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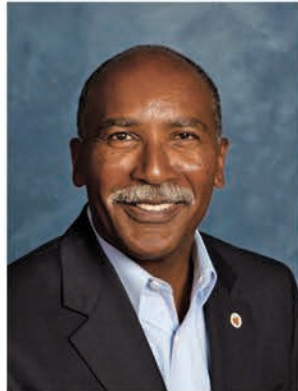
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NOTICE OF MEETING 2023 WHITTIER REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING October 5, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. THE WHITTIER ELKS LODGE



Walter Allen III

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**Director of the Rio Hondo Police Academy
California Law Enforcement Is Under Siege**

After isolated law enforcement incidents involving the deaths of black men during the last decade, California law enforcement finds itself under siege by some members of the California state legislature. Several legislative bills not only threaten the safety of police officers but also jeopardize the public's safety statewide. Walter Allen will discuss some of the recent legislative actions and proposals that not only potentially decrease the level of public safety in our communities but also negatively affect police recruitment.

Walter has worked in law enforcement for more than 46 years and has served as the director of the Rio Hondo Police Academy since 2014, overseeing police recruit training for more than 50 police departments and law enforcement agencies throughout Southern California. Walter is also in his 25th year as a member of the City of Covina city council and is currently serving as the mayor.

DATE: October 5, 2023

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

Location: The Whittier Elks Lodge at 13620 Whittier Blvd

Cost: \$30

Menu: Meat lasagna, grilled vegetables, salad, dinner roll, dessert, coffee and iced tea.

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

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

Important note: RSVP to Linda Martinez by noon on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. A reservation made and not canceled by Wednesday, October 4, MUST STILL BE PAID.

Our vendor this month is Leslie O'Connor, organic jewelry creator.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Papazian

Who seems to be missing from the second GOP debate stage? Oh look, Donald Trump headlined at the South Dakota Republican fundraiser in Rapid City on September 8.

Governor Kristi Noem applauded Trump, saying he "shows up for every American and fights for us every single day. Why are people so loyal to him?" she asked. "I'm convinced it's because we have never seen anything or anyone like him before, and we've certainly never seen anyone like him serve in public office before."

Jason Miller, a long time advisor to former President Trump, stated Trump wouldn't need to debate until his GOP rivals "show they belong even on the same stage."

When radio host Hugh Hewitt asked if Trump would attend a GOP debate in Alabama, Trump replied "I'll make that decision, I would love to go to anything involved with Alabama." The University of Alabama may host the third GOP debate.

Stay tuned for continued political drama!



"When you are wronged repeatedly, the worst thing you can do is continue taking it— Fight back! Courage is not the absence of fear, it is the ability to act effectively, in spite of fear."

- Donald J. Trump

October Fundraising News

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

The September Opportunity Drawing was another big success. We added three more prizes to our monthly drawings. Our winners for September were Rose Del Cato, Donell Schneider, Sylvia Foltz, Patty Kotze Ramos (2), Cheryl Kroot, Janet Campfield, Ginny Ball (2), Carol Peterson, Patsy Kasparoff, Martha Shieve, Judy Van Horn, Denise Condra, and Carlene Romero. Congratulations, and a BIG thank you to everyone who participated.

We will continue to have 15 items in each monthly drawing. It will contain many fun items, as well as cash and gift cards. You can buy your tickets online or by mailing in the form below if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Our Christmas Gala is just around the corner. At the September meeting we took sign-ups for the Gala

Committee. All are welcome to join this committee! We welcome your help and ideas! If you are interested, please contact Peggy at pmoonrowe@gmail.com, or by calling. (I'm in our directory.) We also took sign-ups for other ways to help and will do so again at the October meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions!

OCTOBER OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

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Five tickets for \$20 _____

Total _____

Founders Day Event In Whittier

Submitted by Denise Condra

Founders Day on May 13th at Founder's Park in Whittier was a great success. Liz, our President and Denise, VP, Membership staffed our table from 9:00 A.M. until event closing at 1:00 pm. We met several engaging, happy Republicans who stopped at the table to say "Hello." We gave candy to many children and pens and pencils to many adults. We even gave away newsletters and membership envelopes. Denise enjoyed chatting with an unhappy woman who stopped at the table and asked, "Are there any Democrat tables at this event?" Denise immediately replied, "I HOPE NOT!" Everyone who overheard, laughed. Fernando Dutra stopped at the table to show us what he found for Mary for Mother's Day. Ginny Ball looked fabulous in period dress while at the Bailey House table. The food vendors' offerings were delicious, the craft vendors were amazing and the bands from Whittier and California High School were perfect! Don't miss this excellent event next year!



PAST PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

Submitted by Judy VanHorn

Stuart Varney, Dana Perino to moderate second GOP debate on Fox Business on September 27 at 6:00 P.M. PST

Here is the information you need to continue to view the debate, hear about issues facing the United States and consider the remaining candidates' proposed plans

to manage threats, challenges and opportunities.

The moderators for next month's Republican presidential primary debate have been set.

