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## MARK PRESTWICH HEMET CITY MANAGE TO KEYNOTE APRIL PROGRAM



The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans will welcome **Mark Prestwich** as its guest speaker at the April 28, 2025, meeting.

**Mr. Prestwich** was appointed Hemet City Manager in January, 2023. Previous to his position in Hemet, He had held a variety of leadership positions in Sacramento, Napa, and Long Beach.

**Mark** is a Hemet High School graduate and received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Cal State Fullerton and his Master's degree in Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach.

When **Mark** was appointed Hemet City Manager, he stated that it had always been his dream to return to his hometown and serve the community of his youth.

**Mr. Prestwich** role in the City of Hemet is to act as executive director for the City Council. In other words, Hemet has a council-manager form of local government. The City Council creates the policy for the city, while the city manager, who is appointed by the council, acts as the cities executive director.

**Mark** is married and is the father of two children.

Attend the April 28 meeting to meet the **Hemet City Manager**.

## MARCH MEETING RECAP

The meeting was called or order by **President Tom Wilson** with the Invocation given by **Dick English**. Reports were given on the **Republican Party of Riverside County, Hemet San Jacinto Valley RWF, the City of Hemet, and the City of San Jacinto**. **Keith Meissner**, treasurer, gave an update on the **financial status of the Organization**.

Guest speaker **Derek Kinnison** related his experiences as one of many arrested regarding 'January 6'. **Derek** gave a compelling account of his activities on January 6 and the follow-up arrest in February, his imprisonment, and finally, his pardon by **President Trump**.

**The Kinnison Family**



**MARK THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025**  
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## Meeting Information

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's April 28 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 April 24, 2025. If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Joanne**.

The **HSJCR** is charged for all reservations which causes an unnecessary financial burden for the organization when members reserve and are 'no-shows'.

Do your share to help **HSJCR** financially—come to the meetings when you reserve, cancel prior to the day of the dinner if possible, or send a check for \$20.

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## HEMET SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of you who have renewed and to new members. Welcome aboard to both. The HSJCR is now 91 members strong.

If you have questions regarding your dues and membership, contact Membership Vice President Robin Lowe.

Following are those who have renewed since the February meeting.

Chris Engel	Cynthia Males
Tami Engel	Joe Males
Gerri Engelhart	*Marcie Martinez
Bill Frayer	Marilyn Olson
Anna Greig	Joe Palmer
Roger Greig	*Kenn Prado
Eileen Guarino	Melissa Prado
Frank Guarino	*Chuck Ruiz
Pablo Hernandez	Crystal Ruiz
Glenn Jones	Clarisa Sanchez
Denny Juhola	Gale Slayton
Sandra Juhola	Tom Slayton
+Norm Kyriss	Linda Wilcox
Virginia Lopez	
*+Robin Lowe	+Past President
*Board Members	



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

The HSJVRWCF may be forced to follow the lead of several Republican Women's Clubs in Riverside County and disband!! Sharon Durbin and a small group have made an effort to rally the troops and regroup the organization; however, more effort needs to be made by the current members.

The organization has been in existence for over 60 years and is one of the few original chartered RWFs in Riverside County.

In 2008, there were 10 RWF Chapters in Riverside County. Today there are three. Some have died due to lack of interest and others have become independent with no state affiliations. Where will the HSJVRWCF fit in? Will we die for lack of interest, become independent, or RISE AND SHINE as a stronger club? Sharon is leading the charge for Rise and Shine!



## REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The March meeting of the **Republican Party of Riverside County** was held Thursday, March 27 at the Elks Lodge in Hemet. The April and May meetings will also be at the Elks Lodge in Hemet.

**Chair Lori Stone** gave an update on the election of officers for the **CaGOP**. **RPRC** member **Jack Guerrero** was elected **CaGOP Treasurer**. **Congratulations, Jack.**

**Ray Carbajal** reviewed the **GOTV/Precinct** plans for the **RPRC**.

A County-wide thrust for **Voter Registration** will take place at the end of June. **Republican Clubs** will be contacted to participate.

### HSJCR 2025 MEETING DATES

The following meeting schedule for 2025 was run last month, but was missed by some members:

- March 31 (fifth Monday)
- April 28 (fourth Monday)
- May 19 (third Monday as the fourth Monday is Memorial Day)
- June 23 ((fourth Monday)
- July 28 (fourth Monday)
- August: No Meeting
- September 22 (fourth Monday)
- October 27 (fourth Monday)
- November: No meeting
- December 8 (second Monday)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Tom Wilson

Howdy All,

Welcome, April! Spring is in full bloom! Well the weeds are at least!

**President Trump** is continuing to shake up the swamp. We have the Democrats complaining about using common sense and being reluctant to eliminating fraud and waste. The Administrations movements to right the size of Government only make California seem more ridiculous as an island of liberalism.

We are living in an exciting time; a time that may save The Republic! We, the people in Riverside County, are a model for the other 57 counties in the state. I have Hope.

### CaGOP

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

Delegates once again elected female leadership for the **CaGOP**. **Corrin Rankin**, Menlo Park, was elected to lead the Party for the next two years. **John Park**, Orange County, was elected **Vice Chair**. **John** is the second Asian American to hold the post. The delegates elected **Says Morris** as secretary. She hails from Brawley, Imperial County. **Says** is a public school teachers and she and her husband are small business owners. The newly elected treasurer is **Jack Guerrero**, who is a fellow Riverside County leader from Temecula. The backgrounds of the Officers are diverse and interesting.

