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NOTICE OF MEETING

2022 WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 4, 2022 AT 11:00 AM

THE WHITTIER ELKS LODGE

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER IS PROF. BARBARA STONE



We are excited to welcome back Dr. Barbara Stone, a dynamic and engaging speaker. She will share her perspective on the current state of affairs. Dr. Stone is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at California State University, Fullerton and author of several publications regarding California politics. Barbara has been married 51 years to Harry, the former Director of Los Angeles County Public Works. They have two sons, Robert and Steve, both of whom are attorneys married to attorneys (Charlotte and Catherine). Steve is a superior court judge in San Diego; Robert is President and CEO of the City of Hope. Barbara is also the proud grandmother of Matthew, (born January of 2002), Ellie (born January 2003), Mark (born December of 2003), Thomas (born December 2004) and Justin (Born August 2005).

Please RSVP to Kaye by Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Date: March 4, 2022

Time: 10:45 AM Check-in * 11:00 AM Welcome
11:30 AM Welcome * 12:00 PM Lunch is served

Location: The Whittier Elks Lodge * 13620 Whittier Boulevard, Whittier

Cost: \$26.00

Menu: Grilled Citrus Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea and Lemonade
Alternate choice: Cobb Salad or Vegetarian Entree
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judy Van Horn, President

The critical 2022 mid-term elections are upon us! How can we as Republican Women remain relevant and make an impact in today's world?

We continually hear from the liberal media that Republicans do not care about the poor, we do not care about the sick, that we do not care about the disadvantaged. During 2021 amidst the severe COVID pandemic restrictions we demonstrated that we DO CARE AND TOOK ACTION!

In 2021 our members volunteered so many hours to our community, our state and national organizations that we earned the prestigious Diamond Achievement Award from the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)! Because of the generosity of our members, WRWF participated in the Project Caring for America, Military Support, as well as national and local Literacy projects. We supported the Young Americans Foundation (YAF) leadership functions at the Ronald Reagan Ranch, funded our own club's Richard M. Nixon scholarship, and contributed to the CFRW's veterans' support network The Gary Sinise Foundation.

All of these contributions to and support of these worthy causes were made possible by YOU, our members! WRWF will continue the vital support of these projects and more!

During this 2022 mid-term election year our Conservative candidates again need our support.

Our relevance and support begins in American homes and schools. Our children and their parents have the right to school curriculum that includes both sides of issues facing all of us today, including the right to be heard in class and not be chastised by the instructor or fear their grades will be lowered if the students do not agree with their teachers or professors; parents attending school board meetings will actually be heard and supported! Only through quality, balanced education can our students gain the knowledge to make a difference in California's and across the nation's schools from K-12 through advanced college degrees! Get involved in the dialogue!

MAYOR JOE VINATIERI



Joe Vinatieri was reelected to the City Council by the voters of Whittier in April 2008 and 2012 after having been elected to a two-year term in 2006. In 2016, Joe was elected as Mayor in the first municipal election that allowed voters citywide to directly elect the Mayor; he was re-elected as Mayor in 2018 and 2020. Joe was born and raised in Whittier, attended Whittier schools and is employed in Whittier as an attorney at Bewley, Lassleben and Miller.

Joe is the proud father of three adult children with his late wife, Sandy, who passed away from complications due to ALS. Joe was recently remarried to Aya.

Joe's local community involvement includes Member of the Board, Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce; Member, Whittier Union High School District Bond Oversight Committee; Member of the Board and Incorporator of Foundation, Whittier High School Alumni Association and Educational Foundation;

Institutional Representative, Boy Scouts of America – Pack and Troop 219; and Member of the Board and past Vice-President, YMCA of Greater Whittier.

Joe was on the Social Services Commission for the City of Whittier from 1984-1988 and was a volunteer counseling youth offenders at Fred C. Nelles School for Boys for 10 years, which is now the Groves of Whittier. Joe and Aya are members of Plymouth Congregational Church.

