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FEBRUARY 24, 2020 DINNER MEETING

The February 24 Dinner Meeting is scheduled; however, the **HSJCR** is waiting confirmation for the guest speaker. A flyer will be sent as soon as the Program Vice President receives confirmation. Members can now mark their calendars for Monday, February 24, 2020.

Please bear with the **HSJCR** leadership for this one small glitch. A good informative program is guaranteed.

JANUARY 27, 2020 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

The first meeting of 2020 was a dynamic meeting with March Primary Republican candidates providing the program. **President Tom Wilson** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following candidates then presented their reasons for asking for your vote.

The membership heard from **Patrice Kimbler and Milo Stevanovich**, candidates for the 36 Congressional District seat. They were followed by **Lloyd White** candidate for the 23 State Senate District Seat. **Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh**, also a candidate for the 23 SD, was represented by **San Jacinto City Council Member Crystal Ruiz**. **Kelly Seyarto and Jeremy Smith**, candidates for the 67 Assembly District Seat, then presented their credentials. Last but not least was **Joe Scarafone**, Republican candidate for the Third District Board of Supervisors.

The large crowd took advantage of the opportunity to meet the candidates and to ask questions.

The **HSJCR** welcomed seven new members.

02/02/2020

The above date is a palindrome. Palindrome dates are extremely rare. Before the beginning of this century, the last palindrome date of the second millennium occurred approximately 621 years ago on August 31, 1380 (since that date is 08311380). A total of 43 palindrome dates occurred during the second millennium; however, they all happened between the 11th and 14th centuries. No palindrome dates existed between the 15th and 20th centuries.

FEBRUARY

February, the month of famous days—Washington's birthday on February 22; Lincoln's on February 12; and Ronald Wilson Reagan's on February 6. Not to forget the most famous day of all—
St. Valentine's Day.



Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** General Membership Meeting is Monday, February 24, 2020, at **The Elks located at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. Social time is 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. The cost is \$17 per member and **\$22 for non members**, \$5 charge for program only.

To reserve, contact **Sharon** at **smdurbin@verizon.net** or **765-7634** by **February 20**. The caterer needs a count!! Also give Sharon any special requests when reservations are made.

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

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DINNER COST INCREASE

Due to increased costs by the caterer, the **HSJCR Board of Directors** voted to increase the dinner cost from \$17 to \$20 per person.

The cost will remain \$5 for those attending solely for the program.

The change in price will take place at the March 23, 2020 meeting. February dinner remains at \$17.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Vice President Robin Lowe reported that the Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans ended 2019 with membership of 64.

Membership for 2020 is at 41. In January the HSJCR welcomed seven new members.

Dues for 2020 are now due and remain at \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

Anyone who has reached the wonderful year of 90 is an automatic member, dues free!! The HSJCR dues structure is based on a calendar year.

Renewals can be sent to the post office box (see form on page 3) or brought to the February meeting. Please note the newsletter is e-mailed; however, if a hard copy is preferred, contact Charlene.

Following are those who paid dues in January. If dues were paid, but your name has not been listed in January/February, contact **Robin Lowe, Membership VP.**

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

Following is a list of renewals and new members:

+John Bacher	*Joanne Morello
*Diane Burns	Joe Palmer
Larry Cutting	Sandy Palmer
Dick English	*Bill Perry
Maureen English	*Kathy Perry
*Marlies Erickson	Shirley Rodie
*Anna Greig	Jim Rossi
Glenn Jones	Eugene Stock
Agnes Kennedy	Linda Stock
*Sue Leuschen	Charles Watson
Jeffrey Melgaard	Susan Watson

*New Members

+Past Presidents



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The HSJVRWCF February 15, 2020 meeting is at Angie's Diner, 1170 West Florida. The speaker is TBA.

Check in is at 11 a.m. **President Robin Lowe** will call the meeting to order at 11:30. Lunch is \$15.

Please reserve with **Donna Landino** at 926-7445 or ddino68@roadrunner.com.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The February meeting of the **Republican Party of Riverside County** is Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Mission Inn in downtown Riverside.

Susan Shelly of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association will speak at the February meeting. Her topics are Proposition 13 on the March Ballot and the assault on Prop 13 with the 'split roll' on the November ballot.

All interested Republicans are invited to attend. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and there is no charge.

