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NOTICE OF MEETING

2023 WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED GENERAL MEETING MARCH 3, 2023 AT 11:30 A.M. THE WHITTIER ELKS LODGE



THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER IS DON JANS, NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR AND SPEAKER

Don is a lifelong student of history, with a special emphasis on Russian history. His study of Russian history led to 1917 which led to the study of the teachings of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. He has written six books on the topic of collectivism (Marxism, communism, socialism, fascism, and progressivism), with his latest being "Republic or Democracy Does it Matter."

Don has been a guest on numerous nationally and regionally broadcast radio programs. He is a weekly guest on a nationally broadcast radio program where he discusses collectivism and how it is impacting the United States, relating current happenings to the collectivist agenda.

Don has spoken to numerous groups across the nation on the topic of who and what is the United States and what is collectivism. The collectivist movement has called for a transformation of the United States. It is critical for all to understand what is the transformation; what are we now and into what will we be transformed.

Don's speaking approach is the same as his writing approach, and that is to be direct and straightforward with no regard for the current mandated approach of political correctness.

DATE: March 3, 2023

TIME: 11:00 A.M. Check in ● 11:30 A.M. Welcome LOCATION: The Whittier Elks Lodge at 13620 Whittier Blvd COST: \$30 INCREASE DUE TO BIDENFLATION

MENU: Turkey BLT Wrap with Ranch Dressing Dip, Side of Fruit,

Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea

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

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

Important Notice: Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 1, 2023. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED! A reservation made and not canceled by Thursday, March 2, MUST STILL BE PAID.

Our vendor this month is Leslie O'Connor, custom natural stone pendants.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Papazian, WRWF President

CPAC is back! One of my favorite things to watch is The Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the third-ranked political and press event of the year, behind the State of the Union and the White House Correspondents' Dinner. The upbeat speeches that seem to give us hope for a better America are truly impactful. Launched in 1974 and hosted by the American Conservative Union, CPAC brings together hundreds of conservative organizations, thousands of activists, millions of viewers and the best and brightest elected officials and

thought leaders. After two years of taking place in Florida and Texas, CPAC returns to Washington, DC on March 1-4 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. Be sure to watch on most cable news stations or live streamed from the CPAC website.

"To anger a conservative, lie to him. To anger a liberal, tell him the truth."

Teddy Roosevelt

February Fundraising News

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

Our February Opportunity Drawing winners were Cheryl Kroot, Grace Christiansen, Denise Condra, Mary Dutra, Vivian Chapman Woodward, Sylvia Sahagian, Sylvia Southerland (2), Yvonne Lacko, Judy Van Horn, Rose Grandolfo, and Ginny Ball. Congratulation to all!

Our March 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.

Again, a big thank you to everyone. Our fundraising is successful because of you!

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

MARCH 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

March 3, 1820

US Constitution takes effect

March 3, 1931

"Star-Spangled Banner" declared the National Anthem

March 7, 1876

Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone

March 7, 1933

Monopoly board game is invented

March 15, 1767

Andrew Jackson, 7th president, birthday

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Thanks to Bidenflation, the cost of our meals will increase to \$30.00





IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Judy Van Horn

February 4, 2023. WAIT A MINUTE! Is that a weather balloon over Billings, Montana? A local Montana news station recognized it as something other than a weather balloon! The bigger question is whose was it and why was it allowed to violate sovereign U.S. air space and drift for about a week (since January 28) all the way to South Carolina? It is now identified as a Chinese "spy balloon" and was safely shot down February 4, by a U.S. F22 fighter

out of Langley Air Force Base from Virginia. The fighter pilot successfully fired a sidewinder missile at the balloon just off the South Carolina coast, *inside* our 12 mile territorial waters of the Atlantic Ocean. The spyware landed in about 47 feet of sea water with a debris field of 7 miles.

How is this an example of the U.S. showing military readiness or response? This is considered a geopolitical threat! China still insists this was a weather balloon. Our House Armed Services Committee is calling for an investigation into this incident. China is testing our military resolve and is watching our response very closely. This is an evolving news event!

According to our military experts we definitely have to modernize our traditional, cyber and space military strength. Today it is unknown how much military intelligence was gathered. Some good news: we now have another base opened to the US in the Philippines and we have opened ongoing discussions with India and Guam. The US will be able to provide closer, more consistent support to Taiwan as relations are becoming more strained with China. War deterrence through strength...and possibly we will again impose stricter economic sanctions as China's economy is reportedly "shrinking."

