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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

2023 WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M
THE WHITTIER ELKS LODGE



#### **SHAWN STEEL**

RNC California National Committeeman 2008 - Present Past Chairman, California Republican Party, 2001

Shawn Steel's Republican activism dates back to his teenage days. He served as High School State Chairman for Ronald Reagan. Thereafter, he was elected as Chairman of California Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

Shawn served in the California Republican Party as Treasurer, Vice Chair, and was elected Chair in 2001. As Chair, Shawn led the Grey Davis recall, the first successful recall of a

governor in California history.

Born and raised in California, Shawn Steel attended Los Angeles-area public schools and earned his BA at CSU-Northridge and a Master's in History from the University of Southern California. Shawn also later earned his Juris Doctorate and is now a California trial attorney running his own firm. He is a specialist in Health Care Law and Alternative Health Care Doctors.

He is published in numerous professional journals, newspapers and books, including the National Review, San Francisco Chronicle, San Diego Union, Los Angeles Daily Journal, California Policy Review, the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Daily News, Daily Breeze, Washington Times, the Orange County Register, the Weekly Standard, Sacramento Bee, San Jose Mercury News, and the Wall Street Journal.

Shawn has also appeared on numerous local, national, and international networks and shows including Tucker Carlson, Chris Mathews, Larry Elder, Dennis Prager, Conan Nolan, CNN-International, I-24 News, Fox, NTD-TV (worldwide), and NRP both locally and nationally. Shawn's wife, Michelle Park Steel, was elected as Congresswoman of the 45th District in 2020.

**DATE:** April 6, 2023

Time: 5:00 P.M. Check in • 5:30 P.M. Welcome
Location: The Whittier Elks Lodge at 13620 Whittier Blvd

Cost: \$30 (INCREASE DUE TO BIDENFLATION)

**Menu:** Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and green beans, salad, dinner roll,

dessert, coffee and iced tea.

Any dietary exceptions must be communicated to Linda at the time of reservation. No changes at the door. Check or cash only, please.

Make your reservations by email through wrwfreservations@gmail.com or call Linda Martinez at 562. 754. 3961. Thank you!

Important Note: Please RSVP to Linda Martinez by noon on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. A reservation made and not canceled by Wednesday, April 5, MUST STILL BE PAID.

Our vendor this month is Pat Longwell Scarves

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Papazian, WRWF President



March was quite a productive month. We started off treating our veterans of VFW Post #9148 to a nice Lascari's Italian dinner. Our members, Suzanne Thompson and Linda Martinez, did a great job making this event a success for our treasured veterans.

They were so appreciative. We also sponsored four police officers to attend the Silver Shield Awards Banquet. The Chamber of Commerce puts this on every year to honor the outstanding officers, staff and volunteers of the Whittier Police Department. I and four other members of the WRWF were able to attend. It was a wonderful event and we have one of the best police departments, headed by Chief Aviv Bar. We also had CPAC! I don't

know about you, but I was glued to the television. So much information from so many like-minded conservative speakers. I particularly liked President Donald J. Trump's nearly two-hour speech. Now we will concentrate on the scholarship applications.

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."
- Plato

### MARCH FUNDRAISING NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Rowe, 3rd V.P. Ways & Means

Our March Opportunity Drawing was another huge success! Thank you all!

Our March winners were Victoria Jacobs, Yvonne Lacko, Sylvia Foltz (2), Denise Condra, Rose Grandolfo, Mary Venegas, Estella Ali, Leticia Ronquillo, Ginny Ball (2), and Mary Dutra. Congratulations!

Our April drawing will have many exciting prizes, as well as gift cards and cash. You can buy your tickets online or by mailing in the form below if you are unable to attend the meeting.

At the last meeting, several members asked how to get donations for the drawings to me. The easiest way is to just bring them to the meetings. You can also call me at (562) 556-1640 if you prefer to drop them off. I can always use more baskets, gift cards, and items that you feel that others would like for the drawings.

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

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Total						

# AT 'WOKE' STANFORD, SOME WORDS ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS

by David A. Patten Submitted by Liz Papazian

Stanford University, often hailed as an "Ivy League school of the West," recently provided a resplendent example of the campus trend toward enforcing what George Orwell called "Newspeak." Among the "racist, violent, and harmful" terms Stanford says it wants to vanguish:

1. AMERICAN

**Problem:** It's often used to refer to residents of the United States, implying those from Canada, Mexico, or Central and South America are somehow inferior or less American.

Solution: Use "U.S. Citizen" instead.

2. WALK-IN HOURS

**Problem:** The "ableist" term for business hours unfairly favors the ambulatory.

Solution: Use "open" hours instead.

3. IMMIGRANT

**Problem:** Even if the term accurately describes someone-that is, they have in fact immigrated-the term is seen as potentially harmful because it identifies or labels a person based on a single characteristic, namely, their nonnative status.

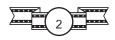
**Solution:** Use "person who has immigrated" instead.

4. SURVIVOR

**Problem:** Once considered a positive description of someone who lived through abuse, it's now seen as potentially demeaning.

