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OCGRW THIS MONTH



Sun 8th • Daylight Savings Time Begins

Wed 11th • OCGSRW Board Meeting

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Home of Jan Day



Mon 16th • OCGOP Central Committee Meeting

7:00 PM, Hotel Zessa
201 E. MacArther Blvd, Santa Ana

Tue 17th • St. Patrick's Day

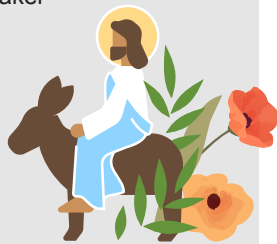


Wed 18th • OCGSRW Luncheon Meeting

Marbella Country Club
30800 Golf Club Dr, San Juan Capistrano
(More details on right)
10:30 AM – Check-in/Social
11:00 AM – Meeting Begins
11:30 AM – Lunch is Served
12:00 PM – Guest Speaker

Fri 20th • First Day of Spring

Sun 29th • Palm Sunday



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

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NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING: MARCH 18TH



Keynote Speaker:

Michael Maxsenti

Republican Candidate 47th Congressional District

Michael is a native Californian, raised in Southern California, where his parents instilled in him the values of hard work, integrity, and service to others. In his career, he has walked many paths: executive, small business owner, and political patriot. Issues: Economy, Public Safety & Crime, Education & Parental Rights,

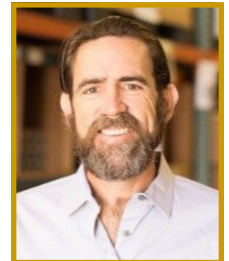
America First – Make America Healthy Again and Accountability in Congress.

Guest Speaker:

Urson Russell

Republican Candidate 37th Assembly District

Common Sense for California Assembly District 73 (Serving Costa Mesa, Irvine, and part of Tustin.) Urson Russell is not a politician — he's a problem-solver, a business leader, and a lifelong Southern Californian who knows what makes this state extraordinary. Join us and learn his reasons for running for assembly.



Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

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

Price: \$40 Member | \$45 Non-Member



Reservations:

Must make reservations by Friday, March 13th

Please make reservations online: [Signup Genius](#)
Payment will be made when you arrive at the meeting by check, cash, or via ZELLE. Please see the QR code inside this edition to make your payment.

Location:

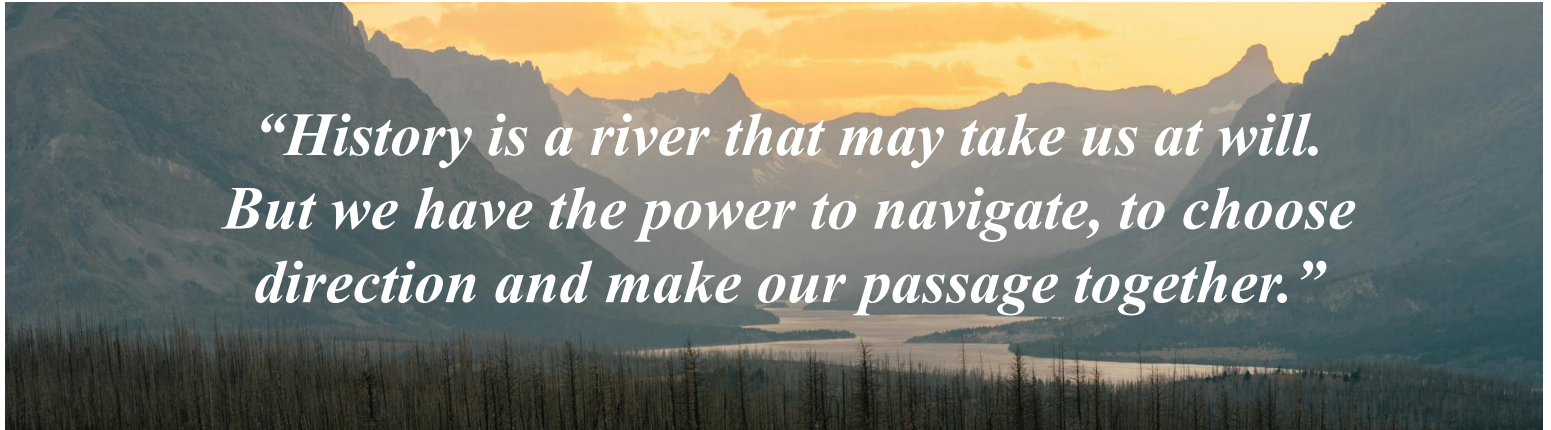
Marbella Country Club
30800 Golf Club Drive
San Juan Capistrano, CA

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

"Why Be Part of the Solution?"



“History is a river that may take us at will. But we have the power to navigate, to choose direction and make our passage together.”

