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DINNER MEETING

Well, the March 23, 2020, dinner meeting date has come and gone!

Needless to say, the meeting was cancelled along with every other Republican Organization Meeting in Riverside County and, probably, California and the nation. All good Republicans, if not employed or doing volunteer work, are probably tucked away in their snug homes where the Virus can't catch them.

The **HSJCR** speakers for March, Fire Chief Scott Brown and Republican Party of Riverside County, will be gracing our meeting at a later date.

At the present time, it appears that the April 27 meeting will be put on hold. The membership will receive immediate notification when the next meeting date can be set.

28 STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAY 12, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican members who live in the 28th State Senate District are reminded that there is an election on May 12 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Senator Jeff Stone with Republican **Melissa Melendez**.

The May 12 election will be by mail-in ballots. Those in the 28SD, watch for your ballots. Be extra diligent in returning them as this is a hotly contested race with many dollars being spent on the opposition.

You can help candidate **Melendez** by spreading the positive word with your neighbors—call, email, yell over the fence. Strongly encourage them to mail their ballots in a timely manner.

Candidate **Melendez's** opposition is well funded as the Dems have targeted this race. If you wish to help her financially, her website is **Melissa Melendez for State Senate**. Just click on the "DONATE" button!!!

Donations can also be sent to Melissa Melendez for Senate 2020; 9321 Silverbend Lane; Elk Grove, CA 95624

Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez needs the support and vote of all Republicans in the 28 State Senate District. Melendez has proven her worth through her work in the Assembly; Riverside County needs the same conservative representation in the State Senate.

Meeting Information

Right now, meeting information consists of meeting with your immediate family members and retail clerks when one is compelled to purchase necessities.

Hopefully, toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, and Kleenex are not part of your needed purchases! Top Ramen and canned soup lovers will also be out of luck.

Need fresh fruit, vegetables, hummus, flowers, bread? The San Jacinto Farmers' Market on Thursdays is currently in operation.

Look for additional meeting information in the next regular newsletter.

In the meantime, enjoy your family!

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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 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 next HSJCR meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Vice President Robin Lowe reported that the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** now has 54 members.

If you have not renewed or if you have a friend or neighbor who would like to join, fill in the form on page 3 and send to Post Office Box 304, San Jacinto, 19581.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The HSJCR Membership Directories will be distributed at the next meeting or mailed to each member. Only those who are current with their dues will be included.



The Directory includes past presidents, officers, membership information, elected representatives contact information, and HSJCR Bylaws.



REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS CANCELLATIONS IN APRIL

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** April meeting has been cancelled.

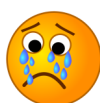
The **Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated** will be dark in April. Contact **President Robin Lowe** at 951-760-2200 for further information.

The **Republican Party of Riverside County**, at this printing, will be cancelling the April Monthly Membership Meeting.

The **California Republican Party** Spring Convention scheduled for May 1-3 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott has been cancelled.

The **California Congress of Republicans** planned meeting over the weekend of May 1-3 has been cancelled.

Chamber of Commerce events for both Valley Chambers have been cancelled.



RESOURCES AND INFORMATION: COVID-19

By Senator Mike Morrell

It goes without saying that we're living in unprecedented and challenging times. The moment calls on all of us to pull together even as we're asked to spend more time apart.

There are a lot of questions out there. For information and resources, my office has put together a website that is regularly updated with key links that you can access from my homepage at www.senate.ca.gov/Morrell.

My offices also remain available - Sacramento at (916) 651-4023, Rancho Cucamonga at (909) 919-7731, and through email at senator.morrell@senate.ca.gov.

Over the last couple of weeks, I've had opportunity to speak with a number of people and read a lot of Facebook posts, as I'm sure many of you have. These circumstances are difficult, but people have also shared blessings they've seen come out of it. Whether it's additional time with family, neighbors checking in more often, or reconnecting with friends, it has been refreshing for me to read and a respite from the somber news of the day.

