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Denice Gary-Pandol

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Denice Gary-Pandol is a candidate for the United States Senate, 2024, who is running to replace Diane Feinstein. Denice stands firm for America's founding principles, rooted in Judeo-Christian values. She is a strong opponent of critical race theory, CRT, now being forced down the throats of United States military, military academies as well as America's schools and universities. She will help stop CRT's pro-Marxist actions and the Communist takeover of America.

Denice took her degrees in Political Science with an advanced degree in International Relations. Her core field of study in graduate school was Middle Eastern affairs and she has remained focused on issues of national security throughout her professional life.

While Denice has been an educator for many years, she has also worked with top secret clearances, conducting research, analysis and writing on issues related to U.S. national security including Islamic terrorism, Middle East wars, China, as well as other critical topics, such as persecution against Jews and Christians around the globe, particularly in Muslim dominant and Communist countries.

She is a leader that California needs more than ever. We are proud of her as a "Constitutional Patriot" and she supports "America First." Denice continues to speak on radio, podcasts and conducts her own podcast, The Denice Gary Show.



Paul Carter

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This evening we are going to hear from Paul Carter who has written a new book *Richard Nixon: California's Native Son*. Like Nixon, Paul Carter is a Native Southern California, a veteran of the United States Navy and a trial lawyer. While at Cal State Fullerton, Paul joined the all-volunteer Nixon Library docent guild and actually met the former president.

Paul initially decided to produce a fold-out map of Richard Nixon's life in Southern California, which is sold in the Nixon Library's gift shop. In researching the Nixon Southern California history for the map, Paul realized there was an incredible All-American story to be told about Richard Nixon's life as viewed as a Southern Californian.

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2024

Time: 5:00 P.M. Check in • 5:30 P.M. Welcome

NEW Location: The DoubleTree, 7320 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier

Cost: \$30

Custom Chef's Choice Buffet: Salad, soup or 2nd salad, meat entree, starch, vegetable, roll or chips or bread and dessert, coffee, ice tea & water station

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Check or cash only, please.

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Important note: RSVP to Linda Martinez by noon on Monday, January 29, 2024. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. A reservation made and not canceled by Tuesday, January 30, MUST STILL BE PAID. No shows will be sent an invoice as all meals are prepaid by the Club.

Our vendor this month is Pat Longwell Scarves, welcome back!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Papazian

The New Year started with lots of positives, mainly our new venue. The staff at the Doubletree couldn't have been better. The food was delicious and served on time, the room was airy and cheerful and the management so welcoming. All who attended seemed extremely happy with the change. Thank you Grace Hu and Trese Childs!

I don't need to tell you how important this year is. We need to get out and vote. Vote early! Help your friends, family and neighbors get out and vote. We have a country to save.

**"The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present.
The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise--with the occasion.**

As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew.

We must disenthral ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

-Abraham Lincoln

REACHING OUT TO OUR MEMBERS IN NEED

Christine Sweinhart, our Correspondence Secretary, requests you let her know about any members who need to know we care. Help her stay in touch with any who are ill, lonely or may have lost a loved one.

Please email Chris at chrissweinhart@aol.com or call at 714-965-8818 if you know of a member who is in need of encouragement, congratulations or sympathy. Please include the person's complete name and address for accuracy.

Thank you!

KATHY UNLEASHED - POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Submitted by Liz Papazian

WE ARE BROKE - GO SOMEPLACE ELSE

For the third time since the war began in Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky came to Washington, D.C., dressed in his fatigues, to ask for more money. If the world could see he was winning the war, it might be justified. Sadly, that does not appear to be the case. He desperately wants and needs the support of the United States to make it easier to ask other nations for help. To some Republicans on Capitol Hill, we are nothing more than his bank, his financiers, and they are insistent on no more money. To add insult to injury, Biden and military leaders allowed Zelensky, a foreign leader, to meet with our military men enraging even more on Capitol Hill. This event was "a first." Predictably, Zelensky tried to insert himself and politicized this war to put our men on a guilt trip. He is desperate. He was just refused money from Vidor Orban, the Hungarian Prime Minister, who firmly believes Ukraine is a very corrupt country. This refusal was in spite of the European Union favoring more money for Ukraine.

Zelensky is falling out of favor with more and more of his people and the world is getting weary of giving good money after bad, especially without accountability. And, the people of the United States wonder "since when are his country's borders more important than ours?"

In the meantime, be proud of the House Republicans. They have finally found their backbone and are holding firm on no new money for Ukraine until we secure our own border. Biden is getting so eager to keep critics and Zelensky happy, it appears as if he is considering re-implementing Title 42, (a public health order implemented under Trump, to allow U.S. authorities to expel migrants quickly back to Mexico). This is an effort to satisfy the Right to get more money for Ukraine. It will not be enough and the Dems are furious that Biden would even consider it.

Article from The Patriot (East Valley Republican Women Patriots' newsletter) Political Commentator



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Submitted by Judy Van Horn

Our community and our club members were invited to the Judicial Candidates Forum of candidates for the Los Angeles County Superior Court on January 13, 2024.

