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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VENUE

2024 WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH MEETING

MARCH 1, 2024 AT 11:30 A.M.

JOIN US AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON WHITTIER



DR. BARBARA STONE

We are thrilled to welcome back Dr. Barbara Stone, a dynamic and engaging speaker. She will share her perspective on the issues, opportunities and challenges facing Whittier in the 2024 election, Proposition 1, candidates on the ballot and answer any questions you may have. Dr. Stone is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at California State University, Fullerton and the author of several publications regarding California politics. These days Barbara is a frequent guest on KABC's John Phillips show, so tune in!

DATE: Friday, March 1 2024

Time: 11:00 A.M. Check in • 11:30 A.M. Welcome

Our NEW Location: The DoubleTree by Hilton,
7320 Greenleaf Avenue in Whittier

Cost is still only: \$30

Custom Chef's Choice Buffet: Salad, soup or second salad, meat entree, starch, vegetable, roll or chips or bread and dessert

Coffee, iced tea and water station

Note: all items are vegetarian except entree or possibly soup

Check or cash only, please.

Make your reservations by email through warwreservations@gmail.com or call Linda Martinez at 562-754-3961 or by the recommended method: [prepay online at www.whittierrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.whittierrepublicanwomen.org). Thank you!

Important note: RSVP to Linda Martinez by noon on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Your reservation made and not cancelled by Wednesday, February 28, MUST STILL BE PAID. All meals must be pre-paid by Whittier Republican Women!

Our new vendor this month is David Thames who creates patriotic T-shirts.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Papazian

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Our speaker on March 1 is none other than our political guru, Barbara Stone. She will review the candidates, Proposition 1 and share her common sense approach to these complex issues and view points. Our Whittier Republican Women Constant Contact offers some voting recommendations, please take a look at the email. The following information from the California Secretary of State outlines how to be sure your ballot is counted.

**However, the power of determining the outcome of this election still lies with each of us:
VOTE and make your voice and choice heard!**

TRUSTED VOTING INFORMATION FROM CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

All California registered voters received the vote-by-mail ballot with a pre-paid, first class postage return envelope for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

Options for safe, secure return of your ballot:

Mail - No stamp needed through the US Postal Service. Be sure your ballot is post-marked by March 5, 2024.

Drop box - Secure drop boxes will be available. Make sure to deposit your ballot before 8 p.m. on March 5, 2024.

In-person - Return your ballot to a polling place, vote center or election office by 8 p.m. on March 5, 2024.

In order to ensure your vote counts, make sure your ballot is complete!

Sign your ballot envelope! Remember, your signature will be compared with the one on file to verify your identity.

Refer to the Voter Information Guide (VIG). The booklet was mailed before the ballots. Large print and audio formats are also available at voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

Double check the address on your registration. Confirm your address at VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov.

Track your ballot. You can sign up to receive updates on your vote-by-mail ballot via text (SMS), email, or voice call through the state's official "Where's My Ballot?" You can find the tracking tool at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.

MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE! Decide how you will return your ballot. More information and tools to cast your ballot are available at vote.ca.gov.

March Fundraising News

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

The March Opportunity Drawing was a huge success. Our winners were: Yvonne Lacko (2), Sylvia Foltz, Connie Morrone, Kaye Kidwell (2), Julie Lomeli, Ginny Ball (2), Sylvia Southerland, Brenda Jahn, Cheryl Matheson (2), and Mike Morris. Congratulations to all, and a BIG thank you to all who participated!

I would like to say a special thank you to Patsy Kasparoff for both the cash prizes and the box of items that she donated. I'm going to be in trouble with her for writing this, but I need to say it anyway. Thank you, Patsy, for your endless generosity!

The March Opportunity Drawing will contain several of Patsy's items, as well as some Easter items. 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.

