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MARCH 22, 2021 DINNER MEETING

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans will be meeting Monday, March 22, 2021 at the Elks in Hemet. An excellent speaker has been contacted, and the Program Chairman is waiting for confirmation. A special flyer will be sent out as soon as details are firm.

The firm detail is that the **HSJCR** is finally meeting in person—yes, we still have to be ‘masked’ and seating will be per guidelines but we are meeting!!

The Pizzazz Musical Group has been engaged for the evening and will be playing for our entertainment beginning at about 6-6:15.

Three of our Board Members, Bonnie and Dave Wright and Mayzelle Rhoten, have moved out of state. They will be missed; however, we have one candidate ready to step up and fill in. The Board is recommending Norm Kyriss and will be asking for the vote of the membership at the meeting. Per the Bylaws, Board members must be members of **HSJCR** for a minimum of one year.

Reports will be given on the **Republican Party of Riverside County** including its change in leadership.

Call or email Sharon Durbin for reservations. Information is listed at the left. We promise an outstanding program; however,

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST DUE TO
LIMITED SEATING**

Dues are due—the Membership Directory is being postponed until April giving members additional time to renew.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Attention Members!!!

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans is **YOUR** organization—The Board wants your input. Who would you like to meet and hear at the meetings? What topics would you like covered?

Please bring ideas, preferably written, to the March 23 meeting. Or give ideas to any Board member.

Remember: the Board needs **YOUR** input.



Meeting Information

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans General Membership Meeting is Monday, March 22, 2021, 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 member and **\$22 for non members**, \$5 charge for program only.

To reserve, contact Sharon at smdurbin@verizon.net or 765-7634 by March 19.

**DUE TO LIMITED SEATING,
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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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BULLETIN!!!

If you live in the 71st Assembly District in the Valle Vista area and would like to serve on the Republican Party of Riverside County committee, contact Charlene at 951-296-7138.



HSJCR MEMBERSHIP

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans needs your membership!! Thanks to those of you who heard the call for membership dues last month. The **HJCR** now has a total of 29 members.

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans membership runs from January to December. This will get members a monthly newsletter, a directory, and notification of any political events in the Valley.

Checks can be sent to the Post Office Box in San Jacinto. The form is on page 3. Remember: dues are only \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. If you are 90 plus and haven't talked to Charlene, please contact her (951-927-7142). The **HSJCR** gives complimentary renewals with a big smile to those reaching that magic number.

Those who renewed since the last newsletter are:

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| William Frayer | Ralph Natividad |
| Glenn Jones | Lois Reeves |
| Linda Krupa | Stewart Reeves |
| Robert Martinez | JoAnn Von Wald |



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The HSJVRWCF will be dark in March; however, the organization will resume meetings on the third Wednesday of April, April 21. They will meet at J and M Family Restaurant located at 1275 South State Street. The speaker is TBA.

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

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

COCA-COLA TRAINING/ DIVERSITY TRAINING

Coca-Cola employees are apparently required to take diversity training on how to be "less white" to combat racism, according to photos posted online by an alleged whistleblower.

It's not exactly clear where the photos were captured. The images show training

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The Republican Party of Riverside County met on February 18 at a private home. The closed meeting for County Party business was and will be in the future from 6:30 to 7:30 with an open session at 7:30. The Oath of Office was administered to alternates and reports were given by Caucus Vice Chairs.

Riverside County DA Mike Hestrin spoke, in person, as well as freshman **Congressman Jay Obernolte** during the open session.

The March Meeting is March 18 at the home of Ali Mazarei. If you are interested in attending, contact any of the **RPRC** members/alternates from the Valley for information: **Robin Lowe, Sharon Durbin, Tom Wilson, Joe Scarafone, Charlene Stover, Vinay Rao, Dale Dieleman.**

The March meeting was productive, but very cold in spite of the heaters. Yes, due to COVID, we met outside. Masks were suggested.

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

The California Republican Party 2021 Spring Convention was a virtual convention. Workshops were available—one was a training workshop on the process of voting electronically and remotely.

Regional meetings were held Saturday morning and nomination speeches were Saturday afternoon. Voting for CaGOP 2021-2022 Leadership was conducted and the following incumbents were elected:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

Happy March one and all! We are looking forward to meeting in person this month! California is opening at a brisk pace...I believe the re-call may have something to do with it. I encourage all members that feel comfortable meeting at the Elk's to please RSVP and join us. As always bring a friend or share our newsletter to friends and neighbors.

Coca-Cola Training from column 1

titled "Confronting Racism. Understanding what it means to be white. Challenging what it means to be racist."

"Be less oppressive, be less arrogant, be less certain, be less defensive, be less ignorant, be more humble, listen, believe, break with apathy, break with white solidarity" are listed as means to become "less white," according to the photos.



(Does this sound like a "free" country?)

California Republican Party from column 2

Chairwoman, Jessica Patterson; Vice Chairman, Peter Kuo; Secretary, Randy Berholtz; and Treasurer, Gregory Gandrud. Heather Obernolte's term as Inland Region Vice Chairwoman will expire in September.

Reports were given Sunday morning and South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem spoke. The National Committee Report was handled by Hameet Dhillon.

All in all, the virtual convention got the job done, but the electricity, camaraderie, and enthusiasm were missing. People interact with people and this was lost.

Hopefully, the next convention will be 'in person'.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors has been meeting the first Monday of each month—however, for the past three months, the Board did not have a quorum due to COVID constraints. The faithful four or five people made the decision to meet in March at the Elks.

Since three of our Board members have moved out of state, the decision was made to ask Norm Kyriss to come on Board. This will be made official at the March meeting.

