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OCGSRW EVENTS CALENDAR

February 12th – OCGSRW Board Meeting from 9:30am – 11:30am at Reata Glen.

February 14th – Happy Valentine's Day!

February 17th – President's Day...and what a day to celebrate our 47th President, Donald J. Trump!

February 19th – 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.

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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 speaker, author and ex-ATF agent, Dr. Julius Wachtel



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

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NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING: FEBRUARY 19TH

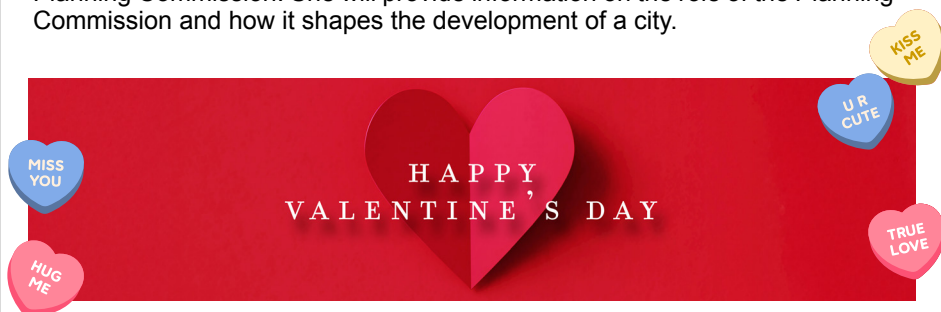
Our Speaker: Dr. Julius Wachtel



Dr. Julius Wachtel served as an ATF special agent and supervisor for 23 years. A 20 year veteran with the ATF, he is an expert on the sources of crime guns. 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*.

Our March Speaker: Tami Wilhelm

Tami Wilhelm is currently serving as Vice Chair of the San Juan Capistrano Planning Commission. She will provide information on the role of the Planning Commission and how it shapes the development of a city.



Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

Time: Check in 10:30am | Meeting Starts at 11:00am

Price: \$40 per person



Reservations:

Must make reservations by Wednesday, February 12th

Please make reservations via the OCGSRW Signup Genius email that will be sent to you in early February. 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, or via ZELLE. Please see the QR code inside this edition to make your payment.

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.

COMING TOGETHER | WORKING TOGETHER

President's Message

"Common Sense Leadership...Our Silver Lining"

The Inauguration of President Trump culminated the voter's mandate that change in this country was necessary. The President immediately took action and went on to sign executive orders and began his journey of getting this country back on track as he promised during the campaign. This man is the "silver lining" in the cloud that has hung over us for the past 4 years.

His series of visits to California, North Carolina, and Nevada were to assess the damage from recent natural disasters and discuss the necessity for effective, common-sense leadership in disaster management. These visits underscored his administration's focus on reforming federal disaster response, which has been seriously lacking and advocating for state-level leadership changes, particularly in California.

Surveying the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, he criticized the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its perceived inefficiency and proposed significant reforms, including the possibility of dismantling the agency. Trump suggested that disaster management responsibilities could be more effectively handled at the state level, thereby reducing federal bureaucracy and expediting recovery efforts.

President Trump then traveled to Los Angeles to assess the destruction caused by recent wildfires. He described the scene as resembling a city "hit by a bomb" and pledged federal support for recovery efforts. Trump reiterated his criticism of California's forest management policies and water resource handling, suggesting that leadership changes were necessary to implement more effective and "common sense" strategies to prevent future disasters. His discussion with Mayor Bass was a classic exchange that left her speechless.

Our president seems to have unlimited energy as he then visited Las Vegas, to discuss his proposal to eliminate federal taxes on tips, a policy aimed at benefiting workers in the hospitality industry. This initiative was part of his broader economic agenda to reduce federal intervention and promote state-level decision-making.

The visit highlighted Trump's overarching theme of advocating for leadership that prioritizes practical solutions and empowers local governance. He is a president truly looking out for the people!

