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NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18TH

OCGSRW EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2nd – Labor Day

September 11th – Patriot Day, the annual observance of those that died or were injured during the attacks in the U.S. on that date. It's also a day to give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives in danger, or died, trying to save the many people in and around the World Trade Center.

September 11th – OCGSRW Board Meeting from 9:30 am – 11:30 am at Michelle Morgan's office.

September 18th – 10:30am – 1:00pm OCGSRW will join two other Republican women's groups for a joint meeting to hear Steve Hilton speak. Steve Hilton is a British and American political commentator, former political adviser, and a contributor for Fox News. Please see reservation details and location below under 'Next Luncheon Meeting'.

10:30am – Check in

11:00am – Meeting begins

September 22nd – Autumnal equinox...Fall begins! Yikes! Didn't summer just begin? Kids went back to school the week I'm writing this and before you know it, Halloween will be here. Early October is when I put my pumpkins out too early, we have a heat wave and they disintegrate on my front porch!

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

Southern California Area Republican Women



Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Steve Hilton

SCARW is honored to have Steve Hilton as their keynote speaker on Wednesday, September 18! We are the host club for the event with several other Republican clubs attending.

Steve served as director of strategy for the British Prime Minister David Cameron from 2010 to 2012. He hosted *The Next Revolution*, a weekly current affairs show for Fox News from 2017 to 2023. In 2023, Hilton founded *Golden Together*, a bipartisan movement to restore the California dream.

Over the last couple of months, Steve has been on the road in California two or three days a week, enough to feed the rumor mill that he has his eye on a higher office in 2026!



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Lunch Menu:

- ★ Spinach salad
- ★ Chicken Picatta
- ★ Veggies and garlic mashed potatoes
- ★ Ice cream with chocolate drizzle

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Check-in at 10:30 a.m.
Meeting starts at 11 a.m.

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Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 18th, 2024
Time: Check in 10:30am | Meeting Starts at 11:00am
Price: \$50/per person

Reservations:

Must make reservations by Thursday, September 12th

Please send a check payable to SCARW for \$50 for each of your attendees. Please write on your check that you are a member of GSRW which will validate the membership rate of \$50. You may also make reservations and pay online for \$60 for each attendee at SCARW.org.

Location:

September Meeting Only –
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President's Message

"The Political Storm Ahead"

We are turning a corner as a political and economic storm is at hand, and our nation stands at a crucial crossroads. The upcoming November election is not just another event on the calendar—it is a decisive moment for the future of our country. It is essential that we focus on getting all Republican candidates elected to the offices they are running for. Their leadership will be critical in navigating the challenges ahead and ensuring that our values and principles are upheld at every level of government.

The landscape of California is changing rapidly, and with it, the laws and regulations that will shape our lives for years to come. The state has become a battleground for numerous legislative initiatives that could significantly impact our communities, our economy and our way of life. From housing and environmental policies to education reform and public safety measures, the decisions made today will reverberate for generations.

An area of concern is the ongoing efforts to reform California's education system. Recent legislation has focused on issues such as curriculum changes, funding allocations and measures to address the achievement gap. While some of these reforms aim to improve educational outcomes, others raise questions about local control, parental involvement and the role of government in shaping our children's education. Protecting our children's future means staying engaged in these debates, ensuring that the voices of parents and communities are heard.

Moreover, California's housing crisis remains a significant issue, with new laws aimed at increasing housing density and streamlining development processes. While these measures are intended to address the state's affordable housing needs, they also bring concerns about the impact on local communities, infrastructure and the environment. As these policies are implemented, it is crucial to monitor their effects and advocate for solutions that balance growth with the preservation of our communities' character and quality of life.

As Californians, we must take an active role in the decision-making process. This means more than just voting in November—it means staying informed and engaged year-round. Attend or watch local council meetings, understand the issues, and participate by voicing your opinions to local and state leaders. Whether it's writing letters to the editor, contacting lawmakers, or participating in community forums, your voice matters. Government exists to serve the people, not the other way around, and it is our responsibility to ensure that it remains accountable.