These candidates for Superior Court judge are on the ballot because these specific office positions are being challenged. Twenty-one of twenty-six candidates attended. Each presented their qualifications and vision for justice to an enthusiastic audience.

Today how we resolve our problems and disputes still serve as a model for the world. Judicial candidates are ethically charged to be non-biased and not politically motivated. Candidates are public defenders, LA district attorneys, private practice attorneys, Superior Court judges, law professors and attorney-business owners.

The LA Superior Court judges are elected by us, their constituents, not appointed. As voters we need to do our research to make informed decisions.

The presentation was recorded by TC Productions and will be available on YouTube. The summary of judicial candidates' qualifications will be available by the end of January on the LA County Bar Association website at <https://lacba.org>.

"The world we live in today indicates why it is important to make an informed decision with as much knowledge as you can find when voting for Judges. We have been offering this free service since 1994 and hope you will continue to take advantage of it."

- Martha and Charles House

February Fundraising News

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

The January Opportunity Drawing was another big success. Our winners were: Karen Toth (2), Ken Van Horn, Janet Campfield (3), Denise Condra, Yvonne Lacko (2), Cheryl Kroot, Cheryl Matheson, Martha Schieve, Linda Martinez, and Victoria Jacobs. Congratulations to all.

We have begun the 2024 fundraising year with a strong start.

The February Opportunity Drawing will be Valentine's Day themed. You can buy your tickets online or by mailing in the form below if you are unable to attend the meeting. Tickets are also sold at the meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

by Golden State Republican Women Legislative Analyst Committee
Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

Following are some new laws in California that went into effect on January 1, 2024:

Cannabis

Workers in California who use marijuana now have additional protections. Cannabis use while on the clock is still restricted, but it's now illegal for an employer to not hire or terminate an employee for using cannabis products outside of work.

Child Sex Trafficking

Individuals who are arrested and tried on charges of sex trafficking of minors for monetary gain will receive harsher penalties than before. SB14 designates human trafficking of minors for commercial gain as a "serious felony," resulting in harsher prison sentences and inclusion in California's "Three Strikes" law.

Concealed Carry Weapon Laws

SB 2 strengthens California's concealed carry weapons (CCW) law. It provides criteria about who may get a CCW license, limits the possession of firearms in certain locations and includes stronger training requirements for the handling and storage of firearms. Note: A federal judge temporarily blocked the law from taking effect Wednesday, Dec. 20. Now, the law is on hold while the case makes its way through the federal court system.

Ebony Alert

California is the first state to create an alert notification system to address missing Black children and young Black women between the ages of 12 and 25. SB 673 allows law enforcement agencies to request an Ebony Alert be activated by the California Highway Patrol.

Fast Food Workers

Starting in April 2024, fast-food workers who earn minimum wage in California will see their hourly wages jump from just over \$16 an hour to \$20 an hour. This will impact approximately 500,000 fast-food workers statewide. The pay increase is only a portion of the bill, which will also hold corporate fast-food chains responsible for working conditions at restaurants owned by individual franchisees.

Fentanyl

California now imposes harsher punishments for people convicted of trafficking large amounts of fentanyl. AB 701 classifies fentanyl on the same list of controlled substances as heroin, cocaine and other drugs, which carry stiffer penalties and sentencing enhancements for dealers. An individual convicted of dealing a kilo or more of fentanyl will now face much stricter sentencing.

Gas-Powered Outdoor Equipment

Under AB 1346, retailers are prohibited from selling gas-powered outdoor equipment. That includes certain chainsaws, hedge trimmers and edgers, lawn mowers and

leaf blowers. It does not include air compressors, portable generators and pressure washers.

Gender Neutral Toy Sections

Under AB 1084, major retailers or any company with 500 or more employees, is required to have a gender-neutral display for children's toys in their store and have it clearly labeled as such. The law applies to retailers operating inside the state of California. Companies who fail to maintain a gender-neutral toy aisle face a civil penalty of \$250 for the first time and \$500 for each subsequent penalty.

Hate Symbols

Criminal penalties for three hate symbols are now equalized under AB 2282: Nazi swastika, noose and desecrated crosses. It also increases the locations where they are banned to include K-12 schools, colleges, cemeteries, places of worship, places of employment, private property, public parks, public spaces, and public facilities.

Low-Income Housing

Religious institutions and non-profit colleges in California are now allowed to turn their parking lots and other properties into low-income housing under a new law aimed at combating the ongoing homeless crisis. The law rezones land owned by non-profit colleges and religious institutions, such as churches, mosques, and synagogues, to allow for affordable housing. Starting in 2024, they can bypass most local permitting and environmental review rules that can be costly and lengthy.

Minimum Wage

California's minimum wage increases to \$16 per hour for all employees.

Paid Sick Leave

Workers in California will receive an additional two days of paid sick days for the year. SB 616 increases the number of days employers are required to pay eligible employees from three days of paid sick leave per year to five days. The new law also expands the definition of sick leave to include caring for a sick family member. The new law also includes paid time off for employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assaults and stalking.

Reproductive Loss Leave

Under SB 848, private employers with five or more employees and all public employers have to provide up to five days of reproductive loss leave for qualifying events including: failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, stillbirth or unsuccessful assisted reproduction. The five days don't have to be consecutive.

