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OCGSRW EVENTS CALENDAR

April 1st – April Fools’ Day! Be aware of your trickster friends and their pranks. One well known April Fools’ Day prank was when in 1996, food chain Taco Bell announced they were purchasing Philadelphia’s famous Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. Almost as bad as when in 1998 Burger King announced a left-handed Whopper! And yes, some people did order them (!).



April 9th – Board Meeting from 9:30am – 11:00am at Julie Allen’s home

April 17th – 10:30am – 1:00pm OCGSRW luncheon meeting, Marbella Country Club, 30800 Golf Club Drive, SJC. Enjoy delicious food, great friendships, and amazing speakers. Please make reservations via text to Pam Looney with your full name and names of any guests (total number attending) at 949-300-2425 by 3/15/24. Remember to check in early, because we begin promptly at 11:00am

10:30am – Check in/chat with friends

11:00am – Meeting begins/club business

11:30am – Lunch is served

12:00pm – Our guest speaker is opinion columnist Susan Shelley

NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING: APRIL 17th

We are excited to have opinion columnist and editorial writer Susan Shelley as our Featured Speaker for April’s meeting!



Susan Shelley is an opinion columnist and editorial writer for the Southern California News Group and eleven daily papers including the Los Angeles Daily News and the Orange County Register.

Her work has appeared in the New York Post and The Federalist. She is also Vice President of Communications for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California’s leading taxpayer advocacy organization.

Susan is a frequent guest on Southern California radio and TV news and interview shows to talk about politics and policy.

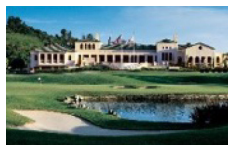
She is a regular contributor to “The Steve Hilton Show” podcast, and she’s the host of the Howard Jarvis Radio Show, Friday nights at 6:00 p.m., live on 790 KABC in Los Angeles and 560 KSFO in San Francisco. Follow her on X (formerly Twitter) [@Susan_Shelley](#).



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Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

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

Price: \$38/per person

Reservations:

Must make reservations by Friday, April 12th
Please make reservations via text to Pam Looney with your full name and names of any guests (total number attending) at 949-300-2425.

Location:

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

President's Message

Local Control Issues...Inform, Educate & Discuss

"What makes a community is a good piece of geography," so said the late poet, Robert Frost. Next November, we will go to the polls and make some particularly important decisions that will have long lasting effects on our communities, state and the nation, for generations to come.

Our votes will provide the policy framework that will support the direction of our communities, state and nation. Don't be sidetracked by emotional issues. This is a critical time, and we must not be deterred. While campaigning for the central committee I found that most residents were uninformed about issues facing them in their communities.

This is something I hope we can change this year through our committees and simple conversations with neighbors and friends. That may sound like an impossible task, but I have found that if you ask more questions about something while engaged in conversation, you'll find that you begin to create a path on which you can find common ground and, ultimately, solutions. We must first understand the issues ourselves so that we can effectively communicate them to others, thereby further empowering them.

Residents need to recognize the state overreach by the one-party system we have in California. For example, State lawmakers continue their foolish games and continue to pass ludicrous housing bills in an effort to usurp local control and control land planning in all our communities. Across the state, including the coastal zone, cities and counties are being forced to make drastic revisions to their zoning ordinances and other land-use plans.

It's time that the government heard from the people. After all it's "we the people" who control the government. Let's look at a recent senate bill SB 951.

This bill is about removing the authority of the California Coastal Commission from designated areas to allow for streamlining of housing development.

When will the people of California realize how these housing bills are impacting our communities? But how many people do you know are aware of all the housing bills being passed and signed into law? All this is generating little affordable housing. There's power in numbers and the more people who learn about and understand the issues, an extraordinarily strong message will be sent to elected officials. They don't think we're watching or listening. We need to let them know that they work for us!

What is happening to our coastline right now? Are you aware that for the first time since the creation of the California Coastal Act 50 years ago, a whole class of development, multifamily projects, will be exempt from our state's landmark coastal management legislation.? Senator Wiener and his allies have created a precedent and will continue to build upon it to disregard the will of the voters expressed in the 1972 initiative that led to the creation of the Coastal Act.

SB 423 is, at its core, a device for extending the carefully manipulated RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) process into the coastal zone. RHNA is a ticking time bomb. This deregulation by default effectively nullifies the application of the Coastal Act.

