

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SHANNON WAGNER
West Valley RWF President

We were thrilled and grateful to have our dear friend, Gloria Hom, as our featured speaker at our September meeting. Gloria always draws a big crowd when she comes to update us on the upcoming ballot measures and she always leaves us feeling prepared to vote. While Gloria filled us with relevant information, we feverishly took notes and asked questions. As promised, a summary of Gloria's presentation can be found in this newsletter on page 7.

Please take note that on October 5th, at 6:00 p.m., the **CFRW Distinguished Speaker Series** will feature **Jon Coupal, Chairman of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association**. The theme of his zoom presentation is "Challenges and Opportunities for Taxpayers in California." *Challenge: California's hostile environment for taxpayers. Opportunity: Repeal the Death Tax. Opportunity: Taxpayer Protection, Closing the Prop 13 loopholes and giving voters transparency in ballot measures*

You must register for the event ahead of time. Click here (or enter into your browser):

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/CFRW1/JONCOUPA/LDISTINGUISHEDSPEAKERSPECIALEVENT>

The CFRW 43rd Biennial Convention is being held October 13th-14th in Sacramento. I would like to encourage you to attend. These conventions are a great opportunity to mingle with like-minded women from all over California in addition to gaining a wealth of information. In addition to great speaker presentations (see page 3), the election of the new CFRW officers will be held. Our club is very proud to have our own Bunny Hacker running for the position of CFRW Recording Secretary. We'd like as many of our members as possible to be there to show our support and vote for Bunny's election.

This month, we are pleased to welcome Nan Su, China Expert and News Commentator. Nan Su is currently an investigative reporter at the Epoch Times. I look forward to seeing you there on October 19th.

-Shannon

Questions about West Valley Republican Women Federated? Ask at [westvalleyrwf@gmail.com!](mailto:westvalleyrwf@gmail.com)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024-2025 OFFICERS

The job of the Nominating Committee is to come up with the slate of Executive officers for 2024-2025 for the elected positions of President, 1st VP/Programs, 2nd VP/Membership Secretary, 3rd VP/Fundraising, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. **Bunny Hacker** will Chair our Nominating Committee and is joined by **JoAnn Destro, Julie Eckroat, Diana Mandarino and Lorene Milligan.**

To date, we still need members to fill the positions of 1st VP/Programs and Recording Secretary. **Both positions have a very easy learning curve and all positions have the support of the entire team!** We all assist each other to be our best, and have fun in the process!

To qualify for office, you must be a Primary member in good standing for 60+ days, be committed to attending monthly BOD meetings and monthly General meetings.

You can call on any one of us if you are interested in serving on the Executive board or have any questions. If you are called upon to serve, please say YES! Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting in November.



Health Benefits of VOLUNTEERING



Volunteering reduces the body's stress and also releases endorphins (the brain's natural painkillers)*

95% of individuals feel good after volunteering*

Regular volunteers were 10 times more likely to be in good health than people who didn't volunteer*

96%

said volunteering makes them feel happier**

68%

said volunteering makes them feel healthier**

73%

said volunteering makes them feel less stress**

58%

said volunteering helps them sleep better**

*Based on Dr. Allan Luks' research

**Based on Dr. Stephen Post's research in a survey about helping (an average of 100 hours/year)

The percentages shown above were based on research of those who volunteered an "average of 100 hours per year". Just imagine how much **better YOU'LL fare** when you only need a few hours a month as a volunteer for West Valley RWF! Sign up today and feel better!



California Federation of Republican Women's 43rd Biennial Convention October 13-14, 2023.

INCLUDED:

- FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
- FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME RECEPTION
W/AUTHOR CHRIS ENSS,
w/APPETIZERS
& NO-HOST BAR



INCLUDED:

- U.S. CONGRESSMAN KEVIN KILEY
- MESSAGE FROM NFRW PRESIDENT EILEEN SOBJACK
- PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING POLITICAL CARTOONIST MICHAEL RAMIREZ

Four Points by Sheraton Sacramento International Airport

4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento, CA

Room Reservations:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1691539276393&key=GRP>

Convention Registration:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/CFRW1/CaliforniaFederationOfRepublicanWomen43rdBiennialConvention>

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 1.

Leftmedia Lies

“Republicans [have] uncovered no evidence of wrongdoing by the president.”