AMERICANISM

Lesser-Known Facts About President Abraham Lincoln

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

This month we celebrate Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, who was born on February 12, 1809. Widely accepted as one of the greatest figures in American history, Lincoln is probably best remembered for his "Emancipation Proclamation," which played a key role in abolishing slavery. Lincoln was an interesting character in many other ways, as demonstrated by some of these lesser-known facts:

He escaped a brush with death on the battlefield

Lincoln came within feet of being struck by a shot from a Confederate sniper as he led troops during the Battle of Fort Stevens in Washington County, DC.

He never slept in the Lincoln Bedroom

Lincoln used the room on the second floor of the White House as his personal office, where he held Cabinet meetings and signed documents, including the Emancipation Proclamation.

He personally test-fired weapons used by the military

Lincoln had a passion for gadgetry and was very interested in the artillery used by the Union army. He test-fired rifles and muskets on the White House lawn, despite a ban against firing weapons in the District of Columbia.

He was the first president to be born outside of the original thirteen colonies

Although Illinois is known as "The Land of Lincoln," he didn't move there until he was 21, after being born in Kentucky and spending most of his youth in Indiana.

He was the only president to receive a patent

He created a device to lift boats when traversing shallow waters through empty metal air chambers attached to their sides.

He and his wife held séances in the White House

They became very interested in spiritualists as a way to reach their son, Willy, who died from typhoid fever at the age of 11.

He created the Secret Service hours before his assassination

On April 14, 1865, the day Lincoln was shot, he signed legislation establishing the U.S. Secret Service. Even if created earlier, however, the agency wouldn't have saved Lincoln as its original mission was to combat currency counterfeiting. It wasn't until after two other presidents were killed that the Secret Service was formally assigned to protect the president in 1901.

Sources:
<https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-abraham-lincoln>
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YOUR ACTION NEEDED!

SUPPORT AB 1783

Remove California taxpayer funding of health care for illegal immigrants

Write or call your representatives

Republican Assemblyman Bill Essayli has filed a bill that speaks for itself and one that all common-sense Californians should strongly support.

AB 1783 by Essayli (R-Riverside)

SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) On January 1, 2024, California became the first state in the nation to provide universal health insurance to illegal immigrants. In total, this expansion to provide illegal immigrants with universal health care is estimated to cost \$4,000,000,000. (Note: this Democrat initiative is 100 per cent funded by California taxpayers).

(b) California also began 2024 with a serious budget deficit of \$68,000,000,000.

(c) In 2024, Covered California premiums increased by 9.6 per cent, the Public Employees' Retirement System increased by 10.77 per cent and other health insurance providers notified policyholders of even higher rate increases. This is a time when inflation continues to burden all Californians with prices 19 per cent higher than pre-pandemic levels.

(d) The Legislature seeks to reprioritize limited taxpayer resources for California citizens in need rather than illegal immigrants who are citizens of a foreign nation.

SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to remove all taxpayer funding for health care for illegal immigrants in the California State Budget.

Write or call your state representatives to urge them to support this new legislation.

Here is the link to find your State Senate and Assembly representatives.

<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

Once on their websites, click on the "contact" or "contact me" option to see their phone numbers and/or where you can send a brief email.

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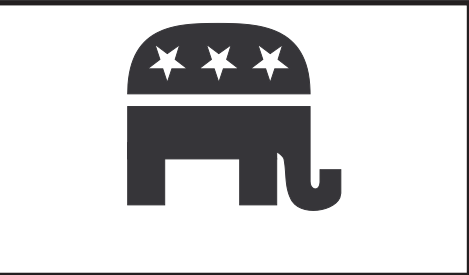
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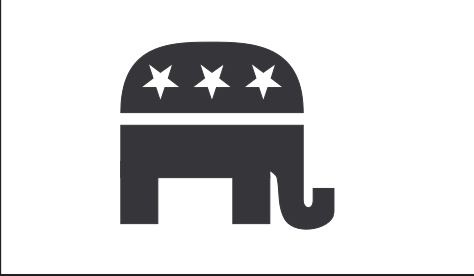
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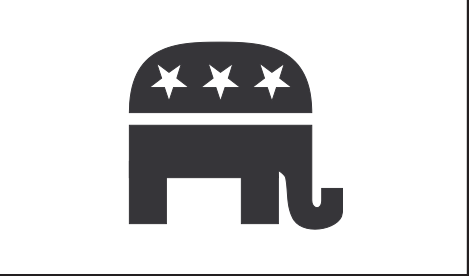
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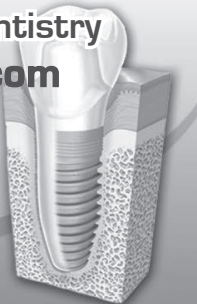
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WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Donell Schneider

Hello, everyone. I hope your holidays were great.

We are now getting ready for the coming year. We will again be offering \$1,000 scholarships, namely the Richard M. Nixon and Cathy Vinatieri scholarships, to qualified students who are enrolled in, or will be enrolled in, Whittier College or Biola University.

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