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UPCOMING...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Republican Warriors,

As the crisp autumn air sweeps through our beautiful hills of Fallbrook, our majestic Sycamore and Liquid Amber trees show us that change is indeed in the winds, yet we all have more work ahead of us. I can't help but feel full of gratitude for the spirit that binds us together. November is a month of Thanksgiving, reflection, and, in a year of hard-fought victories—reminds us why we gather as the Republican Women of California – Fallbrook. We are not just a club; we are the club that values liberty, the reduction of big government and family values.

What a triumph this last year has been. Our club has hosted dynamic speakers who ignited our passions, reminded us that hard work and perseverance does pay off in ways that will echo for years to come. President Trump's resounding return to the White House, alongside Republican gains across the nation, stands as a true testament to the power of informed, activated women like you.

Here in California, we've seen glimmers of hope too: more Republican women stepping into the spotlight, from our re-elected trailblazers in the state Senate to the fresh faces ready to challenge the status quo, you didn't just vote—you voted with conviction, and America is stronger for it.

As we enter this season of renewal under

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Friday, November 14, 2025
10:00 AM/doors open 9:30AM
Fallbrook Mission Theater
\$10 pp member/guest

Please watch your inbox for your **Evite** and **RSVP** no later than 2 days prior

THERE ARE
ONLY A FEW
MORE DAYS
UNTIL TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 4.



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Republican leadership, our work intensifies. California, our beloved Golden State, still grapples with misguided policies that threaten our families, our economy, and our freedoms. From Prop 50 "Trump-proof" schemes in Sacramento to ballot measures that could redraw districts in ways that silence conservative voices, the battles ahead demand our vigilance. That's where we come into the heart and soul of RWC Fallbrook. Since 1950, we've been educated, we've mobilized, and we've elected leaders who champion the Constitution against all foes, foreign and domestic.

This November, as we give thanks, let's channel that energy into action: join our upcoming general meeting on November 14th at the Mission Theater for only \$10! We'll discuss ways to support our scholarship program for deserving local youth and gear up for 2026 midterms where we'll elect even more women who lead with courage and conviction. Imagine it: a California where conservative principles flourish, where our children inherit a state of opportunity, not overreach. That's not a dream—it's our destiny, and it's within our grasp because we are the Republican women who make it happen. So, as we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, raise a glass (or a pumpkin spice latte!) to the women who dare to lead, to fight, and to win.

Together, we are unbreakable. Together, we will Make California Great Again.

With fierce pride and endless optimism, your President,

Michelle Fitzgerald









HOW TO "VOTE SAFE" in San Diego County

To avoid excessive handing and processing, delay in counting, technological intrusion and lack of chain of custody, follow the instructions below to vote in person (no envelope):

- When you receive your vote by mail ballot (VBM), open it to be sure there are no errors. Treat it with care and store it where it will remain safe and undamaged.
 - Do NOT mix your materials with those of other family members. If emergency requires you to vote with the envelope, the one YOU were sent needs to be the one YOU sign.
- Take your VBM to the polls on or as close to Election Day as possible to submit without the envelope. San Diego refers to this as a "carry-in" ballot. You may fill it out at home or use a booth in the polls to mark it after check-in.
 - Mark cleanly and carefully—no cross-outs, erasures, smudges, stains, wet spots. Black or blue ink are
 equally fine.
 - Fully fill in the "bubbles"—no X or √ or circles. No writing or stray marks.
- Inform poll workers you wish to vote in person.
- Provide your name and address as required by law by filling out the check-in form.
- 5. Take form to clerk at electronic poll book.
- 6. Inform the clerk you will use your VBM ballot.
- Sign the poll pad when requested.
- Put ballot in secrecy sleeve and allow clerk to check sequence number at the top.
- 9. Take your marked ballot in the secrecy sleeve to the ballot box and watch the clerk submit it.
- When you get home, shred the return envelope once you have voted.

NOTE:

- Voting early (before polls open) at the ROV is NOT an in-person vote, but simply an in-person VBM vote. You
 do not avoid the VBM processing when you vote that way.
- If poll workers attempt to dissuade you from voting in person, or suggest you are not registered or have already
 voted, the magic words are: 1) "Please summon your supervisor." 2) "Please call your Poll Worker HOTLINE."
 Always be polite and patient but stand up for your rights!!
- Provisional ballot and Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) should be LAST resort.
- If a last-minute emergency keeps you from the polls, seal your marked ballot in return envelope, sign carefully
 and put in mail or allow a trusted friend/relative to drop it off for you at the polls or drop box. If submitted or
 postmarked by Election Day, it will count.

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November Speaker

Submitted by Christine Moosa, Publicity

In celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps we are so very pleased to welcome Fallbrook's own **Tim Kirk** as our guest speaker at our November 14th Veteran's Day meeting. Mr. Kirk, retired Master Gunnery Sergeant (E-9) with 25 years of activeduty service in the USMC, understands the very real challenges of relocating having moved every three years himself. As a Military Relocation Professional (MRP), he brings deep empathy and specialized insight to military families from Camp Pendleton and throughout the greater Southern California region.



November Club Business

ELECTION

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CA- FALLBROOK 2026 YEAR

The Nominating Committee, consisting of **Suzanne Pearne**, **Ardeth Meier**, and **Christine Moosa**, met on September 29, 2025, and we recommend the members listed below for each position. The election will be held at the November General Membership meeting and <u>your participation is requested</u>.

