# **CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

## CVRW MARCH GENERAL MEETING

When: WEDNESDAY, March 19
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: <u>conejovalleyrepubwomen@gmail.com</u>

#### Payment & RSVP Due by Mar. 12

Scan this code in your bank's app to pay CONEJO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN at c...n@gmail.com.



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Lisa Gelinas

President Trump has been in office for a little over a month and look what he has accomplished. He established DOGE, (Dept. of Government Efficiency), brought our hostages home, freed the J6 prisoners, and has uncovered where our tax dollars have gone for the past 80 years. I find it interesting that the democrats could care less where our tax dollars go. They don't want to be held accountable for their actions or take responsibility for their failed policies. They are fine with the reckless spending on bogus programs for foreign countries. Fighting foreign wars, while laundering money back and forth to keep the Democratic party going and elections funded. Yes, this is how it has been done for so many years and now the chickens are coming home to roost. God Bless, Donald J. Trump and his cabinet for shedding light on what the media would never say or reveal. The best is yet to come!



<u>The menu for our March 19th meeting will</u> <u>be:</u> <u>Grilled Flank Steak with soy ginger glaze,</u> <u>rice pilaf, classic Caesar salad tossed with</u> <u>garlic croutons and parmesan cheese, rolls</u> <u>and butter, and chef's choice dessert.</u>

## **MEMBERSHIP**

#### By: Jennifer McCarthy

Hasn't this been the most fantastic few weeks? I certainly hope you plan to help us build upon our successes by staying involved and inviting your friends to join us. The deadline has passed for renewing for 2025, but please do encourage your friends to renew, if they haven't already done so. Do join us for our upcoming meetings! You will be so glad that you did!

#### **Ruby Lifetime:**

Kerry Nelson Brandee Sisting

Platinum: Michelle Spencer

Gold Nancy Smeets

New Members: Julie Thimsen

#### **Renewals**

Laura Chabot Evelyn Colby (honorary) Joyce Glantz Carolyn Guillot Chris Navarro Melissa Oppenheimer Friedman Nicole Perry

## **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

**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. We would like to thank the very generous members who brought so many items to our February meeting! Our troops will certainly feel your kindness. 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!





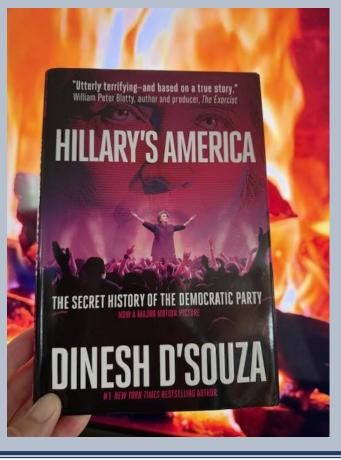
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday/CVUSD Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> CVRW Board Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time
- 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> **St. Patrick's Day**/VC Planning Commission Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> **General Meeting**/CVUSD Board Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> Thousand Oaks Planning Commission Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> Central Committee Meeting



## **CVRW BOOK CLUB**

Join us to discuss this month's book selection.

Book:	Hillary's America by Dinesh D'Souza	
Date:	Monday, March 10, 2025	
Time:	1:00 pm	
Place:	Made In Italy Bistro	
	3825 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. #F, Westlake Village, CA	
The CVRW Book Club meets monthly. All		
members are welcome to join.		
To RSVP or get more information contact:		
Jill_Delaney@live.com		



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#### 2025 Officers and Committee Members

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Grab your popcorn! We are in for quite a show of what real leadership actually looks like! President Trump has signed 73 Executive Orders in his first 30 days, 68 of which have been published and are in effect. DOGE is revealing fraud and abuse and breakneck speed, saving taxpayers \$65 billion to date. They've launched their new website which will soon update our savings in real-time, https://doge.gov/savings.

At home, while 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, Congressman Kevin Kiley promises to "Newsom-proof" our state by killing the high-speed rail project, ending free Medi-Cal to undocumented persons, and ending California's "Sanctuary State" status.

