



**THE HEMET-SAN JACINTO CHAPTER
OF THE
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS**

*Invites you and your friends to
Join with them for the annual*

CHRISTMAS DINNER

and

**ELECTION AND INSTALLATION
OF 2019 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

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***California Republican Party Vice Chairman Inland Region
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**JOIN LIKE MINDED REPUBLICANS FOR A FUN EVENING
INCLUDING DOOR PRIZES, OPPORTUNITY DRAWING,
HOLIDAY DINNER, AND A SUPERB PROGRAM**

Please bring non-perishable food for the Community Pantry.

***Monday, December 10, 2018
Social at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
\$20 per person***

***Please RSVP by Thursday, December 6, 2018
Susan Watson: 951-760-0614/sfwatson1@yahoo.com***



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NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF 2019 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Monday, December 10, 2018 is the **Annual Christmas Event and nomination, election, and installation of the 2019 Officers and Board of Directors.** (See Nominating Committee Report on page 2.)

California Republican Party Inland Vice Chairman **Heather Obernolte** is the installing officer and guest speaker. Heather is married to Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, who represents the Big Bear area. They have two sons, Hale and Troy. **Heather** is attuned to the political scene both nationally and in Sacramento and can give up updated information.

This promises to be a fun-filled evening for socializing and enjoying the season.

In addition to the Installation and music, there will be door prizes in abundance (members may bring a wrapped gift!) as well as a fantastic Christmas dinner of either prime rib or salmon!

Traditionally, the **HSJCR** members bring non perishable food items for the Community Pantry! This year is no exception!!

See you on December 10, 2018

HSJCR CHRISTMAS TRADITION

For several years the **HSJCR** has collected non-perishable food items for the community Pantry at the Christmas Dinner. Items such as tuna, mac and cheese, any canned fruits and vegetables are welcome.

Please bring items to the dinner on Monday, December 10.

MEMBERSHIP

The **HSJCR** ended 2018 with 65 members. Dues for 2019 are now due!!! The **HSJCR** dues structure is based on a calendar year and due are due January of each year. Anyone who has reached the wonderful year of 90 is an automatic member, dues free!!

Renewals can be sent to the post office box (see form on page 3) or brought to the December or January meetings.

When sending in membership dues, please give your current address, phone, and e-mail address. It is cost effective to send the newsletter e-mail; however, if you prefer a hard copy, just indicate your wishes.

In addition to outstanding programs, members receive a **Membership Directory** and are informed of political events in Riverside County.

Meeting Information

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans December Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers and Board is Monday, December 10, 2018 at **The Elks located at 1305 West Florida, Hemet.** Social time is 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. The cost is \$20 per person.

The menu choices are prime rib or salmon. Please give Susan your choice when calling for reservations. Call **951-760-0614** or **sfwatson1@yahoo.com.**

Reservations are needed by December 6.

If you reserve and are unable to attend, please cancel with **Susan**; otherwise, you will be assessed the amount of the dinner.

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*The HSJCR Officers and
Board of Directors
Wish You a
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Years*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** boasts eight members for 2019!!

The Chapter has six new members, The **HSJCR** welcomes **Ernest and Fran Spina, Michelle Nash-Hoff and Michael Hoff, Sue Kalina, and Joel Ortiz**. Renewals are **Linda and Gene Stock**.

Membership dues are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

At the November meeting of the **HSJVRWCF**, leadership for 2019 was nominated and elected.

The officers are: Diane Wilson, President; Karlee Meyer, VP Programs; Sharon Durbin, VP Membership; Joanne Morello, VP Ways and Means; Susan Watson, Treasurer. Secretary position is open. **Sharon, Susan and Karlee** are also **HSJCR** members.

The **HSJVRWCF** is dark in December.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following for 2019 leadership of the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**:

President: Sharon Durbin
Vice President Programs: Bonnie Wright
Vice President Membership: Robin Lowe
VP Liaison/HSJVRWCF: Karlee Meyer
Secretary: Susan Watson
Treasurer: Charlene Stover

Board Members: Larry Cutting, JoAnne Dieleman, Bill Frayer, Joe Palmer, Mayzelle Rhoten, and David Wright.
Immediate Past President Dale Dieleman



Please contact any Board member if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

In lieu of a General membership Meeting in October, members were given the freedom to attend the "Yes on 6" Rally in Corona. The rally was well attended by enthusiastic supporters. It was complete with protestors; however, there were no major issues—only chanting and marching!

