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NOTICE OF MEETING

2021 WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 3, 2021 AT 7:00PM

WHO IS THE 2021 WOMAN OF THE YEAR?

It is my great honor and privilege as last year's Whittier Republican Woman of the Year to announce that our general meeting on June, 3, 2021 will be dedicated to our 2021 recipient of this prestigious award.

The Woman of the Year Award started in 1969 with the first recipient, Cathy Vinatieri. Each year the past Woman of the Year recipients, who are current, active members, meet to nominate and vote for a new Woman of the Year recipient.

We will also have Councilman Fernando Dutra as a speaker. He will be discussing the importance of our club and our members' commitment to service in the community of Whittier.

Please check you emails for additional information about this meeting via Constant Contact.

Please join us for the surprise announcement of The Whittier Republican Women Federated Fifty-Second Woman of the Year!

Submitted by Mary Dutra, 2020 WRWF Woman of the Year Recipient

Virginia (Ginny) Ball is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on Jun 3, 2021 at 07:00 PM. Please Log In and join us at 6:45 PM. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Topic: My Meeting
Time: Feb 4, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Every 2 months on the First Thu, until Feb 3, 2022, 7 occurrence(s)
Feb 4, 2021 07:00 PM
Apr 1, 2021 07:00 PM
Jun 3, 2021 07:00 PM
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Dec 2, 2021 07:00 PM
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Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEtd-ysqT0iH9XV5RDrOSaGplTQXpa-ScXN/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtrjshHtOTuByGRpwMAoigZ-jwtiFHgvpIqkrXJzJ8UQLRJu52A4pvEZxj>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judy Van Horn, President



Clarification of the Recall Election from our political guru, Dr. Barbara Stone, submitted by Laurie Dato.

"In the recall election there are two parts. The first is Yes or No on the recall. If No wins, that's the end of it. If however Yes prevails and he is recalled, then the highest vote getter who runs to succeed him becomes

Governor....until the election of 2022. The scheduled election for Governor will indeed take place then, following the primary in June. So whoever emerges as Governor will have to run again immediately next year."

Who are the Republican candidates and how do we get to know them and what they stand for?

Here are some of the prospective candidates in alphabetical order. WRWF, other Republican Women Clubs and the Central Committee are exploring coming together and hosting as many Republican Gubernatorial Candidates as possible.

Check out their websites and stay tuned for more information!

John Cox, an attorney, housing developer and political activist.

"California has tried Pretty politicians. It's time for a beastly change," he is campaigning with a 1000 pound grizzly bear named Tag! "I'll work to reduce the cost of living, make California housing more affordable, create high-paying jobs, fix homelessness across our state, boost the state's water resources, prevent special interests from influencing government and I will shake up Sacramento." He unsuccessfully ran against Gavin Newsom in 2018. He has stepped up to run for governor because he is deeply concerned about the decisions being made

in Sacramento today. <https://johncox.com>.

Kevin Faulconer, former San Diego Mayor

He has been barnstorming the state to raise his profile. Faulconer's team says he fits the mold of a Republican who can win in a Democratic state, like Gov. Gary Hogan in Maryland or Charlie Baker in Massachusetts. He was elected Mayor twice in San Diego, the eighth-largest city in the country by population and a place where Democrats outnumber Republicans. <https://www.kevinfaulconer.com>.

Caitlin Jenner, athlete and celebrity

She has not yet held any campaign events since announcing her candidacy. Her video cast her as a champion of those who are forgotten by Sacramento. "For the past decade we have seen the glimmer of the Golden State reduced by one-party rule that places politics over progress and special interests over people. Sacramento needs an honest leader with a clear vision." "I'm running to be governor for all Californians, to reclaim our true identity, to bring back the gold to the Golden State. www.caitlynjenner.com.

Diego Martinez, a successful business man.

Platform: Education reconstruction, Immigration reform, Homeless solutions, Law Enforcement funding, Small Business growth, Tax reform. www.diegomartinezforgovernor.com

Doug Ose, a former U.S. Representative for California's 3rd congressional district (1999-2005).

