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MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK
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***THE ELKS LODGE
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Monday, May 27, 2024

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

No charge

Please RSVP by Monday, May 20, 2024

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MEMORIAL DAY POT LUCK

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** May meeting is an old-fashioned Memorial Day potluck. Legislators, candidates, and Republicans are invited to join with **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** members for the potluck and for the opportunity to mix and talk politics!!!

The venue is the patio area of the Elks and the time is **5:30 to 7:30**. This is casual so leave the tux and satin gowns at home.

Our legislators and our candidates are invited; however, if you wish to give them a personal call, feel free to do so.

This is also an excellent opportunity for those who 'might' be entering the November race for City Council, Boards of Education, Water District to meet active Valley Republicans. If any member is in contact with potential candidates, please invite them.

RECAP OF APRIL MEETING

President Norm Kyriss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Mark Prestwich, Hemet City Manager**, gave an update on the progress of the City.

Reports were given on the Republican Women Federated and the Republican Party of Riverside County. **Malcolm Lilienthal** gave an update from the Hemet City Council and **Crystal Ruiz** brought the membership up to date on the City of San Jacinto.

It was announced that a tree would be planted in Mary Henley Park in memory of **Karlee Meyer**, former Hemet City Council Member.

A report was given on the **Republican Party of Riverside County** fundraiser Liberty Dinner. Johnny 'Joey' Jones is the keynote speaker. Dodger great and U.S. Senate Candidate **Steve Garvey** has also confirmed.

Any candidates present were given an opportunity to update the membership on their campaigns.

RPRC LIBERTY DINNER

The **Republican Party of Riverside County Liberty Dinner** is Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Agua Caliente Resort and Casino in Rancho Mirage.

The special guest speaker is **Johnny "Joey" Jones**, who is truly an American Hero. Joey is a retired Staff Sgt and was combat wounded. He has appeared on FOX multiple times. The attached flyer has additional information.

U.S. Senate Candidate and Dodger Great **Steve Garvey** has also confirmed for the event. (Continued on Page 2 column 2)

Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's** May "meeting" is Monday, May 27, 2024, at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. The event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a Memorial Day Potluck with **NO CHARGE**.

Please note change in time from our regular monthly meetings.

To reserve, contact Joanne at quiltersite2@yahoo.com or 951-663-7870. Please reserve by May 20.

Please give guest's names when making reservations.

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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Link up with the **Leadership Institute** (at the Hemet Elks) for an empowering training program where they delve into the essentials of launching a political campaign and the vital significance of stepping up to serve in local offices. (Continued on Page 3 Column 1)

HSJCR MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the **HSJCR Membership!** Members broke the 80 mark. The organization now has 89 members. Several 2023 members have not renewed—you could push us over the 90 barrier! New members and renewals are:

- Gerri Engelhart
- Leonard Hirn
- Paula Hirn
- Denny Juhola
- Saundra Juhola
- Dean Vandever
- Valeria Vandever



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The **HSJRWCF** will meet **Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Elks Lodge** in Hemet. The meeting is at 11 a.m. Please reserve with **Sharon Durbin at 951-765-7634 or smdurbin@verizon.net**.

The program has not been determined; however, **Sharon** will give details when reservations are made.



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The **Republican Party of Riverside County's** April meeting was at the Elks Lodge in Hemet. The May Meeting is at the Elks Lodge in Riverside on May 23, 2024.

The thrust of the meeting was to endorse those who were not endorsed for the primary, but who will be on the November ballot.

The **RPRC** also endorsed local Republican incumbent candidates who are seeking its endorsement. (additional info on Page 3)

The meeting was open through the candidate's speeches. The meeting closed for the actual vote and for **RPRC** Business items.

TARGET UPDATE

From Newsmax, Internet 5/10/24
Target announced it will cut LGBTQ-themed merchandise from *some* of its stores during Pride Month this June, after a backlash hit sales of the retailer last year.

Target plans to *offer the full assortment of the merchandise online* but is examining store-level data to decide which physical locations will carry the products.

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(Liberty Dinner cont from page 1 column 1)

To add to the glitter, **Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin** has confirmed.

The tickets are \$185 which includes a dinner and the opportunity to participate in both a live and silent auction.

Additional information is on the attached flyer.

CaGOP SPRING CONVENTION

The CaGOP Spring Convention is in Burlingame at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport on the weekend of May 17-19. There are several training sessions two of which are **Election Integrity and GOP Data Center/Campaign Sidekick**.