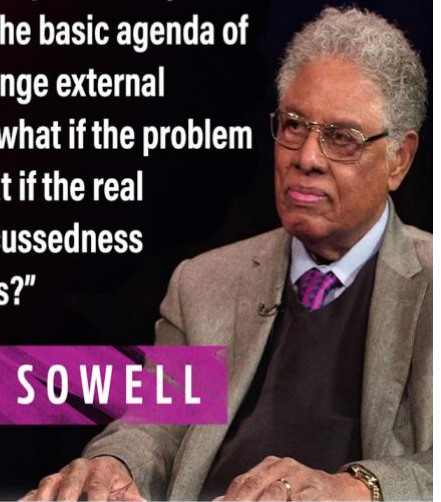
–*Vanity Fair*

Except for bank records, shell companies, SEC complaints, IRS whistleblower statements, FBI informant files, emails, texts, photos, Joe's pseudonymous email addresses, Hunter's foreign benefactors lining up for handshakes with Joe in Beijing, and more.



PATRIOTPOST.US: OBJECTIVE AND UNCENSORED ANALYSIS

“Every kind of excuse, from poverty to an unhappy childhood, is used by the left to explain and excuse evil. Why has evil been such a hard concept for many on the left to accept? The basic agenda of the left is to change external conditions. But what if the problem is internal? What if the real problem is the cussedness of human beings?”



THOMAS SOWELL



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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

In November, we will begin our Early Renewal program. Paying your 2024 dues **by December 7th** will get your name entered into a prize drawing at our annual Members Christmas Party Luncheon. A dues renewal form, and the Christmas Luncheon flyer detail will appear in the November edition of our newsletter, The Elephant's Trumphet. New Member dues paid this year after October 1st will be held for deposit until January, but you will be added to our newsletter distribution list. Dues offer 3-to-1 returns: Membership in West Valley RWF, the California Federation and the National Federation of Republican Women! Best deal in town!

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As a member you join a network of nationwide like-minded women from across the country who...

- Have a magnified voice as tens of thousands of us are heard across the country on issues important to women and in our support of Republican principles, initiatives and candidates;
- Are exposed to powerful networking opportunities with other Clubs and Members across the state and nation at biennial conventions;
- Exert influence on Republican legislators and party officials at the local, State and National levels;
- Learn valuable skills in Leadership, mentoring, membership recruitment, issue advocacy and more;
- Are able to engage with dynamic elected officials, party representatives, political experts and other nationally-recognized leaders;
- Have abundant opportunity to participate in our community service programs which promote Americanism, the Armed Services, literacy, private sector initiatives, volunteerism and more;
- Enjoy State and National Conferences and Conventions;
- Have access to NFRW's online resource library;
- Are offered free attendance to Campaign Management School;
- May attend free Training events - Empower Hour and Bitesize Tools;
- Attend Exclusive Programming with national leaders;
- Have a forum to serve as leaders in the political arena and to serve as mentors to the next generation;
- And who enjoy lifelong friendships across the country with Federated Republican Women!



The GOP Can't Survive the Only-Trumpers

We have to fully support the GOP nominee. Anyone who disagrees has no right to call himself a Reaganite.

By Michael Reagan – patriotpost.us – September 23, 2023

Too bad Donald Trump won't attend the second Republican presidential primary debate next week at the Ronald Reagan Library.

His friends and enemies in the media will miss him and the high ratings he automatically generates, but he's leading by a huge margin in the polls and he doesn't need the TV time or media attention.

And though nothing he ever says at this point in his political life can hurt him among his 74 million followers, Trump figures any minor benefit from being in a primary debate is not worth the risk of having some hopeless longshot show him up on stage.

Trump's decision serves his campaign's purposes in the same way President Biden helps his campaign by refusing to take part in a primary debate.

But by skipping the primary debates Trump is making a serious mistake that undermines the strength of the Republican Party — which already is weak and in deep doo-do.

Trump's decision is unfortunate because Republicans need to watch real debates among all their party's frontrunners.

We need to see if the other candidates can stand up under constant attack, because whoever becomes president will be constantly attacked by Democrats, the liberal media and foreign leaders.

Trump handled himself pretty well under a lot of pressure during his four years in office, but that was three years ago.

How will he do today? We should be able to watch the 2023 Model Trump in action, but we won't because he's playing safe and selfish.

To me, what's even more sad — and worrisome for the GOP's chances in 2024 — is hearing Trump say he won't promise to support whoever the party's nominee is if it isn't him.

There are some conservative pundits in the media-sphere who agree with Trump.

They're telling the MAGA Republicans listening to their shows that there's no one but Trump to vote for and everyone else is a RINO.

They're saying they won't vote for anyone but Trump, which is dumb. And then, when the Republicans get crushed in 2024 because people don't show up at the polls, the same pundits will cry that we were cheated.

My father would be appalled at these suicidal Trump-only Republicans. He always supported the nominee of the Republican Party and set the bar when it comes to party solidarity.