As we are aware, local control in California has been taken from us by Governor Newsome and the Democratic supermajority leadership in Sacramento. It's time for the people to take back control of their communities. We must take the time to be better informed and fully understand the issues facing us.

We, the people, must be part of the solution and not allow government overreach control us. Don't let a few make the decisions that will negatively alter our way of life for future generations. Ignorance and apathy are the weapons of those who wish to conquer you.

Throughout these visits, President Trump emphasized the need for "common sense" leadership. He argued that state governments should take a more active role in managing disasters within their jurisdictions, with the federal government providing support rather than direct oversight. In California, Trump specifically called for leadership changes to address what he perceives as systemic issues in forest management and water policies, which he believes have exacerbated the severity of wildfires.



Linda Koelling,
President, OCGSRW

The President's consistent message: the promotion of leadership that embraces practical solutions, reduces bureaucratic obstacles, wasteful government programs and empowers state and local authorities to manage disaster response and prevention more effectively.

Clearing away the debris of failed over-reaching government interventions will allow our economy and society to enjoy the prosperity that has eluded it in recent years.

A Recent Article from the Wall Street Journal

By Linda Koelling, President

"Wake Up Orange County...Let's Be Part of the Solution" was an article I submitted for our newsletter last month talking about how we can be more involved in our communities. A recent article from the Wall Street Journal validates the need for people to be better informed about the issues in their communities and state; the need for them to be more active and become part of the solution. Knowledge is power and lack of being proactive sets our cities up for failure.

From today's Wall Street Journal, Opinion Section, Lessons for California in New York City's 1970s comeback by James R. Brigham, Jr.

A common view today is that state and local governance in California is a toxic brew of ineffective leadership, misplaced priorities and wishful thinking. A bitter mélange of laws and regulations has distorted the allocation of resources, markets and services. Water infrastructure has been mismanaged, property insurance is hard to come by, and energy costs are high. Blackouts have grown common. Then there's a failing education system, an epidemic of homelessness, sanctuary policies and a notorious \$100 billion bullet-train boondoggle. The list goes on. While Los Angeles was burning, the state Legislature met to budget a \$50 million slush fund for resistance to the Trump administration.

The federal government required a strong local effort by New York [during their fiscal crisis] as a condition for loan guarantees and other aid, and it's reasonable to expect the same will be demanded of California. But the leadership must come from Californians. So far, that appears as likely as a sustainable flow of water from a Pacific Palisades fire hydrant.

Who will step up?

Let's get together and make sure that we, the people, are in control. Let's Make California Great Again!





URGENT, URGENT, URGENT



Urgent Message to those living in or know friends who live in the following cities:

Cypress • Dana Point • Fountain Valley • Garden Grove • Huntington Beach • Laguna Beach • Los Alamitos
Midway City • Newport beach • Rossmoor • San • Clemente • Seal Beach • Stanton • Westminster

Tony Strickland is running in the special election to fill Janet Nguyen's 36th State Senate seat. Tony is a proven fighter for local control. Huntington Beach has continuously pushed back against Gavin Newsome, denying becoming a sanctuary city and requiring voter ID to cast a vote. Tony Strickland is a proven common-sense leader who will work for us in Sacramento.



CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT TRUMP!!

Several Inauguration parties in Orange County celebrated President Donald Trump's return to the White House. People all over the country and state were relieved that our "common sense" President was back in control and that America will be Great Again.



Party at the San Clemente Outlets



L to R: Linda Koelling and Galena Connory



Michelle Morgan



L to R: Linda and Fred Koelling





Article IV – VII of the Constitution: Lesson VI

By Nancy A. Jimeno, Ph.D.
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Articles IV, V, VI and VII of the U.S. Constitution complete the document as originally written in 1787. The 1st through 27th Amendments were added later beginning with first ten amendments, the Bill of Rights, written in 1791. Why the gap? I will explain next month.

