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NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING: JANUARY 15TH



We are excited to have one of our very own members, 1st Vice President Dr. Nancy Jimeno, as our featured speaker!

"Who is in charge in the largest higher Education System in America?" California State University and University of California System

Many Americans have lost faith in our institutions of higher learning. Let's discuss these questions and examine the state of higher education in American particularly at California's community colleges and state universities.

Former Senator and current President of the University of Florida Ben Sasse put it best: "We're not perfect [at University of Florida], but the adults are still in charge." (Senator Sasse makes sense of course, but he is one of a rare breed, conservatives in higher education).

Who is in charge of the largest higher education system in America, the California State University and University of California system? And perhaps an even more important question Sasse raises, "Why the hell should anybody spend the money to send their kid to college?" (The Wall Street Journal, May 3, 2024).

Dr. Nancy Jimeno shares 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.

Nancy is a fifth generation Californian, raised in Orange County. She has been interested in politics since her first foray into campaigning at the age of ten, working with her parents and paternal grandparents on the GOP's 1964 effort to elect Barry Goldwater. The bitter loss gave impetus to her determination to become involved in championing Republican candidates for office and the ideals and policy preferences of the Republican Party.

In 2004, Nancy became an adjunct professor of political science at California State University Fullerton (CSUF). During her time at CSUF, Nancy served for six years on the Orange County Transportation Agency's Environmental Oversight Committee, as the faculty advisor for CSUF Republican Club (touted as the best party on campus!), on the Academic Senate Committee for Sustainability and as faculty advisor for the Neuman Club (for Catholic students).

A generous grant of \$250,000 from CalTrans gave Nancy the opportunity to be the project manager for the agency's 'Walk Riverside' walkability study between 2012 and 2014, while teaching at CSUF. The two-year endeavor was undertaken in partnership with the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the City of Riverside, the County of Riverside Department of Public Health and UC Riverside, under the guidance of UC Riverside's Professor Juliann Allison.

Nancy holds a M.A. and a Ph.D. in political science from UC Riverside, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from CSU Fullerton with a bachelor's degree, also in political science.

Newly retired, Nancy lives in Coto de Caza with her husband Mark, two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, two orange cats and a parakeet named Steve. Her daughter and granddaughter live in Rancho Santa Margarita.

OCGSRW EVENTS CALENDAR

2025

January 1st – Happy New Year! 2025...hard to believe that number is here! Here's to it being a fabulously successful year for President Trump and his newly formed cabinet and administration!

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

January 20th – President Trump's Inauguration. There are two local events affiliated with our club celebrating this historic event. Flyers for both events are in this newsletter on [page 4](#).

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

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.

COMING TOGETHER | WORKING TOGETHER

President's Message

"California Dreaming"

The year 2025 will stand, historically as a new, positive beginning for our country with President Trump back at the helm. The excitement about the change that took place in November was like lifting a load off of our shoulders. We the people could breathe again!

We now need to capture this momentum and apply it to the state of California. I wonder sometimes how historians will write the history we are living in today. I recently read a book by Kevin Starr called "Golden Dreams," about California in the age of abundance 1950-1963. Starr was the State Librarian of California, Emeritus. In his book he chronicled the changing landscape of our state with the rise of its suburbs after World War II, the emergence of California as a "utopia" of higher education; how California became the most populous state, the rising prosperity and abundance connected to economic growth and how the state evolved into a global commonwealth.

So, what happened?? How did California transform from golden dreams to this nightmare of despair? History may write that forces of change were at work behind the scenes to undermine the foundation of the American dream in California. I'm not sure we can point a finger at any one thing that caused this explosive, free falling dilemma in the state but history will show that the leadership began a transformation unlike we have ever seen.

For years Sacramento leaders have consistently courted ideas of how to disassemble the structure of local government. Few are aware that their vision involves turning all towns in California into dense urban clusters. State overreach and the erosion of local government control are legislated through massive numbers of housing bills that threaten the quality of life in most California communities. Sacramento's "one size fits all" approach to housing needs is immune to the unique circumstances of each community.

We are at a real crossroad when it comes to planning our community's future and it's time that we help inform and educate our neighbors about these issues.

I will be proposing a plan for this year that will provide club members the "tools" to work with their neighbors and be more proactive. I call upon our OCGSRW members to stay apprised with what your city's issues are and ask the question of your city councilmembers..."how can I help?"

If we continue to allow the state to interfere and dictate our community planning, we lose our power to improve our communities for the future.



Together we can rebuild the California dream but it will take a collective effort. Whatever the design for California's future, it is important that our voices are heard so that we the people are in control and not the government. Change is inevitable but should be planned so that it can work effectively for us. The California dream is not dead!

