



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

**To hear**

**Ian Weeks**

**36 Assembly District Republican Nominee**

**Speaking on**

**The November General Election**

***Monday, February 27, 2023***

***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, February 23, 2023***

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***Please remember that the HSJCR must pay for  
all reserved dinners.***

***If you are unable to attend, cancel with Joanne***





# HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS

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## WEEKS TO HIGHLIGHT FEBRUARY HSJCR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans will welcome **Ian Weeks**, General Election Republican candidate in the 36 Assembly District, as the keynote speaker for the February meeting.

**Weeks** was unable to participate in the January meeting; however, the **HSJCR** is fortunate to have him as the guest speaker this month.

**Ian** grew up in Temecula and now resides in Hemet. Ian has seen first-hand the dramatic decline of the state, and the dire consequences of decades of single party legislative rule in Sacramento which convinced him to run for the 36AD. The same issues are stimulating his desire to run for the same seat in 2024. **Ian** has chosen to remain in California with his wife and two young sons. He is choosing to stay and fight for the American Dream.

**Ian Weeks** is anticipating a run for the 36 AD seat in 2024 and can give ideas on how a volunteer club such as the **HSJCR** can help his campaign.

Ideas on how the **HSJCR** membership can become more active volunteers will be shared. Special reports and **HSJCR** business will be covered.

**SEE YOU ON FEBRUARY 27!!!**

## SENATOR DAVID KELLEY HONORED AT THE FEBRUARY HSJCR MEETING

**Senator David Kelley** was recognized at the January meeting for his many years of dedicated service to the residents of the San Jacinto Valley. **Dave** served 28 years in the **California Legislature** and was the most informed legislator on water issues in the Assembly and State Senate at the time. He was instrumental in having the **Ramona Pageant** designated as the official State Outdoor Play and in the funding for the Western Center.

Dave has been a citrus rancher in the San Jacinto Valley for over 45 years. He and his wife Brigitte raised their four children in the Valley.

Dave was presented with a resolution highlighting his lifelong achievements and a lifetime membership in the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**.

In addition to recognizing **Senator Kelley**, **Hemet Board of Trustees member Kenn Prado** spoke on his campaign as well as his initial Board meetings.

Additional reports were given at the well-attended meeting.

## Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's** next meeting is Monday, February 27, 2023, at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. Check-in is 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30.

To reserve, contact **Joanne at 951-663-7870 or quiltersite2@yahoo.com**. Reserve by **February 22, 2023**.

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

*If you do not state otherwise when making reservations, we will assume you are having dinner and you will be charged accordingly.*

*Please give guest's names when making reservations.*

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## CONDOLENCES

Condolences go to the family of **Joanne Morello**, who passed away on January 17, 2023. **Joanne** was an active member of both the **HSJCR** and **HSJVRWCF** when health issues permitted participation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**HSJCR MEMBERSHIP**

The **HSJCR** currently has 54 paid up memberships. The following are 2023 members. Thanks to those who have come recently come aboard and also to those who have renewed.

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| Arvid Anderson   | +Aggie Kennedy    |
| Elva Anderson    | Rachel Krall      |
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**HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB  
FEDERATED**

The **HSJRWCF** next meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. **Leanne** from Birth Choice is the guest speaker.

The **HSJRWCF** has an Associate Membership open to regular members of other RWF Organizations and to men who are interested in joining. All are welcome.

Please reserve with **Donna Landino** at 926-7445 or [ddino68@roadrunner.com](mailto:ddino68@roadrunner.com).

For years, I've heard the question: "How could an actor be president?" I've sometimes wondered how you could be president and not be an actor. President Ronald Reagan

**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

The **Republican Party of Riverside County** will meet Thursday, February 23, 2023 at which time a Chair will be elected to lead the Party for the next two years—the two years leading to the Presidential General Election.

Currently, there are two candidates: Matthew Dobler and Anita Rhodes. Both gave campaign speeches at the January meeting. Nominations can also come from the floor on February 23.

At this time, there is no word on whether this will be a closed meeting (open only to members and alternates) or an open meeting and the exact time. It is tentatively scheduled for the Cherry Valley Grange. **If you are interested in attending, please check with Charlene or Tom on February 21 for verification of information.**



The best way to determine who represents you in Sacramento is to google "Who is my Assembly person?" Put in your name and address and you'll get results.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Tom Wilson

Hi All,

Welcome to February; 2023 is well under way. We had a great turnout for our January meeting. Thank you to all who attended. We are moving forward with our 2023 directive to be increasingly aware and involved in our local governance meetings.

