



***The Hemet San Jacinto Chapter of the
California Congress of Republicans
Invites you and your friends to join us
To Hear***

***KEVIN PEARSON
Public Affairs Officer
Eastern Municipal Water District***



***Monday, March 28, 2022
The Elks
1305 West Florida Avenue***

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

***PLEASE RSVP
By Thursday, March 24, 2022
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KEVIN PEARSON, EMWD, TO KEYNOTE MARCH MEETING

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans monthly meeting is Monday, March 28, 2022. **Kevin Pearson**, Public Affairs Officer for Eastern Municipal Water District is our guest speaker. **Mr. Pearson** will be addressing the use of water in the San Jacinto Valley.

Kevin has held this position since 2012. He represents EMWD in the San Jacinto Valley and has been an active partner in a range of community events. Prior to his employment at Eastern, he worked for more than 12 years at the Press Enterprise including several years covering the City of Hemet.

Kevin served on the Board of Directors of the Hemet San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce. Currently his family funds scholarship programs through the San Jacinto Education Foundation and supports Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center in Temecula. He is a resident of the City of Menifee.

EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

The **Eastern Municipal Water District** of Southern California is a regional water district formed in 1950 to secure additional water for a largely rural area of western Riverside County. In addition to water service, responsibilities include sewage collection, water desalination and water recycling.

Since its formation in 1950, **Eastern Municipal Water District** (EMWD) has changed from a small, primarily agricultural-serving agency, to one whose major demands come from domestic customers.

Authorized under the Municipal Water District Act of 1911, EMWD's duties and responsibilities are further delineated in the California Water Code. In 1951, EMWD annexed to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). EMWD employs approximately 614 employees.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY MEETING

The General Membership meeting was called to order on February 28 at 6:30 p.m. by President Tom Wilson.

Chad Schnitger spoke on redistricting in California and Riverside County particularly how it affects the San Jacinto Valley. **Charlene Stover** followed with a short update on candidates endorsed by the **Republican Party of Riverside County** on February 24.

JoAnn Von Wald celebrated her 90 + birthday with us with a cake and a song.

Robin Lowe gave each person attending a sunflower to commemorate the suffering of the Ukraine people during this trying time.

There were over 50 members and guests in attendance.

Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** General Membership Meeting is Monday, March 28, 2022, at **The Elks 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 Joanne at 663-787- or quiltersite2@yahoo.com.

If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Joanne**.



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CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of two of our special members in the last month: **Georgi Cetinske** and **Fran Spina**. Condolences go to family members of **Georgi and Fran**.

Georgi and Joe joined the HSJCR in 2004 and were active members until health issues dictated otherwise. **Joe** (continued on page 2 column 3)

HSJCR MEMBERSHIP

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans membership is at 47 as we had 14 who renewed or joined at the February meeting.

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans membership runs from January to December. For their dues members receive 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. Dues are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. The HSJCR gives complimentary renewals to those reaching the magic number of 90 years. Contact **Membership VP Robin Lowe** if you are 90 plus and have not been notified of your complimentary membership.

Welcome aboard to those who joined since the last newsletter:

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| Gerri Engelhart | Ralph Natividad |
| Maureen English | +Donald Rodriguez |
| *Dick English | Ernest Spina |
| *Bill Frayer | Rod Tolliver |
| Michael Hoff | Lori VanArsdale |
| Linda Krupa | JoAnn Von Wald |
| Diane Martinez | Craig White |
| Michele Nash-Hoff | |
| *Board Members | +New Members |

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Membership Directories will be distributed at the March 28 meeting to HSJCR members who have paid their 2022 dues.

Dues must be paid prior to March 21 in order for a members name and contact information to be included.

HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The HSJVRWCF will meet on March 16 at the Elks Club, 1305 West Florida, Hemet. Sharon Durbin will speak on Americanism.

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

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

GET WELL WISHES

"Get Well Wishes" go to HSJCR member **Sandy Palmer** who is recuperating from a heart attack. Hope to see you at a meeting soon.