The January meeting is an open meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the Mission Inn.

All interested Republicans are welcome at the meetings.

OCTOBER MEETING UPDATE

The meeting was called to order by **President Sharon Durbin** on October 22, 2018. Reports were given. Program Vice President **Bonnie Wright** introduced guest speaker **Senator Jeff Stone, 28 State Senate District**. **Senator Stone** noted that the Democrats have a super majority in the Assembly, but not in the Senate. The Senate Republicans are joined in their mission to stop Democrat spending programs.

It was an excellent meeting with a dynamic speaker! **Senator Stone** represents a portion of the San Jacinto Valley.

SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES

(The following gives rational for Supervisor Jeffries' stance on additional warehouses in the March area. It does impact the San Jacinto Valley)

Freeways & Warehouses. My votes to oppose some of the new large warehouse proposals at the March Joint Powers Authority (industrial business corridor along the 215) were not really about opposing mega warehouse buildings (although they are not very attractive) and definitely not a hostility towards the jobs they create. My opposition is more about the condition of all our local freeways. I do not have to tell you that our current freeways are in a constant state of gridlock. Out-of-county commuters lose three or four hours of their lives every day, families lose time together, businesses lose productivity, and drivers are losing their cool with each other. So when I'm critical of the prospects of adding more tractor-trailer rigs to our current congestion, please understand that I believe our county has reached its maximum pain threshold and that we need to find solutions instead of making things worse. That doesn't mean I'll oppose all of them, especially the smaller ones who were previously legally zoned for that sort of use and aren't in the middle of residential neighborhoods, but I do want to hold them all to a higher standard to mitigate any community impacts.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. on *November 5, 2018*. *There was a quorum. The following items were discussed:*

- Approval of October 1, 2018 Minutes.
- Treasurer's report was given.
- No General Membership Meeting in November.
- Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 10. Nomination, election, and installation of 2019 officers will take place with **Heather Obernolte, CRP Inland Area Vice Chairman**, as installing officer. The cost is \$20 per person.
- David Wright, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the Nominating Committee Report. See Page 2 column 1.
- **Sharon Durbin** reported that installation of HSJVRWCF officers and board members is November 18.
- Use of a **credit card cube** was discussed.
- **Bonnie Wright** gave an update on activities in the City of Hemet
- Board was asked to bring opportunity gifts on December 10.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
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2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
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I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) _____

DUES: \$20 PER PERSON/\$35 PER COUPLE
PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION:

WAYS AND MEANS
SPECIAL EVENTS
DINNER /HOUSE

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CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

The California Republican Party's 2019 Spring Convention is February 22-24, 2019 in Sacramento. The CRP delegates will be selecting a new chairman to lead them for the next two crucial years.

Currently, four candidates have thrown their hats in the ring:

Steve Frank who is a statewide political activist and speaker, former CRP Board member and CRP parliamentarian.

David Hadley who is a former Assemblyman.

Travis Allen who is a former Assemblyman and candidate for Governor.

Andy Vidak who is a former State Senator from Central California.

Delegates to the CRP need to give serious thought to each of the candidates. See what they have to offer the **California Republican Party**.

ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

It is over three weeks since ballots were cast in the General Election, and absentee and provisional ballots are still being counted in Riverside County. There are actually some local races that are too close to call!

December 6 is the official day of certification; the day when all results should be final!

Congressional, State Senate, and Assembly races were won by a wide enough margin to call them wins except for the 60 AD, the Essayli/Cervantes race. At this level, Republicans did not lose or gain any seats. The 60 AD would be a gain.

Some local races are still too close to call; therefore, congratulations will be in the next newsletter.



HSJCR MEMBER HONORED

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans member **Tom Wilson** was honored by the Exchange Club November 29 at The Country Club at Soboba Springs.