We must focus on protecting our communities, our children's education and our ability to have a voice in our future. It is time to ask more questions of our local and state leaders, to ensure that the decisions being made reflect the will of the people and not just the interests of a few. Our communities are the foundation of America, and it is up to us to protect and preserve them for future generations.

Let's get involved, understand the issues, and base our decisions on facts, not emotions. Engage in open discussions and remain vigilant in defending the values that make our state and nation strong.



Linda Koelling,
President OCGSRW



California's Has a Debt Addiction

By Linda Koelling, President

Beware of the propositions on the November ballot. The many bond proposals, both local and state-wide, show that legislators can't kick the debt addiction. For example, two bond proposals of \$10 billion each must be looked at very carefully. The marketing tactics to get you, the voter, to approve these egregious propositions will undoubtedly push all of the emotional buttons.

The biggest threat to California property owners is Proposition 5 which, if approved, would lower the vote threshold for bond measures to be passed from two-thirds (66 2/3%) to 55%. Going forward to all future elections, if this proposition is passed, it will open the floodgates to higher property taxes.

More about the propositions will be discussed at our October 16 luncheon meeting at Marbella. Attorney Deborah Pauly, a founding board member and current President of Conservative Patriots of Orange County (CPOC) will be one of our speakers to review these propositions. **Please plan to attend this important meeting.**

New South Orange County Patriot Headquarters!

By Linda Koelling, President

Are you concerned about parental rights, free and fair elections? Tired of inflation and a poor economy? Of course you are! That's why we need to elect conservative candidates to city councils, school boards and state and federal offices.

Please take the time to visit the new South Orange County Patriot Headquarters at the San Clemente Outlets. Hours are 10:00am – 8:00pm. T-shirts, hats, jewelry and flags are available for purchase, as well as the opportunity to meet other local conservatives!

Stop in and learn how to get involved. For more information, call or text 949-742-1476. Location is 101 West Avenida Vista Hermosa, Suite 506, in the San Clemente Outlets next to Lululemon.

Thanks for your support!

New Gunderson and Davies Campaign Office



Matt Gunderson and Laurie Davies have opened a campaign office in the San Clemente Outlets. Here we see our own Marilyn Parker, member of the parliamentary committee, working away in the newly opened office, open daily from 11:00am – 7:00pm and needing volunteers to help. Please stop by! The office is located right above the Nike shop, across from Ruby's diner.

Register to Vote/Absentee Ballots/Election Questions: Orange County Registrar of Voters, 1300 South Grand Ave., Building C
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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.

Spiritual Battle

By Phoebe Wise
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An assassination attempt. A bloodless coup. The most important election of our time in which all the combined powers of the Deep State and Corporate Media are arrayed against us.

Has anyone else felt overwhelmed by just trying to keep up with the events of the past few months? Does it seem like your life is being measured in dog years now? Is it tempting to ask to be put in a medically induced coma until it's all over?

Everyone responds to stress differently, but for me, worry about the upcoming election has made sleep difficult, and that has made me anxious, forgetful, and less able to cope with everyday routine.

The night before the last board meeting for our OCGSRW club, I had a tough time falling asleep, and then woke up in the middle of the night worrying about the polls. Since falling back asleep was clearly hopeless, I went down to the kitchen for some bread and honey, and finally managed to snatch a couple of hours before the alarm went off. The morning did not go well; I had misplaced some important notes and was doubtful whether I would be able to sound coherent at the meeting. Maybe it would be better not to go.

Feeling a bit desperate, I sent up a quick prayer. "Lord, I'm putting this in your hands. You are going to have to remind me what to say." Then I jumped in the car and dashed to the meeting, arriving barely in time, and grateful that there had been no collisions on the way.

Everything went ok at the board meeting. At least I think so. No one said anything about me sounding like Joe Biden.



