

# NEWS AND VIEWS



## Go Team USA

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INFORMATIVE SPEAKER!!!

Nancy Comaford will provide our members with information  
regarding the voter registration

Thursday February 13th

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**WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER. WE WILL ALWAYS BE PROUD. WE WILL ALWAYS BE PREPARED, SO WE MAY ALWAYS BE FREE – RONALD REAGAN**

**VICTORIA WILSON**

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

"Land of the Free, Home of the Brave" these are the words written inside the 2014 USA Olympic team hockey jersey shown on the cover of this month's News and Views. It is important to always remember the pride we have in our great Country and the pride our athletes have in our great Country. They wear "team USA" with honor and strength.

We have many issues polarizing our Country today. I feel we are being bullied; divided in race, gender, religion, economy, and values. But when the Olympic games resume we all come back together as Americans. The common thread we all have is the Constitution ("Freedom and Liberty for All").

The 1980 USA hockey team upset the Soviet Union's team in Lake Placid. It was said that Eruzione's goal triggered a spontaneous national celebration of amazing proportion.

People wept, strangers hugged each other, and groups around the Country broke into stirring renditions of "God Bless America" and the Star-Spangled Banner."

That is the same unity against impossible odds we need to win in 2014. We are Strong, we are proud, and we can ban together to keep our great Country "of the People, by the People, and for the People". 2014 is our year to win.

More freedom ...Less government.

We must SCORE! Go team USA Go team GOP

*Long Live the Sister Hood*

*Victoria*



## **VOTER REGISTRATION...WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW**

**JEHANE PRESTON**

**1st VP PROGRAMS**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION?**

#### **WHAT WE DON'T KNOW...WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW!**



So much is about to occur in the realm of voter registration. With the upcoming elections, we all want to be informed and understand the registration process, how it works and, more importantly, why problems occur with voter registration.

#### **WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT ???**

On February 13th, our guest speaker, Nancy Comaford, will provide our members with information regarding the voter registration process. Nancy is currently VP Program Chairperson for the Palos Verde's Peninsula RWF. She is a past president of her Club and has also served as President of LACFRW. She currently serves under Patti Adair as her L.A. County Advocacy Chairman and has been on the NFRW Membership Committee.

When Kathy Brugger was CFRW president, she appointed Nancy to head the Voter Registration/Bounty program for the State of California. The program did very well. Carol Hadley again appointed her to have this job and now, Roseann has asked her to do it again.

As Nancy has stated, "Increased Republican voter registration is very important for our state and I am passionate to help our club members to do their best to help change California to hopefully one day be a Red Republican state where we have been able to elect more Republicans."

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## WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START OFF 2014!

RENEE RIDOSH

2nd VP MEMBERSHIP

We are heading into February with 136 total members - 126 renewals and 10 new members. That's a good start but, we *must* do better. This is an election year, therefore, we need to recruit new members, help to get them informed of the issues we are facing and introduce them to the candidates that can make a difference.

For those who have not renewed their membership, please do so now as we need you more than ever during this election year. You know what's going on. You can help get the word out to those who don't. And, you can make a difference too.

At the next meeting, I would like you to introduce yourself to those wearing a badge with a "star". Remember? These are our new members. Please give them a warm welcome and start a new friendship.

The "News and Views" will be mailed to past members through March. To continue to receive a copy all you need to do is fill out the renewal form located in this issue and mail it in. It's that simple.

Any membership questions or changes to your address, phone number or email can be reported to me at [renee@intendecor.com](mailto:renee@intendecor.com) or 818-888-8281.

See you soon!

Welcome New Members

*Ann Hanna*

*Bonese Turner*



## 2014 THE YEAR OF THE BALLOT MEASURE

NANCY EISENHART

3rd VP CAMPAGNE & PRECINCT

### A Priority - Voter Registration:

If you already registered to vote, you need to re-register if any of the following apply:

- You've moved since the last time you voted
- You turned 18
- You want to change Parties
- You want to be removed from Permanent Absentee Ballot aka Vote By Mail status (vote in person)
- You no longer are in jail or on probation and wish to vote

Registration forms will be available at the next Woodland Hills RWF meeting. They are also available at your local library, or you can register online at [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov)  
Registration Deadline for the June election - May 19, 2014  
The deadline to register to vote for any election is 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time on the 15th calendar day before that election. If you submit an application after this time, your application will still be processed for future elections.