The top issues facing California include reforming the public education system, supporting public safety, aggressively addressing homelessness across the state and refusing to turn a blind eye to those with mental health and substance abuse issues. He recently spoke at the Republican Party of Los Angeles County) LAGOP 818.558.7600. Check out oseforcalifornia.com.

This is informational only. Some of these candidates have not declared a political party.
Again, thank you Barbara and Laurie for the clarification.

My message remains the same: Become informed voters, study these candidates and learn their motivations!

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Donell Schneider, 2nd V.P. Membership

Some WRWF Membership Benefits:

- Become informed and educated on the most important political issues facing our nation.
- Receive our award-winning newsletter.
- Participate in the political process with confidence and knowledge.
- Network with Republicans from your community.

I retired five years ago after becoming an empty nester and a 20-year career as a paralegal in Whittier and Santa Fe Springs. I was at loose ends and then gradually became more involved with the Whittier Republican Women. I found it extremely enriching, and I have made many friends. I feel fortunate to have these wonderful women in my life.

We currently have 76 regular members and 17 associate members. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so. Think of all that this membership can bring to you. You can join by using the renewal form in this newsletter or online at WRWF.org. You can also contact me, and I will be happy to be of assistance. We are stronger with each and every one of you.

CFRW's motto is "Each One Bring One." Please renew and "Bring One."

OPINION

We Are Privileged to Be Americans

By Terry Paulson Posted: May 03, 2021, Townhall.com

Submitted by Sylvia Southerland, Recording Secretary

I am a white privileged American. Yes, and if you are black, Hispanic, Asian or an American of any race or background, you too are a privileged American. You live in America. People climb fences, often risking their lives and paying thousands to get here. People from around the world go through the long and frustrating legal immigration process to become an American immigrant. No one could blame anyone for doing anything they can to come to this land of freedom and opportunity.

Could America be better? Of course. Am I dissatisfied with the politicians in Washington? Of course. Are there racists and criminals in our midst? Of course, but their number is dwarfed by the vast majority of responsible, caring citizens of all races.

Most Americans are good people, ready and willing to help their neighbor. When a local news identifies a family in trouble and establishes a GoFundMe link, people respond within minutes. I love the response of a friend who when asked how he is doing, responds with enthusiasm—"I'm blessed out!" Most used to settle for a more modest reply, a simple "fine" or "great." But so far too many Americans today things aren't great—"America is racist!" "Capitalism sucks!" "I'm offended by....!"

Some see "systemic racism" while others see "systemic victimhood." It seems as though every special interest group is competing for who is the greatest victim worthy of special programs to right past wrongs. Too many start in the blame game. Whining has become one of our favorite national pastimes.

Such negativity has a cost. Such angry statements push others away and push themselves even further down in despair. Such constant rumination about what is wrong with America keeps far too many from seeing the opportunities that are there for them. It never dawns on them that hate is like cancer that eats away at their soul. They are their own worst enemy, and they have to live with that enemy 24/7. What a tragedy for them and for our country.

Our Founding fathers helped guarantee the "pursuit of happiness" for Americans, but far too many Americans seem unable to even acknowledge happiness if they found it. An immigrant from India who had lived in true poverty, remembered seeing a program on poverty in America. He had exclaimed to a fellow student at the time, "I want to go to America! Even the poor have televisions and refrigerators!"

His assessment was accurate. The Economist published the results of the OECD's Better-Life Index which confirmed that the bottom 10 percent of Americans would be middle class or above if they lived in other nations. Yet, you wouldn't know that by how

discontented so many are with life in America. They are so focused on what they don't have that they would elect politicians

who will make their neighbors pay for what they want. It's hard to find happiness focusing on blaming others for what you don't have!

One of the most freeing and powerful attributes of truly happy people is an attitude of gratitude. They look for the good and try to make the best of the bad that comes their way. As Christians, we take to heart the words of Paul to the Thessalonians, "In everything give thanks." If you can't find anything to be thankful for, you aren't looking!

I'm thankful for the Founding Fathers who created a country with a Constitution that protects individual citizens from the tyrannical power of big government and a Supreme Court ready to protect those rights.