City Council Appointed Organizations

- Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority, Delegate
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments, SR91/I-605 Corridor Cities Committee, Alternate
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City Council Ad Hoc Committees

- Policing Contract Review

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

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

Opportunity Drawings – Monthly drawings continue to be a profitable fundraiser, thanks to all of you! Because February tickets will be drawn on 2/14, winners will be listed in the next newsletter.

We are making another small change to the drawings! If you attend the meeting, you can decide which items you wish to try to win. (There will be baskets in front of each item to drop your tickets into.) If you purchased your tickets online or by mail and do not attend the meeting, we will drop your tickets into the cash and gift card baskets for you. These are usually the prizes of greatest value and can be easily mailed.

WRWF Wine Tasting – At our June evening meeting, we will have our first wine tasting fundraiser. A case of red wines was donated to our club by Jan Berry. The wines were blended by her late husband Brent Berry. We much appreciate the donation and look forward to tasting the wines! Those wishing to participate can purchase either a tasting passport to try three different reds, or a wine ticket for a full glass of red. White wine will also be available, but for a full glass purchase only. (White wine will be provided by club member donations and/or by the club.) More information to follow.

Mail forms to WRWF P.O. Box 16, Whittier CA 90608 or purchase on line by March 1

MARCH OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

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

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

Submitted by Liz Papazian



On March 3, 1931 President Herbert Hoover signs a congressional act making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem of the United States.

On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key composed the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the massive overnight British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Maryland during the War of 1812. Key, an American lawyer, watched the siege while under detainment on a British ship and penned the famous words after observing with awe that Fort McHenry's flag survived the 1,800-bomb assault.

After circulating as a handbill, the patriotic lyrics were published in a Baltimore newspaper on September 20, 1814.

Key's words were later set to the tune of "To Anacreon in Heaven," a popular English song. Throughout the 19th century, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was regarded as the national anthem by most branches of the U.S. armed forces and other groups, but it was not until 1916, and the signing of an executive order by President Woodrow Wilson, that it was formally designated as such. In March 1931, Congress passed an act confirming Wilson's presidential order, and on March 3 President Hoover signed it into law.



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AMERICANISM

The Statue of Liberty: A Beacon of Hope and Freedom

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

"The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" was a gift from the people of France to the United States to celebrate the friendship between the two countries during the American Revolution. It is a universally recognized symbol of freedom and democracy, and also a symbol of hope for generations of immigrants who have passed through the Immigrant Center at Ellis Island.

The statue was a joint effort between France and the United States – France built and designed the statue, and the United States was responsible for completing the pedestal to hold it.

French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi was commissioned to design the statue and complete it by 1876 to commemorate America's centennial of the Declaration of Independence. Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the French architect and engineer who designed the Eiffel Tower, assisted with the structural issues of the statue and getting it to stand upright.

Finding the funding to create the Statue of Liberty was trying for both France and the United States. France used entertainment, public fees and a national lottery to help with the funding. France finished the statue in 1884, and it arrived in New York Harbor by 1885 on the French ship "Isere," which was nearly ten years later than the intended completion date. The trip required packing 350 individual pieces of the statue into 214 crates.

Fundraising in the United States was more challenging, and a slower process. Auctions, various forms of entertainment and fights provided some of the funding. Newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer also put pressure on the rich and middle class to help by taking out an editorial in his newspaper. The financing in the United States was completed in August 1885, and construction on the granite pedestal was finished in April 1886.

The statue is a figure of Libertas, a Roman goddess of liberty. She holds a torch above her head with her right hand, and a tablet in her left hand inscribed with the Roman numerals for July 4, 1776, the date of the Declaration of Independence. The 225-ton, 305-foot statue (from pedestal to torch) is made of copper, steel and gold. The 3/32-inch copper covering is less than the thickness of two pennies, and creates a light green patina due to its weathering. The seven rays on the crown represent the seven continents, and the broken shackles on the feet signify the end of oppression and tyranny.