### 2014 is the Year of the Ballot Measure

Status as of 1/8/14 (State measures only):

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Qualified: Nov 2014 ballot | 2-3 |
| Cleared for circulation    | 32  |
| Pending signature verify   | 1   |
| Failed to qualify          | 2   |
| Pending at AG's office     | 22  |

As you can see, not counting County and City measures, a huge potential of ballot measures exists. Of course, they all won't qualify. But which ones will come out on top? California Voter ID Initiative (approved for circulation)

Let's make the **CA voter ID** initiative one of measures that makes the November ballot. If we can get it on the ballot, the polls show people cross-party will support it. Tightening up the transparency of our electoral processes goes a long way to make sure outlandish bills such as the infamous 'bathroom' bill (1266) don't get shoved down our throats by legislation dominated by one-party. We will notify members when the petitions become available in January, and we will have them at the Feb 13 WHRWF meeting.

You will NOT be able to download and print at home the "Big Gulp" petitions (they are considerably oversized). To read the petition, go to Secretary of State [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) ballot measures/initiatives /13-0039 Don't forget to donate @ [www.guardmyvote.org](http://www.guardmyvote.org). This is a citizen initiative, and only you the citizen can guarantee its success.//



# GENOCIDE: THE VANISHING OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST

BY SHERI GOODMAN

ACT 4 AMERICA ACT

The numbers are truly staggering: In Iraq of 2003, until the fall of Saddam Hussein, there were 1.5 million Christians, but today there are only 250,000, that means that 1.25 million have migrated, killed or been forced to become Muslims. In Syria of just three years ago there were 1.75 million Christians, out of whom 450,000 have already left, and the rate of the ethnic cleansing is only growing.

This means that by the end of this decade there will be no more Christian Arabs in the Levant meaning the northern east of the Middle East. In the space that is becoming “Salafi” and violent, there is no place for the Christian Arabs, and they are being forcedly exiled.

This phenomenon is happening in full force at the Palestinian Authority, and if in Bethlehem there where once 90% Christians, today it is already 65% Muslims. The tradition is that the mayor is Christian despite the Muslim majority, but the female mayor is facing harsh persecution, including by the “Fatah” movement.

The day in which there will be no more Christian Arabs in the Palestinian authority is getting close, and according to estimates there are only a few tens of thousands left. In the day to day of the Hamas, Salafis and the Jihad, they have no existence, and they migrate, many to South America, where they already have large communities.

In Hamas's Gaza, out of 2,500 Christians there are only few hundreds left, the rest have escaped or have been forced to become Muslims. If one day there will be an independent “Palestinian” territory, the Christians will be the first to pay the price, especially after the Salafis will start to

take over the control there, and it is only a matter of time, as it is in the entire Middle East.

The Christian were promoted at the National Arab Movement, they were the leaders of the Pan-Arab movement; with the Hamas they were tolerated, but the Salafis are brutally exterminating them. In the Sharia ruled state, the Christians have no place.

In Egypt nearly nine million are Coptic Christians (one tenth), and the estimate is that a quarter of a million have already migrated since the fall of Mubarak, and the rest are suffering persecutions, murders, violence, robbery and looting. They are in grave condition, and the reality is that there are no consequences for hurting them.

In Lebanon there are still about one million Christians (according to a survey published this year), but they are in deep despair, some of them are under the protection of the Shiite Hezbollah state. Do they really have any hope?

Oddly, in a year when the Pope is elected “Man of the Year,” there is no cry about the amazing ethnic cleansing being done to his flock, as well as nothing from the west. United State has murmured something, and that was it.

As for Israel this silence has few conclusions: while the new anti-Semites are busy condemning Israel, proposing resolutions and banning Israel, they are saying nothing about the real massacre and the forced exile taking place here, there is no limit for the hypocrisy. Where are the human rights movements, in the face of this Christians free Middle East being created here?

