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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VENUE

FRIDAY, May 3, 2024 AT 11:30 A.M.

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Major General Taverney graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1968. During his active duty years, he worked on space systems acquisition, on-orbit satellite operations, space launch and during Iraqi Freedom, as a Director of Space Forces. He was the designer of the Air Force Airborne Anti-Satellite weapon (ASAT), for which he received the Air Force Scientific Achievement Award. He retired from the Air Force in 2006 as the Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command, the precursor of the U.S. Space Force. During his Air Force Reserve years and post-Air Force service, he has managed and led the design, development, and deployment in space of numerous

space payloads. Major General Taverney continues to be a vocal advocate across many areas of the United States Space Missions, serving on advisory boards and publishing numerous articles in defense and aerospace industry journals. Major General Taverney has received a variety of awards; the most meaningful to him are the Werner von Braun award for Space Program Management Excellence and the General Bernard Schriever Lifetime Achievement award. In 2016 he was inducted into the Air Force Space Hall of Fame and received the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Award.

DATE: Friday, May 3, 2024

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

NEW Location: The DoubleTree 7320 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier

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Important note: RSVP to Linda Martinez by noon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. A reservation made and not canceled by Wednesday, May 1, MUST STILL BE PAID. No shows will be sent an invoice as all meals are prepaid by the Club.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Papazian

Each month I struggle to write a message. What can I say that you don't already know? Anyone who knows me, knows that I am a woman of few words. I can talk about what the radical left is doing to our food supply, our children, the economy and the border. I can speak of the continued persecution of President Trump. And what about the funding of these wars?

Instead I would like to share an encouraging message I received from my favorite senator, Senator Josh Hawley.

He wrote, "I wanted to share a Bible verse that's been weighing on my heart:

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth." - Psalms 12:1-2

When I experience challenges in life, I look to the Lord. I don't get angry. I don't worry. I simply pray and seek guidance from the Lord. Right now, our country is in trouble - but too many are looking to all the wrong places for help. For too long, people have put their faith in politicians to save us. Politicians won't save us. **We need leaders who exalt God and His Word in America.** Elect faith based leaders.

I start every day with a prayer for this country. A prayer for us to overcome our current struggles. A prayer for wisdom. A prayer that God blesses us with a stronger nation for our children. I'm praying God blesses America with revival."

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

Source: Golden State Republican Women Legislative Analyst Committee

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

SB1280, as introduced, Waste management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable (Senator Laird – D)
This bill would, on and after an unspecified date, prohibit the sale or offer for sale of propane cylinders other than those propane cylinders that are reusable or refillable, as defined, and would make the violation of this provision subject to specified civil penalties.

Status: Hearing set for April 15

SB1253, as introduced, Firearms: firearm safety certificates (Senator Gonzalez – D)
This bill would, commencing on January 1, 2026, prohibit a person from possessing a firearm without the possession of a valid, unexpired firearm safety certificate. A violation of this prohibition would be punishable as a misdemeanor.

Status: Amended in Senate on April 3

AB2751, as amended, Employer communications during nonworking hours (Assemblymember Haney – D)
This bill would require a public or private employer to establish a workplace policy that provides employees the right to disconnect from communications from the employer during nonworking hours, except as specified. The bill would require nonworking hours to be established by written agreement between an employer and employee. The bill would authorize an employee to file a complaint of a pattern of violation of the bill's provisions with the Labor Commissioner, punishable by a specified civil penalty.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment on April 1

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT GET INVOLVED IN THESE EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE INTERACTIONS?



PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Submitted by Judy Van Horn

On April 13, 2024, I was privileged to attend The Golden State Republican Women's first in-person leadership conference entitled "Taking Flight" in Los Angeles. The Leadership Institute hosted this event to share their expertise, to inspire us and equip each attendee with tools for leadership success and techniques to empower each of us to lead with confidence and impact.

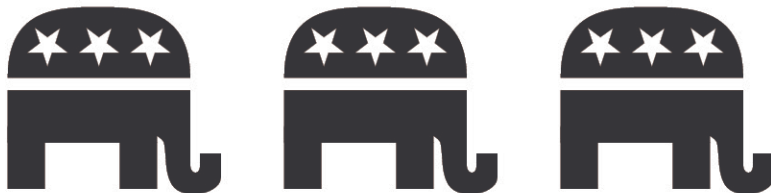
Some techniques included the use of personalized stories, such as "the why" each of us became more politically active, instead of using only dry statistics to prove a point. Personally, I don't want to look back on the November election and have to ask myself why I didn't become more involved, make those connections and step out of my comfort zone to engage others in conversation about what issues matter to them most and hear what that person thought would solve the problem.

The training about Sidekick door to door and phone banking was very interesting. Political parties or whether the issue was conservative or liberal was avoided. Candid discussions began with "What is a major concern in your neighborhood that needs to be addressed?" Staying positive and using active listening were also crucial tools so the conversation was focused on that person and they knew it mattered to me that what they thought was important. Need I add that keeping or developing your sense of humor is critical!

Remember, voter contact, whether face to face or over the phone, supplies critical information about voters who may be undecided, may be an unknown supporter who needs encouragement to vote, provides an opportunity to share the campaign message and hopefully increase voter turnout in our next election.

"It takes two to speak the truth-one to speak and another to hear."