The Saturday luncheon speaker is **Kristi Noem. Lara Trump** will address the Saturday banquet attendees.

For additional information, go to the CaGOP website.

TARGET UPDATE (continued from column 1)

Target is likely to *stock the products in about half* of its nearly 2,000 stores in the U.S., Bloomberg reported.

The move comes after Target was forced to remove some items, including certain transgender swimsuits, from its LGBTQ+ themed collection last year after facing customer backlash and confrontations between customers and employees in some stores. Target blamed the backlash in part for a drop in its sales in its second quarter last year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Norm Kyriss

Memorial Day is coming soon—the fourth Monday in May. The **HSJCR** will have an informal meeting with a potluck for our next meeting. Let's have fun, share stories and remember our Veterans who sacrificed their lives so we may enjoy our freedom.

Our legislators may be available to stop by briefly. Please personally invite them as well as our Republican candidates. We understand some of you may have other plans. Whatever they are be safe and we shall see you soon.

The **Leadership Institute** will be coming to Hemet on May 30 at the Elks. Please sign up for this amazing opportunity. The presentation will teach strategies on how we can help our candidates win in 2024. Let's show our support for the Leadership Institute and our candidates!

Senator Ochoa Bogh is starting an internship program for our youth; this is a great way to add to their resume and learn how to campaign. Contact her office or reach out to me for more information.

Lastly, there are many events to attend. We need to participate as much as we can in these gatherings. Sometimes all it takes to show our support is to just be there. If you are not getting the information, let me know.

← **Editor's Note: Keep the pressure on Target! Italics in article are the Newsletter editor's.**

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on May 6, 2024. Present were **President Norm Kyriss, VP Programs Dale Dieleman; VP Membership Robin Lowe, Treasurer Charlene Stover; Secretary Joanne Dieleman Board Members: Dick English, Marcie Martinez, Keith Meissner, Hugh Malone, and Joe and Taryn Cagliero**. There was a quorum.

- ⇒ **Republican Women Federated** will meet on Thursday, May 16.
- ⇒ A thank you note from **Diana Martinez** was noted.
- ⇒ Discussion was held on the date of the May Meeting. MSC to move the meeting to the third Monday if the venue was available. A speaker on recruiting candidates was proposed.
- ⇒ MSC to meet in August as this is an election year. HSJCR will be dark in July.
- ⇒ Discussion was held on the Candidate Endorsement Form. MSC to approve the form as submitted by the Committee.
- ⇒ The **Leadership Institute** will be held at the Elks on May 30, 2024.
- ⇒ Information on the Liberty Dinner and a report on the RPRC was given by Charlene Stover.
- ⇒ Membership report was given.



**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
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2024 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
 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

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

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

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (Cont from page 1)
 This training will cover strategies to bolster grassroots efforts, enhance candidate recruitment, and reaching voters.

Whether you are thinking of running for office, or wanting to add value to your favored candidate's campaign, Leadership Institute's training program will provide you with the tools to win.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with like-minded individuals and equip yourself with the tools you need to drive meaningful change.

Registration is \$10 and includes lunch and is from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 30, 2024 at the Hemet Elks Lodge. (contact **Norm Kyriss**)

RPRC APRIL ENDORSEMENTS

The following endorsements were made at the April 25 meeting of the Republican Party of Riverside County.

In the San Jacinto Valley races, **Malcolm Lienthal** was endorsed for Hemet City Council and **Crystal Ruiz** for San Jacinto City Council.

Other endorsements were: **Mike Cargile, 35CD; David Serpa, 39CD; Cynthia Navarro, 31SD; Jeff Gonzalez, 36AD; and Ronald Edwards, 60AD.**

In local races the following were endorsed: **David Fenn**, Beaumont CityCouncil; **Bob Magee**, Lake Elsinore CC, Dist 5; **Steve Manos**, Lake Elsinore CC, Dist 2; **Jessica Alexander**, Temecula CC, Dist 2; **Bridgette Moore**, Wildomar CC, Dist 4; **Jack Ferguson**, Elsinore Valley Muni Water Dist.; **Harvey Ryan**, EVMWD; **Julie Vanderift**, Murrieta USD, Area 3.

JEFFRIES JOURNAL

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
 Congestion and Taxes. I have made mention in the recent past of a possible new sales tax being proposed by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC).

RCTC is a separate stand-alone government agency that has a representative (city council member) from every city in the county, plus all five county supervisors. In my humble opinion, the RCTC has been forced to do the former job of Cal-Trans (a State organization), that used to be the national leader in planning, developing, and constructing our highways and freeways.

