



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

To hear

Keynote Speaker



Kristian Ticas,
City of Hemet
Community Solutions Coordinator

Topic: addressing the homeless issue via
the Hemet Police Active Engagement
Response and Outreach Team (A.E.R.O.)

***Monday, January 27, 2025
Elks Lodge
1405 West Florida, Hemet, CA***

Dinner Reservations Are a Must!

*Social at 6 P.M.
Dinner at 6:30
Members: \$20
Non-Members: \$22
Program Only: \$5*

*Please RSVP
By Thursday, January 23, 2025
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JANUARY PROGRAM

The first meeting on January 27 will be called to order by newly elected **President Tom Wilson**.

The Keynote Speaker is **Kristian Ticas**, the Community Solutions Coordinator for the City of Hemet. His role is to coordinate the efforts of the City of Hemet and approximately 70 non-profits in the Valley in regard to the homeless population.

The City of Hemet deals with its homeless population primarily through the Hemet Police Active Engagement Response and Outreach Team. **Ticas** coordinates the work of the Team with the non-profits in the Valley whose goal is to guide the homeless towards a hand up rather than a handout. The end goal is to direct those now living on the streets towards the resources that would enable them to get off the streets and become productive citizens.

The A.E.R.O. Team focuses on quality of life issues such as nuisance properties, trespassing, vagrancy, and panhandling. In an effort to provide long-term assistance to the city's homeless, the A.E.R.O. Team has been building bridges with local and county resources such as Valley Restart, the United Way, the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services, Anchor in Christ, and Liberty Ranch, to name a few. The A.E.R.O. Team works to help people who are willing to accept that help. For those who are not ready to change their lives, the A.E.R.O. Team aggressively enforces the law to ensure that our law-abiding citizens are protected.

Attend the January 27 meeting to learn what the City of Hemet is doing to work toward a solution of the homeless problem.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR Hsjcr

On December 9, 2024, the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** elected leadership for 2025. **Hemet City Council Member Linda Krupa** did the honors of installing the officers and board of directors.

After a hiatus of a year, **Tom Wilson** returned as President. **Dale Dieleman** was reelected as **Program Vice President** and **Robin Lowe** is returning as **Membership Vice President**.

Joanne Dieleman will serve as **Liaison Vice President with the Republican Women Federated**. **Sharon Durbin** is **Secretary**. **Keith Meissner** moved from the Board of Directors to the position of **Treasurer**.

Board Members are **Joe and Taryn Cagliero, Dick English, Hugh Malone, Marcie Martinez, Kenn Prado, Charlene Stover, and Chuck Ruiz**. **Norm Kyriss** is **Immediate Past President**.

Bill Frayer, after serving for several years, has retired from the **Board of Directors**.

Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's** January 27 meeting is 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 January 23, 2025.

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

If **Joanne** leaves a message, please return her call or text her with a yes or no for reservations.

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NOT UP TO PAR!!

Some of you may have noticed that **Joanne Dieleman** was not at the front table taking your dinner dollars at the December meeting.

Joanne is suffering from back issues; however, she can still accept phone calls and cards.

Yes, she will be making reservation calls this month.

HEMET SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS MEMBERSHIP

TIME TO RENEW!! The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans operates on a calendar year. The year 2024 ended with 102 members. The HSJCR has started 2025 with the following six members who have either renewed or are newly joined.

Those who have paid 2025 dues are **Sharon Durbin, Emily Heebner-Young, Stella Johnson, Mike Mayers, Adam Tostado, and Eric Young.** We welcome aboard new members **Emily Heebner-Young, Stella Johnson, Mike Mayers, and Eric Young.**

Membership VP Robin Lowe will be accepting your renewal at the January 27, 2025 dinner meeting. You may also mail your dues. (see form on page 3)

Dues remain at \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

The HSJCR also awards membership to any previous member who has reached the age of 90. The organization currently has four members in this category: **Senator Dave Kelley, Agnes Kennedy, Ernie Spina, and JoAnn Von Wald.**



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The first meeting for 2025 of the HSJVRWCF is Thursday, January 16 at 11:30 at the Hemet Elks Lodge.

Sharon Durbin is taking reservations for the meeting. Her contact information is 951-765-7634 and smdurbin@verizon.net.

The HSJVRWCF is working toward rebuilding the Club. If you would like to make an impact, call Sharon and reserve for January 16. All ideas are welcome. Membership is open to all Republican Women; males are welcome as Associate Members.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Riverside County turned two Assembly seats to the Republican column:
Jeff Gonzalez, AD36
Leticia Castillo, AD58
Assemblyman Gonzalez represents a portion of Hemet.



