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## NOTICE OF MEETING 2023 WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED GENERAL MEETING JUNE 1, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. THE WHITTIER ELKS LODGE

### OCTAVIO CESAR MARTINEZ WHITTIER COUNCILMAN



Join us for a discussion about forgiveness from Whittier city councilman and author Octavio Cesar Martinez, an experienced trainer, TEDx speaker, sales manager, corporate relationship developer and public servant with more than 30 years of experience.

Octavio has shared his knowledge of leadership, personal development, forgiveness and relationship skills with individuals and organizations throughout the United States and around the world, addressing audiences or conducting seminars for businesses, colleges, communities and nongovernmental organizations in Ecuador, India, Norway, Italy, Germany, Scotland and Tajikistan.

He has served in various local government leadership and advisory roles for the City of Whittier, including council member (2022-2026), Cultural Arts City Commissioner (2019-2022) and board member of the Hispanic Outreach Task Force (2020-2022). He authored a book on forgiveness and co-authored a book on leadership and personal development. He has guest lectured at Bethel University, Asbury University, Fuller Seminar, Biola University, DeVry University and Blue Mountain Community College.

**DATE:** Thursday, June 1, 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:** Spaghetti with meatballs, 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](mailto:wrwfreservations@gmail.com) or call Linda Martinez at 562-754-3961. Thank you!**

**Important Note: Please RSVP to Linda Martinez by noon on Monday, May 29, 2023. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. A reservation made and not canceled by Tuesday, May 30, MUST STILL BE PAID.**

**Our vendor this month is Leslie O'Connor, organic jewelry creator.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Papazian, WRWF President

Earlier this month I had the privilege of meeting Johnny "Joey" Jones, a true patriot and an American hero. As an Explosive Ordinance Disposal technician in the U.S. Marine corps he lost both his legs when he stepped on an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). After multiple surgeries and physical therapy he gradually recovered and retired from the Marines. When asked by a reporter how he is so positive when he has lost his legs, Joey replied, "How are you so negative having both of yours." Joey is a motivational speaker and a Fox News Commentator.

Speaking of Fox News, huge mistake firing Tucker Carlson. He must have been coming too close to revealing something they didn't want to get out. Now they want to keep him quiet till after the election in 2024. Time to boycott Fox News. Thankfully we still have Newsmax, Rumble, Truth Social, OAN, America's Voice and Blaze to name a few. And thank you, Elon Musk! Tucker Carlson announced that he is making his next move through Twitter as his lawyers accused Fox News of fraud and breach of contract. "Twitter has long served as the place where our national conversation incubates and develops. Twitter is not a partisan site. Everybody's allowed here. We think that's a good thing," Carlson said.

**"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connects, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."**

**- Founding Father and President John Adams**

## MEMORIAL DAY ADOPT AN OVERPASS

WRWF is adopting an overpass to remember those Americans who died while fighting for our country. Come honor their memory with us on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Bring your American flag and any patriotic gear and stand with us on a safe, gate protected overpass over the busy 605 Freeway. The overpass is accessed from Whittier Blvd (just before the 605 Fwy North) at Lockheed Ave north to Floral east which becomes Obregon Street. Park near the entrance to the bridge or cross the bridge and park just beyond it on the street. We hope to see you there in honor of Memorial Day.

Please contact Denise Condra, 2nd VP, Membership if you have any questions. My contact email is on the front of the newsletter. Join us for a patriotic hour, bring your friends and family!

## AMERICA CELEBRATES FLAG DAY ON JUNE 14

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

Flag Day is an annual event that celebrates the adoption of the American flag by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777 in the midst of the Revolutionary War. The date was signed into law as a permanent observance by President Harry Truman on August 3, 1949.

The colonial army had fought under many different flags for each colony and/or special interest, with various symbols including rattlesnakes, pine trees, and eagles, and slogans such as, "Don't Tread on Me," "Liberty or Death," and "Conquer or Die." The Declaration of Independence necessitated the adoption of one American flag, known fondly as the "Stars and Stripes."

The first American flag represented the 13 original colonies with 13 white stars on a blue field, and 13 alternating red and white stripes. Congress later decided to add a star for each new state that entered the union. Today, there are 50 stars, but the 13 stripes remain.

Sources:

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# IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Submitted by Judy VanHorn

Although Republicans now hold the majority in the House, we are just beginning the work to achieve strides toward a balanced budget and rein in our run away inflation.

**PRESS RELEASE: WASHINGTON, D.C.**-House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA-23) released the following statement on the House’s vote on H.J. Res. 2, the Balanced Budget Amendment:

“The House has repeatedly passed balanced budgets, we’ve passed every government funding bill on time, and we’ve fought again and again and again for cuts to help balance our budget and mandatory reforms to save our entitlement programs. By our actions, we’ve shown Washington’s spending problem can’t be boiled down to a lack of will. It’s a problem of structure and process-and everyone knows the process of government funding in Washington is broken.