Linda Koelling,
President, OCGSRW



Our Christmas Party at Marbella

Beautiful hanging Christmas lights, and a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree was the backdrop for the club's Holiday "Meet and Greet" gathering at Marbella. The food was great and plentiful, lots to drink and great people in attendance. Members brought friends who wanted to get to know about GSRW. It was a fabulous party. Thanks to all who attended!!

Let's Be Part of the Solution!

"Let's work to Make California Great Again. How can we do this?"

By Linda Koelling, President

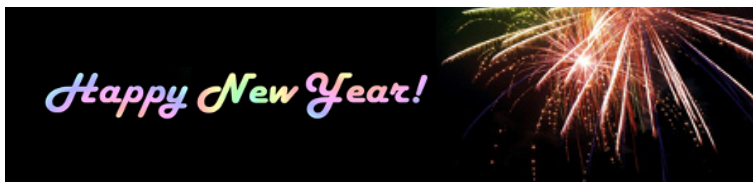
How much do California citizens really know and understand what is driving the changes in their communities? Why are we losing local government control and how can we the people stop it? Community Conversation will provide the opportunity for Neighbors working with neighbors to have a voice in their 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.

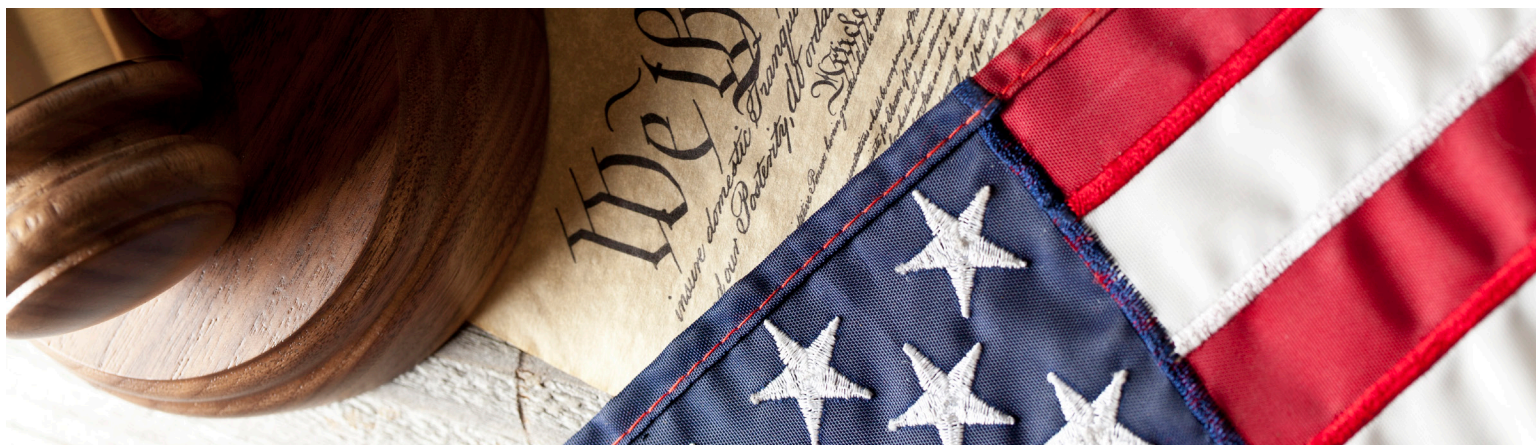
Community action is a race to restore our democratic rights to shape what happens in our own neighborhoods and to turn back the flood of developer-backed bills that allow them to build what they want, wherever they want, and leave us with more taxes, more traffic and even more dangerous construction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

Intended Outcomes of Community Conversations

1. To generate a spirit of curiosity, respect and appreciation among those of differing perspectives.
2. To bring forth the trust and courage to generously express and appreciate one another's revealing of heartfelt values, principles and sense of purpose.
3. 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.
5. To inspire a sense of openness, willingness and even partnership for further connecting or cooperating in some way.
6. To evoke a direct experience of an authentic, meaningful; and rewarding conversation.
7. 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!





Article III of the Constitution: Lesson V

By Nancy A. Jimeno, Ph.D.
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As you read Article III of the U.S. Constitution, you will find that it is succinct; it consists of only three sections. Article III establishes the judicial branch, the Supreme Court, both its original and appellate jurisdictions, the static compensation of Justices and the lifetime tenure of the Justices, “during good behavior.” However, there is no mention of what is known as **judicial review** – the most important power of the Supreme Court, which is the power to determine which actions of congress, acts of the president, and which laws are or are not constitutional. Let’s “unpack” the provisions of Article III, the portion of the document with which most Americans are the least familiar.

