

Garden Grove Republican Women Federated 2019:

Our Year in Review



In **January**, Jack Brito, Marriage and Family Therapist and Chris Merkle, former police officer with combat experience, both of *North Orange County Veterans Center* in Garden Grove, shared about problems vets face in returning to civilian life. The Veterans Center provides over 300 programs at no cost with no waiting time to vets.

In **February**, Shelley Hasslebrink, *Los Alamitos City Council member*, related their city's battle with the state of California over the Constitutional issue of "sanctuary state" restrictions on immigration enforcement versus the rights of Charter Cities. Damien Lorton, *Artistic Director of the Gem Theater*, shared about their many awards and upcoming season. Member Brenna Selvaggi informed us about the new "Sexual Health" curriculum in California public school educational framework, and new resistance group, "Informed Parents of California" that she has joined.



Joanne, Carol and Linda (in red) welcome Shelly.



In **March**, Heather Allen, Outreach Advocate for *California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA)*, introduced us to the oldest gun rights and safety organization in California, preceding the NRA. She spoke on the Second Amendment, California gun laws, and ways to preserve our rights here in Orange County. Mayor Steve Jones and his son stopped by and the mayor gave us an update on all the recent city accomplishments and concerns.

In **April**, David Daleiden, of the *Center For Medical Progress*, informed us of his investigation of Planned Parenthood and upcoming court battle. David's investigation has pulled back a dark curtain on the ghoulish practices of abortion in supplying baby parts for medical experimentation.

On April 15, Tax Day, Carol, Joanne, and many others from various Republican groups gathered on Main Street, in front of State Senator Democrat Tom Umberg's office to protest the proposed Water Tax. Senator Umberg withdrew his support and the tax failed to pass!

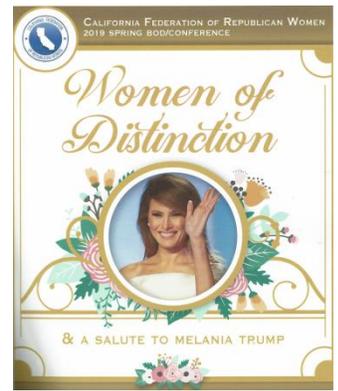


In **May** Supervisor Andrew Do, a former prosecutor, educator, businessman and judge pro tem, spoke to us on various subjects including the role of a County Supervisor, an update on the homeless situation, and mental illness. Over the Memorial Day weekend, our club once again "manned" the OCGOP Voter Registration booth at the **Garden Grove Strawberry Festival**. We registered new Republican voters and even re-registered several Democrats as Republicans, reflecting the growing number of voters disgusted by the results of the Democrats' party platform, principles, and Propositions 47 and 57, which have caused crime in California to soar and "Sanctuary Cities" to degenerate into cesspool cities!



L-R: Joe, Carol, Susan, Joanne, and Steve

In **June**, Carol, Joanne, Jenny, Linda, and Sherri attended the *Spring Conference of California Republican Women*, in Santa Ana, hosted by the Southern Division. The theme was “Women of Distinction” with a special salute to First Lady, Melania Trump.



In **July**, Carol, Joanne, Maxine, Elvira and hubby Roy all assisted in the OCGOP Orange County Fair booth, registering voters who attended the fair.



As always, Carol’s favorite moments were spent at Centennial Farm enjoying the newborn piglets!



In **August** Janet Nguyen, former State Senator addressed our club on the topic of The Future of the Republican Party in California. She also spoke extensively about the voting irregularities which played a significant role in her “Election Night Win” turning into a crushing loss due to the Ballot Harvesting and other questionable voting irregularities in the Santa Ana area of her former district. Following the meeting, we held a “Welcome Baby Boy!” shower for Enzo and Brenna Selvaggi. Brenna was surprised and delighted, receiving lots of darling little boy items (many with ELEPHANTS on them!) as well as a good supply of disposable diapers.

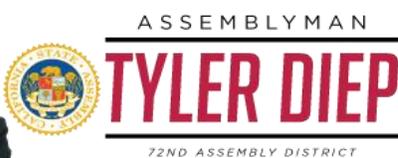
In **September**, Penny Lambright, founder of *Patriots and Paws* shared the beginning of her organization, which is dedicated to assisting both vets and active duty service members in need of household furnishings. Our members took her mission to heart and brought in a number of boxes of both new and second-hand items as well as monetary donations to help out. Patriots and Paws also partners with WAGS of Westminster to provide pets to lonely service members who appreciate some canine companionship.



In **October**, Lieutenant John Reynolds, *Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce* Man of the Year spoke about his many experiences in law enforcement and the risks our police officers face throughout their careers. He also included some information about maintaining personal safety. Our President, Carol, and Caring for America chairwoman, Jenny Shawver, attended the Biennial Convention of the California Federation of Republican Women in Bakersfield, as our club Delegates.

Our **November** meeting featured Assemblyman Tyler Diep, who gave us a thorough rundown on the lopsided situation in Sacramento, where the Democrats have a Super Majority plus. This makes it nearly impossible for any Republican-sponsored bills to make it through the process to passing either the

Assembly or the State Senate. Member Sherri Page spoke on Medicare providers and new choices and benefits.



Jenny and Carol are joined by three friends at the state convention.

We met in **December** for our Annual Christmas Luncheon, held at the Garden Grove Lions club facility. **This year we welcomed new members:** Sherri Page, Brenna Wathern, Elvira Cheley, Cindy Hanlon, and Associate Members Dave Johnson, Roy Cheley and Cynthia Thacker. We look forward to the New Year and the re-election of President Trump!

