



***THE HEMET-SAN JACINTO CHAPTER
OF THE
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS***

Invites you and your friends to the

MARCH 25, 2024 MEETING

To meet and hear

Brad Dacus, Pacific Justice Institute



"We are committed to fight for religious freedom, sanctity of life, parental freedoms, and all civil liberties!"

***Brad Dacus, President and
Founder of Pacific Justice
Institute***

***THE ELKS LODGE
1305 WEST FLORIDA
HEMET***

Monday, March 25, 2024

Social at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$20 per person

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 21, 2024

With

Joanne Dieleman at 951-663-7870 or Quiltersite2@yahoo.com



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BRAD DACUS TO KEYNOTE

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans March 25 meeting will host **Pacific Justice Institute's Brad Dacus**.

Brad Dacus served as Legislative Assistant to U.S. **Senator Phil Gram**. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas, School of Law. **Brad** coordinated religious freedom and parental rights cases throughout the Western States for five years prior to founding **Pacific Justice Institute** in 1997. **PJI** handles more case matters—always free of charge—defending faith and family coast to coast more than any other legal organization of its kind with hundreds of volunteer attorneys.

Mr. Dacus has testified before the United States House of Representatives and before the California State Legislature on legislation affecting religious freedom and parents' rights. He speaks regularly at churches, conferences, graduations and conventions and was presented an honorary Doctorate of Religious Freedom and Family Rights degree from California Baptist University in recognition of his commitment to faith and justice and his work protecting parental rights and religious freedom through the Pacific Justice Institute.

Brad Dacus can be watched Monday-Thursday on **Brad Dacus Live** on Hischannel.com and heard weekly on The Dacus Report on more than 1,000 radio stations across the country. He has appeared on America Live, CBS Evening News, CNN, Dateline NBC, Good Morning America, MSNBC, NBC News, News Talk TV, and The Today Show and numerous times on a variety of FOX News shows

RECAP OF FEBRUARY MEETING

Jeff Gonzalez, Candidate for the open 36 Assembly District seat, gave members information regarding his campaign and his standing on issues.

Ceci Truman and **Ian Weeks** gave updates on their campaigns. Both are running for the number two spot on the November General Election ballot for the 25 Congressional District.

Alicia Grinnel spoke on behalf of **Senator Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh** and asked members to support her by walking or phoning.

Hemet Mayor Joe Males gave an update on the 'clean-up the City' program and asked for sponsors/volunteers. **Valerie Vandever** updated the membership on the city of **San Jacinto**.

Kenn Prado, HUSD Trustee, gave an update on the Hemet USD Board and spoke on behalf of "Protect Kids" initiative slated for the November ballot.

Meeting Information

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's March meeting is Monday, March 25, 2024, at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. Check -in is 6 p.m. with the program at 6:30.

To reserve, contact **Joanne** at **quiltersite2@yahoo.com** or **951-663-7870**. Please reserve by **March 21**.

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.

Please give guest's names when making reservations.

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CONDOLENCES

Condolences go to **Joanne and Dale Dieleman** on the loss of their son, **Greg**. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

HSJCR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** is on an annual basis; dues are now due. The **HSJCR** has 61 members for 2024.

Renewals are automatic for anyone reaching the magic number of 90 years. The **HSJCR** has three in this category: Ernie Spina, Aggie Kennedy, and JoAnn Von Wald.

There are about 31 2023 members who have not renewed. Reminders were email and **Membership VP Robin Lowe** is contacting them. (see article under ‘Directories.’)

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| Helen Brechtel | Diana Martinez |
| Ron Brechtel | +Keith Meissner |
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| +Joanne Dieleman | Vinay Rao |
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- +Officers/Board Members
*Past President

HSJCR DIRECTORIES

The **HSJCR Directories** will go to press **March 18**. If you have not paid your dues by **Friday, March 15**, your contact information will not be in the Directory. Directories are distributed only to those who have renewed or are new members.

Mail checks to P.O. Box 304, San Jacinto, CA 92581, with the form on page 3.