Our <u>www.WRWF.org</u> website has all of our elected representatives' contact information, including our President, Vice President, National and State Senators and Representatives. Why did it take a week for the Biden administration to respond and take action? Please share your feedback! We, their constituents, have a right to make our opinions known and have our questions answered!

WRWF 2023 by words: our members are flexible and persistent!

2023 WRWF Scholarship Committee We Need Your Continued Help and Support

The Richard M. Nixon scholarships are made possible by generous donations from our WRWF members and friends. If you would like to make a donation to this year's scholarships, you may send a check to WRWF, P.O. Box 16, Whittier, CA 90608. You can also send in your donation via our website at wrwf.org/donate/, and a receipt will be sent to your email address.

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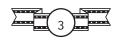
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AMERICANISM The Star-Spangled Banner Yet Waves

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war with Britain for its violation of America's maritime trade rights, among other grievances. In August, British troops invaded Washington, DC and set fire to the White House, Capitol and other government buildings. The Royal Navy then turned its assault on Baltimore, Maryland, a key seaport.

On a gloomy and rainy September 13, Baltimore's Fort McHenry withstood a 25-hour, 1,800-bomb assault from British naval forces. Early the next morning, US soldiers hoisted a gigantic American flag over the fort, marking a crucial victory.

Francis Scott Key, an influential Washington attorney and amateur poet, witnessed the bombardment while under detainment on a British ship anchored in Baltimore's harbor. From his front-row seat, he observed the noisy light show of rockets and bombs. When he saw the flag raised and realized America had won the battle, he was inspired to pen the initial verse to "The Star-Spangled Banner" on the back of a letter.

Key chose the melody for "The Star-Spangled Banner" from a popular eighteenth-century English drinking song called "To Anacreon in Heaven." The song was written around 1775 and honored the ancient Greek poet Anacreon, a lover of wine.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" became a patriotic 19-century tune, and gained in popularity as the

American flag became an increasingly powerful symbol of national unity. Bands played the song regularly during the Civil War and World War 1, and the US Navy made it an official part of its flag ceremonies in 1889. On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a law making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official anthem of the United States.

The song was first played at a sporting event in September 1918, during the first World Series game between the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox. It was uplifting to both the players and the fans during a particularly dark time, as World War 1 still raged, and Chicago's Federal Building was bombed just the day before.

The practice of playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" soon spread across not only baseball but also other sports. Recently, some athletes have turned their backs on the flag, refused to stand, or have taken a knee while the National Anthem is played as a protest against racial injustice. For many Americans, however, the "Star-Spangled Banner" remains an important tradition and display of patriotism.

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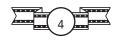
2023 MARCH MEMBERSHIP

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

Welcome new members to WRWF! We are so excited that the following women have joined our club as regular members:

Nancy Bobier Rose Grandolfo Julie Lomeli Linda Martinez

All members, please make sure to warmly welcome our newest members to our wonderful club. Don't forget to keep recruiting new members to WRWF. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about membership.



LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

by CFRW Legislative Committee Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

AB-2 - Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: suspension of tax

This bill would suspend the imposition of the tax on motor vehicle fuels for one year. The bill would require that all savings realized based on the suspension of the motor vehicle fuels tax by a person other than an end consumer, as defined, be passed on to the end consumer, and would make the violation of this requirement an unfair business practice, in violation of unfair competition laws, as provided. The bill would require a seller of motor vehicle fuels to provide a receipt to a purchaser that indicates the amount of tax that would have otherwise applied to the transaction.

AB-16 – Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension

Existing law requires the department to adjust the tax on July 1 each year by a percentage amount equal to the increase in the California Consumer Price Index, as calculated by the Department of Finance. This bill would authorize the governor to suspend an adjustment to the motor vehicle fuel tax, as described above, scheduled on or after July 1, 2024, upon making a determination that increasing the rate would impose an undue burden on low-income and middle-class families.

AB-75 - Shoplifting: increased penalties for prior crimes

Existing law, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, enacted as an initiative statute by Proposition 47, as approved by the electors in the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, makes the theft of property that does not exceed \$950 in value petty theft and makes that crime punishable as a misdemeanor, with certain exceptions.