The second conclusion is for us in Israel: this silence is a warning that if G-d forbids Israel will one day be weakened, the extremists will do us much worse, and no one in the world would really help. In the violent and Salafi Middle East, there is no place for Christians, which did not know how to prepare on time, or the Jews.

Luckily for the latter in the Jewish state they are strong and deterring, now it is clear how important it is to have a Jewish state, as the only place in the Middle East left, that is not Muslim.

Now a word for the Christian communities around the world: if one day the sovereignty over the holy places in Jerusalem will be held solely by the Palestinian Authority, in a short time the religious war that is taking place in the entire Arab world will erupt here as well, and neither Jews nor Christians will be allowed access anymore to their holly sites, as it is happening in Syria, in the places sacred for the Christians.

Only under Jewish sovereignty the freedom of religion will be kept, and the proof is – only in one place in the entire Middle East do the Christian Arabs get freedom of religion as well as equality, and that is in Israel, and so for the first time, we see young Christian Arab citizens, wanting to join in alliance with the Jewish State. They already know that no one will be waiting for them out there, in the cold Christian winter.

By Dr Guy Bechor

Quiz: Answers on pg. 5

1. What is the Greek word for Cupid? —a) Eros, b) Venus, c) Zeus
- 2.. What bird symbolizes Valentines day?—a) Robin, b) Dove, c) Swan
3. What fruit is known as the “love Apple”? —a) grape, b) tomato, c) crab apple
- 4.. What does the word Valentine mean?—a) heart, b) sweetheart, c) love
5. Date of 1st recorded Valentine sent? —a)1810, b) 1415, c) 1520
6. Who is Cupid’s Mother?—a) Eros, b) Aphrodite, c) Venus



## SAVE THE DATE!! APRIL 10TH

AMERICANISM /WAYS AND MEANS

BY GAIL DE MARIO

### IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY – SAVE THE DATE, THURSDAY APRIL 10TH

It's never too early to **spring into action** in the interest of accomplishing one's goals. That is why we on the Ways and Means committee have decided to have our major fundraiser of the year on **April 10th**. Spring is the time of renewal, so let's renew our dedication to making our WHRWF event the best ever. By raising money at this event, we can continue to support the programs our club has undertaken such as the Thomas Paine Merit Scholarship, the Federation, and GOP candidates.

Call your friends, family and associates and ask them to save the date - **April 10th**. Our special event will take place at the Woodland Hills Country Club at 10:00 a.m. More details will follow, but for right now be assured that we will have a spectacular silent auction, wonderful "opportunity" gifts, and a very good time. Tickets will include a delicious luncheon, entertainment and (?) opportunity tickets. Consider reserving a table NOW so that you can sit with your guests.

### Follow The Hypocrite?

It seems to me that with each year that passes more people become hypocrites, and/or operate in a hypocritical manner. If these hypocrites and their hypocritical behavior were confined to their homes and businesses, I don't think it would matter to me or even to other folks. We would have the choice of being friends or doing business with them or go to someone else whose values were more like our own. That is how I was raised. Our family would go to work and school each day where we might be exposed to hypocritical behavior, and then come home in the evening to dinner at the table where we could discuss and learn from each other's experiences about being honest and forthright and true to ourselves. We learned our values from our parents and families.

Today is patently different, and not in a good way. There are all kinds of excuses for not sitting at table and having dinner together, and some may be valid. But, where in the world do children learn basic human values and behavior if not from their parents? It appears to me that the media, television, radio, pop music, videos and movies are the teachers. And boy are those venues loaded with hypocrisy and hypocrites.

The people who speak the loudest and most vehemently about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are the people who trample both documents with impunity. We hear about the 1st Amendment protecting our freedom to speak except for using a certain word that hurts black people. Then in true hypocritical style, black performers scream it in song and spoken word. The 1st Amendment says that Congress shall not prohibit us from practicing our religion, and that no one religion will be established as the religion of the nation. How does this mean removing the 10 Commandments from a courthouse, removing

Crèches from public places and replacing them with "festivus" poles? The hypocrites say the Bill of Rights is no longer relevant in all things, but then they use the Amendments (without reading them) to make a case.

