

# **Tustin Area Republican Women Federated**

## May 2024 Newsletter



**President's Report** 

Dear TARWF Members,

Our own Amy Connolly was selected as the Republican Party of Orange County's April Volunteer of the Month. Congratulations to Amy for this honor. She is the second TARWF member in 2024 to receive the Volunteer of the Month award. Kelly Felton received the award in January 2024. Way to go Amy & Kelly, you make us proud!

TARWF was recognized on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Republican Party of Orange County's annual Awards Reception as the Republican Club of the Year for 2023. Thank you to each member for your contribution to the success of TARWF, and CONGRATULATIONS!

Join us on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the fabulous patriotic TARWF booth at the Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cookoff event in Old Town Tustin. We will be encouraging people to register to vote using the QR coded fliers provided by the RPOOC, sharing candidate information, promoting TARWF, and perhaps some candidates will be joining us in person! Contact Becky Grimes to sign up to volunteer in the booth.

May 31<sup>st</sup> is our last meeting of the Spring. We will feature Tustin Mayor, Austin Lumbard, who will provide an update on what's going on in Tustin. Bring your questions and don't miss this chance to have a conversation with our Mayor!

Congratulations to everyone on a very successful start to 2024

and here's to continuing to keep our members EDUCATED, ENGAGED and working to ELECT REPUBLICANS in November!

Sheryl Franke
TARWF President



**Republican Party of OC**Volunteers of the Month

Gretchen Whisler and Linda Barcelona with Kelly Felton and Amy Connolly

Amy Connelly – Republican Party of Orange County Volunteer of the Month, April 2024

We're thrilled to announce that Amy Connelly has been awarded the Orange County GOP Volunteer of the Month for April 2024!

Amy, a devoted wife, mother of three boys, and cherished friend, has been recognized for her outstanding canvassing efforts during the March Primary elections, particularly in the campaigns of Jorge Valdes and Ken Williams. Her dedication doesn't stop there; Amy has played a pivotal role in identifying candidates for the Tustin School Board and has emerged as a leader in grassroots organization. With boundless enthusiasm and unwavering commitment, she has become a shining beacon of support for our cause. Amy's remarkable ability to forge personal connections and ignite action is truly inspiring. Infusing each task with her infectious positivity and genuine concern for the community, Amy's contributions have been immeasurable, undeniably lifting the spirit of our campaign. She isn't just a volunteer; she's the driving force behind our movement, and her friendship is a cherished gift to us all. Congratulations, Amy, on this well-deserved honor!

Kelly Felton TARWF



Kelly Felton, Amy Connelly, Kelly Hanagan and Tracy Reith.

## Luncheon and General Meeting May 31, 2024



Our speaker will be Austin Lumbard, Mayor of Tustin

## Location • The Elks Lodge #794 1751 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92705 714-547-7794

Doors open for Check-in at 10:00 AM Meeting 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Members & Associate Members \$40.00 • Guests \$45.00 We accept cash, check or charge Checks payable to TARWF

RSVP by Monday May 27th to:
RepublicanWomenFederated@gmail.com

When making your reservation, please indicate any special meal requests due to dietary restrictions.

## **Program Report**



I can only imagine some of the conversations going on right now across the country.....

What do you mean you aren't going to graduate??? Your grandparents are already on their trip to come see you graduate!!

I know (half sob, half laugh) Well Mom, I got arrested at the protest at school!

YOU were part of that melee?! Are you OK? Did you get caught up in this as a bystander?

No Mom this issue is something I believe strongly in, I mean they're committing genocide, somebody must do something!

I had no idea this was an issue that concerned you, I mean you've never said anything about it. You've never even paid attention to the news.

(Eye roll) Really mom, I see the news every day on TikTok! And my friends and I met this really cool girl named Mahxxxm a while back who told us how the poor Palestinian people have been suppressed like forever and its all the Jews fault, and that the Jews started this war for no reason. It's so unfair. She said she was organizing a rally and all we had to do was show up, they would have everything we needed there.

What?? That "encampment" was there for weeks!! You were there the whole time?! What about your classes??