Fox hosts Stuart Varney and Dana Perino, as well as Univision's Ilia Calderón, will preside over the September 27 event, which will be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. The debate, the second of the GOP primary, will be hosted by Fox Business and will also air in Spanish exclusively on Univision.

"We are very proud to have Stuart Varney and Dana Perino co-moderating the second debate with Univision to provide Americans with a comprehensive view of the qualifying candidates vying for the Republican nomination for president," Jay Wallace, president of Fox News, said in announcing the decision.

Who has qualified for the second GOP debate? So far, the six candidates who have qualified for the second debate include Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Business Owner Vivek Ramaswamy, Former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, former Vice President Mike Pence, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott and former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

By Dominick Mastreangelo - 8/30/23, for The Hill

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Denise Condra

Happy Fall! Let's enjoy the fall weather and each other's company at our next dinner meeting this October 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Membership in Whittier's longest running political organization, means that you will enjoy informative meetings, monthly newsletters, e-mail communications and Facebook posts. Our monthly meetings are enjoyable, and you meet and mingle with like-minded conservative voters who are interested and active in improving our local community and our golden state. As we approach a big election year, we look forward to helping elect conservative patriots. Join us and find out more!

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

by CFRW Legislative Committee

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

AB 1314 – Gender identity: parental notification – Assemblymembers Essaytl, Gallagher, Patterson – all (R)

Existing law authorizes a minor who is 12 years of age or older to consent to mental health treatment or counseling services notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if, in the opinion of the attending professional person, the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in those services, or to outpatient mental health treatment or counseling services if the foregoing is true and the minor would present a danger of serious physical or mental harm to self or to others without the mental health treatment or counseling or residential shelter services, or is the alleged victim of incest or child abuse. Existing law requires the mental health treatment or counseling of a minor authorized by these provisions to include involvement of the minor's parent or guardian unless, in the opinion of the professional person who is treating or counseling the minor, the involvement would be inappropriate.

This bill would, notwithstanding the consent provisions described above, provide that a parent or guardian has the right to be notified in writing within three days from the date any teacher, counselor, or employee of the school becomes aware that a pupil is identifying at school as a gender that does not align with the child's sex or their birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth, using sex segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, or using facilities that do not align with the child's sex or their birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth. This bill would state legislative intent related to these provisions.

Re-referred to Senate Education Committee on 08/24/23

AB 799 (as amended) – Homelessness: financing plan – Assemblymembers Friedman, Rivas, Quirk-Silva, Ward, Wilson – all (D)

This bill would require the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, in collaboration with continuums of care, counties, and big cities, as defined, and other stakeholders, to establish and regularly update a financing plan to solve homelessness by the year 2035. The bill would require the council to establish and update statewide performance metrics to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in homelessness and to increase successful exits from homelessness to permanent housing by updating the Statewide Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California, no later than January 1, 2025, and would require the council to publish these goals on its website, as specified. The bill would additionally require the council, in collaboration with other departments, to create a unified funding application aligning the timeline and application requirements for various state funding programs, including the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program, no later than January 1, 2026, as specified.

Passed Assembly 05/30/2023; ordered to third reading in Senate 09/01/2023

AB 528 (as amended) – Regulation of cemeteries: pet burial – Assemblymember Irwin (D)

This bill would authorize a public or private cemetery to designate a separate, clearly marked section of the cemetery where deceased pets could be buried with their deceased owners. The bill would require, if the cemetery designated such a space, that the pet and human remains be in separate remains containers, but authorizes them to be placed in the same plot, niche, crypt, or vault. The bill would require, if the cemetery designated such a space, the cemetery authority to develop and adopt rules and regulations for human and pet co-burials, as specified.

In Senate Appropriations Committee 09/01/2023

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Appreciating Our Local Veterans

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

On September 1, 2023 Whittier Area Republican Women President Liz Papazian (pictured at right in adjacent photo) joined Recording Secretary Sylvia Southerland in delivering cakes, cookies, brownies and fresh fruit to the La Mirada Veterans of Foreign Wars post #9148.



We love our veterans! Thank you for your service!

AMERICANISM

Invoking the 25th Amendment

Submitted by Suzanne Thompson

Ratified on February 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the US Constitution comprises four sections that address what happens to the presidency and vice-presidency if the president and/or vice president dies, resigns or becomes incapacitated or disabled.

The first section reaffirms that the vice president becomes president upon the president's death, resignation, or removal from office. The second provides that in the event of a vice president vacancy, the president shall nominate a vice president who must be confirmed by a majority vote of Congress. The third section stipulates that the president can voluntarily transfer power and duties to the vice president. The fourth section lays out the process for removal of a president who is deemed incapacitated by any kind of illness—including mental or injury – that would make him/her unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

Portions of the 25th Amendment have been invoked a number of times throughout history. In 1973, President Richard Nixon nominated Gerald Ford as vice president after Spiro Agnew resigned due to scandal. In August 1974, after becoming president after Richard Nixon resigned, Gerald Ford nominated Nelson Rockefeller to fill the vice presidency. In 1985, when President Ronald Reagan underwent colon cancer surgery, he used Section 3 to transfer power to Vice President George H.W. Bush, as did President George W. Bush on June 29, 2002 and in 2007, when prior to undergoing colonoscopy anesthesia, he briefly made Vice President Dick Cheney acting president.