Existing law, as amended by Proposition 47, provides that a registered sex offender or a person with a prior conviction for certain serious or violent felonies, such as a sexually violent offense, who commits petty theft is subject to imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year or in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years.

This bill would reinstate a provision of law that was repealed by Proposition 47 that provides that a person who has been convicted three or more times of petty theft, grand theft, or other specified crimes and who is subsequently convicted of petty theft is subject to imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year or in a county jail for 18 months or two or three years. The bill would also make this provision and the provision relating to a person with serious, violent, or sexual prior offenses applicable to a person whose prior or current conviction is for shoplifting.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to place the provisions of the bill that amend the initiative statute on the ballot for the November 5, 2024, statewide general election.

AB-13 – Elections: Election Day holiday: voting by mail

Existing law requires the statewide general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year. Existing law designates specific days as holidays in this state. This bill would add the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of any even-numbered year to the list of state holidays.

Existing law requires county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter for all elections, as provided, and authorizes any county to conduct an all-mailed ballot election if certain requirements are met. This bill would repeal the provisions requiring county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter and authorizing a county to conduct an all-mailed ballot election. The bill would instead authorize a voter to request a vote by mail ballot for any election, as specified. The bill would also authorize a voter to apply to become a permanent vote by mail voter, in which case the voter would receive a vote by mail ballot for every election.

Existing law authorizes a voter who is unable to return their ballot to designate any other person to return the ballot, as specified. This bill would restrict the persons a voter may authorize to return their ballot to only the voter's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or a person residing in the same household as the voter.

Under existing law, a ballot is timely cast if it is received by the elections official no later than seven days after Election Day and postmarked on or before election day. This bill would reduce the deadline for receiving a ballot to three days after Election Day.

Read a second time and amended on 01/26/23.

SB-77 - Voting: signature verification: notice

Existing law requires a county elections official, upon receiving a vote by mail ballot, to compare the signature on the identification envelope with the voter's signature appearing on specified voter registration records. If the elections official determines that the signatures do not match, or if the identification envelope does not contain a signature, existing law requires the elections official to mail a notice to the voter, no later than eight days before the certification of the election, of the opportunity to verify the voter's signature or provide a signature, as applicable.

This bill would require the elections official to additionally notify the voter by a text message or email, if the elections official has a telephone number or email address for the voter on file. By increasing the duties of county elections officials, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

AB-62 - Statewide water storage: expansion

Existing law declares the state shall determine in what way the water of the state, both surface and underground, should be developed for the greatest public benefit. Given the current situation with heavy rainfall in California this is a critical issue. This bill would establish a statewide goal to increase above- and below-ground water storage capacity by a total of 3,700,000 acre-feet by 2030 and a total of 4,000,000 acre-feet by 2040. The bill would require the state board, beginning July 1, 2027, and on or before July 1 every two years thereafter until January 1, 2043, in consultation with the state water department, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on the progress made in designing and implementing measures to achieve the statewide goal.

Introduced by Assemblyman Devon Mathis on 01/26/23.



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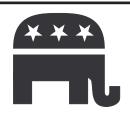
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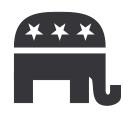
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Response to the SOTU by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

By Victor Nava and Caitlin Doombos, New York Post, February 7, 2023

Arkansas Governor Huckabee Sanders delivered a scathing rebuke of "the radical left's America" during the GOP rebuttal to President Biden's State of the Union address. Governor Sanders attacked what she called the Biden

administration's "woke fantasies" and what she called

its worship of "false idols" in her blistering remarks. "In the radical left's America, Washington taxes you and lights your hard earned money on fire, but you get crushed with high gas prices, empty grocery shelves and our children are taught to hate one another on account of their race, but not to love one another or our great country."

The Biden administration seems more interested in woke fantasies than the hard reality Americans face every day. Most Americans simply want to live their lives in freedom and peace, but we are under attack from a left-wing culture war we didn't start and never wanted to fight.

"The dividing line in America is no longer between right or left, the choice is between normal or crazy, and it's wrong," Sanders said. "It is time for a new generation of Republican leadership."

"At 40, I am the youngest governor in the country. At 80, he's the oldest president in American history. A new generation of Republican leaders is stepping up to be changemakers for the American people."