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The **Republican Party of Riverside County** Organization Meeting is January 23, 2025 at the Hemet Elks Lodge. The Organization Meeting is in December or January following the Presidential General Election. **The meeting is a closed meeting.**

At the meeting the oath of office will be administered to those elected in the March Primary Election, their alternates, ex-officio nominees, and ex-officio alternates.

The four officers, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected by the body. The Committee then breaks into Caucuses which elect two representatives each for the Executive Committee.

CaGOP

The **California Republican Party 2025 Spring Convention** is March 14-16 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

The delegates will be electing the leadership for the CaGOP for the next two years. Vying for Chair is **Senator Mike Morrell and Corrin Rankin.**

In order to be a voting delegate, one must obtain an appointment from a state or federal legislator or the County Republican Party.

Banquet tickets are \$175 and registration is \$160. The names of the speakers has not been released at this time.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE President Tom Wilson

Hi All,
First of all I would like to thank Norm and last year's board members for a very great Maga effort!

Thank you to all for putting your trust in me for another term; I am greatly honored. We will continue to expand our membership and involvement. I am convinced 2025 will be the best year in a long time!

We are always looking for input, speakers, and programs. Please feel free to offer your input.

I am looking forward to January's meeting and most of all...please RSVP.

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The special room rate at the Hyatt Regency across from the Capitol is \$195.

If you wish to register and/or reserve a room, google CaGOP Spring Convention.

The Convention with election of leadership is always exciting. This is also an opportunity to meet your legislators and attend some informative workshops.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on Monday, January 6, 2025 at the office of the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was called to order by **President Tom Wilson.** The following were in attendance: VP Programs Dale Dieleman; VP Membership Robin Lowe, Secretary Sharon Durbin, Board Members Kenn Prado, Charlene Stover, and Hugh Malone.

- The HSJVRWCF will meet Thursday, January 16, 2025.
- Secretary **Sharon Durbin** is working on a Paint and Sip Fund Raiser for April.
- The financial report was given. A 50-50 drawing was discussed and will be piloted at the January meeting
- January Meeting: Joanne Dieleman will continue calling members for reservations. Sharon Durbin will head a team to set up for the meeting. Dale Dieleman is working on getting a speaker from the City of Hemet A.E.R.O. program.
- Suggestions for future speakers include Supervisor Jeffries, RPRC Chair, Border Patrol.
- Information was given by **Board Member Kenn Prado** regarding the Hemet USD Board of Trustees.



Did you know.....

Excerpts from Confronting the Presidents. O'Reilly and Dugard.

President **John Quincy Adams** bathed in the Potomac naked every morning? Sometimes onlookers joined him as did his two sons, John and George, when they were home from Harvard.

Among **Martin Van Buren's** many nicknames was "Old Kinderhook," in reference to his town of birth. This was often shortened to OK. Coincidentally, **Andrew Jackson** printed this abbreviation on official documents. When he wanted to approve something as all correct, he simply wrote **OK**. Despite his proficiency in Latin and law, **Jackson** was such a poor speller that he believed *all correct* was spelled *ole kurrek*.

One bunch of **William Henry Harrison's** Whig supporters pushed a large ball made of paper and tin, decorated with pro-Harrison slogans, more than a hundred miles. Other backers distribute bottles of whiskey in log-cabin shaped bottles to rally attendees. The liquor was distilled by the E.C. Booze company. So, in a single campaign, Americans acquired the terms **keep the ball rolling** and **booze**.

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES:

January 4, 1809 - Louis Braille was born. He was three years old when an accident caused him to lose his sight.

January 5, 1925 - Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming became the first female governor inaugurated in the U.S.

January 7, 1714 - A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."

January 15, 1929 - **Martin Luther King** was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a Baptist minister and Social Activist who led the Civil Rights Movement from the Mid 50's until his assassination on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

January 15, 1870 - The first use of a donkey to symbolize the Democratic Party in America appeared in a cartoon in *Harper's Weekly*, criticizing former secretary of war Edwin Stanton with the caption, "A Live Jackass Kicking a Dead Lion."

January 25, 1947 - Gangster Al Capone, who once controlled organized crime in Chicago, died in Miami at age 48 from syphilis.

January 25, 1759 - Scottish poet Robert Burns was born.

