at the general meeting!



MEMBERSHIP

By: Jennifer McCarthy

What a great year this is already...with Donald J. Trump back in charge. You do not want to get left behind by forgetting to renew! So if you haven't renewed yet, please do so by [Zelling](#) our account (conejovalleyrepubwomen@gmail.com), or by mailing a check for \$35 to P.O. Box 7151, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359. Make sure to invite your friends! 2025 is going to be an epic year!

Ruby Lifetime:

Kerry Nelson
Brandee Sisting

Platinum:

Michelle Spencer

Gold

Nancy Smeets

New Members:

Elena Silva

Renewals

Rori Campbell
Marie Doherty
Elisa Meissner
Larane Nesbitt
Liz Priedkalns
Donna Strull
Nancy Van Volkinburg
Joanne Wagner



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
- Website
- Press & Publicity
- Caring for America
- Achievements
- Communications/Social Media
- Historian/Photography
- Voter Registration
- Ballot Harvesting



Commander-In-Chief Ball

upcoming EVENTS

February

- 2nd **Groundhog Day**
- 5th CVUSD Meeting
- 6th Board Meeting
- 9th **Super Bowl Sunday**
- 10th Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting
- ♥ 14th **Valentine's Day** /Thousand Oaks Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 17th **President's Day** 🇺🇸
- 19th CVUSD Meeting
- 20nd **CVRW General Meeting**
- 24th Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting
- 26th Ventura County Planning Commission Meeting
- 28th Thousand Oaks Board of Supervisors Meeting

Military Committee

CVRW is pleased to be able to partner with Americans Supporting Americans, an organization that sends cards and packages to Troops serving overseas. Monthly we collect products and personal notes, and we donate them to ASA. Common requests are trail mix and other snacks, playing cards, puzzle books, hygiene supplies...a complete list of items to donate can be found on the ASA website: ASA-USA.org.

Please consider bringing items to each CVRW monthly meeting for the Vets.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY! The first 5 people to donate each month will receive a free Raffle Ticket for that evening's drawing!

2024 Officers and Committee Members

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Jennifer McCarthy

VP Ways & Means

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Military

Jill Delany

Historian

Open

Ballot Harvesting

Open

Voter Registration

Open

CVRW BOOK CLUB

Join us to discuss this month's book selection.

Book: **Confronting the Presidents**
By Bill O'Reilly

Date: Monday, February 17

Time: 12:30 pm

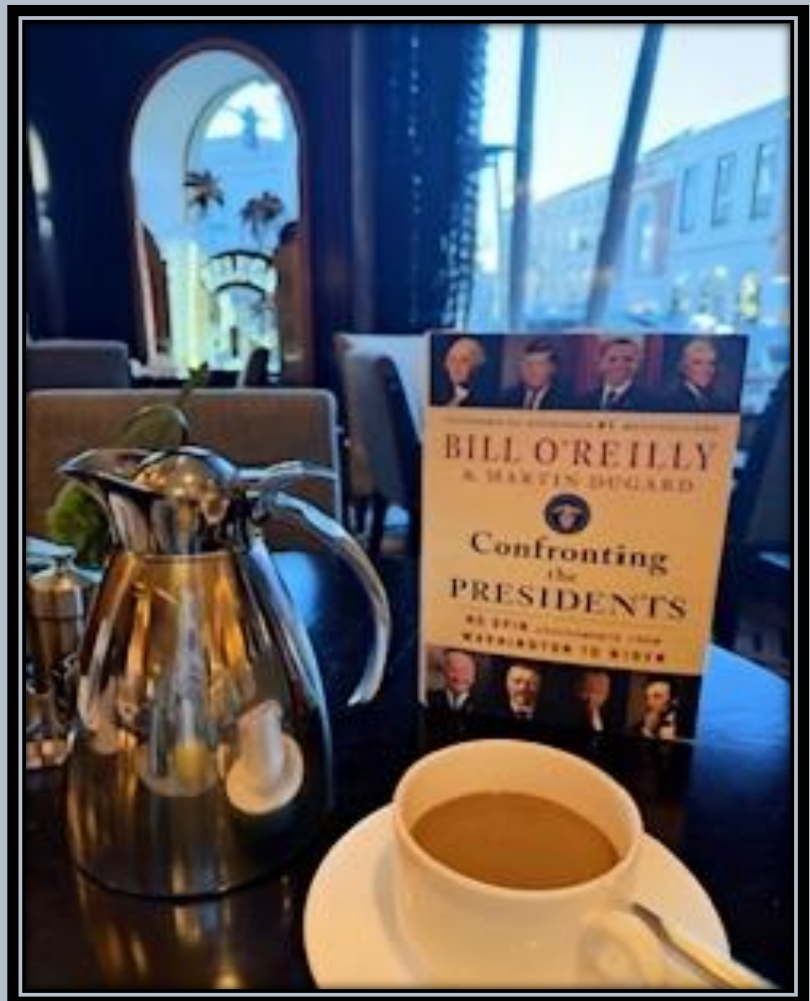
Place: Lazy Dog Café'