I'm thankful for freedom of religion where I'm free to worship as I please.

I'm thankful for property rights where I can work hard and earn enough to own my own home and provide a good quality of life for my family now and in the future.

I'm thankful for law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe from criminals and a legal system that affirms that I'm innocent of any alleged crime until actually proven guilty in a court of law.

I'm thankful for an educational system that provides free public education, good teachers, viable trade schools, and amazing college choices that allow citizens to develop their gifts into marketable skills, jobs, and entrepreneurial opportunities that make their dreams possible.

I'm thankful that a citizen's race, gender, sexual orientation, or nation of origin doesn't matter to the vast majority of citizens.

I'm thankful we live in a country with national parks, local parks, pristine lakes, mountain trails, and natural treasures that have been protected and are available for citizens to enjoy.

I'm thankful for family, friends, neighbors and the strong communities who bring caring people into my life ready to help and be helped as needed.

I'm thankful for free speech where you can disagree with and even vote to remove the highest powers in the land without having to resort to violence and revolution.

Yes, we are all privileged to be Americans. What would you add to this list of blessings?

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MAY FUNDRAISING NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Rowe
3rd VP, Ways and Means

April Daily Drawing Fundraiser - This fundraiser was a great success, and we plan to have another in October. Our winners were (by date):

- April 1) Victoria Jacobs 2) Chris Sweinhart
- 3) Yvonne Lacko 4) Mary Venegas
- 5) Ross Gile 6) Darlene Chier
- 7) Hali Lieb 8) DeDe Shatzen
- 9) Grace Christiansen 10) Carol Peterson
- 11) Liz Papazian 12) Brenda Jahn
- 13) Martha Schieve 14) Mary Wakefield
- 15) John Bateman 16) Corinne Botteman
- 17) Mary Dutra 18) Priscilla Wong
- 19) Ginny Ball 20) Sandra Niccoli
- 21) Diane Gerkin 22) Becky Smith
- 23) Ginny Ball 24) Cynthia Salazar
- 25) Zoe Collazo 26) Ross Gile
- 27) Brenda Jahn 28) Sylvia Foltz
- 29) Marion Vitone 30) Sylvia Sahagian

May Opportunity Drawing Winners - Our winners for May were Carol Peterson, Daisy Rios, John Bateman, Grace Christiansen, Ross Gile, Judy Van Horn, Mary Venegas, and Selma Minard. Congratulations to all!

June Opportunity Drawing - Buy your tickets now! We have some great items this month, including two chances to win \$25. You can buy tickets on our website (wrwf.org), or by mailing in the form below.

In the Works - 1. We are working in partnership with the LA County Central Committee to identify and bring to you informational online seminars. In addition to gaining valuable information, this will also raise funds. More information to follow.

2. The October Daily Drawing Fundraiser Calendar will be completed and hopefully online next month. Early tickets can be purchased on our website at (wrwf.org).

Mail forms to WRWF P.O. Box 16, Whittier CA 90608

June Opportunity Drawing (Must be received by June 1)

Name _____

Contact number _____

Number of tickets at \$5 each _____

Total _____

DIALING IN A RECALL

By Kurt Snibbe
Columnist, *Whittier Daily News*
May 15, 2021
Submitted by Donell Schneider, 2nd VP,
Membership

It appears that the effort to recall Governor Gavin Newsom will likely be voted on this fall. It will be the sixth recall ballot in state history.

The list of candidates is growing by the day. So far, no prominent Democrats have entered the race, but there is still a month to file.

A few candidates in the race:

John Cox, 65:

Businessman who ran as a Republican against Newsom in 2018 with 40% of the vote. He dropped \$5 million of his own money into his campaign fund and launched his "Beauty and the Beast" message stating "We're going need big, beastly changes to be made in this state."

Kevin Faulconer, 54:

Former Republican San Diego mayor, elected twice, in the eighth largest city in the U.S. He was visiting Portos Bakery in Downey when he unveiled his tax cut proposal, featured in the *Whittier Daily News*, May 13, 2021 by columnist Michael R. Blood.