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The Republican Party of Riverside County is now under the leadership of **Interim Chairman Doug Hassett** until such time as a new chairman is elected. (see article in column 3)

Under the leadership of **Interim Chairman, Doug Hassett, The Republican Party of Riverside County** met on February 24, 2022 at the Calimesa Events Center. The purpose of the meeting was to endorse candidates for federal, state, and county seats to be voted on in the June, 2022 Primary election. There was no endorsement in several of the races: 35CD, 39CD, 36AD, 71AD,

The following Riverside County candidates were endorsed:

- 25CD: Brian Hawkins
- 41CD: Congressman Ken Calvert
- 48CD: Congressman Darrell Issa
- 32SD: Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto
- 47AD: Greg Wallis
- 58AD: Leticia Castillo
- 60AD: Hector Diaz
- 63AD: Bill Essayli
- Board of Equalization: Erik Peterson

Board of Supervisors Dist 2: Karen Spiegel

- Auditor: Ben Benoit
- District Attorney: Mike Hestrin
- Sheriff/Coroner: Sheriff Chad Bianco
- Treasurer: Matthew Jennings

The March meeting of the **RPRC** is Thursday, March 17. This meeting will be closed; however, spouses will be welcome.

Election of a Chairman will take place in April.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

Happy March to all.

I am looking forward to our program this month. **Kevin Pearson** from Eastern Municipal Water District will update us concerning uses of water in our valley.

The Board of Directors is planning a Candidate's Forum for the April Meeting.

Please RSVP for each meeting it is so important in the planning process.

A side note—the price of gas and loss of our energy independence is reason enough for a change when you visit the polls.

President Tom Wilson

DON DIX, RPRC CHAIRMAN

Don Dix, Chairman of the Republican Party of Riverside County and dynamic talk radio host passed away on February 22, 2022. **Don's** health had been failing for several months, but he led the RPRC until just days prior to his passing.

Don spoke to the HSJCR in October as he was dedicated to the importance of the vote and the part the grassroots plays in the effort.

Continued from Page 1 (Condolences) has moved closer to his family.

Fran Spina and her husband joined the HSJCR in 2018. **Fran** was a faithful member until her health prevented her from attending meetings.

We have lost two good members. Keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Question: "Where can I find legislators' contact information?"

Answer: In the **HSJCR Membership Directory**.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

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

- ⇒ Treasurer's Report was given.
- ⇒ It was moved, seconded, and carried to give a stipend to out of town speakers.
- ⇒ March program is Kevin Pearson from Eastern Municipal Water District.
- ⇒ The April program will highlight candidates representing the San Jacinto Valley. A hamburger with the trimmings is the proposed menu.
- ⇒ The HSJVRWCF will contact a young lady from the Ukraine as speaker for March 16.
- ⇒ Norm Kyriss reported on the Hemet City Council Meeting and the items covered.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
2022 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**

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_____ **Please e-mail my newsletter.**
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CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY (CaGOP)

The Spring Convention of the California Republican Party is April 22-24 at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.

Early Bird Registration is \$120 for delegates and associate delegates, \$140 for guests, and \$50 for College Republicans. Early bird registration ends Friday, March 18 at 5 p.m.

Registration price includes access to the welcome reception, Saturday Speaker Series, General Session, committee meetings, and other convention workshops and trainings.

There is an extra charge for meals and VIP receptions.

Registration is online only and registration and tickets are non-refundable.

Room reservations can be made on line at the Anaheim Marriott and must be made by March 31, 2022 to receive the CRP discounted rate of \$179 plus tax per night.

For California Department of Public Health restrictions, the CaGOP will update via their website.

For additional information, google CaGOP and click on convention.

CENTRAL SOUTHWEST CAUCUS

The **Central/Southwest Caucus**, which includes Hemet and San Jacinto, will meet March 14 at the Mexico Café, 44500 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula at 5:30 for dinner and meeting at 6:30. RSVP with politicalwoman60@reagan.com.

Question: "How can I contact my County Supervisor and my City Council member?"

Answer: Information is in the **HSJCR Membership Directory**

JEFFRIES JOURNAL

First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

Where Are the Workers? – I have been meeting with County Department Heads for several months to gauge how things are going, both under the leadership of our new County CEO and in this new social-economic reality of retirements and the competitive employment environment.

The good news is, our new CEO is building strong support from the troops, cooperating agencies, and labor leaders, with his open-door, dig-deep efforts into how to improve services, customer service, and still be cost effective.