President: **Michelle Fitzgerald**1st VP, Programs: **Christine Moosa**2nd VP, Membership: open
3rd VP, Ways and Means: **Young Milton**Treasurer: **Cheryl Hurley**

Recording Secretary: **Suzanne Pearne**Corresponding Secretary: **Orolie Gubser**

Submitted the 7th day of October, 2025 **Suzanne Pearne**, Chairwoman



Here's an idea for something to do on a dark evening once the time falls back in the wee hours of November 2...



Our Club needs gift baskets to raffle/auction off at our Gala to help defer the cost of holding the event. Please collect/purchase items, assemble, and donate one or more, along with a list of the items inside (no surprise or mystery gift baskets and all items must be new, please). Deadline is December 10th. If you need inspiration, a sample gift basket will be available for viewing at our November 14th general meeting. Contact Christine Moosa at (760) 468-0538 for drop off instructions and other questions.

Thank you so very much! See you at the Gala!



Membership Drive 2026

Please bring cash or checkbook to our November meeting!

New Members & Renewals: Full Membership \$40, Joint Membership \$50 Ruby \$75, Diamond \$100 Badges \$10

And, bring your friends to join! See Membership form on the last page of this newsletter or

fill one out at the Membership Desk.

November Birthdays

11/4 Suzanne L.

11/9 Marie H.

11/12 Orolie G.

11/29 Patrick-Ann C.





Submitted by Young Milton, 3rd VP, Ways and Means



Due to the upcoming, quickly approaching holidays, our 2025 Club social events are wrapped up for the year! Thank you so much to everyone who participated and contributed to both the camaraderie and our Club budget!

Mark your 2026 calendars as we kick things off on January 23 for a new year of fun! Details will be shared as the date gets closer.

In the meantime, see you all at the November meeting and the Christmas Gala!

2025 RWCF Leadership

Email info@RWCFallbrook.org to contact any listed club leader regarding club business.



Elected Positions

President 1st VP Programs 2nd VP Membership

3rd VP Ways & Means

Treasurer

Michelle Fitzgerald

open

Chris St. James Young Milton Cheryl Hurley

Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Orolie Gubser

Immediate Past President

Suzanne Pearne Ardeth Meier

Appointed Positions

Parliamentarian Communications Call to Action Liaison Legislation Americanism

Scholarships

June 13

Suzanne Pearne Carol Shrider **Brita L.** (RWCSDC) **Peggy Wells Ardeth Meier** Jane Kepley & Liz Incledon

Newsletter Editor **Publicity** Photographer Campaign HQ

Chaplain Hospitality Song Leader **Andrea Thompson Christine Moosa** open **Team** Melissa Seymour

Marie Harper Sandra Kopitzke

2025 Meeting Dates & Speakers

David Blacher Shields of David January 10

Loren Spivek Conservative Author, Speaker February 14

CANCELLED Carl DeMaio Assemblyman & Reform California March 14

Brad Dacus Pacific Justice Institute April 11

May 9 **Chris Boyle** Nights with Chris Boyle/OAN

> Jonathan Hogan UCR College Republicans **Lena Gustafson** Young, Local Entrepreneur

Olivia Searle & Frank Voges RWCF Scholarship Winners

July & August Dark-No Meetings

Ruth Weiss Election Integrity Project CA September 12

Eli Komai John Birch Society 🗸 October 10

November 14 Tim Kirk, USMC, Retired

December 10 Christmas Gala @ Grand Tradition

David Serpa for CA Governor January 2026

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Republican Women of California—Fallbrook

^{*}Most meetings to be held at the Fallbrook Mission Theater. You will be notified of any location change(s).









Republican Women of California-Fallbrook Mission Statement

Our goal is to educate the community by communicating information, encouraging involvement, and outreach.



Our objectives, as stated in our Bylaws are to:

- · Support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic.
- · Promote a wider knowledge of principles and policies of the Republican Party.
- · Cooperate with the Republican State and County Central Committees in campaign work for the election of Republican candidates for office, including non-partisan offices.

The cornerstone of the Republican philosophy is the belief that each person is responsible for his or her own place in our society. Individuals are encouraged to join the Party to help secure and preserve the benefits of society.

We believe that government should be limited to doing for people those things they cannot do for themselves. The right to determine individual destiny should lie in the hands of the individual, and we believe in the competitive free enterprise system. We believe that peace and freedom can be protected only if America maintains a defense strong enough to deter an aggressor. We strive to cut overlapping and unnecessary government programs.

Become a Member • Invite a Friend to Attend & Join

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NameLast First	Initial	Husband	Birthday		
Address	-	City	State and Zip		
Cell Phone # Home Phone # E-Mail Name Badge Order (\$10.00 per badge)	() Full Member \$40 () Ruby \$75 () Associate Member (Republican man or Me	Membership Level check one: (1) Full Member \$40 (1) Joint with Husband \$50 (1) Cash (2) Ruby \$75 (1) Diamond \$100 (1) Check (3) Associate Member \$20 (Republican man or Member of another RWC club) (4) Transfer membership from other RWC club to this club (5) Name of RWC Club in which you're a full member			
Name		d			
Payment: Annual dues: \$	I've included \$ with	I've included \$ with my membership for our RWCF Scholarship Fund			