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OCGSRW EVENTS CALENDAR

December 7th – Pearl Harbor Day, a day of remembrance to honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed in the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7th, 1941, which led to the U.S. declaring war on Japan and entering World War II.

December 12th – Our OCGSRW Christmas Social! It's a Meet and Greet from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Marbella Country Club. See flyer inside this newsletter for more details.

December 25th – Merry Christmas!

December 31st – Happy New Year! So much to celebrate for 2025...a new Republican President, a new Republican Cabinet, a new Republican administration, and because of these new conservatives taking

office, our country will be returned to its glory! Hallelujah and Amen!

January 8th - OCGSRW Board Meeting from 9:30am - 11:30am at Michelle Morgan's office.

January 15th – Next OCGSRW luncheon meeting at Marbella Country Club, 30800 Golf Club Drive, San Juan Capistrano. Enjoy delicious food, great friendships and amazing speakers. Remember to check in early as we start promptly at 11:00am.

- 10:30am Check in/chat with friends
- 11:00am Meeting begins/club business
- 11:30am Lunch is served
- 12:00pm We will hear from our own First
 Vice President, Dr. Nancy Jimeno

For more GSRW events, information, ways to be involved and take action, please visit our website at gsrw.org.

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December 2024 Volume: 1 OUR IMPRESSIVE SPEAKER LINEUP

TO BEGIN OUR NEW YEAR!

January - Dr. Nancy Jimeno



Dr. Nancy Jimeno, our OCGSRW 1st Vice President, will be back to share her perspective and experience of teaching as an adjunct professor of political science in the California State University system for twenty years, all of them as a conservative. Her last speaking engagement at our club meeting in June was both eye-opening and educational. Nancy also continues to educate us on the Constitution, having published four lessons in our monthly newsletter.

February - Dr. Julius Wachtel

Dr. Julius Wachtel served as an ATF special agent and supervisor for 23 years. Most people know him as "Jay" which was his nickname while working undercover in Phoenix. Retiring in 1998, most of his work was in gun trafficking, with duty stations in Phoenix, Helena and Los Angeles. Between 1998 and 2017, he was a criminal justice lecturer at California State University, Fullerton. Dr. Wachtel is also published author, writing a book on crime and justice during the Soviet era, *Stalin's Witnesses*.











Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 Time: Check in 10:30am | Meeting Starts at 11:00am Price: \$40 per person

Reservations:

Must make reservations by Wednesday, January 8th Please make reservations via the OCGSRW Signup Genius email that will be sent to you in early January. Simply follow the instructions in the email to make your reservations. Payment will be made when you arrive at the meeting by check or cash.

Location:

Marbella Country Club 30800 Golf Club Drive San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Please Note: We can no longer save seats. Only those members who hold a patron membership are allowed to have a seat saved for them. All others are first come, first served. Please arrive early if you have multiple guests in order to find seats together.

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President's Message



"Christmas Bells are Ringing"

The Red wave hit California and the entire nation in the November election. God stretched out his arm and the wave came. I believe that the bells of Christmas will be ringing loud and clear this year. As was said in the movie, *It's a Wonderful life...*"every time a bell rings, an Angel gets his wings". Many Angels were surrounding President Trump during this campaign and earned their wings as Mr. Trump rose to become our 47^{th} President of the United States. Republicans have a mandate from the people now controlling the Senate and the house.

America is a big, strong country with a lot of good people in it. The people voted for major changes, and yes, it was unmistakably a good day for the Republican party. But it remains to be seen what we will do with the opportunity that we have been given.

The party has an opportunity to focus on how conservative ideas and policies can make people feel better off four years from now as they did after Mr. Trump's last four years.

Nations fail when power gets concentrated in fewer and fewer hands, both economically and politically, a situation which leads to societal stagnation and eventually to collapse. This process has slowly been happening right here in America over the last generation, regardless of which party has been in power.

That's why we are incredibly fortunate as a nation to have had George Washington. He did something virtually unheard of in human history... he voluntarily walked away from power. In doing so, he set a standard of behavior that is a key part of why America has been so successful.

But he also benefited from the wisdom of the other Founding Fathers, in that they designed a political system that distributed power widely, with many checks and balances to try to prevent power from concentrating anywhere in the system. There are many reasons America became great among nations. Only a system of distributed power can be both long-run stable and long-run prosperous for regular people.



Linda Koelling, President, OCGSRW

As we celebrate this holiday season let us be grateful that President Donald Trump will be occupying the White House for the next four years and asserting the policies that will best serve the American people. He is building the "dream team" that will begin to get rid of the swamp and really make America Great Again. Let us support these efforts through our own continued community involvement!

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy New Year.