Article IV of the Constitution addresses relations among the states. This was a topic of great concern for the Framers and their constituents, as the people did not yet think of themselves (today we might say they didn't identify) so much as Americans as they did, say, as Virginians, Georgians or New Yorkers. Recall the preamble to the document notes that the constitution was necessary "...in order to form a more perfect Union..." [Italics added]. Had you been a Frenchman meeting someone from America at the time, asking of your homeland, you may have answered that you were a Pennsylvanian, for example, not that you were an American. Each state had evolved politically and socially for close to, or over 100 years at that point and the people of each state were hesitant to relinquish their sovereignty to an overarching form of government.

Today we think of "state's rights," which is the notion that states should have a reasonable level of autonomy from the federal government in managing their own local affairs. Clearly there would be friction and power struggles between states, regarding trade, legal jurisdiction, tariffs, slavery, military establishment, etc., thus the need for Article IV. (In fact, the Federalist Papers, you may recall, were written for the purpose of persuading the states to ratify the Constitution.)

Under the "Privileges and Immunities" clause, Article IV establishes that the "public acts, records and judicial proceedings" of a given state will be honored by each state. For example, if a couple married in New York and moved to Massachusetts, their marriage is legally held as valid by Massachusetts as it was in New York. The same would hold true regarding contracts between corporations and between citizens of one state contracting with citizens of another state.

Article IV further establishes that new states may be admitted to the Union by Congress, but states are prohibited from joining two or more states to become one and from a portion of a state becoming a state without permission of the state itself and of congress.

And here is a controversial addition to Article IV that is being debated to this day: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in the Union a Republican Form of Government..." To date, there are 26 states that have adopted the initiative and referendum process, which are best described as "direct democracy," and are not therefore, strictly speaking, a republican (representative) form of government; the federal government has stayed out of the debate altogether.

Article V explains the process by which the U.S. Constitution may be amended. Although there is more than one process, here is the most employed method and a formula that is easy to understand: Amending the Constitution takes $\frac{2}{3}$ of the House, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Senate and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states. (The state legislatures in each state make the decision.)

Amendment = $\frac{2}{3}$ of the House + $\frac{2}{3}$ of the U.S. Senate + $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states.

Article VI includes the supremacy clause, which establishes the U.S. Constitution as the supreme law of the land, binds the legal decisions of state judges to the document, "any thing in the Constitution or Laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding." Article VI also binds state legislatures and governors be held to an oath or affirmation supporting the Constitution and forbids a religious test as a requirement for holding public office.

Article VII establishes that nine of the thirteen states must ratify the Constitution; only Rhode Island took its sweet time and didn't ratify until May 29, 1790.



Orange County Golden State Republican Women Request Your Participation as a Public Meeting Ambassador

By Nancy A. Jimeno, Ph.D
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This is an easy way to become an *active member* of the organization. In fact, you can do this in person or from the comfort of your home!

- Do you know what issues are impacting your community?
- Do your friends and neighbors know?

We are seeking "Ambassadors" from each city to learn more about their community by attending a city council meeting, Board of Supervisors meeting, Planning Commission meeting, or watching any of them on TV or your computer and then sharing the information with the club.

Where can I find my city's public meeting or Board of Supervisors meeting?

Google (for example): "City of San Juan

Capistrano, public meetings schedule"

- By California State law, all public meetings (city council, planning commission, Board of Supervisors, etc.) must post an agenda. Take a quick look at the agenda.
- Most cities and the County of Orange, post their meetings online and/or hold their meetings online in real time (ZOOM for example). You will find that past meetings are also posted on the city's website.

What am I supposed to do?

From your seat at our OC GSRW monthly meeting:

- Give us a short summary of the meeting you attended (take a few notes during the meeting) adding the **place, time, date** and type of meeting.
- Tell us what you observed.

Not sure what to say?

- **It may help to ask yourself a few questions** – What did I find interesting? Informative? Surprising? Not what I had expected? Who was in attendance? Did the public participate?
- Did you participate by asking questions or commenting on the proceedings?
- What seems to be the top three issues the meeting addressed?