Henry David Thoreau



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STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH RECRUITMENT: THE POWER OF SOCIAL CIRCLES, NEIGHBORS, AND FAMILY

Submitted by Sylvia Southerland, VP Membership

As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of politics and society, one thing remains constant: the importance of unity and strength within our organization. At Whittier's Republican Women, we pride ourselves on our commitment to conservative values and our dedication to making a positive impact in our community. However, to truly thrive and continue our mission, it is imperative that we actively recruit new members who share our beliefs and passion for progress.

Reaching out to social circles is one of the most effective ways to expand our membership base. Each of us has a network of friends, colleagues, and acquaintances who may be interested in joining our cause. By simply reaching out and sharing our experiences and accomplishments as members of Whittier's Republican Women, we can pique the interest of potential new recruits and inspire them to get involved. Engaging with our neighbors are often our closest allies in our community. They share our interests, concerns, and values. By engaging with our neighbors and inviting them to attend our events or meetings, we can foster a sense of camaraderie and unity within our local community. Whether it's hosting a neighborhood gathering or simply striking up a conversation while out for a walk, every interaction presents an opportunity to spread awareness about our organization and attract new members.

Empowering family involvement plays a significant role in shaping our beliefs and values. By encouraging family members to join Whittier's Republican Women, we not only strengthen our organization but also create a legacy of conservative principles within our own households. Whether it's inviting siblings, children, or extended family members to attend our events, we can instill a sense of civic duty and involvement that transcends generations.

The power of personal invitation above all, the most effective method of recruitment is through personal invitation. When we take the time to personally reach out to individuals within our social circles, neighborhoods, and families, we demonstrate our genuine commitment to our cause. A heartfelt invitation can go a long way in fostering connections and inspiring others to join us in our efforts to make a difference.

The strength of our organization lies in our ability to grow and adapt to the changing needs of our community. By actively recruiting new members through outreach to social circles, neighbors, and family, we can ensure that Whittier's Republican Women remains a formidable force for positive change. Let's continue to work together to build a brighter future for ourselves, our community and our country.

May Fundraising News

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

Winners of our April Opportunity drawing were Yvonne Lacko, Karen Toth (2), Liz Papazian, Barbara Ellner, Ellie Nunez, Victoria Jacobs, Ginny Ball, Pauline Williams, DeDe Shatzen, Joyce Brooks, and Sal Graziano. Martha Shieve was our big winner of the evening, winning 3 items! Congratulations to all, and a BIG thank you to all who participated!

I would also like to thank all of you who donated items for our drawings. Your name will appear next to your item/items at the drawings.

The May Opportunity Drawing will be more Mother's Day themed. We need to pamper ourselves, Ladies! 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.

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

MAY OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

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Five tickets for \$20 _____

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AMERICANISM

10 facts about the Guards of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery symbolizes all war dead throughout US history whose remains have not been found or identified. The Tomb began in 1921 with an unknown soldier from World War I who lies beneath the large, white marble sarcophagus. Two crypts of unidentified service members from World War II and the Korean War were later added, and a third empty crypt represents all missing service members from the Vietnam War.

Beginning in 1926, soldiers were assigned to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to prevent any desecration or disrespect toward the tomb such as climbing or stepping on it. In 1937, the Guards became a 24/7 presence.

Guard of Honor soldiers volunteer to serve in the Army, in the 3rd US Infantry Regiment and as Tomb Guards. They are handpicked and go through rigorous training, although the majority of those who begin Tomb Guard training are unable to meet the high standards. Here are ten interesting facts about the Tomb Guards:

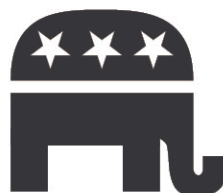
1. Each guard must be able to flawlessly perform seven different types of walks, honors and ceremonies. They must retain vast amounts of knowledge concerning the Tomb, Arlington National Cemetery, the United States Army and their unit, including the identity of the 175 notable people buried at the cemetery and the location of their internment.
2. There are three Reliefs assigned to the Tomb Guard Platoon, and the heights are equal on each Relief, with the tallest assigned to the 1st Relief (6'2" to 6'4"), then the 2nd (6' to 6'2"), and the 3rd (5'11" to 6').
3. The guards hold no rank because the unidentified soldiers are unknown and it would be inappropriate for them to be guarded by someone who outranks them.
4. The guards continue their post throughout heat waves, blizzards, hurricanes, rain, sleet, snow and hail. In 2003 in anticipation of Hurricane Isabel, the US Senate and House took two days off. Although given permission to do so, the guards refused to suspend their assignment.
5. Out of respect for the dead, the guards carry their rifles on their outside shoulder, away from the tomb.
6. The guards are changed every 30 minutes during summer and winter. During closing hours, the guard is changed every two hours.
7. The guards march 21 steps down the black mat behind the tomb, turn, face east for 21 seconds, turn and face north for 21 seconds, then take 21 steps down the mat, then repeat the process. This symbolizes the twenty-one-gun-salute, the highest honor given to any military or foreign dignitary.
8. Guards are not permitted to speak or break step unless someone enters the restricted area around the tomb.
9. The average length of duty for guards is 18 months.
10. The guards' gloves are wet to prevent losing a grip on their rifles.

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The first Armed Forces Day was held on May 20, 1950. The Purpose of this day was to unite the various military bodies of the United States under the Department of Defense. This day is also used to help educate civilians on different matters and to support the troops defending this country and its freedom. According to the Department of Defense, originally, Armed Forces Day was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge all who currently serve and all who have served, both active and former, in the reserves, National Guard or on active duty. The National Security Act of 1947 reads, "The term 'Armed Forces' means Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard."

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