The Statue of Liberty was officially unveiled and dedicated on October 28, 1886 on what was known then as Bedloe Island (later changed to Liberty Island). Despite the wet and foggy weather, nearly one million New Yorkers turned out to honor the statue, and participate in parades on land and sea. It was designated as a National Monument in 1924.

The welcoming nature of the statue to immigrants was immortalized in the poem, "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus, which she donated to raise funds for the statue's pedestal. The poem was engraved on a bronze plaque that was attached to the base of the statue in 1903, 20 years after it was written.

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your Huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

President Ronald Reagan proposed a restoration of the Statue of Liberty in 1982. The \$87 million-dollar restoration between the National Park Service and Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. was completed on July 5, 1986, which was celebrated as America's centennial.

Sources:

<https://www.statueoflibertytickets.com/Statue-Of-Liberty/?show=history>

<https://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm>



LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

by CFRW Legislative Committee
Submitted by Liz Papazian

SB-915 - Gun Control

Would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition on all state property. The law would build on legislation passed in 2019 that prohibits gun shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and in 2021 at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. Both venues had hosted the Crossroads of the West Gun Shows several times a year for decades. SB-915 would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition on ALL state property, effectively ending gun shows on all 73 state fairgrounds. This bill is currently being sent to the Senate Rules Committee. Additionally, the following would be added to the Penal Code. A state officer or employee, or operator, lessee, or licensee of any state property, shall not contract for, authorize, or allow the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on state property or in the buildings that sit on state property or property otherwise owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the state.

SB-871 - Immunizations

Existing law prohibits the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person as a pupil of any public or private elementary or secondary school, childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center unless prior to their admission to that institution they have been fully immunized against various diseases as specified. Existing law authorizes an exemption from those provisions for medical reasons. Under existing law, notwithstanding the above-described prohibition, full immunization against hepatitis B is not a condition by which the governing authority admits or advances a pupil to the 7th-grade level or a public or private elementary or secondary school.

This bill would remove the above-described exception relating to hepatitis B. The bill would additionally prohibit the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person as a pupil of any public or private elementary or secondary school, childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center unless prior to their admission to that institution, they have been fully immunized against COVID-19. To the extent that the bill would create new duties for school districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. For purposes of the additional immunizations deemed appropriate by the department, and that would be mandated before a pupil's first admission to the institution, existing law requires that exemptions be allowed for both medical reasons and personal beliefs.

HOLIDAYS IN MARCH



There are no federal holidays in the third month of the year, but there are plenty of special days.

March is a fan-favorite among many. Not only does the month welcome spring and, therefore, new beginnings, but it's also Women's History Month, which celebrates and honors the vital role women have played in American history.

Sports enthusiasts will be gearing up for the iconic March Madness, which runs from March 13 to April 4. This year, college basketball fans will be excited to know that the tournament is back (it was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic). And let's not forget St. Patrick's Day, Ash Wednesday, and Mardi Gras are all also in March!

So as you get your house tidied up with some spring cleaning, get ready to celebrate what else the month has in store for you.

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IN MEMORIAM REMEMBERING LAURIE DATO



We lost one of our beloved icons on February 12, 2022. Laurie sat down in her chair and quietly went to meet her maker. May God bless her and welcome her home. We will miss her so much.

Barbara Stone shared her thoughts with us. I met my good friend Laurie Dato through La Serna fund raising events. It was there that I learned she was big hearted, caring and persistent! Once Laurie asked for a donation, you might as well go ahead and give it to her. She was always pleasant, but she never gave up in the service of a cause she believed in. You could tell she was the eldest child in a large family. Besides Republican politics, Harry and I had the pleasure of traveling widely with Laurie and Ed after everyone retired. They were wonderful people. We miss them terribly.

Mary Dutra also shared her thoughts. I am so sad to hear about my dear friend Laurie. My heart is so broken. She was a very special lady and helped me personally when I joined the club. She guided me as a Republican woman, I learned so much from her. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Ginny Ball shared some thoughts. Aren't we all glad we were with her on Friday! A wonderful friend and an amazing lady. I am so sad. She will be missed by all.