Our goal is to help local candidates be successful in seeking local office and continue moving forward with our goal of conservative local values.

Please plan to attend our February 27 meeting and RSVP please. We rely on these RSVP's to plan our meeting attendance so please call and reserve your spot. Thank you.  
President Tom

**CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN  
PARTY (CaGOP)**

The CaGOP Spring Organization Convention is scheduled for March 10-12 in Sacramento. At this time delegates will be electing the leadership for the next two years of the Presidential Election Cycle. Officers to be elected are: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Delegates to the CaGOP for the next two years are appointed by legislators and the County Parties by a formula established by the CaGOP.

The banquet speakers have not been announced, but they are always timely and stimulating speakers.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES**

The Board of Directors met on February 6, 2023. Present were **President Tom Wilson, VP Programs Dale Dieleman; VP Membership Robin Lowe; Secretary Joanne Dieleman, Treasurer Charlene Stover, Board Members: Dick English, Bill Frayer, Marcie Martinez, and Vinay Rao.** There was a quorum.

- ⇒ Treasurer's Report was given.
- ⇒ Joanne Dieleman gave an update on Republican Women Federated.
- ⇒ The speakers for the February 27, 2023 meeting is Ian Weeks.
- ⇒ There were 39 renewals and new members who paid their dues at the January meeting.
- ⇒ The dinner reservation issue was discussed. Members and guests are reserving for dinner and not attending or not eating. This is presenting a serious cash flow problem. There were 75 who reserved with 54 eating.
- ⇒ Ideas on engaging membership and the HSJCR Board in local issues and attending local Council and Board meetings was discussed.
- ⇒ Report was given on the Republican Party of Riverside County.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS  
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS  
2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
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**JONES ACT ARTICLE REBUTTAL**

Last month an article was published regarding the Jones Act. I thank the member, Arvid Anderson, for sending a rebuttal from first hand Merchant Marine knowledge. (Charlene)

The Jones Act is called "protectionist" by its opponents. But, if we are going to apply a fair measuring rod to other industries, we would throw out farm subsidies, loan guarantees, and the whole clean energy industry and bank bailouts. Currently 80% of the world has "cabotage" laws regulating domestic waterborne traffic.

The Jones Act was designed to accomplish 3 goals. The first goal is to ensure a viable domestic fleet via exclusion of foreign ships from the domestic trade, ensuring that the US is not held hostage during an economic war, by foreign actors. The second goal is to insure that we have a viable shipbuilding industry to build our US naval vessels. The third goal of the Jones Act was to provide U.S. Merchant Seaman, with legal protection from unscrupulous owners and remedy in the event of illness or injury. The Merchant Sailor worldwide is paid 1/2 to 1/4 of what U.S. sailors make, without legal protections. Non-US ships and crews are abandoned in foreign ports when the owner can no longer pay their bills.

American sailors are subject to Security background checks via the TWIC (Transportation Workers Identity Card) program. The use of a tanker or tank barge by a foreign actor to disrupt domestic water transportation would be catastrophic. A large spill, collision or grounding would disrupt marine traffic in the particular waterway for weeks.

J.P Morgan estimates that barge transport adds 10cents a gallon to east coast gas prices. As for Marine Transportation making our country more dependent on foreign oil, that is a "red herring". The Biden Administrations' stopping pipelines, reducing and  
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 delaying lease sales, holding up permits on drilling and making it hard to drill on private land have raised gas and diesel price across the country. There is a concerted effort to raise the cost of all petroleum products and it's called "The Green New Deal".

**Civil Grand Juror Application**

The Riverside County Superior Court is now accepting applications from qualified citizens interested in being nominated to serve as civil grand jurors for the time period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Duties include, but are not limited to, investigating the operations of county government, researching matters of civic concern, and inquiring into public offenses. The application can be found at <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/Divisions/GrandJury/grand-jury.php> and are due by April 3, 2023. If you are interested, we encourage you to apply!

The above information is from Supervisor Chuck Washington's publication From the Desk of Chuck Washington.

If I could paraphrase a well-known statement by Will Rogers that he had never met a man he didn't like, I'm afraid we have some people around here who never met a tax they didn't hike.  
 President Ronald Reagan

**JEFFRIES JOURNAL**

*First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries*

**Full Court Press...** Last month, I reported on the on-going saga of our understaffed courts (lack of judges), and the growing number of criminal cases being dismissed before trial by the courts (which includes a large number of felony cases).