The 2nd Amendment grants us the right to keep and bear arms, and that it cannot be infringed upon. The biggest, highest grossing, and over-exposed actors rant on about gun control, taking away guns, and how guns add to violence. Then they make movies where they carry guns of every sort and size, and kill men, women, children and animals.

Actors, activists, celebrities and even politicians are all over the media squawking about "global warming" and getting rid of fossil fuels. Harrison Ford has 7 airplanes. They all have several very large homes where they live alone or with a spouse, or even with children. Does anyone need 10,000 plus square feet to heat, cool, and irrigate? I wouldn't mind if they would stop telling me I can't drive my Corvette, heat my pool, and cool my (1) house.

It is very un-American to dictate to others how they should live or where they should live. It is very un-American to use the government to enforce lifestyles. It is insane to allow our children to be taught values by people with little or no education, much less any real understanding of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Hypocrisy must be exposed, along with the people who spread it. We must teach our children the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and how they are perfectly relevant today as well as in the future. We may continue to allow freedom of speech, but we cannot allow freedom to be hypocritical nor can we allow the under-educated hypocrites to be the teachers.

Gail DeMario

### REMEMBER

If you make reservations for the meeting and do not attend you will be responsible for the \$25.00 charge.

PLEASE make your reservations with Jane Leisure NOW

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## Thomas Paine Scholarship

## Juanita Robbins

I'm pleased to announce that our Thomas Paine Merit Scholarship application form has been completed and forwarded to Taft, El Camino and Louisville high schools. The application may be completed by PDF (paper application) or online. The applying students go to [WHRWF.org/scholarship](http://WHRWF.org/scholarship) website and select the version they desire. When the chosen form has been completed and submitted it will be sent to the administrator (me) and will automatically receive a "thank you for participating" response. The application and availability of the scholarship has already been posted at El Camino and Louisville. Taft doesn't resume classes until Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> but it will be posted during that week. All of the schools have been very receptive to the scholarship, especially the online version.

We have also determined that at midnight, March 15, 2014, the application form will be removed from our website. We feel meeting the required deadline is a requirement.

The second phase of software program (the judging, grading, etc.) will be finalized within the next couple of weeks. For everyone's information the software that has been created for our scholarship can be used every year (changing dates, and the essay question if desired) so we won't have to do it all over again!

May I just add how proud I am of the work my son, Brick, has done for us on this project. He's given freely of his time (this is his line of work), and he's been very patient with me since I am definitely not all that tech savvy.... he's just a great kid and I am a very proud Mom.

January 8, 2014 By [John Whitehead](#)

### The Many Ways That You're Being Tracked, Catalogued and Controlled

As the following will show, the electronic concentration camp, as I have dubbed the surveillance state, is perhaps the most insidious of the police state's many tentacles, impacting almost every aspect of our lives and making it that much easier for the government to encroach on our most vital freedoms, ranging from free speech, assembly and the press to due process, privacy, and property, by eavesdropping on our communications, tracking our movements and spying on our activities.

**Tracking you based on your consumer activities:** Fusion centers, federal-state law enforcement partnerships which attempt to aggregate a variety of data on so-called "suspicious persons," have actually collected reports on people buying pallets of bottled water, photograph-

ing government buildings, and applying for a pilot's license as "suspicious activity." Retailers are getting in on the surveillance game as well. Large corporations such as Target have been tracking and assessing the behavior of their customers, particularly their purchasing patterns, for years. In 2015, mega-food corporations will be rolling out high-tech shelving outfitted with cameras in order to track the shopping behavior of customers, as well as information like the age and sex of shoppers.

**Tracking you based on your public activities:** Sensing a booming industry, private corporations are jumping on the surveillance state bandwagon, negotiating lucrative contracts with police agencies throughout the country in order to create a web of surveillance that encompasses all major urban centers. Companies such as NICE and Bright Planet are selling equipment and services to police departments with the promise of monitoring large groups of people seamlessly,

as in the case of protests and rallies. They are also engaging in extensive online surveillance, looking for any hints of "large public events, social unrest, gang communications, and criminally predicated individuals." Defense contractors are attempting to take a bite out of this lucrative market as well. Raytheon has recently developed a software package known as Riot, which promises to predict the future behavior of an individual based upon his social media posts.