One of the requirements of serving on the Board is to be a **HSJCR** member for one year. President and Vice President are to have served on the Board for a year. If you aspire to be on the Board, make your desires known to **President Tom Wilson.**



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
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2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) _____

DUES: \$20 PER PERSON/\$35 PER COUPLE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans
AMOUNT ENCLOSED

PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION: WAYS AND MEANS PUBLICITY PHONE TREE
SPECIAL EVENTS MEMBERSHIP BY-LAWS
DINNER /HOUSE VOTER REGISTRATION

SEND MEMBERSHIP TO: ROBIN LOWE
P.O. BOX 304
SAN JACINTO, CA 92581

Please e-mail my newsletter.

Please send my newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.

**CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF
REPUBLICANS**

The parent organization of the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans, California Congress of Republicans**, has elected leadership for 2021-2022.

Elected were: President, Mark Hershey; Vice President, Timur Engin; Treasurer, R.J. Kelly; Secretary, Candice Cetrone; and Membership Secretary, John Murphy. **Sharon Durbin** is the Division XI Vice President. The area covers Western Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

As with all organizations, CCR has had to be creative in reaching out to its membership. President Mark has CCR partnering for a Speakers Series via zoom. The link is through the website at ccr-gop.com.

The following is an excerpt from President Hershey's statement on the website. It gives some of the primary goals of the organization.

"The CCR has many objectives, some of which are:

- (a) to become an influential political force for constructive action to preserve and protect responsible constitutional government,
- (b) to educate members and the public at large regarding pending legislation, candidates for public office, and the important issues of the day,
- (c) to encourage qualified Republicans to seek public office
- (d) to help Republican candidates get elected,
- (e) to increase Republican registration and voter turnout, and
- (f) to promote unity, effectiveness and loyalty among all Republican groups."

Local chapters should work to meet these goals.

SB 238/SB 249

Both of these bills are being proposed by **State Senator Melissa Melendez**. Both seek to create protections for political affiliation when it comes to Employment and Housing as well as for students.

SB 238: The problem being addressed is blacklisting individuals for their political affiliations. SB 238 would amend the Fair Employment and Housing Act in the Government Code by adding political affiliation to the list of protections for residents in the state of California.

SB 249: The problem being addressed is freedom of speech on college campuses. SB 249 provides protections against discrimination based upon ones political affiliation thereby protecting students who are being shunned by their peers due to their beliefs at educational institutions they attend. SB 249 would amend the Education Code by adding political affiliation to the list of those protections for students in the state of California.

Currently, many students are self-censuring before they make a statement or ask a question for fear of retribution from their peers or professors.

Regardless of political affiliation, students in California deserve the opportunity to enhance their learning environment with the free exchange of ideas and hearing views that are not their own. SB 249 simply provides them protection to do so.

Not to be able to express personal view is an infringement of the First Amendment to the Constitution. This is a step to protect the right.

If you know someone who has been discriminated against in either one of these cases, please contact Charlene at 951-296-7138. She will give you further information.

**FOREIGN DONATIONS
THREATEN U.S. ACADEMIC
FREEDOMS**

(Excerpt from Newsmax. February 2021, page 30, Marisa Herman)

Some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities have received donations totaling billions of dollars from China and other adversarial nations.

Many of these donations were not reported as required under federal law, and national security experts say the hidden funds often come with a hefty trade-off—allowing undue foreign influence to penetrate the education system.

A recent report released by the Department of Education found that a dozen top schools, including Georgetown, Cornell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, and Yale, failed to report over \$6.5 billion in gifts and contracts the schools received from foreign entities and governments.

Most of the donations came from regimes with questionable track records on human rights.

...possible dangers range from subtle influence operations to overt forms of espionage depending on where the money is coming from.

J. Michael Waller, who serves as senior analyst for strategy at the Center for Security Policy, said the country's next generation of American diplomats, military officers, and government officials are being taught a curriculum that pleases our adversaries.

"You ultimately are beholden to large donors," Waller said of the institutions that accept foreign donations

"There's no such thing as an America-first agenda in any of these mainstream universities."

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ST, PATRICK



The following is for the enjoyment of all **HSJCR** members but particularly for those of Irish heritage. (editor's note: Aren't we all a little bit Irish on March 17?)

Much of what is known about St Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth Century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he 'found God.' the *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The *Declaration* says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick.

There are many legends associated with St. Patrick. A popular belief is that he banished the snakes from Ireland. While St. Patrick was fasting, snakes attacked him, so he chased all snakes into the ocean. However, there have never been snakes in Ireland during the post-glacial period. Another legend has St. Patrick sticking a walking stick into the ground while evangelizing, which turned into a tree.

The symbol of the shamrock used for St. Patrick's Day comes from the story of St. Patrick using the shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity. The three-leafed plant coincided with the Pagan religion's sanctity of the number three and is the root of the green color theme.



QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Without standards and competition, there can be no champions, no records broken, no excellence in education or any other walk of life."

President Ronald Reagan

"Three's a flickering spark in us all which, if struck at just the right age, can light the rest of our lives."

President Ronald Reagan

"Tis better to be brief than tedious." Richard III
Shakespeare

"If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies in yourself."

Minquass Indian Proverb

"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."

President Abraham Lincoln

IRISH WISDOM (?)

"A handful of skill is worth a bagful of gold."

"May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live."

"May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty!"

"May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far."

"Here is to our wives and girlfriends (husbands and boyfriends)! May they never meet."

"My Mother's menu consisted of only two items: take it or leave it."

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.