“Unlike so many other debates on government funding, this amendment is about structure and process. The Balanced Budget Amendment gets to the root of the problem because when you change structure, you change behavior. **I’m extremely disappointed our Democrat members didn’t vote in line with their newfound concern about deficits, but this is not the only battle line in the fight to fix our spending problem.**

“We’ve passed policies to grow the economy like tax reform and regulatory reform, we’re looking at other tools to cut spending like the Impoundment Act and rescission, and the recently formed Select Committee on Budget Process will work in the coming months to see where the structure is broken and provide practical ways to fix it. No matter what, we know that if the structure set up by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has only worked to completion four times in 44 years, we have nothing to lose by making big changes.”

<https://www.speaker.gov>

## IN MEMORIAM

Wayne Campfield, beloved husband of our longtime member, Janet Campfield, passed away on April 17, 2023, at the age of 92. He was active with many community service clubs and served most recently on the board of the Whittier YMCA. In lieu of flowers, his family has asked that any donations be sent to the

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## JUST A REMINDER

There are no WRWF general meetings or newsletters in July or August!  
We have inspirational speakers planned,  
Woman of the Year will be announced,  
And remember our spectacular Gala in December.  
Have a wonderful summer!  
See you in September

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## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP

Submitted by Donell Schneider,  
Scholarship Chairman



Annette Molina

Our WRWF scholarship program this year was a success. We received five applications from students who all attend Biola University. The application packets included the application forms, school references and essays. The scholarship committee reviewed the application packets and scored them based on a Rubric scoring form.

Our winner this year for both the Cathy Vinatieri and Richard M. Nixon scholarships is Annette Molina, a sophomore at Biola University whose goal is to pursue law school after graduation. One of her college professor references stated that "Annette is mature and responsible. She approaches her coursework with integrity and intelligence. She is one of the best students I have had the pleasure to teach throughout my tenure at Biola. She is tireless in her efforts to understand course material and to excel academically. She is goal-oriented, organized and consistently demonstrates leadership, insight and a caring and respectful approach toward others. For these reasons it is without reservation that I recommend her for this scholarship award, as I am confident that she is a capable and qualified candidate who will continue to contribute whole-heartedly in her academically career and beyond."

Congratulations to Annette Molina from the WRWF Scholarship Committee.

## JUNE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Submitted by Denise Condra,  
2nd V.P. Membership

We offer a warm welcome to our newest WRWF members: Terry Perez and Patsy Kasparoff. We are glad you attended the May luncheon and it was so nice to see your smiling faces. Remember that WRWF offers the opportunity to socialize and hear from exceptional speakers at our luncheons and dinner meetings. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about membership.

Thank you,  
Denise Condra,  
Second VP, Membership

## JUNE FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

The May Opportunity Drawing was another big success. Our winners were Gail Thompson, speaker David Nott, Linda Martinez, Donna Hobbis, Judy Van Horn, Grace Christiansen, Terry Perez (2), Ken Van Horn, Ross Gile, Kaye Kidwell, and Mary Dutra. Congratulations, and a BIG thank you to everyone who participated.

Our June Opportunity drawing will be the last drawing before we go dark for the summer. It will contain many fun items, as well as cash and gift cards. You can buy your tickets online or by mailing in the form below if you are unable to attend the meeting.

A special big thank you to member Cheryl Kroot who provided the small USA flag pins that were passed out to all who attended the May meeting. Our recipients were thrilled to receive these! (I have a few left if anyone else would like one.)

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

### JUNE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of tickets at \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Five tickets for \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

## IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH Notable Dates In American History

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

**June 4, 1944**

US Army liberates Rome in World War II

**June 6, 1944**

"D-Day" begins as allied forces land in Normandy, France

**June 12, 1924**

George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st president, birthday

**June 14, 1777**

Adoption of the first American flag (Flag Day)

**June 18, 1812**

Senate votes in favor of a declaration of war against  
Great Britain

# AMERICANISM

## Is the American Dream Still Alive?

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

“My journey started on a boat,” said Ke Huy Quan in his acceptance speech for best supporting actor at this year’s Academy Awards. “I spent a year in a refugee camp and somehow ended up here on Hollywood’s biggest stage. They say stories like this only happen in the movies. I can’t believe this is happening to me. This is the American dream.”

The first public definition of the American Dream was coined by James Truslow Adams in his 1931 book “Epic of America,” where he stated “that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement.”