**Tracking you based on your phone activities:** The CIA has been paying AT&T over \$10 million per year in order to gain access to data on Americans' phone calls abroad. This is in addition to telecommunications employees being embedded in government facilities to assist with quick analysis of call records and respond to government requests for customer location data. They receive hundreds of thousands of such requests per year.

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**Tracking you based on your computer activities:** Federal agents now employ a number of hacking methods in order to gain access to your computer activities and “see” whatever you’re seeing on your monitor. Malicious hacking software can be installed via a number of inconspicuous methods, including USB, or via an email attachment or software update. It can then be used to search through files stored on a hard drive, log keystrokes, or take real time screenshots of whatever a person is looking at on their computer, whether personal files, web pages, or email messages. It can also be used to remotely activate cameras and microphones, offering another means of glimpsing into the personal business of a target.

**Tracking you based on your behavior:** Thanks to a torrent of federal grants, police departments across the country are able to fund outrageous new surveillance systems that turn the most basic human behaviors into suspicious situations to be studied and analyzed. Police in California, Massachusetts, and New York have all received federal funds to create systems like that operated by the New York Police Department, which “links 3,000 surveillance cameras with license plate readers, radiation sensors, criminal databases and terror suspect lists.” Police all across the country are also now engaging in big data mining operations, often with the help of private companies, in order to develop city-wide nets of surveillance. For example, police in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, now work with IBM in order to “integrate new data and analytics tools into everyday crime fighting.”

**Tracking you based on your face:** Facial recognition software promises to create a society in which every individual who steps out into public is tracked and recorded as they go about their daily business. The goal is for government agents to be able to scan a crowd of people and instantaneously identify all of the individuals present. Facial recognition programs are being rolled out in states all across the country (only twelve states do not use facial recognition software). For example, in Ohio, 30,000 police officers and court

employees are able to access the driver’s license images of people in the state, without any form of oversight to track their views or why they’re accessing them. The FBI is developing a \$1 billion program, Next Generation Identification, which involves creating a massive database of mug shots for police all across the country.

**Tracking you based on your car:** License plate readers, which can identify the owner of any car that comes within its sights, are growing in popularity among police agencies. Affixed to overpasses or cop cars, these devices give police a clear idea of where your car was at a specific date and time, whether the doctor’s office, the bar, the mosque, or at a political rally. State police in Virginia used license plate readers to record every single vehicle that arrived to President Barack Obama’s inauguration in 2009 from Virginia. They also recorded the license plates of attendees at rallies prior to the election, including for then-candidate Obama and Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. This data collection came at the request of the U.S. Secret Service. Incredibly, Virginia police stored data on some 8 million license plates, some for up to three years.

**Tracking you based on your social media activities:** The obsession with social media as a form of surveillance will have some frightening consequences in coming years. As Helen A.S. Popkin, writing for *NBC News*, has astutely observed, “We may very well face a future where algorithms bust people en masse for referencing illegal ‘Game of Thrones’ downloads, or run sweeps for insurance companies seeking non-smokers confessing to lapsing back into the habit. Instead of that one guy getting busted for a lame joke misinterpreted as a real threat, the new software has the potential to roll, Terminator-style, targeting every social media user with a shameful confession or questionable sense of humor.”

**Tracking you based on your metadata:** Metadata is an incredibly invasive set of data to have on a person. Indeed, with access to one’s metadata, one can “identify people’s friends and associates, detect where they were at a certain time,

acquire clues to religious or political affiliations, and pick up sensitive information like regular calls to a psychiatrist’s office, late-night messages to an extramarital partner or exchanges with a fellow plotter.” The National Security Agency (NSA) has been particularly interested in metadata, compiling information on Americans’ social connections “that can identify their associates, their locations at certain times, their traveling companions and other personal information.” Mainway, the main NSA tool used to connect the dots on American social connections, collected 700 million phone records *per day* in 2011. That number increased by 1.1 billion in August 2011. The NSA is now working on creating “a metadata repository capable of taking in 20 billion ‘record events’ daily and making them available to N.S.A. analysts within 60 minutes.”