Don't yell at me, I've been through a lot! Well, I left a few times to go back to my room to take a shower. I thought our classes were being taken care of, I mean, really, we were exercising our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights, it should have been a whole bunch of extra credit cuz even some of our professors were out there too! One of them is this really smart, cool girl that teaches poetry in Marxism. Oh, and I left a few times to use my meal plan to bring food back to the camp.

What?! I pay for that meal plan to feed you, not a bunch of strangers!! Is this Mahxxxn girl even a student? Poetry in Marxism??! Is that even possible?? And the reason the war started was because a terrorist group called Hamas paraglided into a music festival like the Cochella Festival I've paid hundreds of dollars for you to go to, then proceeded to murder and rape the young people there and took 140 of them hostage!! They attacked other places in Israel as well, taking many others hostage, gang raping women and beheading babies!! Proud of their actions, they posted it all on the internet, with their faces covered of course. Didn't you see that on your TikTok news?? Have you even read the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment of the Constitution? It specifically states the right to free speech and peaceable assembly, not taking over a portion of the campus and destroying buildings.

Yeah, well, I think she is a student, well maybe not, but anyway she said we needed to do something dramatic for people to pay attention! And she said all that other stuff was lies and exaggerated. The Jews have been oppressing Palestinians forever, they can't do anything. It's a genocide!!! Mahxxxm and her friends prepared us for when the police came and gave us gas masks just in case the Police tried to kill us. It was so unfair, the police have guns, we have to do something about that too!

(Big sigh) I've obviously failed you. Don't you remember the story your grandmother told you when you were little? It was about Jewish sympathizers that smuggled her out of Paris with other little children in crates of art when she was just a baby in 1942. Your great, grandmother thought it was her best chance for survival. Your grandmother was reunited with her mother here in the US when she was a teenager, your great-grandfather was killed in a concentration camp. That was the Holocaust that killed 6 million Jews. That was a genocide!

Ummm, I think I might remember some of it.....but I thought it was just a story. My teachers have said that the Holocaust didn't happen, that it was all lies. So, I'm really actually Jewish?!!

Well, it did happen and so much more that you have apparently not been taught. Yes, you are, and I'm sorry to say that our family, like many others that narrowly survived the Holocaust, became non-practicing, ethnic Jews. It was a matter of survival in those times. So, you're apparently out of jail now, do you know what the charges are? When do you need to appear in court? And how do you intend to pay your \$200,000 in student loans without a college degree!

Sob!

The foregoing was obviously a parody of sorts, a compilation of stories I have read in the last few weeks. These university protests were well funded and organized by forces off campus. Cases of water bottles, toilet paper,

paper towels and take-out containers were amassed (so much for their environmental movement on campus). And there must have been a fire sale on very expensive dome tents as they were all the same across the country. If these organizers truly wanted to help the Palestinian refugees, the millions spent on these protests could have been directed to the refugees. According to several sources, as many as 50% of those residing in the camps were not even students at all. And their efforts were well timed for the maximum angst, right before graduation.

This whole event highlighted just how important our support of Turning Point USA, Prager U, the College Republicans, and other conservative groups for our youth really is. If we don't get the truth into their heads, someone like Johanna King-Slutsky (name was too good for me not to print it), who is a paid instructor and doctoral candidate at Columbia studying "theories of imagination and poetry as interpreted through a Marxian lens" will be happy to fill their heads with the virtues of Marxism.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting when we will be hosting **Tustin Mayor Austin Lumbard!** Prior to being elected Mayor in 2022 he served on the Tustin Planning commission for 6 years and as a reserve deputy for the Orange County Sheriffs department. He also represents Tustin on the OC Fire Authority. In his day job he works as an attorney and contract negotiator for a global engineering and construction company. Austin and his wife are also proudly raising a family of 5 young children.

Bring your all questions on what is happening in the City of Tustin. We look forward to seeing you all on **May 31<sup>st</sup>!** 

Linda Barcelona 1st VP Programs



## **Fundraising Report**



## Yes, the month of May brings with it the flowers promised by the April showers.

If only everything was so faithful.

Sadly, some of the most important promises made by our elected officials never come to fruition and it is very frustrating.

The whole point of our organization is to ensure that everybody who wants to help gets that opportunity.