Senate Bill 423 will be just the first of many bills that seek to undermine the integrity of the Coastal Act and destroy its ability to preserve the coastal zone. The result will be a tragedy. The Coastal Act has preserved the California coast for the common benefit of all our state's residents. Unfettered coastal development will destroy the natural beauty of California's coast.



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Because the Coastal Commission has conserved the coast as well-managed commons, real estate developers can maximize their profits by constructing luxury residential projects in coastal communities. In the coastal zone, increased supply will never bring down housing prices. Housing prices will always be skewed by the endless interest of global investors in California's coastal real estate.

Are you aware that elected officials would gladly hand over control of the coastal zone to developers? After all, the industry is a major source of their campaign funding. Decades of environmental progress could be undone in less than a generation.

The voters created the commission in 1972, in part because they didn't trust local leaders and Sacramento politicians to manage the coastal zone wisely. The ability to enjoy our state's coastline is the right of every resident. Californians saved the coast in 1972, and now, half a century later, we need to rally to preserve the Coastal Act.



The power of being informed and educated about the issues is evidenced by how we cast our votes. It's time we work together to stop this government overreach. Learn about your community's land planning and tell Sacramento to leave our coast alone. Communicate with local leaders. Understand all the impacts on your community and what it will cost you. BE INFORMED, BE ACTIVE!

Linda Koelling,
President OCGSRW

OCGSRW Needs a Treasurer!

If you can count, balance a checkbook, and control a budget better than Congress, then you can be our next treasurer! Jane Rose, our amazing current treasurer, has given us her talents for over a year and will be retiring from her position soon. So, we need someone else in our club to step up and take on this important position. Jane will train and she's said she won't charge much to do so! Ok, just kidding about the charge, but she will train the next wonderful volunteer who takes on this position. Please contact Linda Koelling at lakkc@aol.com to learn more.

March Meeting Important Election Info Shared

Cheryl Frink, a dedicated local election integrity activist, gave an important, fact filled presentation regarding how election 'irregularities' affect our Orange County elections. Of note, we all gasped when she said we need to mark our ballot selections with blue ink! Who knew!



Linda Koelling, OCGSRW
President and March
speaker, Cheryl Frink



Congratulations Linda Pillsbury,
the winner of our March Basket
of luxury hair products

Register to Vote/Absentee Ballots/Election Questions: Orange County Registrar of Voters, 1300 South Grand Ave., Building C
Santa Ana, CA 92705 - Telephone: 714-567-7600 | Website: www.ocvote.com

Voter registration forms are also available at our General Meetings, at most U.S. Post Offices, at Public Libraries and the Orange County Republican Headquarters. Voter registration closes fifteen days prior to any election.

My Journey to Conservatism

By Julie Allen

Growing up in San Francisco during the 60's and 70's flavored my thoughts and ideals to reflect a quite liberal outlook. I witnessed the hippie revolution and the associated free minded, anti-establishment actions, which I really didn't understand, but accepted. The Bay Area was a melting pot of ethnicity and alternative lifestyles which lead to a "whatever" attitude.

I mastered the sport of ice skating which later became my professional career. At first, I was naive to the world in which I traveled. I skated internationally with Holiday on Ice for 5 years. This experience gradually changed my mind towards liberalism. When skating in Russia, other Eastern Bloc countries, South America and Mexico, I was shocked by each regime's oppression of their citizens. I realized these places all had one thing in common: the governments were corrupt and controlled every aspect of their peoples' lives. Yet, even after my awakening regarding the spirit-killing, heavy-handed control of these governments, I continued to think America would never look or feel like these autocratic societies. Wow, if only I knew what was in store for the USA.

Fast forward to 2002. I started dating my now wonderful husband, George, who questioned me about my political values. Truthfully, I didn't consider myself political. I was a "low information" voter. Listening to mainstream media and my Democratic parents, I was still influenced by my roots. Thank God George opened my thoughts about the words coming out of my mouth, my actions, and my life experiences. He would laugh, telling me, "You don't sound or act like a Democrat. You don't want anyone telling you how to think or what to do!"

I started thinking about George's words and BAM! I immediately read a definition of Conservatism. What do you know, here was a description of me! I was red-pilled! I then opened my eyes and mind and realized with the election of Obama, our beloved USA was showing signs that I had experienced in my youthful travels. The election of President Trump solidified what we were being shown by the radical left. And now, with open eyes, we all know what the evil plan is. I'm thankful to have had my experiences from the other side and thrilled with my awakening.

How can we make OCGSRW more accessible to younger women?

By Phoeby Wise

While we value each and every member of our club and rely on the great store of accumulated wisdom in this group to keep it running strong, we also would like to extend the benefits of this outstanding group to younger women; they can offer new perspectives and keep us growing into the future.