Our local ratio of judicial officers per 100,000 residents is 3.4, compared to a statewide average of 11.4. In short Riverside County is at least 22 judges short to handle the workload (assuming all of our judges are working full time 5 days a week).

The battle to fix this injustice (staffing) is now moving to the State Capital in Sacramento. Our local State Senator Richard Roth has introduced SB-75 to have the State fund the additional judges for our county and others. My guess this will be a brutal fight in the State Legislature. Our State is not exactly known for desiring to enhance the judicial branch anywhere in California.

As we hear more about this uphill effort, we may need to send letters to our legislators asking for support. More to come.



**DATES TO CALENDAR**

- February 6:      **Ronald Wilson Reagan's Birthday**
- February 15:    **Hemet Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated** meeting at 11 a.m. at The Elks, 1305 West Florida Avenue.
- February 20:    Presidents' Day celebrating the birth of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
- February 23:    **Republican Party of Riverside County Monthly General Membership Meeting.** at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Valley Grange in Cherry Valley.
- February 27:    **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** monthly meeting with **Ian Weeks** at The Elks 1305 West Florida. Social at 6 and dinner/meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## FEBRUARY, A HISTORICAL MONTH

Four presidents were born in February:

**George Washington**, **Federalist**; February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799 was the first President of the United States from 1789 to 1797 and was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

**William Henry Harrison Sr., Whig**, (February 9, 1773 – April 4, 1841) was the ninth President of the United States (1841), and died 31 days into his term.

**Abraham Lincoln, Republican**, February 12, 1809 – April 15, 1865) was the 16th President of the United States from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865. He was the first Republican President after the founding of the Party.

**Ronald Wilson Reagan, Republican**, February 6, 1911 – June 5, 2004 was the 40th President of the United States, from 1981 to 1989. Before his presidency, he was the 33rd Governor of California, from 1967 to 1975.

### MEMORABLE FEBRUARY DATES

**February 6: King George VI** of England died. Upon his death, his daughter **Princess Elizabeth** became **Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**.

**February 11: American inventor Thomas Edison (1847-1931)** was born in Milan, Ohio. Throughout his lifetime he acquired over 1,200 patents including the incandescent bulb, phonograph and movie camera.

**February 14:** In 1929, the St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.

**February 15:** Astronomer and physicist **Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)** was born in Pisa, Italy. He was the first astronomer to use a telescope and advanced the theory that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system.

**February 23, 1942:** During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

**February 13, 1635** - Boston Latin School, the first taxpayer supported (public) school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.

**February 16:** Entertainer and politician **Sonny Bono (1935-1998)** was born in Detroit, Michigan. Following a career as a popular singer, he became mayor of Palm Springs, California, then became a Republican congressman, serving until his accidental death from a skiing mishap.

### FEBRUARY

February, the month of famous days—Washington's birthday on February 22; Lincoln's on February 12; and Ronald Wilson Reagan's on February 6. Not to forget the most famous day of all—St. Valentine's Day.

### QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"We maintain this peace through our strength; weakness only invites aggression."

President Ronald Reagan

"The top priority of the federal government is the safety of this country."

President Ronald Reagan

"Some years ago, I was sent on a mission to Denmark. And while there, I heard stories of the war. And I heard how the orders had gone out for the Danish people, under the Nazi occupation, to identify the Jews among them. And the next day, every Dane appeared on the street wearing a Star of David."

President Ronald Reagan, 1983

"A Republic without parties is a complete anomaly. The histories of all popular governments show how absurd is the idea of their attempting to exist without parties."

President Franklin Pierce

"I bring to this great world a heart filled with love for my country and an honest desire to do what is right."

President Abraham Lincoln

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

President Abraham Lincoln

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."

Sir Winston Churchill

"It is curious—curious that physical courage should be so common in the world, and moral courage so rare."

Mark Twain

### TRIVIA

Get some roosters for eggs...and raise some bulls for milk...Then you'll see that gender matters!

Race matters only to racists. The rest of us care about character.

We are living in a generation that would unplug your life support, just to charge their cellphone.

Being twenty in the seventies was much more fun than being seventy in the twenties.

Retirement Plan: Move to Mexico, give up citizenship, come back illegally, and you're set for life!

**You know you're over the hill when:**

Your computer has more memory than you do.

You realize caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

You can't take out a 30-year mortgage.

You realize a stamp today costs more than a picture show did when you were growing up.

Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.