The following day at a committee meeting I shared my experience with two of my fellow board members. One of them told me she had been plagued by the exact same problem with insomnia due to worry about current events, except her remedy had been a bread and jam sandwich instead of bread and honey. The other said that she did not know how people without faith could cope with what our country is going through right now because it is a spiritual battle. We all agreed on that. Then she shared a Bible verse with us:

"And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding." Daniel 2:21

How grateful I felt to be working with women, fellow club members, who understand that our beloved country's problems are more than just political; we are in a spiritual battle. And along with our hard work and dedication to the cause, we must rely on prayer and trust in God's Providence.

Anyone who had forgotten about Providence got a jolting reminder when the would-be assassin's bullet missed President Trump's head by millimeters on July 13. How grateful we must be for the millions of prayers for our candidate's safety that were answered in that moment, and how grateful we must also be that we have a leader who is willing to carry on the fight, trusting in God's protection.

We can be willing to devote our time and our treasure to the cause, but we must remember that the outcome is in God's hands: "He removes kings and raises up kings."

And we must remember that our best weapon in this spiritual battle is prayer, and faith in God's providential will.

The craziness we have all been experiencing is bound to keep piling up as we approach November 5, so just remember that the best way to deal with the stress is faith and prayer. And maybe a nice bread and jam sandwich.

News Snippets

By Joan Garnett

As more vital information comes barreling at us daily in our tumultuous political world, below you'll find 'snippets' with a headline to give you the basics of the information. Click on the link to read more from the original author of the article.

- US jobs down by 818,000, a revision of March 2024 total nonfarm employment**

My, is this a surprise? Has the Biden/Harris administration (missing of late with Joe on vacation and Kamala campaigning) been lying to us about their supposed job creation? Click [here](#) for details.

- Dr. Aaron Kheriaty's First Amendment case is back in play**

Most of you will remember a few articles written in our newsletter about *Missouri v. Biden* (case called *Murthy v. Missouri* when it reached the Supreme Court a few months ago) where several plaintiffs, along with Dr. Kheriaty, were suing the Biden administration for censorship. The Supreme Court dismissed the case initially, saying it didn't have standing. However, there was hope that RFK Jr.'s case *Kennedy v. Biden*, also a First Amendment case against the Biden administration and considered a companion case, would indeed be granted standing and reignite the *Murthy v. Missouri* case as a co-plaintiff. Good news... RFK Jr.'s case has been determined to meet the strict Supreme Court requirements for standing and both cases can proceed at this time. Click [here](#) for details.

- The California Senate Appropriations Committee advances a bill, AB1840, to allow undocumented immigrants to make use of the state's zero down, no payment home "loan" program**

If you haven't heard of this bill, get ready to be astonished that this bill would prevent the State's California Dream for All Shared Appreciation Loans program from denying individuals loans based on their immigration status! Time to contact your Senators to vote no since it already passed the Assembly and goes for a floor vote soon. Click [here](#) for details.

- Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta, admitted on Monday, August 26th, that the Biden Administration had pressured Facebook into censoring both Covid related content as well as information regarding the Hunter Biden laptop**

Apparently, Zuckerberg is feeling guilty for falling for the FBI's story of Hunter's laptop probability of being 'Russian Disinformation'. He feels the government pressure was wrong...hmmm...yet he still invested millions in election infrastructure in 2020 which is blamed for the overwhelming amount of drop boxes throughout the states. He now claims he won't be involved in the 2024 election and will remain 'neutral'...we shall see. Click [here](#) for details.



The Importance of the United States Constitution: Lesson III

By Nancy A. Jimeno, Ph.D
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Welcome back to our study of the United States Constitution! Having read Federalist 10 and 51, you have a better understanding of the Founder's approach to forming "a more perfect union." Having been classically trained in the use of logic and reason, the authors of the U.S. Constitution were aware that their constituents did not give them permission to establish an overarching form of government (to which they would be obligated to pay taxes); their task was to revamp the Articles of Confederation. The delegates deliberated for weeks that summer of 1787 and ultimately drafted 7 Articles, establishing a democratic republic. However, the delegates from the 13 states understood that historically, republics had failed. Why? As James Madison notes in Federalist 10, the failure of representative government could be blamed on *factions* (the F-word of this professor's American Government classes!). Were the Framers throwing caution to the wind and asking the states to adopt a union that was doomed to failure?