January 25, 1961 - President John F. Kennedy conducted the first live televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

January 28, 1807 - London's Pall Mall became the first street in the world to be lit by gas lights.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"What I'd really like is to do is to go down in history as the president who made Americans believe in themselves again."
President Ronald Reagan

"I've said before, balancing the budget is a little like protecting your virtue: You just have to learn to say "no."
President Ronald Reagan

"Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present."
President George Washington

"There are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."
President James Madison

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it."
Andrew Carnegie

"No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session."

Mark Twain

"The dog is a gentleman. I hope to go to his heaven, not man's."

Mark Twain

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

President Abraham Lincoln

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Liberal: Someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

G. Gordon Liddy

"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings."

Eric Hoffer

"We try to cooperate fully with the IRS, because, as citizens, we feel a strong patriotic duty not to go to jail."

Dave Berry

"Health foods may be good for the conscience, but Oreos taste a hell of a lot better."

Robert Redford

"X-ERCISE?? The first time I see a jogger smiling, I'll consider it."

Joan Rivers

Remember when:

Stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger.

"Race Issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest.

Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a slingshot.

When a quarter was a decent allowance, and made with real silver!



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, District 1
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Kevin's Corner

Changing Of The Guard – First let me congratulate and welcome my successor, former State Assemblyman and retired teacher Mr. Jose Medina of Riverside. Supervisor-Elect Medina will start his service in January, and is already busy forming his First District team. With roughly 25,000 county employees and 2.5 million residents, Riverside County is the 10th largest county in the nation and the 4th largest in California. We have warned Jose that he will be drinking from a fire hose, so if you need to connect with him (and it's not urgent) – give him a little time to get settled in. District 1 e-mail (District1@rivco.org) and phone number (951-955-1010) will remain the same. What To Watch For – As this is my last Kevin's Corner, I'll try not to put you to sleep with my usual updates, but here are my top five "county related" issues to watch for in 2025 and beyond.

- 1.** The County budget is likely to face VERY intense (read: multi-billion dollar) challenges as new expenses grow each year. This includes MAJOR increases in labor costs, and skyrocketing healthcare and pension costs. There are also new demands for severely needed (and extremely expensive) large facility expansions at our Public Safety training center, RUHS hospital and Behavioral Health facilities. And on the list of many smaller scale future budget needs, is at least five (5) new or replacement county fire stations that now cost roughly \$12 million each!
- 2.** Needed Transportation infrastructure (new freeway capacity) appears to be under wholesale assault by State regulatory agencies (otherwise known as the CA State Transportation Agency, CA Transportation Commission, CA Air Resources Board, & CA Housing & Community Dev.) and elected state legislators. They are advancing a "Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure" which is basically hostile to anyone driving their own vehicles. This a real threat to our local cities and county and their future ability to obtain State approvals and the needed funding to expand anything beyond your driveway. Oddly, even with this potential shutdown of crucial infrastructure, state regulators are still pushing our county to add 166,000 additional residential units (or 300,000+ people). All of which will need additional road/ infrastructure capacity to get to work, school, healthcare, shopping, vacations, etc). They can't have it both ways! However...
- 3.** Consideration of new Toll Lanes is alive and well. With state funding for traditional freeways on life support, new discussions are occurring in city halls and at RCTC about expanding Toll Lanes on the 15, 60, 91 & 215. Some discussions involve eliminating (taxpayer funded) free HOV lanes and replacing them with revenue generating Toll Lanes. While I STRONGLY disagree with eliminating our free HOV lanes, the next BIG financial challenge that is barreling towards us is electric vehicles. As they do not consume gasoline, they therefore do not contribute any fuel related taxes and fees towards our freeway maintenance and repairs. So get ready for a state "mileage tax".
- 4.** The shortage of new Firefighter Paramedics continues to cause staffing problems for Riverside County/ CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE has proposed changing its qualifications so that licensed paramedics can get hired and then train to become firefighters (as nearly every other fire department does), but the proposal has been held up for an extended period by the State of California Human Resources agency. As a result, fire engines are being down-staffed in numerous communities, waiting for CALHR to make a decision. No rush – it's only lives we are talking about!
- 5.** The long term viability of the March Air Reserve Base is becoming a bit murkier as private sector expansion on and adjacent to the air base is being pushed by those looking for new tax and fee revenues. The base is set to receive new military aircraft and hundreds of millions of dollars in new federal investments as the Pacific Theater heats up with new challenges from China and North Korea. Private sector flights in and out of the base currently account for roughly 3000 flights a year, but the March Joint Powers Aviation agency is proposing to increase that number to 21,000 private flights (mostly warehouse cargo) along with more non-military businesses occupying property adjacent to the military runway.