MARCH OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Name _____

Contact number _____

Number of tickets at \$5 each _____

Five tickets for \$20 _____

Total _____



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Submitted by Judy Van Horn

It's challenging at times to understand the wording of the propositions and which way to vote. I am sharing the explanation below from the Republican club in Palm Desert. Arlene and Carol have done a good job of stating the case for voting against Proposition 1.

East Valley Republican Women Patriots
Take Action Committee
Why Vote NO On Proposition 1
Prepared by Arlene Wohlgemuth and Carol Emma

Voters are asked to approve the bond measure on the ballot for the March 5th primary. Bonds are debt, repaid with interest through taxation.

Proposition 1 is a statewide measure for funding homelessness and mental health. The proposition should receive a NO vote for several reasons.

1. INCREASED TAXES. \$6.38 billion in general obligation bonds, otherwise known as debt. Despite the \$100 billion surplus last year, the governor and the legislature saw fit to ask voters to spend even more money through debt. This debt must be repaid and with interest. In this case, it is estimated that the interest alone will cost an additional sixty percent at today's interest rate over the 30 years of the bond.

2. SUPPORTS FAILED POLICY FOR HOMELESSNESS. California has unwisely adopted the policy promoted by the federal government known as Housing First. The failure is easy to see as the number of homeless continues to increase at an alarming rate—6% just last year—and California continues to lead the nation in number and percentage of homeless. There are methods that work, but Housing First is not one of them.

3. MORE BUILDING PROJECTS. Of the \$6.4 billion, \$4.4 billion is allocated to new building projects. Raising suspicion of who is profiting from these projects, recent announcements of hotels remodeled for homeless housing in San Francisco cost \$478,000 per unit and in Sacramento \$567,000 per unit.

4. DIVERTING LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING. The proposition requires county to redirect \$1 billion from services toward housing which opponents say will cut services.

5. GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROJECT. Governor pushed the legislature to rush this through, combining two bills into one, so that this proposition would be the only one on the March ballot. He then set out to raise \$14.5 million to support the proposition while the opponents raised only \$1000 to fight it. One must wonder why.

Source: California Legislative districts: [https:// findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov](https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov)
Congressional district: <https://www.house.gov>

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

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

AB1776, Year-round standard time (Asm. Ta – R)

This bill would repeal daylight saving time in the state and the provisions regarding the Legislature’s authority to amend the provisions that daylight savings time begins each March and ends each November by a 2/3 vote. The bill would instead require the state and all political subdivisions of the state to observe year-round standard time, and would exempt the state and all political subdivisions of the state from the provisions of federal law that establish the advancement of time.

STATUS: Introduced 1-4-24

AB1778, Vehicles: electric bicycles (Asm. Connolly -D)

This bill would prohibit a person under 16 years of age from operating a class 2 electric bicycle (defined as a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour). The bill would require a person operating, or riding upon, a class 2 electric bicycle to wear a helmet, as specified. The bill would clarify that an electric bicycle can only be placed in a certain class if it ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a max speed regardless of the mode.

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee

SB575, as amended, Marriage: prohibition on minors (Sen. Wahab – D)

This bill would repeal the authorization for a person under 18 years of age from being issued a marriage

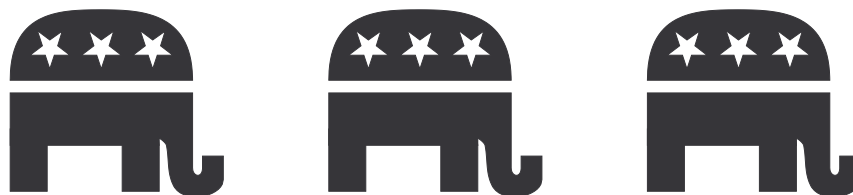
license or from establishing a domestic partnership, thereby prohibiting a person under 18 years of age from being issued a marriage license or from establishing a domestic partnership, unless that person is an emancipated minor. The bill would also require that the State Registrar’s annual report concerning marriage certificates in which one or both of the parties were minors at the time of solemnization of the marriage, shall now contain information concerning marriage certificates in which one or both of the parties were emancipated minors at the time of solemnization of the marriage.