The answer is: not exactly; Madison defined a faction as "...a number of citizens, whether amounting to a majority or minority of the whole, who are united and actuated by some *common impulse of passion* (emphasis mine), or of interest, adverse to the permanent and aggregate interests of the community." Keep in mind that there were no political parties as we know them yet, although political parties (the epitome of a faction to the Founders) began to form soon thereafter. Today we might think of factions more along the lines of interest groups. Factions, Federalist 10 argues, were a result of citizens holding various interests, based on the variety of their "various and unequal" talents, property ownership, opinions, acquisitiveness and their social class.

All these factors, argued Madison, are "sown in the nature of man." Human nature, the immutable factor that divides "mankind into parties," and tends to "incline them" with mutual animosity and "excites their most violent conflicts," is the culprit.* And yet, the three authors of the Federalist Papers are arguing that the new republic they are proposing structures the national government (we now call it the federal government) in such a way that human nature has been taken into consideration. Instead of fighting our nature, the Constitution channels our divisive ambitions into a framework of checks and balances on power. Indeed, the purpose of a Constitution is to limit the power of government so that the power remains in the hands of the people and only those powers to which the people *consent* is granted. Madison notes in Federalist 51 that the new national government is designed in such a way that "ambition is made to counteract ambition." I will be referring to the Federalist Papers over and over as we review the Constitution in its entirety.

Article 1 establishes the legislative branch. Federalist 51 explains that in a republic, "the legislative authority necessarily predominates." As a

counter measure to the formidable power of legislating, Article 1 of the new Constitution divides the political power between the people and the states, dividing the legislature into two chambers with one chamber representing the states, the Senate, and one chamber representing the people, the House of Representatives. (The Constitution applied only to the national government and not to state governments until the 14th Amendment was ratified following the Civil War). Keep in mind the Framers' classic education was strong on logic and they were keen on ordering topics by order of importance. The Framers clearly intended for the Congress to hold sole responsibility making laws.

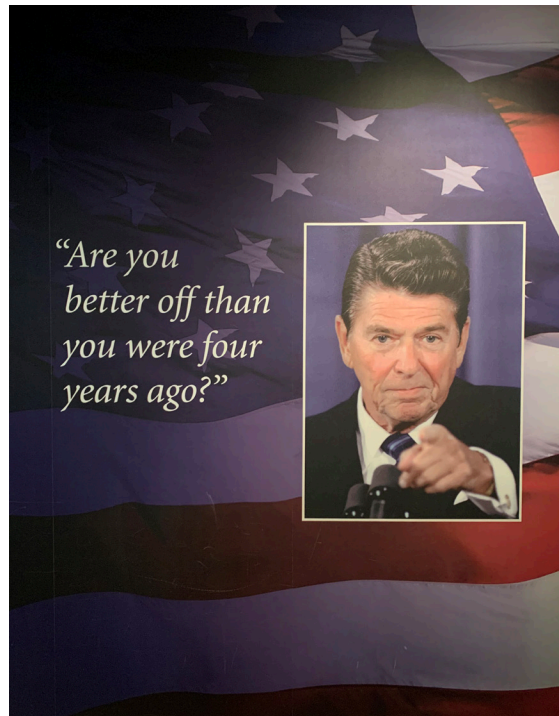
Sections 1 through 6 of Article 1 list the guidelines for electing the two chambers, etc. **Section 7** asserts in the first sentence that *only* the House of Representatives has the power to draft laws for raising revenue. The Senate may merely propose revenue requests or agree with the House on a revenue request. Indeed, the House holds the "power of the purse!"