Charlene handles the Directory; contact her if you have any questions: 951-296-7138 or c.stover.1997@gmail.com



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The **HSJVRWCF** will meet **Thursday, March 21, 2024** at the Elks Lodge in Hemet. Officers for 2024 will be installed at the March Meeting. **HSJCR President Norm Kyriss** will install the officers.

The meeting is at 11 a.m. Please reserve with **Joanne Dieleman** at 951-663-7870 or quiltersite2@yahoo.com



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The **Republican Party of Riverside County's** February meeting was at the Elks Lodge in Hemet on February 22. **Eric Early**, candidate for U.S. Senate was the guest speaker.

In February the **RPRC** and the **Lincoln Club of Coachella Valley** sponsored **Senator Rand Paul**.

The March 28 General Membership meeting is at Noble Creek Community Center in Beaumont with check in at 6 p.m. Nicole Pearson is the scheduled speaker.

PRIMARY ELECTION UPDATE

Ballot counting is still in progress for Riverside County, but it currently looks as though Republicans and Democrats will face off in November—all seats in Riverside County races have both parties vying. The big push will be for Republicans to back their candidates by volunteering or donating!!! This is critical.

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans members who may (depending on final vote counting) be elected to the Republican Party of Riverside County are **Taryn Cagliero and Charlene Stover**. **Robin Lowe and Norm Kyriss** were not on the ballot as only five candidates ran for the six seats. They will be confirmed by the Registrar of voters.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
President Norm Kyriss
Norm Kyriss, President

Super Tuesday was encouraging. Californians made a clear statement that Donald J. Trump is our candidate; and, finally, we have a choice for Senator, **Steve Garvey**.

We have many races around the County to celebrate, and we can be hopeful only if we continue the hard work.

We cannot accept the fact it is enough to show up at the polls on election day; we must increase our numbers through voter registration.

It's now or never for us to spread the good news and to welcome new Republicans into our ranks.

I have a voter registration program on the drawing board that can involve any interested **HSJCR**. Please reach out to me for further information.

Get involved!!!



BRIAN NESTANDE

It is with heavy heart that I write about the death of **Brian Nestande**. **Brian** represented Riverside County in the Assembly from 2008-2014 and challenged Congressman Raul Ruiz in 2014. His wife **Gina** is a city councilperson in Palm Desert.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on March 4, 2024. Present were **President Norm Kyriss, VP Programs Dale Dieleman; VP Membership Robin Lowe, Treasurer Charlene Stover, VP Liaison with RWF Sharon Durbin, Past President Tom Wilson; Board Members: Keith Meissner, Hugh Malone, and Joe and Taryn Cagliero**. There was a quorum.

- ⇒ **Republican Women Federated** will meet on Thursday, March 21.
- ⇒ The speaker for the March 25 meeting is **Brad Dacus, Pacific Justice Institute**.
- ⇒ **Robin Lowe** will call members who have not renewed their membership.
- ⇒ Suggested Program for April is **Mark Prestwich**, Hemet City Manager.
- ⇒ The Board approved disbursement of funds to set up a website including domain name. **President Norm** is heading the project.
- ⇒ **President Norm** presented a Voter Registration Program targeting new homeowners in neighborhoods of members.
- ⇒ A fund raising committee was appointed with Sharon Durbin as Chair. Members are Robin, Norm, and Charlene.
- ⇒ A list of elected seats in the San Jacinto Valley will be ready by the next **HSJCR Board Meeting**.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
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2024 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 _____ Please e-mail my newsletter.
 P.O. BOX 304 _____ Please send my newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.
 SAN JACINTO, CA 92581

**MISCELLANEOUS HSJCR
INFORMATION**

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Membership cards are a work in process. Members will receive them at the March meeting with their Directory.

FUND RAISER: The Fundraising Committee, chaired by **Sharon Durbin**, is planning a "Paint and Sip" event in the near future. More information to follow.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: Thanks to the HSJCR members for being so supportive of the Opportunity Drawings; however, **more prizes are needed.**

NAME BADGES: Would you like to have a permanent name badge? **President Norm** will have details such as cost at the next General Membership Meeting.