I'm grateful for the quiet that has given cause to reflect. Joanie and I send our heartfelt thanks to all who are on the frontlines responding to this outbreak. We also keep in our thoughts those who find themselves in financial hardship right now.

It is uncertain what the rest of the legislative year will look like yet, though the goal is to be back in Sacramento by May 4. In the meantime, I hope you're able to rest up as we look forward to that time when we can get things back in gear in the not-too-distant future.

Senator Mike Morrell represents the 23rd Senate District in the California Legislature, which includes Hemet and San Jacinto. Follow him on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) by searching "mikemorrellgop".

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

Hi everyone,
I find it incredible to see this worldwide pandemic unfold on a daily basis before our eyes. Disasters in the past affected certain parts of our country and population. This is so different. It will be a relief to be able to look at this in the rear view mirror and discuss experiences with friends and relatives at a distance of less than 6 feet.

President Trump has shown great leadership; and, I believe, we will be back to a form of normalcy soon.

I find the blatant politics being paid by some Democrats totally unbelievable. Holding up the stimulus bill by demanding money for The Green New Deal, localized Infrastructure Projects, The Kennedy Center, Planned Parenthood is unforgivable when people are out of work and suffering financially! One must not forget the plight of small business.

Really.... Well enough of that. I would like to thank Charlene Stover for keeping people informed during the time we are not meeting.

I am looking forward to meeting again soon. We had great success in the March Primaries and look forward to the General Election. Remember also the Special Election in the 28 SD.

Please, if possible, keep dues current so we will be ready to return to daily Republican life when the light flashes green.

DECISION MAKING

New research into human psychology suggests that we make about 35,000 decisions a day. Most are micro-choices made without thinking of them as decisions.

Robert Dilenschneider book, Decisions, covers this topic. In his book, he examines 23 people who changed history with their decisions.

Dilenschneider listed Pablo Picasso, Johannes Gutenberg, Julius Caesar, Alexander Fleming, Martin Luther, Howard Johnson, Mahatma Gandhi, Joan of ARC, Abraham Lincoln, Elie Wiesel, Harry Truman, Malala Yousafzai, Henry Ford, Margaret Thatcher, Muhammad Ali, Rachel Carson.

(complete article in April, 2020 issue of Newsmax)

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2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

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PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION:

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**HEMET SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
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The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans has a rich and long heritage. Over 50 years ago, in the 1960's, a Republican group of men and women gathered to form a Republican Club in the San Jacinto Valley. Ronald Reagan was leading the Republican charge in California and Republican organizations were coming to the forefront throughout the state. In 1969, the group was chartered as the Hemet San Jacinto Republican Assembly and was affiliated with the California Republican Assembly. Some of the movers and shakers in 1969 were Lillian Dilworth, wife of Senator Dilworth; Richard Kelley, citrus grower and brother of Senator Dave Kelley; Ailene and James Simpson, Mayor of Hemet whose name is familiar via the Simpson Center; Lu Schlack, an early Republican grassroots volunteer and on staff with Senator Dillworth; and Oliver Virgin, businessman and owner of Virgin's Mortuary. Thus it all began. The club grew and was a driving force in the Valley and instrumental in the election of Republicans to local, state, and national offices.

In 1972 Wendell Cutting joined the organization. He later was elected to the San Jacinto City Council becoming the youngest mayor nationwide. He later became State President of the California Republican Assembly.

Past Presidents of the HSJCRA who are current members of the HSJCCR are John Bacher and Charlene Stover.

In 1996 this local grassroots organization, under the direction of President Jim Ayres, parted ways with the CRA due to philosophical differences and became affiliated with the California Congress of Republicans. They continued to work on local, state, and national campaigns and continued the tradition of a volunteer, non-profit organization based upon the principles of individual liberty and economic opportunities. For the past 50 plus years the objectives have been to educate members on current political issues, to encourage qualified candidates for public office, and to increase voter registration and voter turn-out.