That said, we understand that the demands of families and full-time jobs can make attendance difficult for most would-be younger members.

What can we do? To find out, I interviewed Lorissa Smith, a young mother who has been a member for almost two years now.

In the past, Lorissa had attended some of the many Young Republicans groups out there. While they are a good place for conservatives to meet and mingle, Lorissa was looking for a group more focused on issues. She found OCGSRW and valued its legacy.

Lorissa explains that young women like herself who have a good grasp of the political scene are looking for "a grounded group of women to

engage with who are like minded with the same goals and can combine efforts for political cause."

Lorissa has some very high praise for our club. "I love the current meeting structure that has gotten the group to where it is today, learning from women who have paved the way before me, as well as the foundation in being true patriots."

And yet with two young children and a job she has not been able to attend many of our luncheon meetings.

"The biggest struggle for me," says Lorissa, "is the timing of the meetings. It is really hard to make a meeting in the middle of the day, in the middle of the week. For us working moms, that is prime working time. For stay-at-home moms, it's difficult to find childcare at that time."

She believes that evening meetings would be helpful and would be better attended by younger women in the community.

Lorissa also thinks an Instagram page would give our club a boost as this is where most young women find their information about groups and local community gatherings.

At the first meeting Lorissa attended, Kira Davis, a candidate for school board, was the speaker. She found the presentation particularly attuned with her concerns. A post on Instagram about upcoming OCGSRW meetings would let potential attendees understand how speakers like Davis are relevant to their lives.

We all know the importance of social media; we live in a network society. At our March board meeting our President, Linda Koelling, spoke about her hope to work more closely with other Republican women's clubs in the area. For example, some popular speakers have fees and attendance requirements that would necessitate sharing a venue and costs with other clubs. A greater presence on social media could get the word out to members and other interested women about such combined events. And those events could, in turn, help attract new members to our club.

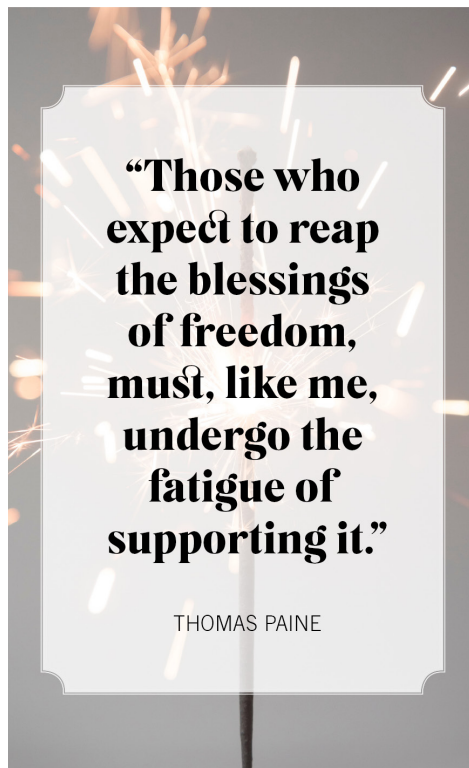
My thanks to Lorissa for taking time out of her busy schedule for this interview. It is nice to know that younger people value the wisdom and legacy our club has to offer. My hope is that in the future we can offer some evening and weekend meetings that will be easier for her to attend. And I also hope that within our group we have members who could volunteer to help us gain a greater presence on Instagram and other social media.

Campaign 2024: In It To Win!

By Marilyn Parker

OCGSRW President, Linda Koelling, invited the full membership at our March OCGSRW meeting to join together this campaign season to contribute in any way possible, no matter how small: a few hours to many; once a month; a few nights...no matter how small, a few hours; once a month; a few nights...you choose.

Our Republican candidates are determined to win and now the work begins! The candidates will need help with door hangers, fliers, lawn signs and phone banking. Laurie Davies is running to continue her service as our area, District 74 Assembly Representative and has opened an office right here in San Juan Capistrano located at 32332 Camino Capistrano, Suite 102a, phone 949-240-7300. Please go by and meet her staff and ask what you can do to help. Matt Gunderson is running for our District 49 House Representative and will have his office open shortly. I will post when I know.



There are fundraisers and “meet and greets” going on already, so please go online to [OCGOP.org](https://www.ocgop.org) and scroll down to find an event you are interested in. TIP.....if you are actively helping a candidate, often the fee for attending an event is discounted! These events offer a lot of great networking and fun! Look for me at the April meeting and I will have a clip board for sign-ups for some of the activities. Let's do this!!