ELECTION HEADQUARTERS: If any member knows of an available spot in a non-threatening area and with ample parking, please contact **Norm Kyriess or Robin Lowe.**

MEMBERS: If you see any projects in the newsletter that piques your interest, contact a board member or officer and volunteer your services.

EV's GOING NOWHERE

Newsmax, March 2024, Pg 20 Michael Reagan excerpts

If there were practical reasons to buy electric vehicles, the government wouldn't have to use subsidies and coercion to force their adoption by the public.

But reinforcing a losing proposition has never been a deterrent to government bureaucrats who are spending your money and not theirs.

Hertz is dumping its fleet of electric rental cars in exchange for more dinosaur-fueled vehicles, wiping \$245 million off its bottom line.

In spite of a cascade of tax subsidies, dealer rebates, government meddling, and the applause of the regime media, the overall market for EVs is heading down...

**FROM THE DESK OF CHUCK
WASHINGTON**

Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington

Attention college students! The Riverside County Youth Commission is looking for a motivated college student to supervise our Third District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and work directly with the Board of Supervisors. As a Legislative Intern, responsibilities include mentoring high school aged youth, coordinating and overseeing all aspects of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) program within their district. Through this opportunity, the intern will develop experience in teamwork, leadership, communication, time management, goal setting, organization, critical thinking, punctuality, professionalism, attention to detail, decision making, multitasking skills and much more!

The in-person student internship is based throughout Riverside County with a flexible work week consisting of approximately 20 hours per week. The selected candidate can anticipate the internship to span two years in length.

[Click here to learn more or apply!](#)

PACIFIC JUSTICE INSTITUTE


The **Pacific Justice Institute** is a non-profit 501c3 legal defense organization specializing in the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties. **PJI** works diligently, without charge, to provide its clients with all the legal support they need.

Pacific Justice Institute's strategy is to coordinate and oversee large numbers of concurrent court actions through a network of hundreds of affiliate attorneys nationwide. And, according to former **United States Attorney General Edwin Meese**, "The Institute fills a critical need on the West Coast for those whose civil liberties are threatened."

Offices are located coast to coast and provides clients with all the legal help they need, without charge.

PJI mission statement is: "As a legal non-profit, our mission is to defend—without charge—the religious freedoms, parental rights, and other civil liberties of people who cannot defend themselves. We work diligently to provide our clients with dedicated,

DATES TO CALENDAR

- March 17: St. Patrick's Day   
- March 21: **Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated monthly meeting at The Elks Lodge, Hemet.**
- March 22: **Republican Party of Riverside County** at Noble Creek Community Center in Beaumont with speaker Nicole Pearson. Check in is 6 p.m.
- March 25: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans March meeting at the Elks Lodge in Hemet. Brad Dacus from the Pacific Justice Institute is the speaker.**
- March 27: Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Airtopia Adventure Park, 869 West Florida at 5:30 p.m.
- March 31: **EASTER SUNDAY** 

EASTER

Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year.

The exact origins of this religious feast day's name are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. Other accounts trace Easter to the Latin term hebdomada alba, or white week, an ancient reference to Easter week and the white clothing donned by people who were baptized during that time. Through a translation error, the term later appeared as esostarum in Old High German, which eventually became Easter in English. In Spanish, Easter is known as Pascua; in French, Paques. These words are derived from the Greek and Latin Pascha or Pasch, for Passover.

LEGENDS OF ST. PATRICK

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.

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.

In another legend, Patrick preached for so long that his walking staff, which he had jammed into the ground, grew roots and turned into a real tree.

By his own account, sometimes when Patrick really wanted to shut his opponents down, he would *raise people from the dead* and have them testify to the truth of Christianity.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"There is not limit to the amount of good you can do if you odn't care who gets the credit."

President Ronald Reagan

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

President Ronald Reagan

"A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation."

President Ronald Reagan

"The problem with socialism that that you eventually run out of other people's money."

Margaret Thatcher

"Hard time create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. And, weak men create hard times."

G. Michael Hope, Author

"An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation, nor does truth become error because nobody will see it."

Mahatma Gandhi

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 be 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."



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.