STATUS: In Assembly 1-29-24

SB961, Vehicles: safety equipment (Sen Wiener – D)

This bill would require certain trucks and trailers to be equipped with side guards, as specified. The bill would also require the Department of the California Highway Patrol to adopt rules and regulations requiring driver inspections of side guards and side guards that have been involved in collisions. The bill would also require certain vehicles, commencing with the 2027 model year, to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter, as specified, that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. The bill would exempt emergency vehicles from this requirement and would authorize the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol to authorize the disabling of the system on other vehicles based on specified criteria. A violation of either of these prohibitions would be punishable as a crime.

STATUS: Introduced 1-24-24



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Presidential Libraries Document Presidents' Personal and Professional Lives

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

There are currently 15 Presidential Libraries, with more undoubtedly to come, including President Barack Obama's digital library, which is in progress, and President Donald Trump's library, with plans still to be determined. These facilities are operated and maintained by the Office of President Libraries, in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

Presidential Libraries are not traditional lending libraries but instead are repositories for the papers, records, and historical materials of each Presidential administration. They often house films, videos, audiotapes, photographs, and artifacts that capture aspects of a President's career and personal life. Many of the Libraries feature museums and exhibits, educational events and programs, and archives for scholarly research. The Presidential Libraries with permanent facilities are open to the general public, and charge admission fees that help support museum operations and programs.

President Franklin Roosevelt unofficially launched the Presidential Library System in 1939, when he donated his personal and presidential papers to the Federal Government. The practice became official in 1955 with Congress' passing of the "Presidential Libraries Act," which created a system of privately erected and federally maintained libraries. In addition, the "Presidential Records Act of 1978" established that records created by the President or his staff while in

office are not his personal property but the property of the US Government. After the President leaves office, the Archivist of the United States assumes custody of the records, with Presidential Libraries as the repository.

The President, with advice from the Archivist of the United States, makes the decision about the location of his Presidential Library. Many Presidents place their libraries in their hometowns, while some erect them in other locations such as on or near a university campus. The President or his representatives also choose the builders, and are solely responsible for the construction costs. The Libraries are funded by private, non-profit organizations, as well as state and/or local governments or university partners.

We are fortunate to have two Presidential Libraries in California and within driving distance of Whittier – the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda, and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley – so you are urged to visit. See the following websites for visitor information, including current exhibits, hours, and admission:

Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum
www. <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/>

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum
www. <https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/>

Source:
<https://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries>

Whittier Republican Women (WRW) Membership 2024

Submitted by Sylvia Southerland

Joining a professional organization like the Whittier Republican Women is critical to keeping informed of the latest political trends. It will help you to stay abreast of current issues and opportunities for involvement in the political process.

We offer a wonderful newsletter, regular monthly meetings with informative speakers, relevant news and community activity notifications as well as local, state, and national election guidance and information.

Membership dues are critical to maintaining these services. To date we have 38 paid memberships and 50 outstanding.

Please help us maintain the excellent service we have provided for our members since 1955 by paying your annual membership dues. We have multiple options to join or renew your membership. These include:

1. By filling out the form in the newsletter on page 7 and mail with your check made out to WRW to WRW, PO Box 16, Whittier, CA 90608 **or**
2. In person at our March 1st general meeting using cash or check **or**
3. Go to our website at www.whittierrepublicanwomen.org, sign in, choose the "renew" portal, fill out the information page, choose "member" or "associate member," then read the "Republican Certification" and check the box which says "Yes, I am a registered Republican." Next provide your credit card information and cardholder name, then click the "Process Payment" button.

You will receive an email confirmation of your payment.

This is an exciting time to be a conservative, let's create and ride that red wave together!

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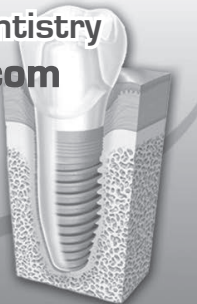
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