**Educate Engage Elect** 

You might not want to run for office, but you might bring a friend to Happy Hour who joins the club and

realizes they have a passion for politics or door knocking or poll watching. Everything we do counts and brings us closer to closing that shortfall created by broken promises.

#### Now on to Fundraising.

One of our Fundraising efforts has always been the Opportunity Drawing held at the end of each meeting.

As May is our last meeting of the season

We decided to send the lucky winner off with a bouquet of gift cards to help them with the separation anxiety of not being with us again until September.

(just a note HAPPY HOUR DOES CONTINUE JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST)
They will be able to eat, drink, shop and think of us.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated cards to his cause, but we still need more!

It doesn't matter if it's one that has been sitting in a drawer or a new one you want to purchase and donate to the cause.

Please help us make this a great gift for which everybody buys lots of tickets. Remember, we fundraise with a purpose but cannot do it without you!

#### **Business Spotlight**

Please consider being a participant in our new advertising section of the newsletter.

Your personal business, or a place that we all shop at regularly is a great fit.

If you think of one but do not feel comfortable approaching them, please let me know and I will take care of it.

\$100 for a year of newsletters is a great deal.
As always if you have any suggestions...
I am all ears!



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## **Membership Report**

To all TARWF Members!

As we approach the end of this term, May marks the final opportunity to volunteer for our **Roster Relay Project**. Your participation has been invaluable in ensuring the smooth operation of our club.

We encourage you to seize this last chance to contribute to the tribe by picking up neighboring member's rosters to deliver in person. This not only helps save mailing costs, but also presents a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends from our club in person. Let's make sure that we use this time to strengthen the bonds that unite us by being a **Roster Relay Volunteer!** 



Happy Mother's Day to all the nurturing and caring women out there! Motherhood transcends biological ties. Your love, compassion, guidance, and endless support make the world a brighter and better place. We celebrate you and all the beautiful ways you touch the lives of those

around you. You are appreciated beyond measure. Thank you for everything you do.

Gayle Carter, Co-Membership Chair Linette Johnston, Co-Membership Chair Gretchen Whisler, Membership Secretary



MARK YOUR CALENDAR to attend the tustin STREET FAIR & CHILI COOK-OFF and spend some time in the TARWF booth.

The 4oth Annual Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2023, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This annual party takes place in the streets of Old Town Tustin holds the distinct honor of being the largest one-day chili cook-off in the country, according to the International Chili Society. The event comes alive with a variety of exhibitors featuring crafters, community organizations, food and chili booths, and craft beers and wine.

Live music and contests are featured on event stages and there is a Kids Fun Zone with games, bounce houses, and entertainment.

We hope you will spend some time with us in the TARWF booth. You won't want to miss the fun!

Set up 9:30 am - 11:00

Shift #1 11:00 am - 1:00pm

Shift #2 1:00 -3:00

Shift #3 3:00 - 5:00

Shift #4 5:00 - 6:30 or until booth is broke down

Hope to see you there!

Text or e-mail Becky Grimes if you want to volunteer. 714-878-6659

Becky@PromotionalProductsPrinting.com



## **City of Tustin History**



**Donna Peery**, Office Manager of the **Tustin Historical Society** contributes articles for our newsletter regarding Tustin history and Tustin armed forces service personnel.

Sherman and Martha Stevens

If you have ever travelled down Main Street in Tustin, you certainly would have seen the beautiful pale blue Victorian Queen Anne cottage that is the centerpiece of the Stevens Square business complex.



Twenty-four-year-old Sherman Stevens married 17-year-old Martha Snow at the Tustin Presbyterian Church on Main Street on April 3, 1888, and walked across the street from the church to this beautiful home he had built for his bride out of redwood shipped from Northern California. The house sat on several acres of citrus and avocado trees.



Sherman Stevens arrived in Tustin in 1882 with his parents and immediately leased 40 acres where he grew grapes, prunes, and apricots and earned a steady and prosperous income. He also went into business with his father-in-law in a lumberyard and into business with C.E. Utt, planting nursey stock on his property. He worked for a time in the grocery store of J.E. Curry (Columbus Tustin's son-in-law) before buying the store from him. Stevens is credited with bringing the first avocado tree into Tustin.