What is the purpose of this exercise?

- **To be better informed of the changes and challenges in your community**
- **To be able to discuss the issues with fellow citizens and develop more community engagement**
- **To foster solutions**

Meet the Board: OCGSRW Second Vice President, Jan Day

By Phoebe Wise



Jan Day is one of our newest Board members. She joined the Club in spring of 2024 and was elected Second Vice President and Membership Chair at the November meeting. This January she officially stepped into her duties.

Jan was born in LA and grew up there, and has been a long-time resident of Orange County. She is a USC grad, as are several of her family members. Go Trojans! For fifteen years she was a travel agent in Laguna Beach, and happily traveled all over the world. When not traveling she organized snow skiing and biking groups.

This lady really likes to stay busy. She is a member of several groups at the Reata Glen community in Rancho Mission Viejo, and chairs the Dog Lovers Group. Her black cockapoo Max is her co-chair.

Jan has been responsible for encouraging several residents of Reata Glen to join our club, so the Membership position is a natural fit for her.

From Jan's point of view, the primary benefit our Club offers is all the great information on candidates and issues available at the monthly meetings and through the newsletter.

One interesting detail of Jan's life is that she and her twin brother were adopted at birth. After their adoptive parents died, the two of them went on a quest to find their birth parents. With a lot of investigating and a bit of luck, they succeeded. Jan was able to establish a relationship with each of her birth parents, and has also connected with siblings previously unknown to her.

With such an interesting story to pass on to her children, Jan has been working with the website storyworth.com to write an account that will be printed in book form. That is one of her many projects for this coming year. There will plenty of people interested in reading this book when it is finished: Jan has two married daughters, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The Board members are pleased to have Jan on the team and thank her for her willingness to serve the Club.



Annual Membership Renewal Dues are Due NOW!

From Jan Day, Membership Chair

Make sure to get your membership renewal in... it's considered delinquent after February 19.

Access the [membership application here](#).

Please mail your check today with Membership Application to:

Orange County Golden State Republican Women
 31103 Rancho Viejo Road, Suite #D3292
 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Please call me if you have any questions 714-747-6339.



President Trump's Monumental Executive Orders

By Joan Garnett

I feel I have to pinch myself daily as I wake up and find out "47" has signed more Executive Orders and had another 1,000 criminals deported! Over 350 Executive Orders and counting as of this writing, President Trump hasn't stopped in his determination to turn our nation around after such a disastrous previous administration. His attention to 'drill baby, drill' oil, restoring a healthy economy, eliminating DEI in the Fed, officially establishing DOGE (the Department of Government Efficiency overseen by Elon Musk), closing our borders and deporting illegal immigrants to name a few of his top agenda items is providing the follow-up action on his campaign promises. I'm interested to learn about his order regarding "Holding Former Government Officials Accountable for Election Interference and Improper Disclosure of Sensitive Governmental Information." He's not fooling around and wasting time, nor will he tolerate anyone in his cabinet/administration who doesn't work with an uncommon sense of urgency.

Important to us Californians was his "Putting People Over Fish" order, stopping radical environmentalism to provide water to us here in CA. Then we hear that the federal government restarted water pumps in northern California directing water to Southern California. After he visited the tragic aftermath and devastation of the Palisades fire, this was a top priority. Watching him take Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to the mat was so rewarding...seeing a person unworthy of her position (DEI elected) who blatantly ignored the high wind warnings of the weather service get overruled at the roundtable meeting by President Trump was beyond satisfying. Hopefully, she and Newscum can be recalled for their ignorance that caused deaths and unimaginable destruction and sadness for the fire victims.

To see all of President Trump's Executive Orders and to stay abreast of what is happening at the White House, visit [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov).

Will Robert F. Kennedy jr. Be Confirmed as Director of Health and Human Services?

