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Include names and meal choices for each person.

**ALL MEALS ARE PRE-ORDERED.**

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE OR AT THE DOOR.**

THANK YOU



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Papazian

December 7 is not only the day of our Christmas Gala, it is also "a date which will live in infamy," President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said. That's the day the Japanese Empire attacked Pearl Harbor bringing the United States into World War II. At 8 a.m. the Japanese began their attack on Pearl Harbor killing more than 2,400 Americans and wounding over 1,000. They destroyed 8 battleships and more than 300 planes.

The Japanese figured if they destroyed the Pacific Fleet we would not be able to fight back. Boy were they wrong! We still had our aircraft carriers and fuel depots, not to mention the will and determination of the American people which gave us the "Greatest Generation."

Many of us have forgotten the significance of the day or were never taught this in school. Let's make sure to pass this knowledge on to the younger generations to ensure the sacrifices of the previous generations are not for naught and maybe they will gain a deeper appreciation of their freedoms and a greater understanding of what previous generations have gone through that allow them to live the American Dream.

**"Pearl Harbor remains a symbol of American resilience and resolve, and we pray for all those that have served and continue to serve in our military. May we never forget their bravery and sacrifice."**

**- Jim Justice**

## DECEMBER FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

The November Opportunity Drawing was one of our most profitable yet! This is because of all of you! We appreciate all the donations, as well as all of you who purchase drawing tickets! Because of this success, **we will be raising the value of both our cash and gift card prizes, beginning in January.**

Our winners for the November drawing were Ginny Ball, Rhona Gewelber, Pauline Williams, Becky Smith, Donna Kobzeff, Leanne Marcy, Karen Toth, Merlyn Smith (2), Marion Vitone, Victoria Jacobs, Sylvia Foltz, Cheryl Matheson, Carol Peterson, and Christy Lindsey. Congratulations to all!

The Christmas Gala is less than a month away. **Please get your reservation in by November 28th.** Include on your reservation form the names of all in your party, as well as a menu selection for each person.

Your payment must also be included. You can make your reservation in two ways. You can fill in and return the reservation form that was included in the last newsletter, or you can make it online. **Because reservations must be prepaid, we are not taking phone reservations!**  
**Hope to see you all on December 7th!**

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

### DECEMBER OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

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Number of tickets at \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_

**Five tickets for \$20** \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_



## PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Submitted by Judy Van Horn

**America is sitting in the front row of history!  
On October 25, 2023 the 45th Speaker of the House  
was selected after 3 weeks of chaos in the  
House of Representatives!**

Meet **Mike Johnson (R-LA)** who received 100% of the GOP votes 220-209. Speaker Johnson is the least experienced speaker in 140 years. Although he is not well known to the public, in congress he is known as a

constitutional conservative, a Christian and intends to emphasize team building and restoring America's trust in the people's house. His stated goals included increased strength in the House and restoration of hope for the American people. He thanked Americans for our patience and promised it will be worth it! "We in the House hear you. This is no time for celebrations, we are ready to govern, let's get back to work. Our first legislation will be a bipartisan bill in support of Israel.

Some other challenges we face include avoiding government shut down in 22 days and studying and amending the spending package from President Biden which includes poorly defined aid to Ukraine, Taiwan, Israel and immigration/border security." Speaker Johnson is in favor of single appropriation bills for more clear fiscal accountability.

We all have high expectations for our new Speaker Johnson. He brought the entire GOP together, all 220! What else will he be able to orchestrate to further the goals of limited government and fiscal restraint? We are counting on you, Mr. Speaker, to listen to your constituents and follow through on your principals and promises.



Speaker Mike Johnson

### **Continued from THE LEGEND OF ST. NICHOLAS - page 8**

St. Nicholas made his first inroads into American popular culture towards the end of the 18th century. The name Santa Claus evolved from Nick's Dutch nickname, Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Nikolaas (Dutch for Saint Nicholas).

Christkind or Kris Kringle was believed to deliver presents to well-behaved Swiss and German children. Meaning "Christ child," Christkind is an angel-like figure often accompanied by St. Nicholas on his holiday missions. A few other names for Santa are Father Christmas in English, Pere Noel fills gifts in the shoes of French children, in Italy La Befana delivers toys into the stockings of lucky children. Let's not forget my favorite Santa, Gagahant Baba, (which translates to 'Winter Father/ Grandfather') who visits the Armenian children on January 6.

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by GSRW Legislative Committee  
Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

Following are bills signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in late September and October:

### **AB223 – Change of gender and sex identifier – Assemblymember Chris Ward (D)**

This bill requires all courts in California to keep sex or gender changes by minors confidential. With this new law, only minors who petition to change their sex or gender on government documents can access such court information, along with their parents or guardians, and their attorneys. The bill also states that for minors to change their gender and sex identifier to male, female, or nonbinary, the court will recognize such changes if the child submits a simple affidavit stating their new sex and gender. The court will then be required to issue the child new documents including a birth certificate to reflect such changes.