Members have included members of City Councils, Boards of Trustees, other Boards in the Valley and, principally, grassroots volunteers. Two members have taken leadership rolls in the California Congress of Republicans: Robin Lowe, past CCR president and Sharon Durbin, current CCR secretary.

For over 50 years, the organization has held monthly meetings featuring legislators, candidates for public office, and political speakers. In conjunction with Republican Women, the HSJCR operates election headquarters. Members participate in community events. Membership is open to all registered Republicans or prospective Republicans of all ages. The club has had an average of three members 90 years young for the past twenty years!!

Those who have served as president of the Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans are Jim Ayres, Chuck Kratsch, Tom Ittig, Charlene Stover, Dan Walters, Bonnie Wright, Jerry Julian, Mayzelle Rhoten, Robin Lowe, Dale Dieleman, Sharon Durbin. In December, the HSJCR elected Tom Wilson to lead them for 2020. Officers are elected by the membership at the annual election and installation meeting in December.

**CASTING A VOTE
CAN BE BUMPY**

(The following is an excerpt from The Jeffries Journal sent out by First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries.

Every big election cycle, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters must ramp up a massive county-wide election machine (organization) with staff, trained volunteers, and temporary facilities in every community. The planning, logistics, and training necessary for our big elections is huge! Then comes election day (month?) and the roughly one million eligible voters in Riverside County. What could go wrong!?

Then to add to the challenge of the entire process above, you can add intended and unintended voter registration changes done to citizens who did business at the DMV, same day registration and voting, differing rules between political parties who may or may not allow voters registered with other political parties to vote in their primaries, and of course, all the little bumps in the road that one can imagine with an operation this big largely staffed by temporary workers in the field.

With all these challenges (and opportunities) built into the process, the Board of Supervisors recently gave direction to the County CEO to return with a proposal to create a "Citizens Commission on Election Integrity" to evaluate improvements, complaints, training, and the overall election process. Under the draft proposal, each County Supervisor would appoint two citizens (one as an alternate) from the Supervisor's District to the commission. Once the final proposal is approved by the Board, our office will begin accepting applications.

(Editors Note: Supervisor Washington will also be appointing two citizens)

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EASTER

Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year.

The exact origins of this religious feast day's name are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. Other accounts trace Easter to the Latin term hebdomada alba, or white week, an ancient reference to Easter week and the white clothing donned by people who were baptized during that time. Through a translation error, the term later appeared as esostarum in Old High German, which eventually became Easter in English. In Spanish, Easter is known as Pascua; in French, Paques. These words are derived from the Greek and Latin Pascha or Pasch, for Passover.

NOTABLE APRIL DATES

April 6, 1917: Following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe.

April 6, 1896: After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 14, 1828: The first dictionary of American-style English was published by Noah Webster as the *American Dictionary of the English Language*.

April 22, 1864: "In God WE Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

Birthday: Publisher Joseph Pulitzer (1847-1911) was born in Budapest, Hungary. He came to America in 1864 and fought briefly in the Civil War for the Union. He then began a remarkable career in journalism and publishing. His newspapers included the *New York World*. He also endowed the journalism school at Columbia University and established a fund for the Pulitzer Prizes, awarded annually for excellence in journalism.



QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Freedom is not something to be secured in any one moment of time. We must struggle to preserve it every day. And freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

President Ronald Reagan

"There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder."

President Ronald Reagan

"A nation of well informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins."

Benjamin Franklin

"Where there is no law, there is no liberty."

Benjamin Rush

TRIVIA

As I pulled into the gas station, I noticed a woman trying to push her car toward the pump. Having always considered myself a Good Samaritan, I parked and joined her in pushing her car.

"What are you doing? She asked.

"I'm giving you a hand," I said "What are you doing?"

"I'm stretching before my run."

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza!

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

Travelers Prayer: We beseech Thee, oh Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed.

You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, "Parking Fine." So that was nice.