At the January meeting, **Republican Candidate Andrew Kotyuk, 42 AD**, spoke on his candidacy and fielded questions from the audience.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Sharon Durbin and Aggie Kennedy are working on Voter Registration, particularly for those unable to drive. If any member wishes to help with this project, call or e-mail Sharon.

Members can also help with Voter Registration by asking friends and neighbors or church members if they are registered. If not, do the honors!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

First of all, I would like all to know how honored I am to be leading this group of great Republicans.

We have a tremendous group of Officers and Board Members that work very hard to uphold Republican Conservative ideas.

I ask that our members invite friends and neighbors to attend our meetings and consider becoming members. Our strength during this important election year lies in our numbers.

I thank President Donald Trump for his leadership and am so grateful that we live in a free country that enables us to start every meeting with a prayer and flag salute.

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

The California Republican Party 2020 Convention is schedule for May 1-3 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott.

Registration is now open; register by visiting the CaGOP website. Registration includes access to the welcome reception, Saturday Speaker Series, General Session, committee meetings, and other convention workshops.

A new event is a Saturday evening VIP reception for an intimate conversation and a photo with a distinguished speaker. There will not be a Saturday night dinner banquet.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 3, 2020, by **President Tom Wilson**. There was a quorum. The following items were discussed:

- The agenda was approved with slight modifications.
- Treasurer's Report was given and filed for audit.
- The caterer at The Elks has raised the cost of dinner; therefore, the **HSJCR** will need to raise the dinner cost to \$20, which will cover both the room and the meal. The raise will be effective with the March 23, 2020 meeting. Numbered dinner tickets will be used at future meetings.
- Board members and spouses are automatically reserved. Call Sharon for cancellation if either member or spouse are unable to attend.
- Membership is at 42 with three members at 90 plus years young.
- **Robin Lowe and Dale Dieleman** will work on the Program for February.
- Legally ballots may be taken to any polling place by anyone.
- Republican Headquarters was discussed. It was agreed that opening a headquarters would be after the Primary Election.
- **Sharon Durbin and Aggie Kennedy** are working on Voter Registration at retirement centers.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
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2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) _____

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

WAYS AND MEANS
SPECIAL EVENTS
DINNER /HOUSE

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
PUBLICITY _____
MEMBERSHIP _____
VOTER REGISTRATION _____
PHONE TREE
BY-LAWS

SEND MEMBERSHIP TO: **ROBIN LOWE**
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Please e-mail my newsletter.

Please continue sending my newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.

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PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING INFORMATION

Absentee ballots aka vote by mail ballots are out! Following are some tips regarding mail in ballots. They are from Riverside County Registrar of Voters Website. To access the website, either go to Registrar of Voters or to Voterinfo.net.

First, absentee ballots can be dropped off at any polling place in the State of California, at the Registrar of Voters Drop Box, City Clerks Office, and ROV office until closing time on election day. Also, if you are unable to take your ballot to a polling place, anyone can do it for you.

If you do not know the location of your polling place, go to voterinfo.net and click on polling place.

Early voting is available at the Registrar of Voters February 3-March 2, Monday-Friday from 8 to 5, Saturday February 22 and 29 from 9 to 4.

Voting on February 21-23 from 10-4 is available at Galleria at Tyler, Riverside; Westfields, Palm Desert; and Promenade, Temecula.

Final certification is April 2, 2020. This is the day the list is send to Riverside County Supervisors and the results are officially announced.

If anyone needs to have his/her ballot taken to the polls on election day, contact **Robin Lowe** and she will coordinate a pick-up or contact any **HSJCR** Board Member.

NRA MEMBERSHIP

The National Rifle Association (NRA), since its inception in 1871, has been on the forefront of protecting our Second Amendment freedom while counting among its patriotic members eight U.S. Presidents: Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Richard M. Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Donald j. Trump.

PENSION COSTS HIT HOME!!

The following is from the February Issue of the Jeffries Journal.

As CalPERS once again misses its investment return target to fully fund its guaranteed pension checks to retired employees, local governments all across our state will feel the financial pain of having to fill the financial void.

Riverside County will be one of those local governments feeling the pain as it writes an even bigger check (approximately \$300 million more by 2023) to fill the CalPERS gap and broken promises.