Section 8 enumerates the powers that the people consent to allot to congress; to name but a few – the power to tax, the power to borrow money, the power to regulate trade, the power to determine the rules for becoming a citizen, and so on (read it), with one power commonly but erroneously attributed to the president – **the power to declare war**. The final sentence of Section 8 establishes what is known as "the necessary and proper clause," and is often referred to as the "elastic clause." Think of Queen Latifa trying to get into a pair of Victoria's Secret panties and that's how much the congress stretches this clause, which was added to allow for powers considered necessary to manage a government.

Sections 9 and 10 is an easy read, so I won't go into detail here, but Section 9 begins the process of terminating the slave trade and fills the holes that the Articles of Confederation left open. For example, shoring up habeas corpus, abolishing ex-post facto laws (laws passed and enforced after an act has taken place), ending the ability of one state to add tariffs to goods that cross state lines and making it clear that

the United States would not establish an aristocracy, therefore denying its citizens titles of nobility. Section 10 limits the state's interference in the national government's overarching powers, such as raising an army.

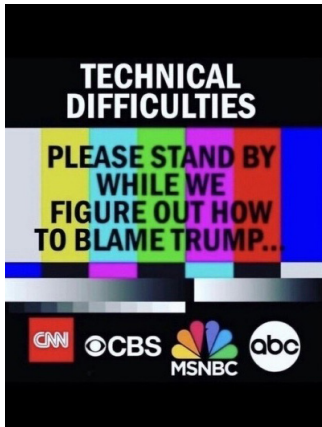
But what about the *factions* that Madison was so leery of? How was the risk to the new republic mitigated? Madison's argument is known as "the enlarged republic" argument and is one that those of us who tend to be partisan particularly ought to keep in mind. Madison noted that most republics had been small, however, with "the extended republic of the United States, and among the variety of interests, parties, and sects, which it embraces, a coalition of a majority of the whole of society could seldom take place upon any other principles than those of justice and the general good..." (Federalist 51). In other words, the more we are divided, the less we are of all of one mind, and are forced to deliberate and wrestle over our differences, the result will be "a judicious modification" of any single point of view and we will remain capable of self-government. Not what you wanted to hear?



*An aside – while the genius of the Founding generation was their Biblically-based understanding that man is not perfectible, today's progressives adhere to the views of Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712 – 1778). Rousseau held that humans were perfectible; all that was necessary for mankind to improve was to improve his institutions, which were responsible for his failings to begin with (think systemic racism). Personal responsibility cannot be blamed when humans are living within a



flawed system. Sound familiar? Therefore, tearing down a society's institutions and replacing them with progressive institutions becomes not just a political agenda, but a pseudo religious endeavor that justifies canceling those who disagree. Rousseau's views are echoed by two of his countrymen whose ideas are taught in virtually every university in America – Michel Foucault (1926 – 1984), who taught at UC Berkely in the 1970s and Jacques Derrida (1930 – 2004), who taught at Johns Hopkins, NYU and UC Berkeley. Look them up.

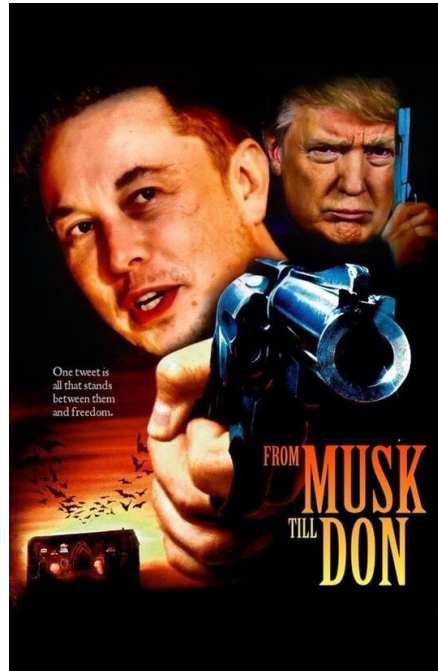
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