

Meet Ron Weinberg - Larimer County Republican Chairman - 2021

Ron Weinberg doesn't do anything halfway. This father, businessman, community volunteer, and now GOP Chairman, has the energy, commitment, and experience to effectively lead this Party forward.

Ron believes in leading by example. He joined the Larimer County Republican Party (LCRP) as a Bonus Member in February, 2018. One of his motivations was to oppose higher property taxes. He soon accepted the position of Internal Vice Chair (IVC) and was elected Chairman in February 2021.

In a letter to Fellow Larimer Republicans earlier this year, Ron stated he and the newly elected board members are open to anyone's input. "We will aim to be the representation of you, the [conservative] voter, and will work to regain your trust every day until our terms expire." He also said this: "With patriotism and honor, I pledge to work with anyone who chooses to give their opinion and engage with the local community. This party is only as good as the people who are willing to press the agenda of change, and believe me, change is here!"

Covid hit when Ron was IVC in 2020. He was tasked with figuring out, on the fly, how to run the Larimer County Caucus and County Assembly on a virtual basis with mail-in ballots. Working together with John Woram and other volunteers, Ron was able to make it happen. Ron recently had the honor of serving as Class President for the Leadership Program of the Rockies.

Ron believes in serving one's community as a volunteer. He was elected Chair of Loveland's Planning Commission in January, 2021. Ron joined the Rotary Club in 2019. His wife, Carolyn, is also a member.

His family is Ron's top priority. He is a devoted father and family man. He and Carolyn have a son and a daughter.

Ron's full name is Yaron Weinberg. He was born in 1986 in South Africa, the child of Jewish parents. His father grew up in Israel, where his own parents immigrated after WWII. Ron's paternal grandfather fought on horseback on the Russian front. Ron has a special love for his grandmother, who passed a few years ago. As a young girl, she survived a barbarous internment in Auschwitz, one of 23 main concentration camps. Her parents were killed by the Nazis.

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Ron grew up in South Africa, a nation in turmoil. His family fully supported Nelson Mandela's efforts to end apartheid and restabilize the nation. Yet like so many other South Africans, they experienced constant economic and other types of hardships.

One day his family was robbed by thieves armed with a machine gun and a hand grenade. This was one reason Ron's family legally immigrated to the U.S. in 2000 and settled in Agoura Hills, California when he was 14. They wanted a better life for their children. Yet Ron struggled to find true friends and adjust to a new and different culture. He credits mentors with helping him find his way into a deep love for America. One was a history and civics teacher who shared stories of how America's founders fled persecution to establish a nation of freedom and opportunity. At 17, Ron joined a one year NROTC program. He graduated valedictorian of his class.

Ron then turned his attention to becoming a successful businessman, like his father, and embarked on a journey to realize the "American Dream." When he was 21, he founded his company 365 IT, which provides computer support and services. At 23, he met his wife, Carolyn, during a service call and they married two

months later. Carolyn is a first generation American in her own family, the daughter of a French Haitian mother and an Austrian father.

Ron and Carolyn have many interesting stories to tell about their journey. For example, they started their married life in a low income apartment in Tarzana in the San Fernando Valley. Their neighbors were diverse, from senior citizens, to gangsters with guns, to undercover law enforcement. In Ron's first effort at community organizing, he decided to host a barbeque and knocked on 50 doors to invite his guests. "All the people there needed to belong to something, a community, and I wanted to help." The event was well attended.

Ron became a U.S. citizen in 2014. "The oath of citizenship is beautiful," said Ron. "This country is the greatest nation in the history of the world. As citizens, we have the right to pursue happiness, and I have found it."

Life is never boring for Ron and his family. Along with their business and volunteer commitments, they ride motorcycles, fish, and target shoot. Ron is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. He likes motorcycles and cars (ask him about his Harley and SS Chevy Camaro). He is coached a men's rugby team at Colorado State University and his competitive demeanor took them to 8th in the nation in Division 1A.

The extended Weinberg family is a tight unit. When Ron's parents were seeking a place to retire, they were impressed by Loveland's clean air, friendly people, and slower, country pace. "My father said, 'This is America,'" said Ron, "and we all relocated here in 2017."

Through hard work, saving, and investing, Ron and his family have thrived in Loveland. Ron's clients are mostly independent small business owners. It didn't take long before the couple began volunteering in Larimer County to preserve the freedoms that they will never take for granted. When Carolyn was asked if she shared her husband's determination, she simply replied, "Of course. It's our children's future."