In 1906, he went into partnership with James Irvine and C.E. Utt and founded the San Joaquin Fruit Company, a business venture that would make the three very wealthy. They owned over 1,200 acres, producing lima beans, peanuts, walnuts, citrus and avocados. In 1922, they expanded their business purchasing 853 acres in Van Nuys, California that they sold four years later for a reported 1 million dollars (a staggering \$35 million dollars in today's value).

Stevens and Utt were business partners in other endeavors including land, irrigation systems, orchards and drilling of wells. Together they purchased 600 acres of residential land in Lemon Heights and were partners in the Utt Development Company.

Sherman and Martha were prominent in Tustin's social circles and clubs and hosted many gatherings at their home. They were world travelers, bringing back exotic birds that filled their backyard aviary and adorned their landscape. They collected art from around the world that decorated their home (and is now housed at Bowers Museum).

In 1947, shortly after celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Martha passed away at age 74. Sherman died less than one year later, dying at age 84. They were buried at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana and survived by their son Horace and three grandchildren. Their oldest son Clarence passed away in 1906 at age 17.



Theodore L. Taulbee Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class United States Navy YMS 341 Minesweeper Born 2 August 1921 Died 17 September 1945 Okinawa

Theodore L. Taulbee was born in Los Angeles County on 2 August 1945, the only child of Bennie Laverne Taulbee and Alice Walker Taulbee. He grew up in Santa Ana, California where Mr. Taulbee's large family had made their home since the early 1900's. Mr. Taulbee was a livestock trucker and Mrs. Taulbee a fifth grade teacher at Fremont School in Santa Ana.

Mr. and Mrs. Taulbee divorced when Teddy, as he was called, was in elementary school. Mrs. Taulbee moved to Tustin and later married Norris Keirsey. Ted was raised in Tustin along with his step brothers, Joe and David.

Ted attended Tustin elementary schools and Tustin High School. He was active in the Candid Camera Cutup Club and at Tustin Presbyterian Church. After graduating in 1940, Ted enlisted into the United States Naval Reserve in May 1942. He completed his training in San Diego, Los Alamitos and Roosevelt Field New York before heading overseas in October 1943.

He served in Guadalcanal, the Battle of Saipan, Battle for Atoll, Manus, Hollandia, Guam and the Battle for Okinawa. On September 16, 1945, Typhoon Ida struck off the coast of Okinawa gusting 109 knot winds, equivalent to 125 miles per hour. The Minesweeper YMS 341, plus 4 United States naval vessels and 5 Royal Navy vessels were lost during this storm. The body of Boatswain Mate Theodore L. Taulbee was never recovered.

He is listed on the Tablet of the Missing in Honolulu's Punchbowl National Cemetery. Taulbee Court in Tustin Ranch is named in his honor.



## **TARWF Bylaws & Standing Rules - Biennial Update**

TARWF Bylaw & Standing Rules 2024 Review and Proposed Changes April 26, 2024

**Proposed Changes:** 

#### **Bylaws**

1. CFRW & NFRW Amendments and formatting (template dated 10.14.2023)
Per the CFRW Bylaws Chairman, Lorie Nobel via memo dated January 25, 2024, these items are considered housekeeping, and our club bylaws can be updated without going through the amendment process.

#### Standing Rules

- 1. Standing Rules, #12 Special Committees
- H. Historian

Eliminate this committee – this committee is no longer used.

- 2. Standing Rules, #12 Special Committees
- L. Publicity

Change to Read: Responsible for marketing of TARWF. This includes printed and electronic materials, creation of promotional materials, and other items approved by the TARWF BOD.

3. Standing Rules, #12 Special Committees

Create a committee called:

Community Outreach

Responsible for the TARWF Booth at local events which currently includes the Tustin Street Fair & Chili Cookoff, and Tustin Tiller Days.

4. Standing Rules, #7 Reserve

Change the amount from \$2,500 to \$6,500. Based upon the results of our 2023 Financial Reviews, the basic operating expenses of TARWF total approximately \$6,500. In order to ensure sound financial planning and cash flow management, this reserve is deemed necessary and appropriate to maintain the solvency of the organization.

Proposals were submitted to the Bylaws Chair through the period ending March 31, 2024. They were reviewed by the TARWF BOD & CC's at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved unanimously. The TARWF General Membership received the proposal draft on April 26, 2024.

