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## CHRISTMAS EVENT CANCELLED

Sadly, the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** and the **Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated** have cancelled the Christmas dinner schedule for Monday, December 14, 2020.

Governor's mandate cancelled all events until after December and then possibly into January. *Merry Christmas!!!*

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS CANCELLED

The nomination, election and installation of 2021 **HSJCR** officers has been cancelled until maybe January or February or March???

The upbeat side of this mandate is that any of you who wish to serve on the Board now have an extra month to contact any of the current board members about doing so.

*Have you heard about "The Grinch who stole Christmas?" Think about "The Governor Who Stole Christmas" but, unlike the Grinch, he probably won't see the error in his ways. Kind thoughts go out to those adversely affected by the current lockdown.*

## NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES CERTIFIED

The following are Riverside County Republicans candidates for federal and state offices elected on November 3 and certified by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters:

42CD: Congressman Ken Calvert  
50CD: Congressman Darrell Issa  
23SD: State Senator Rosilic Ochoa-Bogh  
67AD: Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto  
71AD: Assemblyman Randy Voepel  
75AD: Assemblywoman Marie Waldron

Senator Melissa Melendez represents the 28 State Senate District and was elected in a Special Election in May, 2020.

Republican candidates elected in local races are:  
Hemet City Council District 1: Karlee Meyer (I)  
Hemet City Council District 3: Malcolm Lilienthal.  
Hemet City Council District 4: Joe Males  
Hemet Unified School District, TA3: Patrick Searl, (I)  
San Jacinto City Council: Crystal Ruiz (I) and Brian Hawkins  
San Jacinto City Treasurer: Mike Van Der Linden  
Lake Hemet Municipal Water District Division 2: Joe Jorgensen  
Valley Wise Parks and Recreation Division 4: Angela D. Little.

## GAVIN NEWSOM RECALL

This is an update from the Recall Newsom Website posted on Thanksgiving:

"The campaign is full speed ahead! To date, our amazing team of volunteers have gathered about 800,000 signatures from California voters throughout the state. That's an incredible feat, given the pandemic shut downs, the wild fires, searing summer heat, riots and horrible smoke. We are thankful to have been granted an extension to March 17, 2021.

**Contact Sharon Durbin if you have not signed the petition. They are available at the San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce office in Patio Plaza.**



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## ELECTION POSITIVE

An election positive is the fact that there are 56 new Congressional Freshmen and 42 of them are Republicans. Is this a blue sweep of the nation?

In spite of massive infusions of money into congressional races, **Republicans** maintained the 42, 50, and the 8 which neighbors Riverside County. The 8CD covers Inyo, Mono, and most of San Bernardino Counties. **Jay Obernolte**, former Assemblyman, was elected to replace **Congressman Paul Cook** who did not run in 2020.

## MEMBERSHIP

Those who have not had an opportunity to renew can send a check with the form on page 3 to the Post Office Box.

The **HSJCR** does plan to meet when the mandates are lifted.



## HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The **HSJVRWCF** will meet as soon as possible. The Board of Directors will continue working and keeping things together until that time.

## REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

According to the California Election Code, County political parties reorganize every four years after the Presidential election in either December or January.

Those who have been elected to serve on the Committee will take their oath of office at that meeting. Members are elected per Assembly District. If you live in the 71 or 67 AD, there are vacancies at this writing. Contact Charlene via email if you are interested and live in the districts.

Federal and State candidates in the November 3 General Election are automatic members. They may appoint an alternate to serve on the Committee. If you are interested in an appointment as an alternate, contact any of the November 3 candidates in the County.

## SOLDIERS ORGANIZED SERVICES

Are you interested in making a young Marine's life a little better? SOS does just that. The volunteers of the organization provide transportation to and from Palm Springs Airport, Amtrak and Greyhound and Ontario Airport.

During these COVID times, funds for gas and vehicle maintenance has been very short—SOS depends on golf tournaments for funding. If you could send a few \$\$ or volunteer driving time, go to [sosride.org](http://sosride.org) for information or send a check to Soldiers Organized Services, P.O. Box 7007, LaQuinta 92248. Whether you donate or not, check their website—they are doing an awesome job and provide a real service to our young Marines..

## CONGRESSIONAL ANTIDOTES TO "THE SQUAD"

The following is from "The Squad Faces a Freedom Force", Wall Street Journal Tunku Varadarajan. December 4, 2020. Go to the Journal for the complete article; it is very positive and uplifting in this negative time.