172 W. Hillcrest (At the Oaks Mall, by the movie theater).

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

To RSVP or get more information contact:

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AMERICANISM

***By
Suzie T.***

“Inauguration Day”

Inauguration Day takes place on January 20th due to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution in 1933. This was done to ensure a speedy transition of power. It was determined that it will occur on January 20th no matter what, unless it is a Sunday. If it is a Sunday, the President will proceed with the oath of office, but the other festivities will take place on Monday.

The festivities include many activities, and it is a long day for the newly elected President, especially Donald Trump, who went right to work on camera for all to see. Although this year it was done inside the Capitol Rotunda due to inclement weather, it is typically done outside on the grounds of the U.S. Capital Building. It was held on the East Portico until 1981 when Ronald Reagan moved it to other side to accommodate more onlookers.

After an invocation, the Vice President will take the oath just prior to the President, and he/she can choose a justice of the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice will swear-in the President. Swearing on the bible has occurred since George Washington. Many have chosen to use their family bible or the bible of a predecessor. The speech is next and sets the tone for the administration, including the priorities and goals.

The first Inauguration to be televised was Harry S. Truman's in 1949. Technology has continued to increase transparency and allow people to witness these events.

Our new President-elect signed orders for all to see and informed the public what each one was. He televised signing additional orders and pardons in the oval office while taking all the questions from reporters for all to see. It will be interesting to see if this type of transparency continues with future administrations.

The parade is next and varies from president to president. Many walked along the parade route and greeted onlookers. This may be too difficult to manage security for these days. The parades typically feature top marching bands and our military groups.

Lastly, the Inaugural Ball has become a time-honored tradition since 1809 when Dolly Madison threw one for her husband James. It was held at a hotel near Capitol Hill. As the guest lists became larger and larger, and hotels or other venues could not accommodate the number of attendees, Presidents began to host several throughout the city. President Ronald Reagan attended eight balls of the evening of his Inauguration.

President Trump gave another excellent speech and was a gentleman as always with those he interacted with. My favorite part of the night was Melania's big smile as they wrapped up a long day and continued their legacy.

<https://stories.state.gov/inauguration-traditions/>
<https://presidents.website/guide-to-the-presidential-inauguration-history-traditions-and-events/>





Legislative Report

by Gina Libby

(January 20, 2025)

President Trump was inaugurated today as our 47th President and advised our nation more thoroughly about world affairs in the 15 minutes he spent signing Executive Orders in the Oval Office than we've heard from the Biden in 4 long years.

Our nation begins a momentous and historic course correction towards prosperity and unity. Will California be left out of these gains? At home, California Governor Newsom promises to "Trump-proof" California, funding a \$50 million slush fund in preparation to sue Trump's Administration over America First policy change.