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Michael Reagan

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He supported Gerry Ford in 1976 after he lost the GOP nomination and the Reagans all went out and campaigned around the country for Ford.

The Republican Party was united in my father's day because it had strong leadership — people like him.

If true conservatives want to take America back, if we want to win in 2024, if we want to right the sinking ship of state, we have to fully support the GOP nominee. Anyone who disagrees has no right to call himself a Reaganite.

Republicans are in serious trouble. We haven't won a plurality of the presidential popular vote since George H.W. Bush did it in 1988.

We need to win back the majority of voters if we ever hope to regain the White House. And if Republicans can't do that after the harm Democrats have done to the country for the last three years, when will they ever?

If enough Republicans keep going down that dead-end road where they'll only support their favored nominee, the party has a pretty good chance of losing everything in 2024 — the White House, the House and the Senate.

And if you think the U.S. is in terrible shape now and can't possibly get any worse, just wait.

If the Democrats take control of all three branches of the federal government next year, by 2028 they'll have turned the whole country into the United States of California.

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I, Gavin Newsom, swear to uphold the Constitution and I will apprehend and arrest everyone who defies my order and walks on the beaches of California while I refuse to apprehend and arrest illegal aliens who are breaking federal law.

***~ California Governor Gavin Newsom
Newsom for President 2024***



TAKE-AWAYS FROM DR. GLORIA HOM'S PRESENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Many thanks to our 1st VP Robin McCarthy for taking copious notes and organizing them into these salient points.

California Primary and General Election Important Dates:

February 5, 2024 – Last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary Election

March 5, 2024 – California Presidential Primary

Ballots will be mailed beginning on February 5, 2024

Requests to Vote-by-Mail must arrive by February 27, 2024

November 5, 2024 – General Election

On the March 5th Ballot:

The State legislature voted to send four constitutional amendments to statewide ballots. These amendments are:

- An amendment to repeal the local voter requirement for publicly-funded housing projects classified as low rent. – **Vote NO**, because a yes vote would repeal Article 34 which requires local voter approval for federal and/or state government funded housing projects classified as low rent.
- An amendment to establish right to marry and repeal Proposition 8. **Vote NO**, because a. yes vote would repeal Proposition 8, which states that marriage is only between a man and a woman.
- An amendment to require initiative that change vote thresholds to supermajority votes to pass. Currently, initiated constitutional amendments need to be approved by a simple majority. This amendment would increase voter approval thresholds for state or local measures. **Vote NO**.
- An amendment to lower the vote threshold from 66.67% to 55% for local special taxes to fund housing projects and public infrastructure. **Vote NO**.

Citizens Initiated ballot measures On the March 5th Ballot (Citizen Initiated State Statue - CISS)

When in doubt, vote NO.

- California \$18 Minimum Wage Initiative. **Vote NO**, because increasing minimum wage to \$18 per hour by 2026 increases the cost of living. The existing law was designed to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour for all employers by January 2023, and increasing it annually according to inflation.
- California Employee Civil Action Law and PAGA Repeal Initiative. *This initiative is supported by Californians for Fair Pay and Accountability. Currently, there is no opposition to this initiative. However, the fiscal impact is likely to increase in state costs to enforce labor laws that could exceed \$100 million per year. Reduction in state penalty revenue used for labor law enforcement in the tens of millions of dollars annually.*

Repeals 2004 law allowing employees to file lawsuits on behalf of themselves and other employees against employers to recover monetary penalties for certain state labor law violations.

- California Pandemic Early Detection and Prevention Institute Initiative. **Vote NO**, because this increases the income tax by 0.75% for individuals with income of \$5 million for 10 years.
- California Prohibit State Limitations on Local Rent Control Initiative. **Vote NO**, this initiative repeals the rental housing act from 1995 which prohibits rent control on single-family homes and houses and allow cities and counties to limit rent on any housing and limit the rent for a first-time tenant. This initiative expands local governments authority to enact rent control on residential property.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All lunch meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm

- October 9 **Columbus Day**
- October 11 West Valley RWF Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- October 13-14 **CFRW 43rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION - Four Points Sheraton, Sacramento - Register:**
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/CFRW1/CaliforniaFederationOfRepublicanWomen43rdBiennialConvention>
- October 19 West Valley RWF General meeting - **Captain Gina Tibaldi, SJPD Financial Crimes Unit**
- October 31 **Halloween**
- November 5 **Daylight Saving ends – FALL BACK!**
- November 8 West Valley RWF Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- November 10 **Veterans Day**
- November 16 West Valley RWF General meeting - **Nan Su, Epoch Times**
- November 23 **Thanksgiving**
- December 7 West Valley RWF General meeting - **Membership Christmas Luncheon** 

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