While many, including some in the media, wag their fingers at the local city councils and county supervisors for not “fixing” the problem, the fact is they cannot fix it. It (investment policies and priorities and guaranteed retirement benefits) can ONLY be fixed or adjusted by the CalPERS Governing Board, State Legislature and/or California Supreme Court.

Even though I do NOT accept a pension for my service as a County Supervisor, this growing issue has everyone concerned –
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both those who write the checks, those who receive the checks, and most certainly all of us taxpayers and residents who depend on affordable government services to keep our communities safe and prosperous.

THE JUDGE WANTS YOU!!!

The following is an excerpt from the February issue of the Jeffries Journal.

Superior Court Presiding Judge John W. Vineyard has put out the call for citizens who are able and willing to serve on the 2020-2021 Grand Jury in Riverside.

Are you a good listener? Perhaps some inquisitive investigator-like skills? Simply want good government? Go online to complete the Grand Jury application at: www.riverside.courts.ca.gov.

While you are thinking about Volunteering, also consider volunteering to serve as a Poll Worker during the upcoming March election. For more information, visit the Registrar of Voters at: <https://voteinfo.net/EOapp.asp>. You actually get paid a little for helping make the democratic process work!

DATES TO CALENDAR

- February 6: **President Ronald Reagan's birthday.**
- February 12: **President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.**
- February 12: **San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce February Mixer at My City Youth, 145 North Tahquitz, Hemet, 5:30-7 p.m.**
- February 19: **Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated February meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Angies Diner on East Florida.**
- February 20: **Republican Party of Riverside County meeting at the Mission Inn in Riverside at 7 p.m.**
- February 22: **President George Washington's birthday.**
- February 24: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans meeting at The Elks 1305 West Florida, Hemet.**
- February 26: **Hemet San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce Mixer at American Legion Post 53, 124 North Ramona Street, Hemet at 5:30 p.m.**

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FEBRUARY, A HISTORICAL MONTH

Four presidents were born in February:

George Washington, **Federalist**; February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799 was the first President of the United States from 1789 to 1797 and was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

William Henry Harrison Sr., Whig, (February 9, 1773 – April 4, 1841) was the ninth President of the United States (1841), and died 31 days into his term.

Abraham Lincoln, Republican, February 12, 1809 – April 15, 1865) was the 16th President of the United States from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865. He was the first Republican President after the founding of the Party.

Ronald Wilson Reagan, Republican, February 6, 1911 – June 5, 2004 was the 40th President of the United States, from 1981 to 1989. Before his presidency, he was the 33rd Governor of California, from 1967 to 1975.

FEBRUARY—BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month has its origin in 19th Century celebrations of **Lincoln's** Birthday by African-American communities in the United States. By the early 20th Century, black communities were annually celebrating Lincoln's birthday in conjunction with the birthday of former slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass on February 14.

The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced that the second week of February would be "Negro History Week" to coincide with the commemorations of both men's birthdays.

FEBRUARY

Having only 28 days in common years, it is the only month of the year that can pass without a single full moon. This last happened in 2018.

February is also the only month of the calendar that, once every six years and twice every 11 years consecutively either back into the past or forward into the future, will have four full 7-day weeks. **This year has four full 7-day weeks!!!**



QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Heaven help us if the government ever gets into the business of protecting us from ourselves." April, 1973.

President Ronald Reagan

"I don't have much faith in the third-party movement. I think a third party usually succeeds in electing the people they set out to oppose."

President Ronald Reagan

"To those who cite the First Amendment as reason for excluding God from more and more of our institutions and everyday life, may I just say: The First Amendment of the Constitution was not written to protect the people of this country from religious values; it was written to protect religious values from government tyranny."

President Ronald Reagan

"If the present Congress errs in too much talking, how can it be otherwise in a body to which the people send 150 lawyers, whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour? That 150 lawyers should do business together ought not to be expected."

President Theodore Roosevelt

"America was established not to create wealth but to realize a vision, to realize an ideal—to discover and maintain liberty among men."

President Woodrow Wilson

TRIVIA

Not sure if I washed the spider down the drain in my shower or if he took one look at me naked and then leapt willingly to his death.

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

You know you are old if they have discontinued your blood type. Phyllis Diller

Committee: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.