Each year the Exchange Club selects an individual to be entered into its Book of Golden Deeds. The criteria is someone who has contributed to and made an impact in the community. **Tom** certainly fits the description. He is now one of the esteemed in the Book of Golden Deeds.

Tom's personal biography was given by his long-time friend and **HSJCR** member, **Rod Tolliver**.

TEEN VAPING AN EPIDEMIC

(Newsmax. November 2018 page 26)
Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb says vaping by teenagers has become an epidemic. New data from the Food and Drug Administration shows a 75 percent increase in e-cigarette use among high school students this year compared with 2017.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

(Newsmax. November, 2018, page 26)

A generous birthday discount offer at a Montana restaurant was taken full advantage of by **Helen Self**, who would up getting money back after celebrating her 109th birthday.

The Montana Club runs a birthday promotion for its customers that comps a percentage off from meals based upon age.

A 63-year-old will get a 63 percent discount, a 100-year-old will receive a 100 percent discount—but what happens when a diner is 109?

Helen, Montana's oldest living person, had that one all figured.

"Once she turned 101, she informed me that I had to come in and pay her for her meal," said owner of the Montana Club, Nick Alonzo.

This year, she received 100 percent off her meal as well as the 9 percent back in cash from Alonzo.



DATES TO CALENDAR

- December 6: Hemet San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer at AC Lounge, Soboba Casino at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 658-3211.
- December 7: Pearl Harbor Day.
- December 10: Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Christmas Dinner/meeting at The Elks 1305 West Florida for election and installation of 2019 Officers and Board of Directors.
- December 12: San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce Open House at the Patio Plaza Chamber Office, 2323 South San Jacinto Avenue from 5:30 to 7.
- December 25: Celebrate Christmas.
- December: Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated is dark.
Republican Party of Riverside County is dark.

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PEARL HARBOR Sunday, December 7, 1941 DAY OF INFAMY

December 7, 1941— a day that will live in History — the day that marked the United States' decision to enter WWII. There are fewer and fewer of Pearl Harbor survivors left to share their memories. Let's not forget what they endured.

The surprise attack took place on a peaceful Sunday morning of December 7, 1941 on the "paradise" island of Oahu. The time of the attack was a short or long two hours. The surprise military strike conducted by the Imperial Japanese Navy against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was a preventive action in order to keep the U.S. Pacific Fleet from interfering with military actions the Empire of Japan was planning in Southeast Asia.

The destruction in two hours was phenomenal. The base was attacked by 353 Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes in two waves, launched from six aircraft carriers. All eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged, with four being sunk. Of these eight damaged, two were raised, and with four repaired, six battleships returned to service later in the war. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer. There were 188 U.S. aircraft destroyed; 2,402 Americans were killed and 1,282 wounded.

Important base installations such as the power station, shipyard, maintenance, and fuel and torpedo storage facilities, as well as the submarine piers and headquarters building (also home of the intelligence section) were not attacked! The Pacific Fleet aircraft carriers remained intact.

Japanese losses were light: 29 aircraft and five midget submarines lost, and 65 servicemen killed or wounded. One Japanese sailor was captured.

The attack came as a profound shock to the American people and led directly to the American entry into World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters.



THE LEGEND OF ST. NICHOLAS

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends.

It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best known of the St. Nicholas stories is that he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married.

Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, December 6. This was traditionally considered a lucky day to make large purchases or to get married.

By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. Even after the Protestant Reformation, when the veneration of saints began to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation, especially in Holland.

The name Santa Claus evolved from Nick's Dutch nickname, Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Nikolaas (Dutch for Saint Nicholas). In 1804, John Pintard, a member of the New York Historical Society, distributed woodcuts of St. Nicholas at the society's annual meeting. The background of the engraving contains now-familiar Santa images including stockings filled with toys and fruit hung over a fireplace. In 1809, Washington Irving helped to popularize the Sinter Klaas stories when he referred to St. Nicholas as the patron saint of New York in his book, *The History of New York*. As his prominence grew, Sinter Klaas was described as everything from a "rascal" with a blue three-cornered hat, red waistcoat, and yellow stockings to a man wearing a broad-brimmed hat and a "huge pair of Flemish trunk hose."