The State has reduced Cal-Trans to a simple maintenance and repair mission and has left the heavy lifting of providing new and expanded transportation infrastructure to local governments to fund and figure out (or not).

When former Gov. Jerry Brown was first elected Governor (1975), I recall that he had a philosophy that if we (the State) did NOT build a modern transportation network – they (the population masses) would not come.

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The masses clearly missed the memo. Fast forward to today where a similar "do not build it" thought process is now in place with the hopes that those who do move here will instead walk, ride a bike, or take a bus or train to work. While some will, the vast majority don't, won't or can't. Hence our freeway parking lots.

Likely in June, the RCTC commission is going to be asked to put on the November ballot a NEW sales tax proposal to help fund and build all the freeway / highway / roadway improvements that are contained in a massive plan for our county.

I have my own personal positions about new taxes and long-term debt being handed down to our children and grandchildren, but this future sales tax vote will be very personal for each of you to decide in November—because no one from our State government is coming to help. They just want us to add tens of thousand of new residents and homes to our County without any infrastructure funding to support them or us.

DATES TO CALENDAR

- May 16: **Hemet San Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated monthly meeting at The Elks Lodge, Hemet.**
- May 22: Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Valle Vista Home Center, 41951 East Florida at 5:30 p.m.
- May 27: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Memorial Day Pot Luck at the Elks Lodge in Hemet.**
- May 23: **Republican Party of Riverside County** at the Elks Lodge, 6166 Brockton Avenue, Riverside. Speaker TBD. Open Meeting. Check in is 6 p.m.
- May 30: **Leadership Institute at the Elks in Hemet.**
- June 22: **Liberty Dinner (see attached information)**



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings; however, it is likely due to the many planned or spontaneous gatherings of people in many towns to honor the war dead in the 1860's. The patriotic people tapped into the general human need to honor our dead which contributed to the growing movement that culminated in General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important which town was the very first to decorate the graves of fallen heroes, but what is important is that Memorial Day was established.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years and many Americans have forgotten the meaning of Memorial Day. Sadly, at many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen heroes are increasingly ignored, neglected.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



BRIEF HISTORY OF MOTHERS' DAY

President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. The creation of Mother's Day is primarily attributed to three women: Ann Reeves Jarvis, Julia Ward Howe, and Ann's daughter, Anna M. Jarvis.

In the late 1850s, Ann Jarvis, widely considered the 'mother' of Mother's Day, established Mother's Work Day, a day dedicated to teaching mothers how to better prepare food so as to prevent disease. Seven of her eleven children died before adulthood. Her home was in close proximity to a major battlefield during the Civil War and she organized groups of mothers to visit the wounded of both Union and Confederate loyalty. The carnage of the war spurred women, like Jarvis, around the country to find ways to help where they could. As a volunteer for the
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QUOTABLE QUOTES

"All of us need to be reminded that the federal government did not create the states; the states created the federal government."

President Ronald Reagan

"We have found, in our country, that when people have the right to make decisions as close to home as possible, they usually make the right decisions."

President Ronald Reagan

"There is a flickering spark in each of us which, if struck at just the right age, will light up the rest of our lives."

President Ronald Reagan

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

President Ronald Reagan

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

George Bernard Shaw

"All governments suffer a recurring problem: Power attracts pathological personalities. It is not that power corrupts but that it is magnetic to the corruptible."

Frank Herbert, Author

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair."

"Atheism is a non-prophet organization."

"In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes."

"A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall. The police are looking into it."

"Why is it that when archeologists find human remains, they always determine that they are either male or female and none of the other hundreds of genders?"

"if socialism is so good and capitalism is so bad, why aren't the caravans heading to Venezuela?"

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United States Sanitary Commission during the Civil War, she helped alleviate the effects of disease and injury.

After the war, Julia Ward Howe, helped to reshape what Mother's Day could mean. After the Civil War, Julia wrote her "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world", later the "Mother's Day Proclamation", which attempted to unite women around the world together to bring about a lasting peace.

In 1908, Anna Jarvis, daughter of the aforementioned Ann Jarvis, began to campaign to make Mother's Day a federally recognized day in honor of her mother who had died in 1905. The first nationally celebrated Mother's Day was in May of 1914. But what had been a day dedicated first to cleanliness and later to peace was again repurposed, this time to celebrate mothers themselves.