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California Congress of Republicans  
Invites you and your friends to join us  
To Hear***

***Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco***



***Monday, May 24, 2021  
The Elks  
1305 West Florida Avenue***

***Social at 6 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30  
\$20 Member  
\$22 Non-member  
\$5 Program only***

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## SHERIFF CHAD BIANCO TO KEYNOTE MAY 24 MEETING



The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans will welcome Riverside County Sheriff/Coroner **Chad Bianco** at the General Membership Meeting on Monday, May 24.

Chad Bianco was elected Sheriff, Coroner, and Public Administrator of Riverside County in the November 6, 2018, general election. He is a twenty-five-year veteran of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. As Sheriff, he will serve as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Riverside County.

Sheriff Bianco commands California's second largest Sheriff's Department in the state, and one of the largest and most progressive law enforcement agencies in the nation, supervising more than 3,600 personnel.

Sheriff Bianco entered the Riverside County Sheriff's Department on December 31, 1993. He began his career in Corrections at the Robert Presley Detention Center. He spent time working patrol and narcotics in the City of Lake Elsinore. Sheriff Bianco held supervisory and management positions at the Jurupa Valley Station, Moreno Valley Police Department, the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility, and most recently the Hemet Station. Additionally, he served administrative assignments in Internal Affairs, and Corrections Administration and Planning.

As the fourteenth Sheriff of Riverside County, Sheriff Bianco also serves as Sheriff-Coroner and Public Administrator.



**HSJCR MEMBERS, BRING FRIENDS**

## SUMMARY OF APRIL MEETING

The General Membership meeting was called to order on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. After the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the treasurer's report was reviewed.

Samanta Chaudhuri Saini, Hemet USD Board of Trustees Member, was the keynote speaker. She reviewed Hemet Board policy on reopening of schools and fielded questions from the floor. Her responses showed a knowledge of board policy as well as issues facing conservative education.

A summary of the major 30 issues embodied in HR1 were covered and members were asked to contact both Senators Feinstein and Padilla to vote no.

Thanks to the members who brought opportunity prizes. Membership Directories were distributed and the remainder will be given out at the May meeting.

## Meeting Information

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans General Membership Meeting is Monday, May 24, 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, **\$22 for non members**, \$5 for program only.

To reserve, contact **Sharon** at **smdurbin@verizon.net** or **765-7634** by **May 20, 2021**.

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

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!!!

Phone calls are important!!! So many bad bills are coming out of Washington and Sacramento, that we each need to do our part to have our voices heard.

A phone call counts! Call your legislators even though you think you know how they will vote! Our Republicans in Sacramento need our support. Show it by a phone call. Riverside County representatives' numbers are in the Membership Directory.

**HSJCR MEMBERSHIP**

**Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** thanks those of you who heard the call for membership dues last month. The **HJCR** now has a total of 56 members.

For additional renewals and new members, 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.

Those who renewed since the last newsletter are:

Michael Hoff	Marcia Scott
Michele Nash-Hoff	Rod Tolliver
Jeffrey Melgaard	Lori VanArsdale
+Dennis Rasmussen	Dean Vandever
Karen Ravey	Valerie Vandever
+New Members	



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

The HSJVRWCF met on April 21 with Crystal Ruiz representing the City of San Jacinto as speaker. The next meeting is May 20 at J and M Restaurant, 1275 South State Street (State and Stetson). Linda Krupa representing the City of Hemet is the speaker.

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](mailto:ddino68@roadrunner.com).

### REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

**The Republican Party of Riverside County** met on April 15 at a private home. The entire meeting was open and reports were given by each Caucus Vice Chairmen.

**Central/Southwest Caucus**, which includes Hemet and San Jacinto reported on the Caucus fundraiser on May 16. See article in Column 3 [C/SW Caucus Fundraiser](#).

**Michael Alexander**, Founder of California School Choice Foundation was the guest speaker. Petitions to place an initiative for School Choice are being circulated.

The May Meeting is May 20 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**.

If you are not a member and plan to attend, come at 6:30 as the business session will be open unless a critical, members-only issue needs a vote.

### HR 1 ALIAS 'FOR THE PEOPLE ACT 2021'

The bill is currently in the Senate. We ask you to call your Senators with a request for a no vote.

- The bill places all elections in the federal government domain
- Bans Voter ID and verifying voters.
- Requires States to register 16- and 17-year-olds
- Mandates nationwide election-day registration

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Tom Wilson

Wow!!! For the second time! It feels great to be meeting in person again.

We are working hard to have interesting informative speakers. There are a lot of great Republican things happening in Riverside County and our club can be a part of the process.