Restoring Local Control, Civic Responsibility, and California's Future

California stands at a crossroads. For many lifelong residents, the Golden State we once knew feels increasingly out of reach. Communities across the state are experiencing sweeping legislative changes that reshape neighborhoods, housing policy, taxation, and local governance — often without meaningful local input. Being part of the solution begins with one simple but powerful step: **becoming informed.**

Being informed is the first step toward meaningful change.

When we take the time to understand the issues affecting our communities, we empower ourselves to have productive conversations with friends, family, and neighbors. We can begin restoring California to the Golden State so many of us remember — a place where local communities had a stronger voice in shaping their future.

Local control is under pressure. At last month's luncheon meeting, Mayor John Campbell of San Juan Capistrano shared how Sacramento lawmakers have increasingly taken control over local land-use planning, reducing the authority of city councils and residents. This reflects a broader concern many Californians share: decisions that reshape our communities are being made far from the people who live in them.

Why Elections Matter — Especially in Orange County

More than ever, the upcoming primary and general elections carry significant weight — especially here in Orange County.

Midyear elections are more important than ever. Political control in Orange County and throughout California continues to shift, and many believe the future direction of our state is at stake.

For lifelong residents — whether from San Francisco, the Bay Area, or Southern California — the changes over the decades have been significant. From the era of Nixon and Reagan to the administrations of Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, and now a prolonged period of one-party leadership, California's political landscape has evolved dramatically.

Some feel this shift has brought policies that:

- Increase taxes
- Impose statewide mandates on local communities
- Prioritize broad ideological goals over local input



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Elections determine the direction of policy which is why our participation is so important..

When voter turnout drops — particularly in primaries and midterm elections — outcomes can change dramatically. Ballot measures and district changes can reshape political representation for years. We cannot afford disengagement.

Over the coming months, we will invite candidates running for local, state, and congressional offices to share their perspectives so you can make informed decisions at the ballot box.

The path forward begins with informed citizens who exercise their constitutional right to vote.

California's future will not be shaped by those who sit on the sidelines.

Being part of the solution means:

- Staying informed on local, state, and national issues
- Learning about candidates before voting
- Encouraging respectful, fact-based discussions
- Showing up to vote in every election — primary and general

Civic participation is the foundation of representative government.

Awareness → Education → Action

Change doesn't happen by accident. It happens when engaged citizens educate themselves, share accurate information and participate in the democratic process.



Voting is not just a right — it is a responsibility. As Ronald Reagan said:

“History is a river that may take us at will. But we have the power to navigate, to choose direction and make our passage together.”

Linda Koelling,
President, OCGSRW



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31103 Rancho Viejo Road,
Suite #D3292
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Membership Questions?

Jan Day, Chair | 714-747-6339

OCGSRW February Meeting Recap

OCGSRW Members got a glimpse into the state of the city of San Juan Capistrano from Mayor John Campbell. His presentation generated some good question which the Mayor happily answered during and after the meeting. The Mayor assisted Phoebe by selecting the winning ticket for the gift basket.



More pictures from February meeting with Mayor John Campbell. Great information about the city of San Juan Capistrano and the impacts of the state overreach.



We had a very nice lunch as well!

Treasurer Needed ASAP

I seriously love being Treasurer and being involved with OCGSRW. I'm simply not home enough to do this job and I don't want to not do it to the best of my abilities, so it's time to hand over the reins.

Requirements and responsibilities include:

- Proficient in Excel and Quicken
- Keep track of all club finances
- Check people into our monthly meetings
- Upload the per capita to GSRW
- Attend Board meetings
- Provide monthly reports
- Provide a yearly budget (2026 is already done)

If you're interested, please contact Linda Koeling at 650-464-2479.

Regards,
Carol Allen

ALERT...ALERT...ALERT

State Assembly Bill to Study Mileage Based Road Fees... Just Another Tax on the People

Democrats are doing it again...raising taxes! But they say that they are merely proposing a study before they enact this new tax on us. We know that this is just another Trojan Horse effect to be able to find new ways to raise more taxes.

Surprise, surprise... the bill is motivated by declining gas tax revenues as more Californians are driving electric vehicles and fuel-efficient cars.

A recent report indicated that California's gas tax is currently \$0.61 per gallon, which generates billions of dollars annually, but the Transportation Commission projects a loss in revenue over the next decade to be around \$31.3 billion dollars.

The bill, AB 1421 aims to explore a fair way for motorists to contribute to transportation funding potentially replacing or supplementing the gas tax. You're probably wondering how they can achieve this? The mileage tax could range from 6-9 cents per mile which for an average driver traveling 15,000 miles per year could amount to \$900 – \$1,200 annually. Collection methods under consideration include odometer readings, GPS tracking or other reporting mechanisms which translates to me that they will have a constant eye on what we do and where we go.