The vision for the protection and pursuit of the American Dream had much earlier roots in the Declaration of Independence, that states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Like Quan, millions of immigrants have come to America looking for equal opportunity and a better life, but is that dream still relevant in America today?

In a 2022 YouGov poll, 43 percent of US adult citizens said that the American Dream still exists, while 35 percent did not, and 23 percent were unsure. Republicans (62 percent) and people 65 and older (53 percent) were more likely to still believe in the existence of the American Dream. Adults below 30 were the least likely age group to believe in the American Dream, with 40 percent saying it does not exist and 31 percent uncertain.

Among those polled who believed in the American Dream, many defined it as an ability to achieve economic success with hard work, living a life of freedom without

government assistance, achieving home ownership, or being able to pay for their children to attend college. Those who felt the American Dream is unattainable cited income equality, personal financial struggles, and current economic challenges as some of the key reasons.

While this particular poll may not provide such a rosy outlook on the American Dream, the numbers don’t tell the entire picture. A 2019 survey by the American Enterprise Institute and the University of Chicago found that the importance of material success, which one may assume is essential to the American Dream, is becoming less important to many Americans. Instead of selecting such factors to achieving the American Dream as becoming wealthy, owning a home, or having a successful career, 85 percent indicated that “to have freedom of choice in how to live” and 83 percent chose “a good family life” as essential. Only 16 percent said that to achieve the American dream, it was essential to “become wealthy,” only 45 percent said it was essential “to have a better quality of life than your parents,” and just 49 percent said that “having a successful career” was key. Across political parties, 84 percent of Republicans and Independents said having freedom was essential to the American dream, as did 88 percent of Democrats; less than 20 percent of those in either party said becoming wealthy was essential.

While America is certainly not a perfect country, and despite its current racial, political and socioeconomic divides, it remains a beacon of hope to people across the globe looking for a better life. Americans continue to pursue their own version of the American Dream, and whatever success and happiness may mean to them. Thanks to the vision of our Founding Fathers, America provides them the freedom to pursue it freely.

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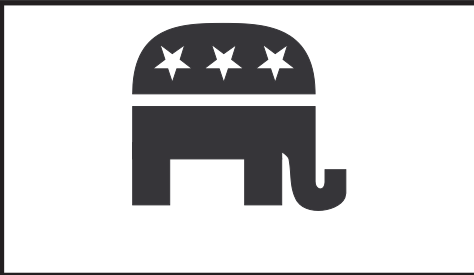

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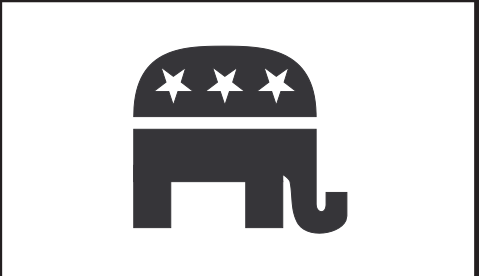
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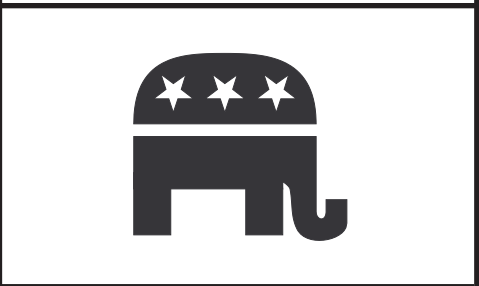
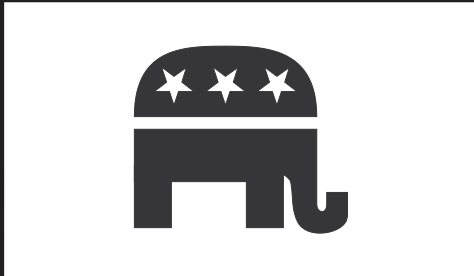
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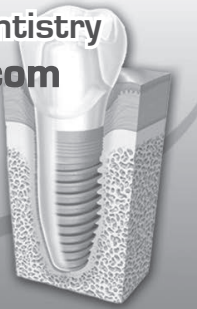
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It's been whispered that Selma Miner "hit the ground running" when she was born on May 25th in Philadelphia back in 1924. Selma hasn't stopped moving and shaking since!

Selma has been recognized for her community involvement by many organizations and as Woman of the Year by the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, the L. A. Republican County Central Committee, the Assistance League, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Whittier Volunteer

of the Year and Whittier Republican Women, Federated to name just a few.

Selma is devoted to her family and loves playing bridge. She manages the Friends of the Whittier Library Book Store, which raises thousands of dollars every year to benefit the library.

Selma is such an active senior, people 50 years younger than her cannot keep up!

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