The bad news is, the County is having trouble attracting and retaining new employees because of competing wage and benefit offers from others (both public and private sector). With roughly 23,000 employees, there are many challenges keeping everyone rowing the same direction toward serving the public. And while the message from the CEO can get distorted as it filters down the food chain, I feel confident that despite a few of those who are retired-on-the-job, or those who are resistant to change, your county government is truly working to improve our communities (yes, despite all
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FROM THE DESK OF CHUCK WASHINGTON.....

Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington

Newly Enacted Service-Connected Benefits:

You may be eligible for newly enacted service-connected benefits. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has begun processing service-connected disability claims for six new presumptive conditions related to environmental exposures during military service. Added to the list of medical conditions presumptively associated with exposure to Agent Orange are bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, parkinsonism, asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis. For more information about VA benefits and eligibility or how to file a claim, veterans and survivors can visit www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000.

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the challenges we have in California with 39 million residents).

If you are looking for a new career and want to work near home, please take a look at the many job listings in nearly every department at: <https://rc-hr.com/Find-A-Job/Job-Searching/County-Job-Openings>

DATES TO CALENDAR

- March 14: *Central Southwest Caucus Meeting (see page 3 column 1)*
- March 16: **Hemet Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated** meeting at 11 a.m. at The Elks, 1305 West Florida Avenue.
- March 17: **St. Patrick's Day**
- March 17: Republican Party of Riverside County Monthly General Membership Meeting. at 7 p.m.
- March 23: *Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Call for details.*
- March 28: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** meeting at The Elks 1305 West Florida with **Kevin Pearson, EMWD**, as guest speaker.
- April 4: **HSJCR Board of Directors Meeting.**
- April 12: **Greater San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce Mixer** at 5:30 p.m. Call for details.

DEMOCRATS HEAD FOR EXIT

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The number of Democrat congressmen retiring or seeking another office has passed 30. Now, nervous party insiders privately see the number of “voluntary” departures approaching 40—surpassing the 1992 figure, a modern “high.” Common factors among this year’s departing Democrats are that most have not been in the House very long and cited their distaste for the increasingly partisan nature of the House. In contrast, only 13 House Republicans have said they won’t seek reelection—and that number, GOP sources told Newsmax, is not likely to change.

Question: “Where can I get a copy of the Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Bylaws?”

Answer: In the **HSJCR Membership Directory**.



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.

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,



JUDICIAL WATCH WARNS MORE COUNTIES TO CLEAN VOTER ROLLS OR FACE FEDERAL LAWSUITS

The following is an excerpt from The Judicial Watch Verdict.

Judicial Watch sent letters to election officials in 14 counties and five states — Arkansas, California, Illinois, new York and Oregon — notifying them of evident violations of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).

The NVRA requires states to conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove “the official voter rolls “the names of ineligible voters” who have died or changed residence. Among other things, the NVRA requires registrations to be canceled when voters fail to respond to address-confirmation notices and then fail to vote in the next two general federal elections. In 2018, the Supreme Court confirmed that such removals are mandatory.

...Data shows that many U.S. counties reported mere handfuls of removals—and often no removals—of registrants who failed to respond to an address confirmation and failed to vote for two consecutive elections.

California Counties receiving notice are San Bernardino, Sacramento, Contra Costs, Fresno, Stanislaus, and Solano.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“How do you tell a Communist? Well, it’s someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It’s someone who understands Marx and Lenin.”

President Ronald Reagan

“I heard one presidential candidate say that what this country needed was a President for the ‘90s. I was set to run again. I thought he said President in his 90s.”

President Ronald Reagan

IRISH SAYINGS TO HONOR THE IRISH

“If you’re lucky enough to be Irish...You’re lucky enough!”

“The Irish have no idea what they want—and they are ready to fight to the death to get it.”

“Many times, a man’s mouth has broken his nose.”

“May misfortune follow you the rest of your life, and never catch up.”

“Forgetting a debit doesn’t mean that it’s paid.”

“May neighbours respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you.”

“May your heart e light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!”

“May your glass be ever full.

May the roof over your head be always strong.

And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you’re dead.”

Question: “Where can I get a copy of the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Membership Directory?**”

Answer: All who have paid 2022 dues will receive one March 28. If in doubt of your status, call **Membership VP Robin Lowe** at 951-760-2200