Why is this a surprise. This is when you begin to consider giving lawmakers in Sacramento a cognitive test as part of their application process to run for office. Here's the situation: the Democratic majority have pushed the need for all of us in California to have electric vehicles to protect the environment and eliminate gas vehicles by 2035. The problem with this thinking is that where will money come from to fix streets, roads and related infrastructure items? Electric cars and no gas cars equals, **NO** gas tax. The problem with their ideas, is that they don't think things through. They throw an idea in the air, force the people to comply and forget about thinking through potential long-term consequences.

As of **January 29, 2026**, **AB 1421** passed the California Assembly and was sent to the Senate for further consideration. The bill's research and recommendations are due by **January 1, 2027**, after which the Legislature may consider enacting a mileage-based tax system.

We must continue to contact Sacramento lawmakers in your area both Republican and Democrat and tell them to vote NO on this study and stop any consideration for a Mileage tax.

!! CALL TO ACTION: PROTECT THE VALUE OF YOUR VOTE !!

By: Linda Mortimore

THE ACTION LIST: CALL THESE 9 SENATORS ANYTIME

Note: You can call any time—even at midnight! If it is after office hours, simply leave a voicemail. Staffers are required to log every message, and a full voicemail box sends a powerful signal that the public is watching.

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| 1. John Thune (Majority Leader):
202-224-2321 (SD) | 4. Todd Young: 202-224-5623 (IN) | 7. Chuck Grassley: 202-224-3744 (IA) |
| 2. Rand Paul: 202-224-4343 (KY) | 5. Jerry Moran: 202-224-6521 (KS) | 8. Lisa Murkowski: 202-224-6665 (AK) |
| 3. Thom Tillis: 202-224-6342 (NC) | 6. Susan Collins: 202-224-2523 (ME) | 9. Mitch McConnell: 202-224-2541 (KY) |

SAMPLE VOICEMAIL SCRIPT *(Perfect for late-night calls!)*

"Hi, my name is [Your Name] and I am a taxpayer from [Your Location]. I am calling to urge Senator [Senator's Name] to support and pass the SAVE Act. We must secure our elections by requiring documented proof of citizenship for voter registration."



This is for all you educated people that think uneducated people are dumb. Let's see how this works out for you and your family if this country keeps pushing for socialism. CRITICAL LIFE LESSON.

Do You Know How to Catch Wild Pigs?

Author: Unknown

There was a chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class. One day while the class was in the lab, the professor noticed one young man, an exchange student, who kept rubbing his back and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist regime. In the midst of his story, he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked: "Do you know how to catch wild pigs?"

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said that it was no joke. "You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come every day to eat the free food".

"When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence". "They get used to that and start to eat again.

You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side". "The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat that free corn again. You then slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd".

"Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity."

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening in America. The government keeps pushing us toward Communism/Socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tax exemptions, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare entitlements, medicine, drugs, etc., while we continually lose our freedoms, just a little at a time as the government forces us to participate in many of these programs whether or not we want to.

One should always remember two truths: There is no such thing as a free lunch, and you can never hire someone to provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself. If you see that all of this wonderful government "help" is a problem confronting the future of democracy in America, you might want to share this with your friends.

God help us all when the gate slams shut!

Quote for today: "The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are now outnumbered by those that vote for a living."

Leadership

What Great Leaders Use to Calm High-Stress Moments

"This is a disaster!" → "We've faced tough times before. Let's focus on finding solutions."

"I don't know what to do." → "Let's evaluate our options together. We'll figure this out step by step."

"We don't have time for this." → "Let's prioritize the most urgent tasks first. We'll tackle the rest after."

"This is all your fault." → "Let's review what happened. How can we learn and move forward as a team?"

"We're going to fail." → "There are challenges ahead, but we've overcome before. We'll find a way through."

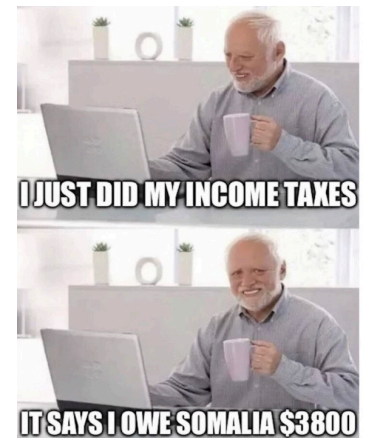
"Just do what I say." → "Let's collaborate and make the best decision together."

"This is impossible." → "Let's break it down into manageable steps."

"There's no point in trying." → "Every effort counts. Let's give our best and see where it takes us."



JUST FOR LAUGHS



According to democrats this is the average woman trying to get an ID



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