Solution: Use "person who has been impacted by..."

Other terms the Stanford report found objectionable include "beating a dead horse," "taking a stab at," and the descriptors "stupid" and "crazy." After the December publication of the list, Stanford officials stated it was meant for internal use only.





# IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Judy Van Horn

A new name has come to the attention of the GOP, Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota. She was elected in 2018 and is the first female governor of that state.

In 2006 Noem won the South Dakota House of Representatives seat and served from 2007-2010. In 2010 she won the South Dakota at-large Republican primary seat in the U.S. House of Representatives with a 42 percent plurality against her opponents. In 2012, she was elected to a second term, in 2014 she was elected to a third term

and in 2016 she was elected to a fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives! In 2013 Noem said the U.S. needs an "all-of-the-above energy approach" that includes renewables like wind and ethanol while still realizing the need for a "balanced energy mix" that ends American dependence on foreign oil. Noem supported the Keystone XL Pipeline and supports offshore drilling.

During her tenure in the U.S. House, Noem served on the Ways and Means Committee and Republican Caucus Study Committee Congressional Western Caucus to name only a few.

In 2018, she defeated her Republican primary opponent, Marty Jackley, by 56 percent to 44 percent and the Democratic nominee Billie Sutton in the general election 51 percent to 47.6 percent. Noem was sworn in as governor of South Dakota on January 5, 2019. I look forward to watching Kristi Noem's accomplishments in the coming months and years.

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# IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH Notable Dates In American History

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

**April 4, 1968** 

Civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is shot in Memphis

April 6, 1917

US enters World War 1 in Europe

**April 13, 1743** 

Third president Thomas Jefferson is born

**April 15, 1865** 

President Abraham Lincoln is mortally shot

**April 15, 1912** 

Titanic sinks after striking an iceberg

**April 19, 1775** 

American Revolution begins in Massachusetts

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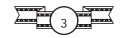
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# AMERICANISM 5 Fun Facts About President George Washington

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

Inaugurated as the first president of the United States on April 30, 1789, George Washington was an interesting figure, and the subject of many myths and misconceptions. Following are some little known facts about the "Father of our Country."

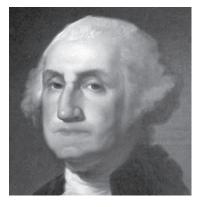
#### 1. His teeth were not made of wood

Washington was plagued by dental issues most of his adult life, and by the time of his inauguration, he only had one natural tooth left. He was forced to wear

painful and unsightly dentures that were made from filed-down teeth from cows, horses, or other humans, and ivory from elephants, walruses and hippopotamuses. The wooden teeth rumor may have come from the fact that it was time consuming to keep the dentures white, so they would easily turn brown and unsightly.

#### 2. He loved animals

Washington kept numerous animals, including sheep, cattle, hogs, horses, and birds, as well as mules. In fact, he was the first to cross-breed large donkeys from abroad with American horses to fulfill the need for larger and stronger mules which were a boon to farmers. He also owned about 30 hounds which he gave endearing names like Sweet Lips, Trulove, Drunkard and Madame Moose. When during the Revolutionary War a terrier was found wandering the battlefield with the name "Howe" on its collar, Washington halted the fighting so the dog could be returned to its owner, the British commander William Howe. Before its return, Washington brushed and fed the dog as if it were his own.



# 3. He didn't confess to chopping down a cherry tree

While one of the most enduring stories about Washington is his confession to his father about chopping down a cherry tree, there is no evidence that the tale is true. A biographer of Washington's named Parson Mason Locke Weems made up the story and included it in a myth-filled book he wrote after the president's death, possibly to boost sales by revealing Washington's personal virtues versus his more public persona. Weems was also a Federalist admirer who wanted to present Washington as

a perfect role model, especially for young Americans.

#### 4. He was an avid letter writer

It is estimated that Washington wrote between 18,000-20,000 letters during his lifetime which provide great insights into the thoughts, beliefs, and experiences of our first president, as well as valuable knowledge about the founding of our country. The topics covered in his letters included military strategy, politics, diplomacy and personal issues, and were often written to prominent people of his time period, including fellow Founding Fathers, military commanders and foreign dignitaries.

#### 5. He was intelligent but not highly-educated

When his father died when Washington was 11 years old, his education came to an end as his mother could not afford to send him to college. At the age of 16, he accepted his first job as a land surveyor, and by the time he became president he had completed more than 200 surveys. Although he had become a professional tradesman and later the beloved first leader of our country, he was embarrassed by his lack of schooling throughout his entire life.

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# **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Denise Condra, Membership V.P.

WRWF warmly welcomes our newest member, Amalya Nranian. She joins our club that positively impacts the direction of local and national politics through political access and participation. Remember, we stay informed and up to date on legislation, elections and political events through our newsletters, Constant Contact email communication, our robust website, Facebook and our meetings. WRWF looks forward to the new members each of you will be bringing during the month of April. Please reach out to me, your membership VP, Denise Condra, if you have any questions or recommendations about a new member.



### LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

by CFRW Legislative Committee Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

# BIG NEWS: CA Taxpayer Protection Initiative qualifies for 2024 ballot

Specifically, this measure will:

- Restore a two-thirds vote for any tax hike thus ending the way the recent car and gas tax hikes were imposed
- · Impose a stricter definition on what is a "tax" so politicians can't call them "fees"
- · Require the words "tax increase" be included on the official title of any measure that appears on the ballot that contains a tax hike
- Repeal dozens of tax hikes imposed after January 1, 2022 immediately saving taxpayers money

Bills signed by the governor in 2022 but were immediately stopped due to legal actions or ballot referendums that are set for a vote in 2024:

#### AB 257 - Fast food workers

This bill would create a state council to bargain wages and working conditions on behalf of the more than half-million fast food workers in the state. This bill affects not only fast-food operators but all take-out businesses. Opponents of the measure have gathered the necessary signatures to keep the measure from going into effect, and to give voters the final say on the issue in 2024.

#### SB 1137 - Oil drilling boundaries

This bill establishes new setbacks for new oil drilling near communities across the state. Opponents have gathered the necessary signatures to keep the measure from going into effect, and to give voters the final say on the issue in 2024.

#### AB 2098 - Covid "misinformation" law

This bill would have impeded doctors' ability to communicate with their patients during treatment and would have empowered the Medical Board of California to discipline physicians who support opinions about Covid-19 that are not in line with the "consensus."

In November, a group of five California physicians filed a lawsuit against Governor Gavin Newsom's administration saying that the law violates their First Amendment rights and constitutional right to due process. A California judge has issued a preliminary injunction halting the implementation of the law while the case is being tried in court.

#### New bills in progress:

#### AB 742 - Law enforcement: police canines

Existing law authorizes a peace officer to use reasonable force to effect the arrest, to prevent escape, or to overcome

resistance of an individual. Existing law requires law enforcement agencies to maintain a policy on the use of force, and prohibits the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents by any law enforcement agency to disperse any assembly, protest, or demonstration, except in compliance with specified standards.

This bill would prohibit the use of an unleashed police canine by law enforcement to apprehend a person, and any use of a police canine for crowd control. The bill would prohibit law enforcement agencies from authorizing any use or training of a police canine that is inconsistent with this bill.

# REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY ON FEBRUARY 23, 2023

#### AB 93 - Criminal procedure: consensual searches

Existing law describes search warrants and enumerates the grounds upon which a search warrant may be issued, including, among other grounds, when the property or things to be seized constitute evidence showing that a felony has been committed. Existing law authorizes a peace officer to conduct a search without a warrant if they have the voluntary consent of the person.

This bill would prohibit a peace officer or law enforcement agency from conducting a warrantless search of a vehicle, person, or their effects, based solely on a person's consent, as specified. The bill would specify that consent to conduct a search is not lawful justification for a search.

#### **HEARING WAS SET FOR MARCH 7, 2023**

#### **SB 59** - Menstrual Product Accessibility Act

Existing law requires certain public schools, as specified, to stock their restrooms with an adequate supply of menstrual products, as defined, available and accessible, free of cost, in all women's restrooms and all-gender restrooms, and in at least one men's restroom, at all times. Existing law also requires the California State University and each community college district to stock an adequate supply of menstrual products, available and accessible, free of cost, at no fewer than one designated and accessible central location on each campus.

This bill would require all women's restrooms, all-gender restrooms, and at least one men's restroom in a building owned by the state or in the portion of a building where the state rents or leases office space, a building owned by a local government where a specified state-funded safety net program is administered, or in a hospital that receives state funds, as specified, to be stocked with menstrual products, as defined, available and accessible to employees and the public, free of cost, at all times.

**HEARING WAS SET FOR MARCH 14, 2023** 



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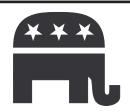
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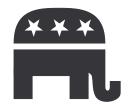
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# ASHLI BABBIT'S UNWARRANTED MURDER

Submitted by Liz Papazian

Ashli Babbit, a 14-year veteran, was shot and killed by Capitol police on Jan. 6, 2021. Babbit served as a high-level security officer throughout her time in the Air Force. Military records show that she held an E4 Senior Airman's rank, having entered active-duty in April 2004 and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Her last active-duty station was Dyess Air Force Base in Texas, where she held the title of security forces controller, before leaving the military in 2008.

Capitol Police Lieutenant Michael Byrd shot the unarmed Ashli Babbit in cold blood. "Ashli Babbit, a 110-pound woman with nothing in her hands, not a rock, not a stick or a bat was shot dead by a Capitol Hill police officer," Arizona Rep. Paul Gosar said in a statement on the six-month anniversary. Law enforcement has also faced criticism within progressive circles for failing to thwart the protesters -- and by some video evidence, seeming to welcome the Trump supporters.

Thanks to Tucker Carlson, new surveillance footage sheds an entirely different light on what actually happened on January 6 compared to what has been portrayed by the mainstream media.