**Tracking you from the skies:** Nothing, and I mean nothing, will escape government eyes, especially when drones take to the skies in 2015. These gadgets, ranging from the colossal to the miniature, will have the capability of seeing through the walls of your home and tracking your every movement.

To put it bluntly, we are living in an electronic concentration camp. Through a series of imperceptible steps, we have willingly allowed ourselves to become enmeshed in a system that knows the most intimate details of our lives, analyzes them, and treats us accordingly. Whether via fear of terrorism, narcissistic pleasure, or lazy materialism, we have slowly handed over our information to all sorts of entities, corporate and governmental, public and private, who are now using that information to cow and control us for their profit. As George Orwell warned, “You had to live—did live, from habit that became instinct—in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized.”

Thus, we have arrived in Orwell’s world. The question now is: will we take a stand and fight to remain free or will we go gently into the concentration camp?



## Ways and Means

**Marie Robinson**

Just in time for Valentine's Day we have Pauline Goldstein with Pegboard Highway who will be selling clothes and unique gifts, and Roberta Gold with Golden Desserts. Roberta will be selling freshly made homemade delectable delights. Plan to support our vendors. They will be contributing 15% of their sales to our club and donating raffle prizes. We want them to feel it was well worth all the time and care they put into their creations to be at our meeting.

### Commentary: Member R. Erickson

During the recent shutdown, I received a telephone call from a long-term friend who has always been a Democrat. I was surprised that she took issue with me about the shutdown. (As if I'm responsible for what goes in Washington, D.C.). I am a conservative Republican and she's never shown much interest in discussions about politics. She went down a whole list of things like social security, affordable healthcare, and who is going to feed the starving children? When I tried to reason with her, she screamed at me in a hostile manner, "Bush, Bush, Bush." I figured she had been watching too much MSNBC or might have had too much to drink. I then told her she was not very knowledgeable, and the conversation was over because she wasn't listening.

I repeated this story to my 21-year old grandson, Kyle. I mentioned that I took her off my Christmas card list because she had been a naughty girl. Kyle looked at me with so much confidence and said "grandma, if anyone treats me like that, I'm going to defriend them on Facebook." I got a big kick out of that and it sounds like that will work. This represents a big generation gap in the way decisions are made. We had a conversation about Facebook, and I told my grandson the art of one-on-one communication has gone by the wayside. The advantage of this type of communication is you can study the body language of the person. The average young person is good at texting and is tech savvy. They are not interested in using a hard-line phone if, in fact, they have seen one lately. Their idea of a phone is an iPhone.

The shutdown in question did not impact me personally very much. The shutdown that has impacted me for many years is liberals trying to shut down my freedom of speech. They name call if you come up with facts and call upon the very old saying "it's not polite to talk politics or religion at a party." Well, anyone that is a senior has heard that many times. I too do not want to see a liberal break down at a party and cry uncontrollably. (That would be more fun that I could handle!). Unfortunately, there are also a few individuals who call themselves conservative Republicans say things like "I don't want to offend my liberal friends." This is hard to understand, as they are not offending anyone. Are they experts at politeness? Where do I stand in this hierarchy of friendship? There was a time in this country where you could discuss politics or current events in a civilized manner. Not necessarily true anymore.

I take this opportunity to thank the new friends that I've made in the WHRWF for their friendship. I also want to thank the leaders of the group who volunteer their time so generously.

## JOIN US! ANY REGISTERED REPUBLICAN WOMAN CAN JOIN

### WHRWF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Clip and Mail to: Membership, P.O. Box 351, Woodland Hills, CA 91365  
Make your check payable to WHRWF.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Associate, Name of Member Club \_\_\_\_\_

Membership—\$32.00    Associate—\$15.00    Renewing ? \_\_\_\_

Were you referred by one of our members? \_\_\_\_\_

*"I get informed,  
I laugh,  
I feel enlightened,  
and  
I feel I'm  
among friends."*

An **Associate Member** is a registered Republican woman whose primary membership is with another club, a registered Republican man, or citizen of another country.



## Legislation

**PLASTIC BAG BAN:** Shoppers in the city of Los Angeles will have to bring their own reusable bags or fork up 10 cents per sack at large retail stores, starting Jan. 1, 2014. Smaller stores have until July 1, 2014, to phase out single-use plastic bags.