The proposed changes will be voted on at the TARWF General Meeting on May 31, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by:

TARWF Bylaws Committee Gayle Carter – Chair Victoria McDonald Sheryl Franke



Let's find out what Initiative means in California politics. In California citizens can start new laws by the **Initiative** process. The Initiative process is used for State laws and State Constitutional amendments.

After collecting a specific number of registered voter signatures, through petitions, a citizen Initiative will be put on the next ballot if qualified.

In California, the citizens may also stop laws by a **Veto Referendum**. Just like the Initiative to create law, a Veto Referendum can repeal a law that is already passed.

So please TAKE THE INITIATIVE. Help by signing a petition for an Initiative or a petition for a Veto Referendum to help keep our Conservative values.

To find out the status of initiatives for the next ballot go to <a href="https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/initiative-and-referendum-status">https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/initiative-and-referendum-status</a>

Because Initiative names may be deceptive, it's important to read the entire measure. It's not uncommon for something to be slipped in that is not part of the general measure. Sometimes what sounds good is not good in the details.

If you have an initiative or referendum, you'd like to circulate to the TARWF membership please let me know, **jeannem@cupcopia**.

Politics never stops. If you'd like to help during the TARWF summer break please send me your email. I will let you know how you may help.

For all petitions and referendums there are deadlines to obtain signatures.

## **Support our TARWF Members and Friends**

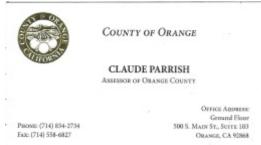




















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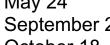


## **TARWF 2024 Meeting Dates**

#### **Board of Directors and Committee Chair Meetings**

Meetings begin at 10am at the Tustin Historical Society Museum, located at 395 El Camino Real, Tustin. Meeting dates are on the Fridays listed below.

May 24 September 20 October 18



November 15 December 6 (if needed)

#### **TARWF General Meetings**

TARWF General Meetings will take place at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge located at 1751 S Elks Lane, Santa Ana. Meetings are on Fridays and begin at 11am. Below is the schedule of meeting dates.

May 31 Sep 27 Oct 25 Dec 13



#### Conservative Political Radio Talk Shows



#### Monday – Friday

- 12:00 AM 3:00 AM -
- Red Eye Radio
- 3:00 AM 4:00 AM America in the Morning
- 4:00 AM 6:00 AM -
- KTLA Morning News
- 6:00 AM 9:00 AM **Armstrong & Getty**
- 9:00 AM 12:00 PM -
- Dan Bongino
- 12:00 PM 3:00 PM -
- John Phillips
- 3:00 PM 5:00 PM -
- The Ben Shapiro Show
- 5:00 PM 6:00 PM -
- Leo Terrell 2.0 Live at Five
- 6:00 PM 7:00 PM -
- Mottek On Money
- 7:00 PM 8:00 PM -
- Special Programming
- 8:00 PM 9:00 PM
- The Howard Jarvis Radio Show
- 9:00 PM 10:00 PM

#### Patriot AM 1150

**Glenn Beck** 

Mon-Fri 6am to 9am

Clay Travis and Buck Sexton EIB Network

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Mon-Fri 9am to 12 noon

**Sean Hannity** 

Mon-Fri 12 noon to 3pm

Jesse Kelly Show

Mon-Fri 6pm-9pm

#### **KRLA AM 870**

**The Morning Answer** 

Mon-Fri 6am to 9am

**Dennis Prager** 

Mon-Fri 9am to 12 noon

Sebastian Gorka

Mon-Fri 12 noon to 3pm

**Mark Levin** 

Mon-Fri 3pm to 6pm

**Jay Seculow** 

Mon-Fri 6pm to 7pm

**The Officer Tatum Show** 

Mon-Fri 7pm to 10pm

Charlie Kirk

Mon-Fri 10pm to midnight

#### **SiriusXM Patriot**

Channel 125

**Mark Levin** 

Mon-Fri 3:00pm to 6:00pm

**New Website for Donald Trump** 

- Michael Knowles
  - 10:00 PM 3:00 AM -
  - Red Eye Radio

#### 45office.com

Mike Lindell's new website FRANKSPEECH.COM

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