.....A quarter-century apart in age, Nicole Malliotakis and Michelle Steel are classmates. They're both freshmen, Republicans who've won election to the House of Representatives for the first time. Each ousted an incumbent Democrat in a resolutely blue state—New York and California, respectively—where Joe Biden romped home in November. And each woman has a scathing view of the politics of the other's state as well as of her own. They're ready to scorn Govs. Andrew Cuomo and Gavin Newsom. As for Mayor Bill de Blasio, Ms. Malliotakis, a state assemblywoman from New York City, practically combusts at the mention of his name....

Ms. Steel recounts that her opponent insinuated—"because I have an accent"—that she was "a communist agent related to China." Suppressing a giggle, she notes that her parents fled communist North Korea to the south during the Korean War. "I don't even speak Chinese," she adds. "I speak Japanese and Korean."

Ms. Malliotakis in her interview notes that:

.....Her mother also fled communism—Cuba in 1959, when she was 16.

....."There's four of us (Freshmen in Congress)," she says, "who on the first day bonded very quickly because we shared very similar circumstances." She names the others: Carlos Gimenez, Cuban-born, and Maria Salazar, the daughter of Cuban-refugee parents, both from Florida; and Victoria Spartz from Indiana, born in Ukraine, who came to the U.S. at 22. "I guess you could say," Ms. Malliotakis says, "that we're the founding members of the Freedom Force." But she's certain that "others within the freshman class who are supportive of freedoms and liberties" will join them.....

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all! 2020 certainly will be a year to remember in so many ways.

The Board and I would like to thank all those folks who helped at Headquarters and worked toward getting Republican candidates elected.

I am so looking forward to the time we can meet together again. Hopefully, that will happen in January.

Once again good holiday cheer to one and all and thank you for all your contributions in 2020....a year like no other. President Tom.

## RECOMMENDED READING

Socialists Don't Sleep by Cheryl Chumley is a must reading for those who like their freedom and our American way of life.

The Blockbuster New Book Reveals Details of Creeping Socialism and Why the Democrats Have Embraced a Radical Agenda for America!

Following are reviews by three conservatives:

**Mike Huckabee** says: "**Socialists Don't Sleep** is one of those timely books that just points out the roots of what's gone wrong in America, how we can get our country back on track to what founders envisioned and the Judeo-Christian community that holds the key to America's long-term successes."

**Cal Thomas**, nationally syndicated conservative columnist says: "What is it about the founding principles of America that the secular progressive left would make better? The answer is: Nothing. In her new book, Cheryl Chumley reminds us of those principles and calls on those who still believe in them to engage the failed policies and ideology of socialism and atheism and to fight back."

**Michael Savage**, host of *The Savage Nation* says: "Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez — when it comes to socialism in America, these two aren't the problem per se. They're simply symptoms of the real problems that usher in Socialism: a dysfunctional entitlement-minded society, a propaganda-pushing school system, a decayed culture, a sieve-like border. As Cheryl Chumley points out in **Socialists Don't Sleep**, we can't root out socialism unless we first address the real problems."

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2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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**Challenges & New Beginnings**

By Senator Mike Morrell  
Fall 2020

Watch parting remarks on YouTube here: [bit.ly/Morrell-ThankYou](https://bit.ly/Morrell-ThankYou)

It has been the honor of my life to represent San Bernardino and Riverside counties in both the State Assembly and the State Senate. I cherish the relationships I have built over the years with many like-minded people who love our country.

California has been through a lot this last decade. I first took office at the end of the Great Recession and now leave during another trying point in our nation's history.

Through it all, I have sought to make life better here. Government should work for us, not against us. It should be our servant and not a heavy-handed master, which it has become.

My Republican colleagues and I have held back tax increases on personal property, we have continued to scrutinize wasteful spending on programs like high-speed rail, and we have championed independent contractors and freelancers across the state who want the flexibility to work as they desire. We have also worked to ensure that parents have choices in education that best meet the needs of their families and also pushed for full parental disclosure and transparency in teaching on sensitive topics like sex education.

Yet in California, under the increasing control of one party, we have seen government grow with more authority ceded to the bureaucracy and executive branch. California has some of the highest taxes, top energy costs, and most expensive housing markets in the nation. Small businesses also deal with cumbersome regulations. Yet each year, Democratic leaders propose billions of dollars in new taxes.

The results of one-party rule are evident. For 16 years, 500 CEOs polled by *Chief Executive* have named California the worst state to do business. Despite having 12 percent of the U.S. population, California bears 34 percent of the welfare caseload. While California's public K-12 schools were once top in the country, they now rank 37<sup>th</sup> or lower. Since 2011, at least 60,000 convicted felons have been released into our communities. Since the beginning of the century, California has lost residents to other states, including more than 100,000 people every year since 2015. The list goes on.