By Joan Garnett

What a nightmare to watch the cruel and unusual punishment launched at RFK Jr. during his first Senate Confirmation Hearing on January 29th. The democrats have no qualms in going low when questioning this man about his past.

Though RFK Jr. had a past filled with drug abuse, being a heroin addict for many years of his young life, the death of his brother David by overdose in a Palm Beach hotel in 1983 shocked him into saving himself from falling victim to a life of drug use.

As you already know, this man has shone the light on how Big Pharma has been a culprit in the tragic state of the health of our U.S. citizens. Though not anti-vax, he questions all vaccines and wants more in-depth studies on all vaccines. He wants to save our country's children from the epidemic of autism and obesity that has grown out of control since 1989. 60% of American adults have at least one chronic condition. This was not the case, as he states, when his uncle, John F. Kennedy was president and he questions what has happened to our nation's health, with a big question mark over the FDA and pharmaceutical companies.

The questioning by the most dramatic democrats obviously opposing RFK Jr.'s confirmation has been linked to their coziness with Big Pharma in terms of contributions to their coffers. Please see chart at right from Open Secrets and posted on X. To see more, visit [opensecrets.com](https://www.opensecrets.com).



Money from Pharmaceuticals / Health Products to US Senators, 1990-2024

Sanders, Bernie (I-VT)	Vermont	\$1,953,613
Warnock, Raphael (D-GA)	Georgia	\$1,763,425
Warren, Elizabeth (D-MA)	Massachusetts	\$1,224,145
Wyden, Ron (D-OR)	Oregon	\$1,207,873
Bennet, Michael (D-CO)	Colorado	\$730,106
Masto, Catherine Cortez (D-NV)	Nevada	\$537,781
Hassan, Maggie (D-NH)	New Hampshire	\$467,999
Lujan, Ben Ray (D-NM)	New Mexico	\$375,652
Whitehouse, Sheldon (D-RI)	Rhode Island	\$351,361
Cantwell, Maria (D-WA)	Washington	\$338,134
Smith, Tina (D-MN)	Minnesota	\$226,444
Welch, Peter (D-VT)	Vermont	\$176,917

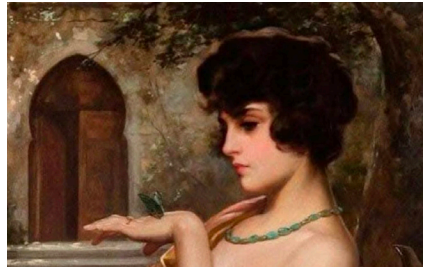
In contrast, just 0.2% of what RFK raised came from this sector

JUST FOR LAUGHS

MY WORK HERE IS DONE



I don't always have time to fold the laundry, but when I do, I don't



A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit "what'll ya have?" The rabbit says "I dunno. I'm only here because of Autocorrect."



Zoom meetings are just modern seances

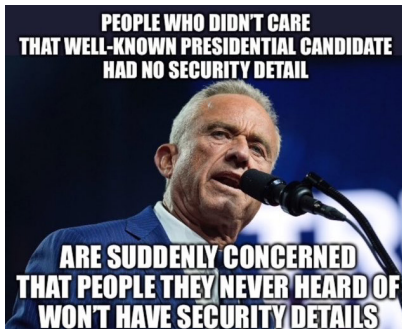
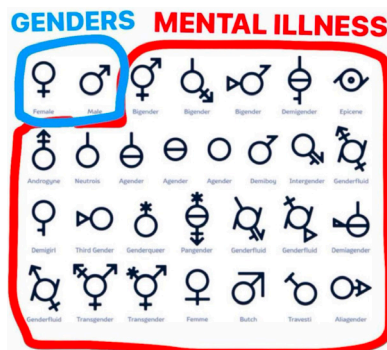


"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"

Important weather announcement:
Snow today.
ICE tomorrow.



If cauliflower can become
pizza, then you my friend,
can do anything.



Ron Paul Disguises Federal Reserve As Nike Store In Hopes Rioters Will Burn It Down



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