Section 4 of the 25th Amendment is the only one that has never been implemented, and has always been considered controversial. During President Trump's presidency and amid unfounded claims that he was mentally unfit to serve, there were some

calls to invoke Section 4. Most of these were from people who simply didn't like Trump or his policies. Thankfully, none of these efforts ever came to fruition.

The 25th Amendment actually makes it difficult to unseat a president without proven just cause and a majority consensus. The president is provided the opportunity to declare in writing that no inability exists, and both Houses of Congress must determine by two-thirds vote that the president is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his/her office. To view the specific details and process to remove a president under Section 4, refer to <https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/amendments/amendment-xxv>.

Most recently, as we are witness to demonstrations of President Biden's deteriorating mental state – whether that be walking out in the middle of an event, shaking hands with invisible people, or mumbling incoherently, to name just a few – the 25th Amendment is once again occupying people's minds.

In other times or situations, there may have been a strong push to invoke Section 4 of the 25th Amendment. This is something, however, that neither Republicans nor even Democrats would likely desire at this moment, especially since Vice President Harris would be Biden's replacement. But given that the presidential election is still more than a year away, only time will tell if Biden will be able to complete his term. If not, and if Congress must be forced for the good of the country to remove him from office, we can only hope that the damage that may be incurred as a result will be minimal and brief, as well as reversible once Republicans hopefully take the presidential reins.

Sources:

<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/3714038-is-a-25th-amendment-removal-in-joe-bidens-future/>

<https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-25/>

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024

Submitted by Donell Schneider, Scholarship Chairman

Hello fellow members. Here is a reminder regarding the scholarship boxes which will be located on the tables at each of our meetings.

I have been saving my loose change to deposit in the boxes. It's a great way to help fund our scholarships to worthy Republican students.

Thank you in advance.



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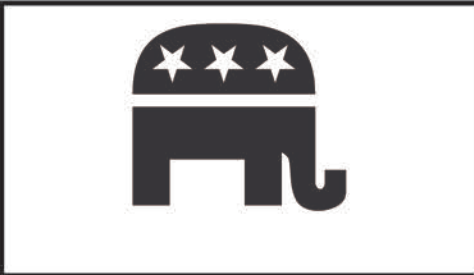
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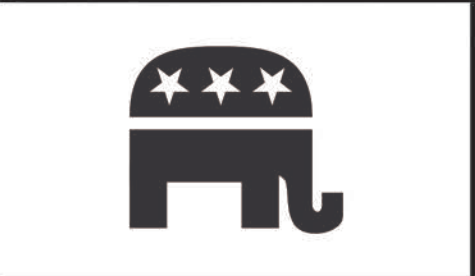
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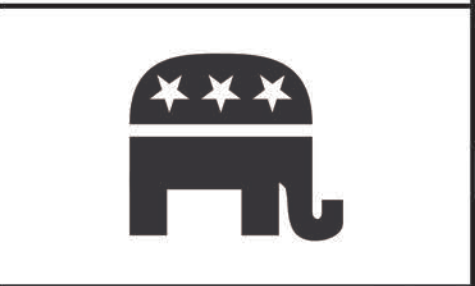
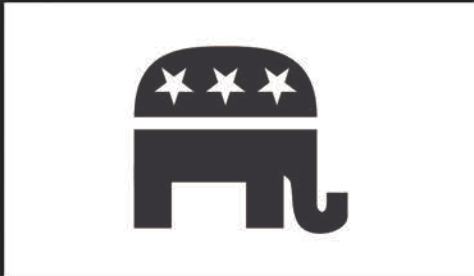
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OUR 2023 WOMAN OF THE YEAR JUDY VAN HORN

Submitted by Peggy Schneider

Judy was born in Whittier and is a life-long Whittier resident.

Judy is a life-long conservative Republican. She has always been a strong believer in individual responsibility and the Constitution. She became more and more embroiled with concerns about how our elected representatives have taken power away from the people to serve their own agenda, and how they have attempted to place big government control over our everyday lives.

After retiring from nursing, Judy's friend of more than 40 years, Brenda Jahn, RN, encouraged Judy to join Whittier Republican Women. (Great find, Brenda!)

Judy's other passions are her husband, Ken (also a lifelong volunteer in many capacities), their beloved dog, Riley, their daughter, Genny, son-in-law, Darwin, and granddaughters, Lana, and Kira.

Judy has represented Whittier Republican Women in the community, as well as at the state level. She served for four years as our president while concurrently serving as our newsletter editor. She still serves as our newsletter editor. The hours that she has given and continues to give are countless!

Judy is truly worthy of this prestigious award! Congratulations Judy, and thank you, thank you, thank you!