By Linda Koelling, President

The Presidential Election is over and our Nation is now in good hands. Now our Focus must be turned to our state. We must now work to Make California Great Again. How can we do this?

How much do California citizens really know and understand what is driving the changes in their communities? Why are we losing local government control and how can we the people stop it? Community Conversation will provide the opportunity for Neighbors working with neighbors to have a voice in their community changes and to shape the growth that makes sense. Learn about the issues, ask questions of local leaders. Learn how you can be part of the solution.

Community action is a race to restore our democratic rights to shape what happens in our own neighborhoods and to turn back the flood of developer-backed bills that allow them to build what they want, wherever they want, and leave us with more taxes, more traffic and even more dangerous construction in high-fire threat areas. Knowledge is power; lack of being proactive sets our cities up for failure.

Intended Outcomes of Community Conversations

- To generate a spirit of curiosity, respect and appreciation among those of differing perspectives
- To bring forth the trust and courage to generously express and appreciate one another's revealing of heartfelt values, principles and sense of purpose
- To listen and actively support the discovery of common interest and concerns
- 4. To be open and curious about all perspectives and see what can be learned from listening to one another rather than debating differing opinions on any topic or issue
- To inspire a sense of openness, willingness and even partnership for further connecting or cooperating in some way
- To evoke a direct experience of an authentic, meaningful; and rewarding conversation
- To foster a sense of confidence and willingness in participants to take a more pro-active engagement in their community

In the new year our OCGSRW club members will have the tools to be more engaged in their communities. Let's be part of the solution!

Membership Renewal 2025



Please renew your OCGSRW membership for 2025 now. **Deadline is February 15, 2025.**

Dues: Members: \$45 | Associate members: \$35 *Application for brand new members is on our website





Setting OCGSRW Goals for 2025

- We are focusing our club activism on: The California education system, what's happening in our schools and local government control issues.
- 2. How can we stop State overreach?
- Creating individual community information groups...being pro-active in our communities.
 Be part of the solution!



Changes/Additions for 2025

- Introducing our Club Scholarship Program, offering \$1,500 to a graduating high school Senior from any high school in the Capistrano Unified School District or the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. Applications will be accepted beginning in January with a deadline of April 15, 2025.
- We will offer a few dinner meetings instead of all luncheons in the new year. These will be in the Spring.
- **3.** Building our club!

We want to hear from our members. What other goals and/or changes would you like to suggest?

November Meeting Recap

What a fabulous meeting in November (as usual)! Our energetic speaker, Rebecca Friedrichs, who has fiercely taken on the school unions, gave a powerful presentation on just how evil, and unfortunately powerful, the unions are. If you didn't get a chance to purchase her book, *Standing Up to Goliath*, at the meeting, you can still purchase it at the Patriot Store in San Clemente.

Our officers for 2025 were introduced at the meeting. Congratulations to all!

There is no meeting in December, but we hope to see you all on January 15th!



L to R: Leslie Sciocchetti - GSRW Regional Manager, Marilyn Parker - Parliamentarian, Carol Allen - Treasurer, Kathy Jesse - Outgoing Recording Secretary, Phoebe Wise - Parliamentarian, Linda Koelling - President, Dr. Nancy Jimeno - 1st. VP, Jan Day - 2nd VP Membership, Julie Allen - 3rd VP, Lisa Hazelton - Americanism Chair, Shelli Okon - Incoming Recording Secretary and Joan Garnett - outgoing Newsletter Editor.



Linda Koelling, President and proud MAGA supporter!



Rebecca Friedrichs, our November speaker



L to R: Linda Koelling, our lucky cozy raffle winner, Nancy Jimeno and Rebecca Friedrichs



L to R: Galina Connery and Julie Allen sporting lovely 'blingy' Trump hats!



Election Night 2024: "The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us"

By Phoebe Wise phoebe.wise@gmail.com

"When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream." Psalm 126

Somehow only the cadences of the King James Bible seem fit to express the events we have all just lived through. You may not share my sentiments about that version of Scripture, but one thing I know for certain: you will always remember how you felt on election night of 2024.

For me it was queasy mix of dread and hope, the anticipation of a sleepless night, with weeks of contested races to follow. I struggled with intolerable anxiety as the first returns started rolling in.

Our little family group was huddled at home, watching various alternative media live streams; it would have felt almost blasphemous to watch the

legacy media tyrants that had been trying for 10 years to destroy this man and his movement. We nibbled at the chili and cornbread I had prepared, praying for some Texas luck. Then it happened: the tide began to rise, and it was red. A beautiful wave of red splashed across the map of our beloved country, and it was all over before midnight.

We were stunned; we couldn't believe it. "We were like them that dream."