Smiling Faces...Sometimes they don't tell the Truth!

I'm old enough to remember the song from the Temptations back in the 70's that had these lyrics...plus 'beware the handshake that hides the snake'. And, unfortunately, this brings me to how Kevin McCarthy has turned on the Republican party...his own colleagues in the House.

A recent article from *The Stone Cold Truth* by Roger Stone provided some ugly details about how Kevin McCarthy and an establishment GOP donor, Paul Singer, are orchestrating an intended collapse of the Republican control of the House.

McCarthy left Congress back in December of 2023, having been ousted by a vote to remove him, led by Florida representative Matt Gaetz, and supported by 15 other Republican representatives, referred to as the 'Trump Wing' of the House, including the likes of Lauren Boebert of Colorado and Chip Roy of Texas. Until this happened, McCarthy had always had his eye on becoming the Speaker of the House, having a close relationship with previous Speakers John Boehner and Paul Ryan, actually being a protege of the latter.

McCarthy was humiliated by being removed from his brief stint as House Speaker on October 3rd, 2023. He promised to fight and not back down, but his antics didn't work to keep him in power. Feeling shamed, he

stated he would step down before his term as a House Representative was up. McCarthy departed Congress on December 31st, 2023.

Enter the mass retirement of Republican House Representatives. Never-Trump Paul Singer, the mega donor mentioned above, a billionaire hedge-fund manager worth \$6 billion, has funded 6 of the 14 retiring Republicans. Is this a strategic move by McCarthy and Singer to turn the House over to the Dems so they can remove Trump prior to the 2024 election? Starting to look like it is.

Singer funded Marco Rubio's failed presidential campaign in 2016. To emphasize Singer's commitment to anti-Trumpism, he donated \$5,000,000 in December 2023 to Nikki Haley's campaign through the SFA Fund PAC. He is also linked to the initial creation of the sketchy research behind the Steele Dossier through Fusion GPS.

The Supreme Court stated in their recent ruling that Congress, not individual States, had the right to bar an individual from access to the Presidential ballot. Should the Democrats take back the House due to these members leaving their seats vacant, there is the prospect of them removing Trump from the ballot prior to the 2024 election. Very grim prospect, indeed.

To read more about who has resigned and what the current Republican majority is in the House, please click [here](#).

GSRW Capitol Update

Please click [here](#) to access the latest Capitol update with proposed laws affecting California. It's very important to stay abreast of what's coming and some outlandish Bill proposals that could become law if we do not make our voices heard.

How to use Social Media to access valuable information

I stopped watching any legacy media when Fox gave Arizona to Biden in the 2020 election before the vote counts were finished. If you're like me, you use X (formerly Twitter), Truth Social, Substack and Locals to get most of your news. I spend about two hours daily, scanning through the accounts I list below and sometimes more if a big event has occurred.

I stopped watching any legacy media when Fox gave Arizona to Biden before the vote counts were finished. I lost trust in them, which happened to be the last of the conservative media I followed. Then they fired Tucker Carlson and I basically said Goodbye! I give in occasionally to watching Jesse Watters or Greg Gutfeld, but for the most part, I'm done with turning on the television to watch any news or media.

I have found X to be a reliable source of instant news. Though conservatives are still thwarted at times, it's not an echo chamber like Truth Social, where we get mostly conservatives talking to other conservatives. I especially like Substack which doesn't censor and supports conservatives to allow them to tell their truths.

Here are some people and sources I follow on X and Substack, which I find to be great sources of valuable information:

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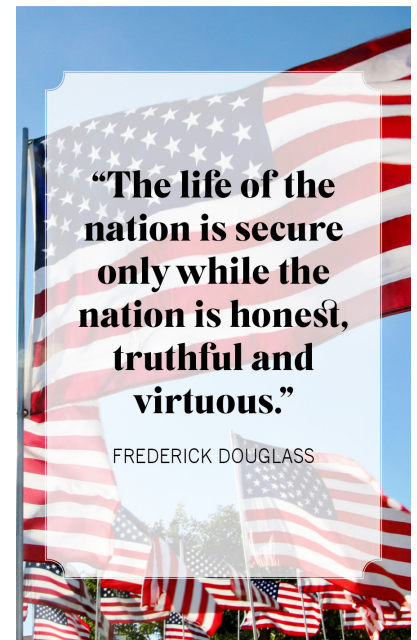
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 (he's been somewhat red-pilled)
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*I hope to see all of you on
April 17th*

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