Please plan to attend in May and bring a neighbor or friend to hear **Riverside County Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator Chad Bianco**.

Please RSVP for the dinner so we can plan. Look forward to seeing everyone in May! Tom

**C/SW CAUCUS FUNDRAISER**

Come join the Republican Party of Riverside County Central/Southwest Caucus for a fun Sunday afternoon on May 16. The theme is "Defending Our Team" with featured speakers, District Attorney Mike Hestrin and Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco. In addition, the C/SWC is fortunate to have Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto say a few words.

Time is 3 to 5 p.m. and the location is The Mexico Café, 44500 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula and the cost is a mere \$65 per person and \$120 per couple.

For more information, contact Valarie Skovron at [politicalwoman60@reagan.com](mailto:politicalwoman60@reagan.com) or 951-206-5502.

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- Mandates mail-in balloting without voter ID, unlimited ballot harvesting, early voting
- IRS allowed to impose political purity tests
- Requires registration of all 'individuals,' not 'citizens'
- Allows drive-by voting
- Mandates drop boxes
- Prevents election officials from removing ineligible voters from registries or confirming the eligibility and qualifications of voters.
- Bans state voter ID laws
- Allows felons to vote
- Requires colleges and universities to hire "campus vote coordinators".
- Urges statehood for the District of Columbia
- Allows politicians to use campaign funds for personal use

**Be proactive! Call your Senators urging them to vote no on HR1 "For the People Act".**  
**Senator Diane Feinstein: 202-224-3841**  
**Senator Alex Padilla: 202-224-3553**

Make your call short and direct: "I urge the Senator to vote no on HR1."

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES**

The Board of Directors met on the first Monday of May. Present were **President Tom Wilson, VP Membership Robin Lowe, Secretary Sharon Durbin, Treasurer Charlene Stover, Dale Dieleman, Joanne Dieleman, Dick English, and Norm Kyriss**.

- ⇒ Membership Report: The HSJCR has 56 members.
- ⇒ Treasurer's Report was given along with the dinner financial breakdown.
- ⇒ Sheriff Chad Bianco is being contacted as speaker for May.
- ⇒ Programs for June, July, and August were discussed.
- ⇒ Suggestion was made to have a fund raiser in August.
- ⇒ Central/Southwest Caucus Fundraiser was discussed. (see article in column 3 of this page)
- ⇒ Stimulating discussion of various topics was held in open discussion.





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

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I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES: \$20 PER PERSON/\$35 PER COUPLE  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**

**PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION:**

**WAYS AND MEANS  
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## **JEFFRIES JOURNAL**

*First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries*

### **Cannabis Industry Targeting Local Control?**

In Riverside County unincorporated communities (non-city areas), an applicant wanting to open a legal cannabis business has a number of hurdles to jump through before they can obtain approval. Proper zoning (commercial or industrial), minimum distance from schools and parks, setback from homes, proper lighting, security, landscaping, and parking spaces are just some of the standards that must be evaluated.

It seems that segments of the statewide cannabis industry are not happy with some of the state and local restrictions and taxes enabled by the original proposition that legalized the industry, and are reportedly preparing to launch a ballot initiative to take away local control, and the right of counties and cities to substantially regulate or generate revenue from future cannabis businesses.

While I generally lean toward property rights and simplified business regulations for just about every business in California (well, maybe not so much for mega-warehouses), I support private property rights on BOTH sides of the fence. Protecting the rights of adjacent homeowners/residents from intrusive noise, lights, traffic, odors, parking, etc., must be considered when considering any new business next to homes.

We will be waiting to see the official language contained in a future signature gathering initiative.

(We must be ever-diligent in watching legislation in Sacramento. This initiative would affect the San Jacinto Valley as well as all of Riverside County. It is guaranteed that the title would sound very pro-people!)

## **HISTORY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

*(portions from "Temecula Valley Historical Society," Sept 2011 issue)*

Riverside County was created from portions of San Bernardino and San Diego Counties on May 9, 1893. Law and order in this vast, 7208 square mile new county had been the responsibility of the Sheriff of San Diego and that task now became the responsibility of the new County. Elections for the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, District Attorney and other key Officers were held and on May 2, 1893, **Fred W. Swope of San Jacinto** was elected Sheriff. He was sworn in and began his term on June 5 of that year. Although Riverside County now had a Sheriff, he lacked both an office and a staff. The Board of Supervisors had rented space in the Arlington Hotel in downtown Riverside and that's where Sheriff Swope and his three newly appointed Deputies initiated the work of the Riverside County Sheriff's Office. Eight days later, the very first prisoner arrested was turned over to the Sheriff and his staff. Although they didn't have a jail, they booked the prisoner into the Riverside City Jail, utilizing a fee system to cover the costs.