I had promised my family that if Trump won, I would repeat my victory lap of 2016: even though that election was called in the middle of the night, I had grabbed a saucepan and a wooden spoon and had run out into the street of my deeply Democrat Bay Area neighborhood, banging and whooping.

Not this time, not in 2024. We laughed and hugged and pinched ourselves. Is this a dream? We felt like singing.

At the Trump watch party in Palm Beach, sing they did. Right after Trump's victory speech, many spontaneously joined in the hymn, *How Great Thou Art.* It went viral on X.

These MAGA stalwarts knew better than to attribute this victory merely to their own hard work; they had put their trust in God, and He did not disappoint.

"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing...
The LORD hath done great things for us."

MAGA's joy, relief, and gratitude over this triumph will take weeks, months even, to process. There is a surrealness to it. My favorite writer, J.R.R. Tolkien, would call it a *eucatastrophe*—the opposite of a catastrophe. Something that is too good to be true, but which is true, nonetheless.

Of course the surrealness of 2024 has to do with the nightmare of 2020. That victory faded into defeat before our eyes. It was taken from us in ways too numerous to count: Zuckerbucks, censorship, lies about the laptop, mail-in ballots, and outright fraud.

What followed from the nightmare election of 2020 was even more nightmarish. Afghanistan, Ukraine, October 7. Vaccine mandates, censorship, cancellation of dissident voices. Inflation that destroyed the American Dream. The unleashing of poisonous trans ideology on our children. Persecution and imprisonment of faithful Christians. The hounding of Jewish students on college campuses. FBI raids on innocent citizens. Lawfare.

Trump himself endured the worst of it. Lies in the legacy media. Baseless lawsuits from corrupt federal prosecutors, aided by the DOJ and White House. The attempt to destroy his businesses. The raid on Mar-a-Lago. And finally, two assassination attempts.

Trump told us many times it was ordinary citizens that the Deep State was really after; he was just standing in the way.

As the 2024 campaign progressed, MAGA was praying that the American people, both Republican and Democrat, would wake up and realize that the federal government, which was supposed to serve them, had been weaponized against them, Soviet style. And millions did.

After July 13 even Democrats began to come over to MAGA. Elon Musk, RFK Jr., Nicole Shanahan, Tulsi Gabbard, and Joe Rogan. Many of them noted that the failure of the assassination attempt and Trump's incredibly brave reaction brought home to them his true character. And many more people recognized God's hand in history.

We began to hope that the long nightmare of the Biden-Harris regime was coming to an end. And not just hope. We prayed and worked, we worked and prayed. Including the women of our Club. Some put in hours that seemed almost superhuman to me. All of us did what we could.

And on the night of November 5, 2024, we witnessed the answer to prayer.

We began to realize that the renewal of our constitutional Republic was again within our grasp. We could make America great again.

We know that this victory, amazing and miraculous though it be, is only a beachhead; the real battle still lies before us.

Yet we also know that the nightmare of 2020, and the very real sufferings that our country endured because of it, served to prepare us for this day. That defeat tested our faith, our hope, and our perseverance, and through God's help, we were not found wanting. This victory will renew us for the fight ahead.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

God bless America!







What an Exciting Lineup for our President's New Cabinet and Administration!





I am heartened with many of President Trump's picks for his new cabinet and administration. I don't agree with all of them, some of my research revealing that there are a few that could turn out to be mistakes. However, I trust President Trump and those advisors closest to him to be on the lookout immediately for any signs of the traitors he endured in his first administration. He had to learn the hard way that moving too quickly without a serious vetting process can turn deadly...and not figuratively.

Here are the latest picks as of this writing, with a few notations where I have 'questions' or am delighted with his pick:

- White House chief of staff: Susie Wiles
- Director of FBI: Kash Patel (awesome pick...he'll expose all!)
- Secretary of state: Marco Rubio (not sure about him...he was very provax for a while and pro Ukraine, having changed his tune recently)
- Attorney general: Pam Bondi (Looking forward to this powerhouse's actions)
- Deputy attorney general: Todd Blanche
- HHS secretary: Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (He's a dynamo and I'm hoping he is strong with his MAHA movement)
- Office of Management and Budget
 Director: Russ Vought
 (I was so hoping he would be picked for
 this position. If you haven't seen it, watch
 his interview with Tucker here)
- U.N. ambassador: Elise Stefanik
- "Border czar": Tom Homan (This man will have our borders under control in no time)
- Defense secretary: Pete Hegseth (So impressed with his credentials)
- Secretary of veterans affairs: Doug Collins
- National security adviser: Michael Waltz
- Interior secretary: Doug Burgum
- Secretary of energy: Chris Wright
- Secretary of transportation: Sean Duffy
- Secretary of commerce: Howard Lutnick
- Secretary of education: Linda McMahon
- Secretary of the treasury: Scott Bessent
- Secretary of labor: Lori Chavez-DeRemer
 White House counsel: William McGinley
- U.S. Ambassador to NATO:

- Matthew Whitaker
- Secretary of homeland security:
 Kristi Noem
 (I've not always been a fan, especially since she caved to the NCAA in her decision not to sign a bill banning transgender girls and women from participating in female sports in South Dakota. Jury is still out on this one)
- HUD secretary: Scott Turner
- CIA director: John Ratcliffe (Great pick, Trump loyalist)
- Director of national intelligence: Tulsi Gabbard
- EPA administrator: Lee Zeldin
- Solicitor general: Dean John Sauer
- FDA commissioner: Marty Makary
- Secretary of agriculture: Brooke Rollins
- CDC Director: David Weldon
- FCC chairman: Brendan Carr
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator: Dr. Mehmet Oz (This pick threw me, but he is well versed in these areas from his physician practice. Jury is still out on this one)
- Surgeon general: Dr. Janette Nesheiwat (Yikes! This pick seems really odd and so anti-conservative. However, with her on another 'spectrum' and working with RFK jr, maybe we'll be surprised, fingers crossed)
- U.S. ambassador to Israel: Mike Huckabee
- U.S. ambassador to Canada: Pete Hoekstra
- U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York: Jay Clayton

- Department of Government Efficiency: Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy (Hearing so much of what they have planned...I hope they act quickly)
- · Deputy chief of staff: Dan Scavino
- Deputy chief of staff for policy and homeland security adviser: Stephen Miller
- Deputy chief of staff for legislative, political and public affairs: James Blair
- Deputy chief of staff for communications and personnel: Taylor Budowich
- Presidential Personnel Office head: Sergio Gor
- White House communications director: Steven Cheung
- White House press secretary: Karoline Leavitt
- Domestic Policy Council director: Vince Haley
- Secretary of the Navy: John Phelan
- Director of the National Institutes of Health: Jay Bhattacharya (This pick made me jump for joy! He has been censored beyond most and is a co-plaintiff with Dr. Aaron Kheriaty in the Murthy V Missouri First Amendment lawsuit)
- U.S. Trade Representative: Jamieson Greer
- Deputy secretary of Health and Human Services: Jim O'Neill
- Director of White House National Economic Council: Kevin Hassett
- Assistant to the president and special envoy for Ukraine and Russia: Retired Gen. Keith Kellogg



News Snippets

There is so much talk of what will be happening to our country over the next 45 days until the inauguration. Then, of course, there is a lot of information circulating about what President Trump will do day one. Here are a few articles that touch on the above areas of discussion:

- 1. As we ponder the ultimate trouncing of Kamala Harris by our beloved President Trump, I like Peter Navarro's take on what many assume will be the first of actions taken by DJT to halt inflation, probably of the utmost concern of most Americans who pay sometimes 3 times as much for goods and services since Biden took office. Peter Navarro was President Trump's Director of Trade and Manufacturing in the first administration. He outlines that "drill baby, drill" is first on the agenda to get prices under control, since oil, natural gas and petroleum derivatives play "directly and
 - indirectly in the cost-price structure of the American Economy".

 Read here.
- 2. We've all heard what President Trump plans to do in his second term. However, all are focusing on what he says he'll do day one. He's always said he'll be a "dictator for a day" where he will demand the border be closed immediately, plus maybe a few other things he wants to accomplish post haste. Here is a list of what are expected to be his first actions to get the U.S. back on track.
 - took the air out of many planned protests that were going to concentrate on him not being a 'legitimately elected president.' So, what now? Will the sad, whiny left plan any nefarious activities before President Trump is inaugurated on January 20th? We see the Biden administration furiously trying to get student loan debt forgiven as well as left leaning judicial picks approved. But should we be prepared for violence or the prevention of Trump taking office? Patrick Byrne, a successful billionaire and former CEO of Overstock.com is on the X22 Report talking about his past relationship to the CIA and FBI and warning about what could happen before President Trump takes office. Watch here.

3. When Trump won the popular vote, that





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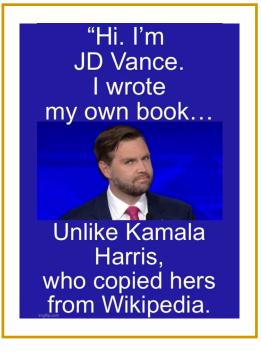


Managing your weight around Christmas time just requires a little planning...

For example, I took the batteries out of my scale this morning.

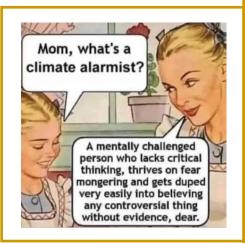












Last year I joined a support group for antisocial people. We haven't met yet.







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