

PAULY'S PERSPECTIVE

A Message from Our President Deborah Pauly, Esq.



What I Did Over My Summer Vacation

Do you remember when you were a youngster and school started back up in the fall? One of the first assignments was to write an essay about what you did over summer vacation. That was my September assignment from *The Conservative Chronicle's* Editor-in-Chief Robin Itzler. I laughed. Robin is always so much fun and of cheerful spirit in her work. Alright, I'll do that!

When I was a kid, I remember thinking I didn't have much to write about. I had spent the summer at Vacation Bible School; and at lake summer camp canoeing without a life vest and catching crawdads using bacon as bait; and in the cool of the summer night playing "Ghost in the Graveyard," a version of tag, with the back fence as "home base;" and working with the other neighborhood kids to catch fireflies trying to fill a glass jar; and jumping double-dutch while the Moms in the neighborhood took turns spinning the ropes between sips of wine coolers; and having spontaneous watermelon seed spitting contests; and racing down the street on my bike to the local creek to catch tadpoles. I wasn't even wearing shoes, let a crash helmet, plus knee and wrist guards.

It's amazing that any of us survived.

Little did I know, at that time, I was writing a history that fills the heart with joy and sweet remembrances of youth and innocence and a time when American greatness was never questioned, but embraced with the ferocious spirit one conjures if a beloved member of the family is attacked.

Well...we're under attack. Our great country is under attack. More and more great Americans recognize this fact and are rising up to come together to fight for Her restoration. I guess fundamentally I spent my summer vacation preparing for that battle.

The first thing I did over my summer vacation was get sworn into the California State Bar as an attorney. You'll notice the little "Esq." for esquire after my name. It feels very pretentious and haughty, but it took me over four years to earn it, so I'm going to proudly wear it. I was very honored to have many members of CPOC and the CPOC board attend that private swearing-in ceremony at

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Above: John Paul "JP" Clelland III holds the bible while Deborah Pauly is sworn in at Trinity Law School.

Below: Celebrating after the swearing in.



Trinity Law School, then stick around for food and fellowship. Their well-wishes and smiling faces are seared in my mind as a great memory that I will take with me forever.

The next thing I did over my summer vacation was accept a position as staff attorney at The Lex Rex Institute, a Constitutional advocacy non-profit law firm that is fighting for all of the things that you and I care deeply about. I always find it interesting how God works. CPOC's Election Integrity (EI) committee had invited a brilliant, young attorney named Alexander Haberbush to brief during our EI-focused meeting in May.



It was obvious that The Lex Rex Institute (LRI) was being overwhelmed with work because the attacks on our constitutional rights have been so great and the number of law firms willing to take on these issues have been so few. He was founding The Lex Rex Institute, as I was finishing law school. You will be hearing more from Alexander, starting with the September 2023 meeting, when we finally realize a goal set in September 2022 to establish a Legal Action Committee.

(An Aside: I filled in for LRI on Politics and The Pulpit Radio with Pastor Jerry Cook. You can listen [here.](#))

Even though CPOC was supposed to be dark in July and August, another interesting and unexpected confluence of opportunities merged together, sparking one of the best events we've

ever had: the LowDown HoeDown! If you were not there, you missed a great time of food, fellowship, the awesome country and western James Kelly Band, fantastic authentic venue and a terrific speaker, Dr. John Eastman, an alleged co-conspirator in indictments against former President Donald J. Trump.

This LowDown HoeDown was only possible due to the generosity of great CPOC members Irma Goerner, Fran and Bill Klovstad, plus Carol Bowen and the fabulous CPOC board. See coverage in this issue, plus a great [Epoch Times article.](#)

Over the past two months, the CPOC Reform Orange County Caucus has been meeting twice weekly as we put the structure, resources, and people in place to take back the Republican Party of Orange County. You will be hearing more about that at the September meeting, when new

CPOC member Jennye Bigelow briefs on the data she has compiled toward that effort. Jennye also serves as Vice President of the California Republican Assembly.

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John Eastman attends a private event held at a ranch in northern Orange County, Calif., on Aug. 19, 2023. (Brad Jones/The Epoch Times)

Did you notice that Jennye is a new member? That's another thing we have done on our summer vacation was recruit new members. We now tip 300. See our Membership Director Michele Markel's report on page 11. Our goal is to recruit another 200 members by December. Please, do your part to help achieve that objective.

Bring your friends to September's meeting because it is going to be a great kick-off to the election season. We will have a report from our faithful Education Committee Chairwoman Linda Cone. Hardworking members of the Election Integrity committee will report on their meetings with four of the five members of the OC Board of Supervisors, which they secured and managed over the summer.

We have two special guests, Jane Rice, who is working with CPOC member Rick Nelson to qualify a local land use control initiative for the ballot. I was invited to a private screening of her briefing and it is wonderful. CPOC will get a truncated version of it, but material will be available for distribution and Our Neighborhood Voices will have an information table in the ballroom, which you can visit during our dessert and fellowship break!



Meetings, which include a delicious buffet dinner, are held at the upscale Elks Lodge in Santa Ana.

Finally, we will have the first of several federal level candidates, as Eric Early, who is running for U.S Senate presents himself, his qualification and his vision to you for your consideration.

We are beginning the vetting process and other candidates will be presented in October and November.

The official ramp up to the March 5 Primary Election traditionally starts over the Labor Day Weekend. We've been preparing for it. We've been preparing to welcome you back to our powerful, fast-paced meetings, as CPOC connects and serves the Patriot community in Orange County.

Are you tired of losing? Then you belong here with us! You should belong to Conservative Patriots of Orange County!

See you there!