"The hardworking men and women who are being priced out of our state need more than a one-time rebate-they need permanent financial relief." He proposes to shrink to zero the marginal tax rate on the first \$50,000.00 earned by individuals and the first \$100,000.00 earned by families for those earning under \$1 million a year. Those earning under \$50,000.00 a year would have no state taxes. Those earning \$50,000.00 would pay state taxes on the amount above that point.

Caitlyn Jenner, 71:

Former athlete turned realty TV star and transgender activist. She is reportedly a Republican but does not declare a political party on her campaign site.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY: CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Submitted by Virginia (Ginny) Ball, Chair Community Relations

Happening five Wednesdays in June 2021

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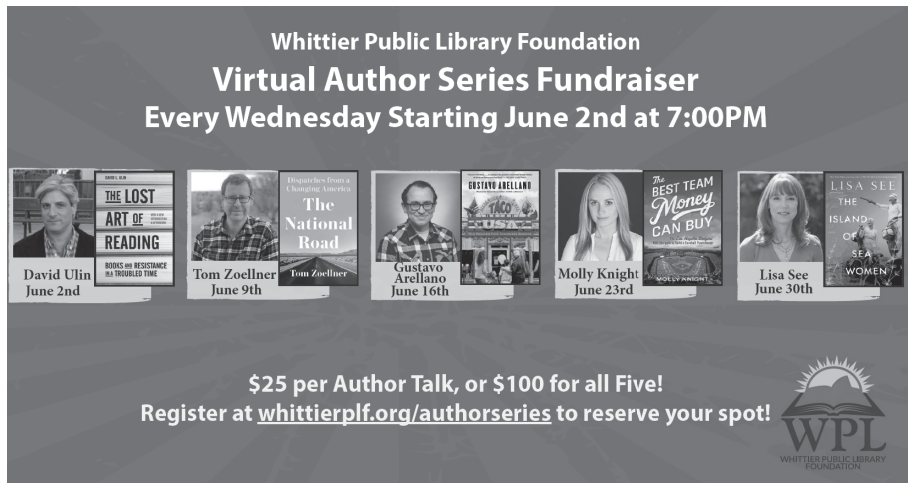
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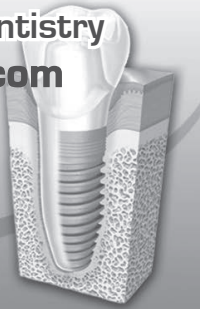

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Submitted by Laurie Dato

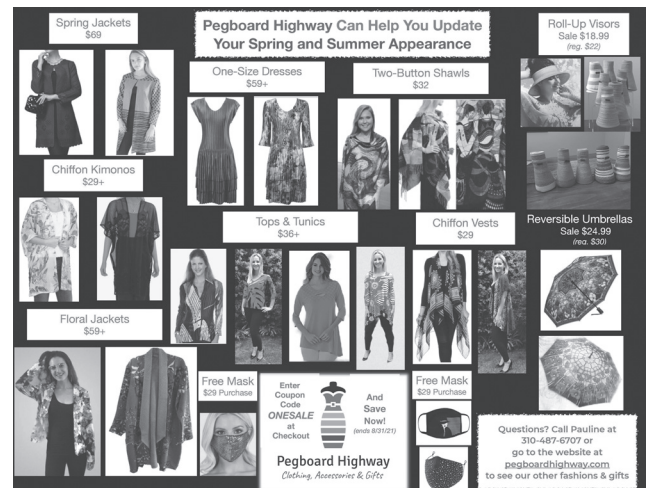
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AMERICANISM

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The American Flag and Its Flying Rules

The Flag of the United States of America is a symbol of freedom and liberty to which Americans pledge their allegiance. Standing at attention and facing the flag with their right hand over the heart, they recite:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The flag's 13 alternating red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies. Its 50 white stars on a blue field represent the 50 states.



The colors on the flag represent:

- Red: valor and bravery
- White: purity and innocence
- Blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice

July 4th will be here before we know it!
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