In 1894, rumors swept through the new County intimating that perhaps Sheriff Swope had badly managed his budget and had wrongly spent some of the \$2169.05 for care of prisoners and the \$3058.68 expended for employee salaries.

The November elections of that year saw William E. Johnson winning the race for Sheriff, 1605 votes to Fred Swope's 1404.



Fred Swope  
1893-1895



W.B. Johnson  
1895-1899

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Today, the Sheriff's Department is responsible for 7,300 square miles which extends over 200 miles in length and approximately 50 miles in width. This immense territory makes Riverside County the fourth largest county in the State of California.

Vast changes have occurred since the County's inception, growing from a population of 13,745 in 1893, to more than 2.4 million in 2019. This increase ranks Riverside County as fourth in population growth among California's counties. With a staff of over 4,000 dedicated men and women, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department is now the second-largest Sheriff's Department within the State of California.

## **CORONER/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

The Coroner's Office was established on May 2, 1893. On January 4, 1999, the Coroner's Office consolidated with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, becoming the 42nd county in the state to consolidate the Coroner's Office with the Sheriff's Office.

The Coroner investigates and reports on all violent, sudden or unusual deaths of persons within the County as established by California law.

The Coroner may hold an inquest if the circumstances warrant.

The Public Administrator Bureau is charged with investigating and administering the estates of Riverside County residents who pass away without someone willing or able to manage their affairs. The powers of the Public Administrator are mandated by the Probate Code of the State of California.

## DATES TO CALENDAR

- May 19: **Hemet Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated** meeting at 11 a.m. at J and M Restaurant with Linda Krupa, speaker.
- May 20: **Republican Party of Riverside County** General Membership Meeting at 7 p.m. Call a member for details. (see page 2)
- May 24: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** meeting at The Elks 1305 West Florida with **Sheriff Chad Bianco** as guest speaker.
- May 31: **Memorial Day.**
- June 7: **HSJCR** Board of Directors Meeting.



## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings; however, it is likely due to the many planned or spontaneous gatherings of people in many towns to honor the war dead in the 1860's. The patriotic people tapped into the general human need to honor our dead which contributed to the growing movement that culminated in General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important which town was the very first to decorate the graves of fallen heroes, but what is important is that Memorial Day was established.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years and many Americans have forgotten the meaning of Memorial Day. Sadly, at many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen heroes are increasingly ignored, neglected.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



## BRIEF HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

**President Woodrow Wilson** signed a bill in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. The creation of Mother's Day is primarily attributed to three women: Ann Reeves Jarvis, Julia Ward Howe, and Ann's daughter, Anna M. Jarvis.

In the late 1850s, Ann Jarvis, widely considered the 'mother' of Mother's Day, established Mother's Work Day, a day dedicated to teaching mothers how to better prepare food and clean so as to prevent disease. Seven of her eleven children died before adulthood. Her home was in close proximity to a major battlefield during the Civil War and the county was flooded with wounded Confederate and Union soldiers. She organized groups of mothers to visit the wounded and ailing of both Union and Confederate loyalty.

After the war, Julia Ward Howe, helped to reshape what Mother's Day could mean. After the Civil War, Julia wrote her "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world", later the "Mother's Day Proclamation", which attempted to unite women around the world together to bring about a lasting peace.

In 1908, Anna Jarvis, daughter of the aforementioned Ann Jarvis, began to campaign to make Mother's Day a federally recognized day in honor of her mother who had died in 1905. The first nationally celebrated Mother's Day was in May of 1914. But what had been a day dedicated first to cleanliness and later to peace was again repurposed, this time to celebrate mothers themselves.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"To those who are fainthearted and unsure, I have this message: if you're afraid of the future, then get out of the way, stand aside. The people of this country are ready to move again."

**President Ronald Reagan**

"History is a river that may take us as it will. But we have the power to navigate, to choose direction and make our passage together."

**President Ronald Reagan**

"Don't divide the world into 'them' and 'us'."

**Donald Rumsfeld**

"It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have honors and not deserve them."

**Mark Twain**

"Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."

**Plato**

## TRIVIA

"If you want to see a comic strip, you should see me in the shower." Groucho Marx

"Ban pre-shredded cheese; make America grate again."

"My ancestors wandered lost in the wilderness for 40 years because even in biblical times, men would not stop to ask for directions."

**Elayne Boosler**

"I hate it when I see an old person and then realize I went to high school with them."

Inflation: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

She was only a whiskey-maker but he loved her still.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "keep off the Grass."