What is “good behavior”? Why are the Justices given a lifetime tenure? What is the difference between original and appellate jurisdiction? If it is not a provision of the constitution, how was the Supreme Court accorded the power of judicial review?

The “good behavior” clause, taken from British common law, assures that the Justice holds the position for life and cannot be removed without a process of debate. The intent of the clause is that the Justices be protected from removal from the Court for disagreement on judicial, legal or political opinion; although Justices may be impeached for cause (which causes have yet to be determined). The importance of lifetime tenure is obvious from the above description – the Justices need not worry that disagreement with the president who nominated him or her or with congress, or even public opinion, would mean removal. Judicial independence is as important to Justices as academic freedom is to professors. Here is an example: President Eisenhower appointed Earl Warren (a Los Angeles native) to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1953, thinking that Warren was a moderate Republican. But it turned out Chief Justice Warren would be better described as echoing the Progressivism of early 20th Century California; he was a UC Berkeley grad, after all! Warren turned out to be politically and socially a liberal. It was Warren’s influence that led to the unanimous decision in the landmark case of *Brown v. the Board* in May of 1954. An argument can be made the Warren’s political and social views did not influence his legal decisions.

Original jurisdiction means simply what it says – there are certain cases that come directly, or originally. Most cases are appellate cases, or cases that are brought up on appeal from the lower courts. In fact, one of the nicknames of the Supreme Court is “the court of last resort.” The Supreme Court accepts cases that are of national importance, such as *Brown* or the recent *Dobbs* case that overturned *Roe v. Wade*. In the *Brown* case, the NAACP, seeking a means of establishing civil rights for Blacks, had begun their effort by bringing equal rights cases (under the 14th Amendment) regarding Blacks being forbidden in restaurants, on public transportation, in hotels and in public restrooms.


They soon changed their focus to schools, reasoning that education was important to all Americans, correctly determining that the Supreme Court would be more likely to take the case were it about education.

In the mid-50s, much of the country followed the legal doctrine of “separate but equal” established in a post-Civil War case, *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896). In deciding *Plessy*, the Court upheld the constitutionality of racial segregation, as long as the facilities provided were “equal,” a standard that proved to do nothing more than sanction the Jim Crow laws of the time. A few years after its founding in 1909, the NAACP began to file class action lawsuits strategically across the country. The plethora of cases across the country made it clear that the notion of equality was one of national and therefore constitutional import. One such case that the NAACP did not bring but watched closely, was Orange County’s *Mendez v. Westminster* (1947). The *Mendez* case was the first case in which the judge’s decision noted emphatically that “separate is inherently unequal.” The case had to do with segregated schools (Mexican schools) in the Westminster School District that had been integrated until the early 1900s when California’s Progressive Movement demanded that public schools be segregated. The NAACP’s counsel, a young Thurgood Marshall (later to become the first Black man appointed to the Supreme Court), wrote an *amicus curiae*, or “friend of the court” brief, for the *Mendez* case. Finally, in 1953 the Supreme Court agreed to grant *Brown v. Board* a writ of *certiorari*, a Latin term meaning “bring up the case.” Thurgood Marshall argued for the plaintiffs before the Supreme Court for *Brown v. Board* during the definitive 1954 trial that overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson* and ended the doctrine of separate but equal, rendering segregation of public facilities, including schools, unconstitutional.

Brown v. Board (named for the Kansas family that was alphabetically first in the list of plaintiffs in the class action case), as is often the case, is important not in regard to the case itself as much as for the legal standard the case establishes. For example, the doctrine of “separate but equal” established in *Plessy*, the counter understanding that “separate is inherently unequal” established in *Brown* and the right to privacy in *Roe v. Wade* (recently overturned by *Dobbs*).

There is another landmark case, hinted at earlier that established **judicial review**, *Marbury v. Madison* (1803). **Marbury is considered the most important decision in American constitutional law**, because it established the power of the Supreme Court to strike down laws and statutes, Acts of congress and of the president that violate the U.S. Constitution. This power is NOT found in the text of the U.S. Constitution. The Supreme Court arrogated unto itself the power of judicial review/opinion, written by Chief Justice John Marshall, which states, “It is emphatically the province and duty of the Judicial Department to say that the law is. What is the story behind *Marbury*? Watch this short cartoon on YouTube! [Marbury v Madison Explained: US History Review](#).


TWO CELEBRATIONS OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S HISTORIC 2025 INAUGURATION!



INAUGURAL BALL

**CELEBRATE THE INAUGURATION OF THE
47TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, DONALD J. TRUMP**

Hosted by South Orange County Republicans



Commemorate President Trump and First Lady Melania's return to the White House with a night of celebration. Begin with a champagne welcome and jazzy sounds of *Satin Express*, and continue with a gourmet dinner, cocktails (cash bar), champagne toasts, and music to dance the night away.