Fight! Fight! Fight! We do this by engaging like never before with our elected officials and with our communities. California must not be left out of all "the winning" that's coming with America's New Golden Age. Will our state legislature really vote to remain a sanctuary state and fight against ICE if their offices hear from voters a thousand times a day?

TAKE ACTION NOW:

Action Step 1: How will a second Trump presidency affect your corner of California? The non-profit CalMatters wants your opinion. CalMatters is working with public radio partners to gather perspectives across the state. [Share your thoughts here.](#)

Action Step 2: President Trump signed Executive Orders to withdraw from the UN and WHO. Unless backed up with legislation, the next President can put us right back in. Call your Representatives: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials> about HR 6645 to make it law that we terminate membership in the UN. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6645>

Action Step 3: Follow California Representative Kevin Kiley's blog "Capitol Quagmire" at: <https://blog.electkevinkiley.com/> for weekly updates on his legislative endeavors, triumphs, and exposure of Newsom's failures. Complete with live links to Kiley's illuminating speeches on the House floor, petitions, articles, and other actions steps.

Action Step 4: 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."

MORE ACTION: These organizations are winning on policy and legislative fronts and have easy-to-use Action Steps to support their advocacy:

PERK -- Information and Action Steps on bills affecting children, parent's rights, medical freedom, and schools: <https://www.perkadvocacy.com/california-legislation>

RESTORE THE VOTE VENTURA -- Support their continued presence at BOS meetings demanding election integrity measures be fortified: <https://restorethevoteventura.org>

HERITAGE FOUNDATION -- Information and Action Steps supporting conservative policy and legislation at state and national level; authored many of the Executive Orders signed by President Trump on Day 1:

<https://heritageaction.com/about-sentinel>

STAY ENGAGED:

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. Would you like to see how your tax dollars are spent?

Observe livestream

at: ventura.org/bosmeetings

Subscribe at ventura.org/subscribe to receive an E-Mail notice when new agendas are posted.

CalMatters -- <https://calmatters.org> Resource for Capitol news and legislation. You can sign up for their daily email updates on state matters and legislative activities but realize their “non-partisan” claim is arguable. From CalMatters update Jan. 13, 2025:

“On Friday Gov. Newsom’s office detailed its initial [state budget proposal for 2025-26](#), kicking off negotiations with the governor and legislative leaders that will last through June when he and lawmakers must agree to a final budget deal.

As CalMatters’ [Mikhail Zinshteyn](#) and Stella explain, some of the takeaways of the \$322 billion spending proposal include:

- **New state agencies:** Newsom wants to create two new agencies focused on [consumer protections](#) and [homelessness and housing policies](#). So far, details are scant: The administration did not propose new spending on homelessness, nor did it provide details on

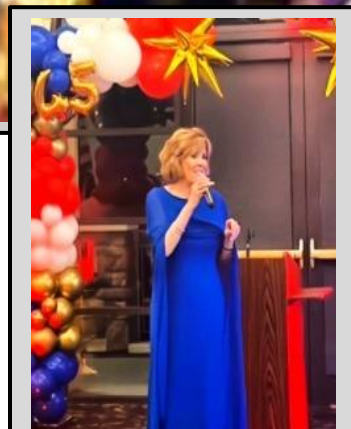
how existing departments would be reorganized.

- **Funding for ballot measures:** After voters approved a handful of ballot measures last year, Newsom plans to allocate \$2.7 billion in new climate spending from [Proposition 4](#); \$8.5 billion for school facilities from [Prop. 2](#); and \$6.4 billion for mental health housing from [Prop. 1](#).

Spending cuts: The governor proposed to cut prison and corrections spending by \$400 million. He also seeks to slash state support to the University of California and California State University by a combined total of \$772 million in keeping with a deal he agreed to with lawmakers last year.”



Here are some photos of the Inaugural Ball that was held on January 24th at Los Robles Greens. The well attended event was sponsored by Republican Women's Group. It was an exciting night of music, dancing and celebrating our 47th President Donald J. Trump.



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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 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# _____