### **AB33 – Fentanyl Misuse and Overdose Prevention Task Force – Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains (D)**

This bill, subject to an appropriation, establishes the Fentanyl Misuse and Overdose Prevention Task Force to undertake various duties relating to fentanyl misuse, including, among others, collecting and organizing data on the nature and extent of fentanyl misuse in California and evaluating approaches to increase public awareness of fentanyl misuse. The bill requires the task force to be cochaired by the Attorney General and the State Public Health Officer, or their designees, and specifies

the membership of the task force. The bill requires the first meeting of the task force to take place no later than June 1, 2024, and requires the task force to meet at least once every two months. The bill requires the task force to submit an interim report to the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2025, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2025. The bill repeals these provisions on January 1, 2026. (Two years to report on the MISUSE and overdose prevention of the highly addictive and deadly drug FENTANYL!)

### **SB669 – Veterinarians: veterinarian-client-patient relationship – Senator Dave Cortese (D)**

Existing law, the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, establishes the Veterinary Medical Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs for the licensure and regulation of veterinarians and the practice of veterinary medicine. The act prohibits any person from practicing veterinary medicine, as defined, without a license. Existing law makes a violation of the act a crime. This bill authorizes a veterinarian to allow a registered veterinary technician to act as an agent of the veterinarian for the purpose of establishing the veterinarian-client-patient relationship to administer preventive or prophylactic vaccines or medications for the control or eradication of apparent or anticipated internal or external parasites by satisfying specified criteria.

**The California State Legislature has adjourned until January 3, 2024**

## WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN TO SPONSOR WREATHS FOR VETERANS

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

Whittier Republic Women is sponsoring 10 wreaths for Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea as part of "National Wreaths Across America Day" in December, when volunteers place wreaths at veterans' gravesites at more than 3,400 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 16. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with a special ceremony, followed by the laying of wreaths.

For further information, including how you can volunteer to lay the wreaths, a list of participating cemeteries by zip code, or how to donate, please visit <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>.

# AMERICANISM

## Reflecting on Bill of Rights Day

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

Bill of Rights Day honors the ratification of the first ten amendments to the US Constitution, which occurred on December 15, 1791. These laws protect many of American's most basic rights and precious freedoms, and are as follows in their original form.

**Amendment I: Freedom of religion, speech, and the press; rights of assembly and petition.** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

**Amendment II: Right to bear arms.** A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

**Amendment III: Housing of soldiers.** No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

**Amendment IV: Search and arrest warrants.** The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

**Amendment V: Rights in criminal cases.** No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy

of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

**Amendment VI: Rights to a fair trial.** In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

**Amendment VII: Rights in civil cases.** In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

**Amendment VIII: Bails, fines, and punishments.** Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

**Amendment IX: Rights retained by the people.** The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

**Amendment X: Powers retained by the states and the people.** The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

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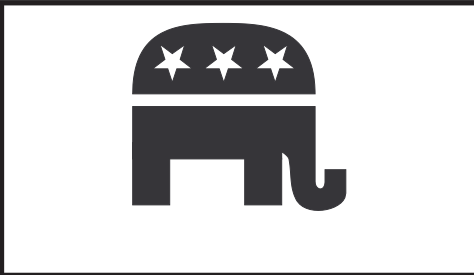

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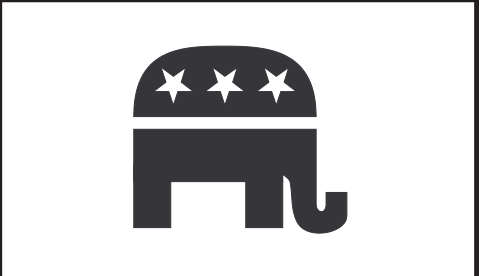
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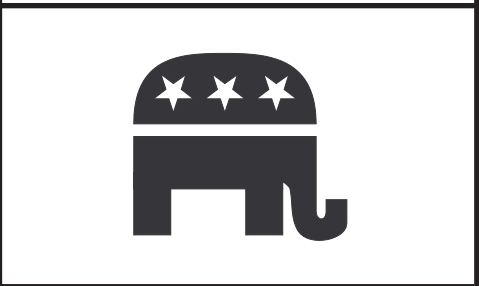
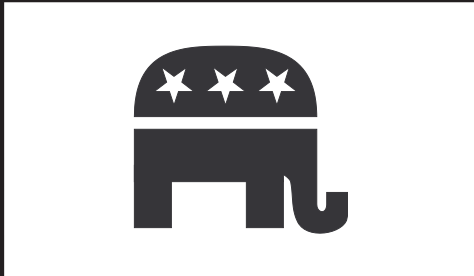
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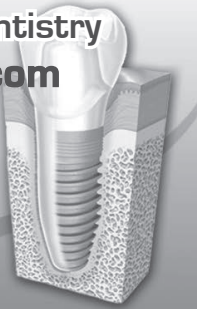
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## THE LEGEND OF ST. NICHOLAS: The Real Santa Claus

Submitted by Elizabeth Papazian

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around A.D. 280 in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and the sick.

Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, December 6. This was considered a lucky day to make large purchases or to get married.



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