



# ELEPHANT'S EAR



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UPCOMING...

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Democrats are working with labor union bosses to put a repeal of Prop 13 on the ballot in 2026. The bill – passed in 1978, promised to set property tax rates at the state level and cap increases at 1% of the value per year, with re-assessments coming only upon sale or significant renovation. Taxes can only go up a maximum of 2% per year. This essentially transformed the property tax system in California from a market-based system to an acquisition-based one. An overwhelming majority of Californian voters – almost 66% voted for Prop 13 because they knew that the initiative would finally take power away from the tax collectors and give it back to the taxpayers. The passage of Prop 13, allowed neighborhoods to stay intact and kept elderly residents on fixed-incomes in their homes rather than being forced out by increasingly high tax bills. Despite what many politicians say, total property tax revenues to local governments in California have increased at a rate exceeding inflation and virtually all other economic indicators.



Proposition 13 protects homeowners and all taxpayers by requiring a two-third vote to pass certain tax increases, including the state sales and income tax. The intention of the supermajority requirement is to have a system whereby taxes cannot be raised too easily, or too often.

Efforts to hobble-if not destroy Prop 13 come with nearly every election cycle in California. Democrats

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## MAY MEETING

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

Please **RSVP** to  
✉ [rsvp@rwcfallbrook.org](mailto:rsvp@rwcfallbrook.org) or  
[LCShrider@icloud.com](mailto:LCShrider@icloud.com)  
no later than 2 days prior



## LOOKING AHEAD

Let's Do Lunch!  
Friday, May 2  
at Backdraft in Bonsall  
RSVP to the Evite in your inbox!

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have introduced in separate bills that would increase your property tax in some way, with the worst being a costly property transfer tax that would give state and local government 5% on the value of every home sold, this on top of the capital gains tax! Democrats are working with labor union bosses to put a repeal of Prop 13 on the ballot in 2026.

Here's the good news: all the polling shows voters overwhelmingly OPPOSE these tax hikes – even Democrat voters!

Let's get the word out and make sure that everyone knows what the Democrats are up to.

Thanks in advance for your participation,

*Michelle Fitzgerald*  
President

## Friday Luncheon Details

Let's meet up for Lunch!

Friday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 2025 at **11:30AM**

**Backdraft Bar & Grill**

5525 CA-76 W, Ste F (next to Bonsall Post Office)

Cost: You pay your tab to the restaurant directly.

\*Please donate \$10 to our club when you arrive. It would be appreciated very much!



We'll sit together outside on the patio (don't forget to bring a sweater in case it gets cold).

## May Speaker

Submitted by **Christine Moosa**, RWCF Publicity



On Friday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>** are pleased to welcome as our guest speaker **Chris Boyle**, host of "Nights with Chris Boyle" on **One America News** network, who will be speaking about comedy, culture and politics. His OAN show takes a sneak peek behind the headlines – featuring relaxed, in-depth conversations with the movers and shakers in culture and politics today.

Join us at **10:00am** at the **Fallbrook Mission Theater** for what will be an entertaining and enlightening presentation!

# April



## New Chairs were officially confirmed:

Legislation Chair: **Peggy Wells**

Scholarship Co-Chairs: **Liz Incledon** and **Jane Kepley** (they have identified 3 Academic Applicants so far!!)

Greeter: **Marie Harper** who replaces **Susan Stitle** to whom we offer tremendous thanks for her service!

## Update:

You may soon notice that invitations to **monthly meetings** will be sent via **Evite**, similar to how our luncheon invitations are shared. Be on the lookout!



## Club Membership & Renewals

Submitted by **Chris St.James**, RWCF Membership Chair & 2nd VP



The 2025 renewal season is officially over and rosters are available to you either electronically or hard copy. Please send an email to **[info@rwcfallbrook.org](mailto:info@rwcfallbrook.org)** to request. Any applications for new membership or renewals moving forward are now officially good through the end of the 2026 season.

See last page for the form, complete it, and mail in your annual check to:

*Republican Women's Club of Fallbrook*

*P.O. Box 1328*

*Fallbrook, Calif. 92088*

We will also happily accept it at our monthly meetings.

Thank you in advance for your membership support!

# 2025 RWCF Leadership

Email [info@RWCFallbrook.org](mailto:info@RWCFallbrook.org) to contact any listed club leader regarding club business.



## Elected Positions

President	<b>Michelle Fitzgerald</b>	Recording Secretary	<b>Suzanne Pearne</b>
1st VP Programs	open	Corresponding Secretary	<b>Orolie Gubser</b>
2nd VP Membership	<b>Chris St. James</b>	Immediate Past President	<b>Ardeth Meier</b>
3rd VP Ways & Means	<b>Young Milton</b>		
Treasurer	<b>Cheryl Hurley</b>		

## Appointed Positions

Parliamentarian	<b>Suzanne Pearne</b>	Newsletter Editor	<b>Andrea Thompson</b>
Communications	<b>Carol Shrider</b>	Publicity	<b>Christine Moosa</b>
Call to Action Liaison	<b>Brita L. (RWCSDC)</b>	Photographer	open
Legislation	<b>Peggy Wells</b>	Chaplain	<b>Melissa Seymour</b>
Americanism	<b>Ardeth Meier</b>	Hospitality	<b>Marie Harper</b>
Scholarships	<b>Liz Incledon &amp; Jane Kepley</b>	Song Leader	<b>Sandra Kopitzke</b>

## Meeting Dates & Speakers

January 10	<b>David Blacher</b> Shields of David ✓
February 14	<b>Loren Spivek</b> Conservative Author, Speaker ✓
March 14	<b>CANCELLED</b> <del><b>Carl DeMaio</b></del> Assemblyman & Reform California
April 11	<b>Brad Dacus</b> Pacific Justice Institute ✓
May 9	<b>Chris Boyle</b> Nights with Chris Boyle/OAN
June 13	TBD
July & August	Dark—No Meetings
September 12	TBD
October 10	TBD
November 14	TBD
December 12	TBD



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



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**Republican Women of California—Fallbrook**



# 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

REPUBLICAN WOMEN of CALIFORNIA - Fallbrook		New ( )	
PO Box 1328 Fallbrook, CA 92088		Renewal ( )	
<b>Membership Application</b>		Date _____	
Name _____		Husband _____	
Last First Initial		Birthday	
Address _____		City State and Zip	
Cell Phone # _____			
Home Phone # _____			
E-Mail _____			
Name Badge Order (\$10.00 per badge)			
Name _____			
Name _____			
Payment:			
Annual dues:	\$ _____		
Name badges:	\$ _____		
Amount Paid:	\$ _____		
		<b>Membership Level check one:</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> Joint with Husband \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby \$75 <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Check	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member \$20	
		(Republican man or Member of another RWC club)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer membership from other RWC club to this club	
		Name of RWC Club in which you're a full member _____	
		<b>RWCF Scholarship Fund</b>	
		I've included \$_____ with my membership for our RWCF Scholarship Fund	
		(please note on check)	
		Yes, I am a registered Republican (Signature) _____	