Keep track of California's legislative activities at: <u>https://legiscan.com/CA</u>, 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:** We must engage like never before with our local, state, and federal elected officials so that California and Ventura County prosper like the rest of the nation under Trump's America First policies.

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

- Follow California Congressman Kevin Kiley's blog "Capitol Quadmire" at: <u>https://blog.electkevinkiley.com/</u> for weekly updates on his legislative endeavors, triumphs, and exposure of Newsom's failures. There's links to Kiley'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: <u>https://aflegal.org/</u>. Also see their interactive website, "<u>Sanctuary Strongholds</u>", 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.
- 4. Share your opinion with the media: How will a second Trump presidency affect your corner of California? The non-profit CalMatters is working with public radio partners to gather perspectives across the state. Share your thoughts here.



### UPDATE: A DANGEROUS NEW BILL INTRODUCED IN SACRAMENTO!

### **AB1333**

A new bill would significantly restrict self-defense rights in California, including the rights of people protecting their homes.

The bill's sponsor, Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D–Los Angeles), promised to amend the proposal to not take away self-defense rights after Republicans came out against it in force.

**The big picture:** <u>Assembly Bill 1333</u> would eliminate certain circumstances under which homicide is justifiable, including in defense of a home or property.

- Current state law says homicide is justifiable "when committed in defense of habitation, property, or person" against someone who intends to commit a felony or intends to enter a home with violence.
- Zbur's bill would delete that protection.
- It would also add a series of circumstances in which homicide is not justifiable, including when a person was outside of their home and knew that using force likely to cause death or great bodily injury could have been avoided with complete safety by retreating. It would also state that homicide is not justifiable when a person uses more force than reasonably necessary to defend against a danger.



## **Stay Engaged:** These organizations are on the front lines 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: <u>https://www.perkadvocacy.com/californialegislation</u>.
- 2. Restore the Vote Ventura -- Support their continued presence at BOS meetings demanding election integrity measures be fortified: <u>https://restorethevoteventura.org</u>.
- 3. Heritage Foundation -- Information and Action Steps supporting conservative policy and legislation at state and national level: <u>https://heritageaction.com/about-sentinel</u>.
- 4. 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: <u>ventura.org/bosmeetings</u>. Subscribe at <u>ventura.org/subscribe</u> to receive an E-Mail notice when new agendas are posted.

## **Contact Your Legislators**

#### CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD

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#### Henry Stern- D - 27th SD State Capital, State Capitol, Room 5080 Sacramento, CA 95814 916- 651-4027 5016 N. Parkway Calabasas #222 Calabasas, CA 91302 818 876-3352 Senator.Stern@senate.ca.gov. http://sd27.senate.ca.gov/

#### CONGRESS

#### <u>Links to Republican Sites</u>

National Republican Party: <u>http://republicannationalcommittee.org/home.html</u> Ca. Republican Party: <u>www.cagop.org</u> Ventura County Party: <u>www.venturagop.org</u> L.A. County Party: <u>www.lagop.org</u> U.S. Senatorial Committee: <u>www.nrsc.org</u> U.S. Congressional Committee:<u>www.nrsc.org</u> The Federation of Republican Women has Experts to help you. When you have a question or need, go to these websites:

NFRW info: <u>nfrw.org</u> CFRW info: <u>cfrw.org</u> So Div info: <u>cfrwsoutherndivision.org</u> VCRWF info: <u>vcrwf.org</u>

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**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)			
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FULL STUDENT MEMBERHIP:       \$20 (Emailed newsletter included)			
<ul> <li>SPONSOR a Student(s) Membership\$20 per student (Emailed newsletter to student included.)</li> <li>Make checks payable to: CVRW (Conejo Valley Republican Women)</li> <li>Mailing address: CVRW P.O. Box 7175, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359</li> <li>Membership dues are paid annually – Due January 1, 2025.</li> <li>Membership Newsletter E-Mailed unless otherwise specified.</li> <li>MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED REPUBLICANS OR NPP and join as a sustaining member.</li> </ul>			
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