★ **Monday, January 20, 2025** ★

5 PM to 9 PM

The Hills Hotel
25205 La Paz Road, Laguna Hills, CA
Individual Ticket: \$75 | Couples Ticket: \$135
Event Sponsor Table of 8: \$700
(includes program and social media recognition)

Reservation Deadline January 4, 2025 | Cocktail Attire ~ Black Tie Optional

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Breakfast
Includes
Mimosa**

**Monday
January 20,
2025
8:00 AM**







Our Venue: Riley's Farm in Oak Glen

Inaugural Ball in the OC

We have been invited to attend an Inauguration Ball at The Hills Hotel on January 20, sponsored by South Orange County Republicans. This is another opportunity for our women's clubs to come together to celebrate a very special event.

Inaugural Celebration in Oak Glen

Riley's Farm is in beautiful Oak Glen, California. The farm was built in the 1880's and is famous for its educational field trip presentations covering American History. It is also a theatrical venue, as well as a working farm.

Let's Celebrate!! Visit the website to register [here](https://tinyurl.com/3ptr434b).

Setting Goals for 2025

1. 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?
3. Creating individual community information groups...being pro-active in our communities. Be part of the solution!



Changes/Additions for 2025

1. 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.
2. 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?

The OCGSRW Renewed 2025

Scholarship Program

By Marilyn Parker

One of the goals for our newly formed club is to attract and grow our Republican voter base, and that starts with reaching out to the conservative thinking young students in our community high schools. We want these students to know we are active, supportive of their plans for higher education and eager to engage with them on their viewpoints and opinions on the issues we all confront in our state and country. For 2025, our club will be offering a graduating senior from either CUSD or SVUSD a \$1500 Scholarship for college, university or trade school. The information on this Scholarship will be available on our website by 1/5/25 as well as posted on the websites of the participating high schools. The deadline for application is 4/15/25. If you know of a graduating senior from any of these high schools that would qualify, please let them know! Our Scholarship Committee members, Marilyn Parker, Linda Pillsbury and Nancy Jimeno look forward to this exciting project! Happy 2025!

Please Renew Your Membership!

From Membership Chair, Jan Day

Be a part of our conservative momentum! Please renew your OCGSRW membership today by mailing a check with the **membership application** to:

Jan Day
2 Tranquilo Drive
Rancho Mission Viejo, 92694

Since we can no longer save seats, consider becoming a Patron for \$75. This will allow our membership team to mark and save a seat for you at our meetings.

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



"THE GOOD NEWS IS WE'RE GOING TO REVERSE EVERY SINGLE CRISIS, CALAMITY, AND DISASTER THAT JOE BIDEN HAS CREATED."

January 8th VCA Work Session



The Orange County Board of Supervisors (OC BOS) will meet on either January 14th or January 28th to vote on extending the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) for another 4 years. We expect them to continue to obstruct and minimize voiced opposition by waiting until the last minute to publicize this meeting date. We are asking everyone to **"SAVE THE DATES, JANUARY 14th and 28TH."**

We will come together on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, to plan on how to pressure the OC BOS to nullify this bill. We will discuss the details of the VCA in order to give everyone a better understanding of the benefits and challenges of our efforts so we can effectively educate others.

Talking points will be made available for those that want to speak during the OC BOS meeting and instructions will be provided for anyone that has never attended an OC BOS meeting.

Letters will also be provided for people to take and collect signatures in support of ending the VCA in Orange County which will be brought to the meeting.

This is your opportunity to participate and to be prepared to support this very important effort.

JANUARY 8, 2025
DINNER - 5:00 PM
SESSION - 6 :00 PM
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JUST FOR LAUGHS

"We can't be absolutely certain until we run some tests, but your initial blood work indicates that you may have a large spear through your right shoulder."

**Meet John**

John credits "The View" with saving his life. After John had been in a coma for almost three months a nurse came in and turned his hospital tv to "The View." John got up and changed the channel.

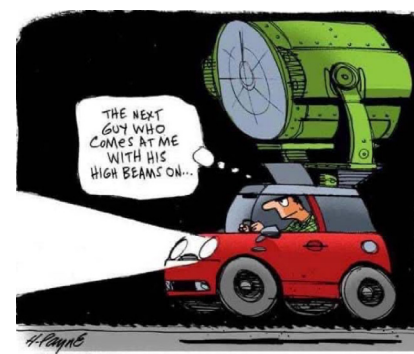
Every once in a while, I go outside and run the vacuum cleaner over the driveway just to ensure that the neighbors never talk to me



**IMAGINE IF YOU WILL
A VIRUS SO SMART**

**IT ATTACKS EVERY
FOUR YEARS DURING
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