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on Monday, April 7, 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, Treasurer Keith Meissner, VP Liaison Joanne Dieleman Board Members Dick English, Kenn Prado, and Charlene Stover.**

- The state of the **HSJVRWCF** was discussed.
- **Sharon Durbin** noted that the Paint and Sip Fund Raiser is **May 17** at the Elks Lodge with the cost at \$35.
- The financial report was given by Treasurer **Keith Meissner**. The issue of filing taxes was discussed.
- **Hemet City Manager Mark Prestwich**, is the April Keynote Speaker for the **HSJCR**.
- The rewritten resolution supporting the Hispanic Community was reviewed.
- Future speakers for the **HSCR** was discussed.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS  
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2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY ASSEMBLYMAN  
ACCEPTS TRUMP APPOINTMENT**

On April 1, **Assemblyman Bill Essayli**, vacated his seat in the California State Assembly to accept the appointment to be the United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

"I am honored that **President Trump and Attorney General Bondi** have placed their trust in me to serve as United States Attorney for the Central District of California. I intend to implement the President's mission to restore trust in our justice system and pursue those who dare to cause harm to the United States and the People of our nation," stated **Bill Essayli**.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California serves the seven counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. This includes a population of nearly 20 million people – the largest of any federal judicial district in the country. The role of the Office is to enforce the laws and defend the interests of the United States. It does so through three primary litigating Divisions: Criminal, National Security, and Civil.

**63 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

The 63AD recently vacated by **Assemblyman Bill Essayli** is located in Riverside County. It takes in Canyon Lake, Corona (partial), Eastvale (partial), Lake Elsinore (partial), Menifee, Norco, and Riverside (partial). **Essayli** won his 2024 race with 58 percent of the vote and this is considered a Republican stronghold.

At this time one Democrat has jumped in the race and one Republican. **Natasha Johnson, the Republican candidate**, comes from a military family. She put down her permanent roots in Lake Elsinore 26 years ago. Currently, she serves on the Lake Elsinore city council and has served as mayor. She and her husband are proud parents of three sons: one college graduate, one in college, and one in high school.

**Essayli** has endorsed her candidacy.

**FEDERAL FRAUD HITS \$1 TRILLION  
A YEAR**

Newsmax. April 2025. Page 158.  
 "When X billionaire Elon Musk said he wanted to trim \$2 trillion a year from federal spending, wags inside the Beltway laughed and called it impossible. They no longer laugh.

Congress' Government Accountability Office has estimated fraud losses at between \$233 billion and \$521 billion annually. But in testimony to Congress, risk management experts say the real figure is closer to \$1 trillion.

That's how much the federal government loses every year due to fraud, waste, and abuse.

While grants to the private sector typically experience a 3% - 4% level of fraud or abuse, for federal spending it's an estimated 20%.....Some recipients, analysts say, are simply no longer alive, but their survivors continue to milk taxpayers anyway.

Three simple steps could save federal, state, and local governments tens of billions of dollars every year:

1. Verify recipients' identities so officials know who is really receiving the funds.

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 1. Eliminate self-certification, i.e., don't assume applicants are qualified to receive the money just because they say so.  
 2. Monitor the programs on the "back end" to be sure they're actually delivering promised benefits to the public.  
 And continuous auditing. Keep verifying, because criminals never stop adapting"—DP

**ECONOMIC WARFARE**

Newsmax. April 2025. Page 13.  
 Rep. Mike Collins, R-GA, warns that Chinese land purchases pose a national security threat, citing a 30 percent increase in Chinese-owned U.S. farmland since 2019. "There are dangerous loopholes that allow China to target our agricultural sector," Collins said, calling it economic warfare. He highlighted concerns that some land acquisitions are near military bases, raising security risks.

Collins has urged Congress to close loopholes and restrict foreign adversaries from buying strategic U.S. land, emphasizing the need to protect American resources from Chinese influence.

**DATES TO CALENDAR**

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| April 18: | <b>Good Friday</b>   |
| April 20: | <b>Easter</b>  |
| April 23: | <b>Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer at 5:30 p.m. at State Farm Insurance 158 South Harvard, Hemet.</b>       |
| April 24: | <b>Republican Party of Riverside County April General Membership Meeting at the Hemet Elks Lodge at 6:30 p.m.</b>                |
| April 27: | <b>Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Meeting at the Elks Lodge with guest speaker Hemet City Manager Mark Prestwich.</b> |
| May 17:   | <b>Paint and Sip at the Elks Lodge.</b>  |





**Did you know.....**

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

Helen "Nellie" Taft got rid of the White House horse and buggy, insisting that the president travel by car. On March 27, 1912, she personally plants the first of three thousand cherry trees sent to Washington by the city of Tokyo, forever changing the capital landscape. In 1909, Taft purchases four vehicles for the White House: two Pierce-Arrows, a white Stanley Steamer, and a Baker electric.

First Lady Lucy Hayes is outgoing and fun loving. There is no money to remodel the White House, so she makes sure the furniture is arranged to cover the holes in the carpet. It is Lucy who oversees the addition of running water to the mansion. She also adds the first telephone, typewriter, and phonograph. The time is 1877-1881.

**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.

**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**

"The security of our country, of course, depends on more than weapons. We must have the will to meet the challenges of an adversary who is constantly testing our resolve to defend our vital national interests."

President Ronald Reagan 1983

"You won't get gun control by disarming law abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up, and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time."

President Ronald Reagan 1983

"Labour to keep alive in your breast that little celestial fire call conscience."

President George Washington

"Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope."

Bill Cosby

"It is the trade of lawyers to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour."

Thomas Jefferson

"It was a man' world and then *Eve* arrived."

Richard Armour

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."

Mark Twain

**TRIVIA**

**In 1905:** "The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

**Advice:** Don't judge people by their relatives

Talk slowly but think quickly.

Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

**Definitions:** Inflation: 'Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.'

Secret: Something you tell to one person at a time.

Toothache: The pain that drives you to extraction.

So....

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A will is a dead giveaway.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.