Keeping the California dream alive has become more difficult and the numbers tell the story. While I do have hope for its future, restoring California will require time and effort. We can only get there by focusing on strengthening those commonalities that bind us together: faith, family, and free enterprise.

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America and California face serious challenges and I believe there may be more to come. Yet I am confident Providence is not done with our country and that better days lay ahead, though much may still be asked of us.

The closing lines of our Declaration of Independence sum up the duty we share as Americans: "*And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.*"

It is in this spirit that each of us is called to serve our nation, in whatever capacity that might be.

Many have asked what is next for me. My wife Joanie and I continue to pray about the future and opportunities that might arise. I will keep you posted.

Again, I want to thank you – I am grateful to have had the privilege of being your voice in Sacramento. God bless you, your loved ones, California, and the United States of America.

*Senator Mike Morrell represents the 23rd Senate District in the California Legislature, which includes portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles counties.*

***HSJCR 2021 dues are due!***  
*Membership form is at the top of this page.*  
*\$20 per person/\$35 per couple*



*HSJCR Officers and Board of Directors Wish You a  
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*





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### CHRISTMAS FACTS

Following are some fun-facts for Christmas.

**DECEMBER 25:** While Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, there is no mention of December 25 in the Bible. Most historians actually posit that Jesus was born in the spring. And his birthday itself didn't become the official holiday until the third century. Some historians believe the date was actually chosen because it coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which honored the agricultural god Saturn with celebrating and gift-giving.

**CHRISTMAS TREE:** You might want to brew a cup o' tea when trimming your tree this year to pay homage to its origins. When Prince Albert of Germany introduced a tree to his new wife, Queen Victoria of England, it really took off across the pond. A drawing of the couple in front of a Christmas tree appeared in *Illustrated London News* in 1848 and as we say, the idea went viral.

**ST. NICK:** You probably already knew that the idea of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas, but the real saint wasn't a bearded man who wore a red suit. That all came much later. According to legend, the fourth-century Christian bishop gave away his abundant inheritance to help the needy and rescued women from servitude. His name was Sinter Klaas in Dutch, which later morphed into Santa Claus. The rest of the trappings followed.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH:** The Christmas wreath originated as a symbol of Christ. The holly represents the crown of thorns Jesus wore at his crucifixion, and the red berries symbolize the blood he shed. So when you see a wreath this season, you'll remember the reason for the season.

**DECK OF CARDS** During World War II, The United States Playing Card Company joined forces with American and British intelligence agencies to create a very special deck of cards. They gave them out as Christmas gifts that also helped allied prisoners of war escape from German POW camps. Individual cards peeled apart when moistened, to reveal maps of escape routes. Sometimes truth really is stranger than fiction.



### CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

**Mistletoe was used by Druid priests** 200 years before the birth of Christ in their winter celebrations. They revered the plant since it had no roots yet remained green during the cold months of winter.

The ancient Celts believed mistletoe to have magical healing powers and used it as an antidote for poison, infertility, and to ward off evil spirits. The plant was also seen as a symbol of peace, and it is said that among Romans, enemies who met under mistletoe would lay down their weapons and embrace.



**Holly, Ivy, and Greenery.** In Northern Europe Christmas occurred during the middle of winter, when ghosts and demons could be heard howling in the winter winds.

Boughs of holly, believed to have magical powers since they remained green through the harsh winter, were often placed over the doors of homes to drive evil away. Greenery was also brought indoors to freshen the air and brighten the mood during the long, dreary winter.

Legend also has it that holly sprang from the footsteps of Christ as he walked the earth. The pointed leaves were said to represent the crown of thorns Christ wore while on the cross and the red berries symbolized the blood he shed.

**Christmas Stockings.** According to legend, a kindly nobleman grew despondent over the death of his beloved wife and foolishly squandered his fortune. This left his three young daughters without dowries and thus facing a life of spinsterhood.



The generous St. Nicholas, hearing of the girls' plight, set forth to help. Wishing to remain anonymous, he rode his white horse by the nobleman's house and threw three small pouches of gold coins down the chimney where they were fortuitously captured by the stockings the young women had hung by the fireplace to dry.

**Twelve Days of Christmas:** Listen to the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" and count the number of gifts in the song. You will realize that gifts were exchanged 364 times. Thus the gifts are exchanged every day of the year.