**TRANSGENDER RIGHTS:** Students in grades K-12 who identify as transgender will be allowed to use school bathrooms and play on sport teams “consistent with their gender identity,” starting Jan. 1, 2014. **Suspended —Thanks to your work getting petitions signed!**

**MINIMUM WAGE HIKE:** Workers earning minimum wage will net \$9 an hour starting July 1, 2014. The increase is part of a three-year plan that will raise the hourly minimum wage in California to \$10 – one of the highest in the nation – by 2016. Under another bill, domestic workers will have to be paid time and a half if they work more than nine hours in a day or more than 45 hours in a week; baby sitters are exempt.

**GAY SCOUT BAN:** Starting Jan. 1, 2014, the 116,000-member Boy Scouts of America will lift its ban on openly gay scouts, though the ban on openly gay leaders is still in effect.

**PAPARAZZI CRACKDOWN:** Backed by actresses including Halley Berry and Jennifer Garner, a new measure will impose tougher penalties on paparazzi that

harass the children of public figures, including celebrities, police officers and judges. Starting in January, violators could face up to a year in county jail and a fine of up to \$10,000. Fines would increase for subsequent convictions.

### **MORE ROOM FOR BICYCLISTS:**

Drivers must give cyclists a 3-foot clearing when passing or, when that clearance isn't possible, slow down and only pass when there's enough room. Starting Sept. 16, 2014, passing too close to a bicyclist could result in a fine for the driver, whether there was a crash or not.

### **AMBER ALERT EXPAN-**

**SION:** Abductions by custodial parents or guardians, who may cause serious bodily injury or death to the child, now will require law enforcement to request the activation of an AMBER Alert.

**TEXTING AND DRIVING:** Drivers under the age of 18 are not allowed to use voice recognition software, like Apple's “Siri,” to write, send or read a text while behind the wheel.

**ON-CAMPUS SMOKING:** All 10 University of California campuses will be smoke-free starting Jan. 1, 2014. The ban includes all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.

**HYBRIDS RIDING HOV:** Low-emission or zero-emission vehicles can continue using high-occupancy vehicle, or

carpool lanes without meeting occupancy requirements until Jan. 1, 2019.

### **FINDING HIT-AND-RUN DRIVERS:**

A new bill extends the current three-year statute of limitations for hit-and-run offenses to six years from the date of a crash that causes death or permanent, serious injuries.

**GROUP GRATITUDE:** Tips automatically added to a restaurant bill (usually when a table seats 6 or more diners) will now be taxable as regular wages and subject to payroll tax withholding, which means your server won't see those tips until payday instead of taking it home as cash.

**SEARCH WARRANT S:** A driver suspected of DUI who refuses to submit to or fails to complete a blood test can be served a search warrant to draw blood in a “reasonable”, medically approved manner.” This law went into effect Sept. 20.

**VICTIM PROTECTION:** Employers are now barred from firing, discriminating or retaliating against a worker because they are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. The new law also requires employers to protect victims from their abusers, for example, by changing the employee's work number.

### In Memoriam: *Ruth Woods*

We are sad to report the passing of Ruth Woods. Ruth was a Gold Card member of Woodland Hills Republican Women Federated. She was a member of the PTA, Boy Scouts, East WH Women's Club, Assistance League, Deacon at St James, and a SFV philanthropist. Our sincere condolences to Ruth's family.

We've heard all about Obama's vacations and the gross excesses of Michelle and her entourage numbering in the hundreds (all of it at the taxpayer's expense) but not much discussion or media attention about KY Senator Rand Paul's summer break. He and his partner teamed up to do pro bono eye surgeries for the poor. People who came to the surgery center, legally blind or much worse, were all seeing before they left. Isn't it interesting what the media considers newsworthy? This is a huge American patriot story. It doesn't fit the image the media tries to create for conservatives.

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**February 18th**

Executive Board Meeting Home of Louise Benson 9:30 am

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**February 6** Ronald Reagan's Birthday

**February 12** Lincoln's Birthday

**February 22** Washington's Birthday

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