

Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

April 2024 Newsletter

President's Report



Dear TARWF Members,

Congratulations to all members of Tustin Area Republican Women Federated! TARWF will be recognized on May 2nd at the Republican Party of Orange County's Awards Reception as the 2023 Republican Club of the Year! Thank you to every member of TARWF for all that you have done to support the Club and make it an organization that people want to be a part of.

As we look forward, please mark your calendars to attend our April 26th General Meeting. Our featured speaker is Fred Whitaker, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Orange County who will share with us an analysis of the March primary and insights into the coming General Election this fall.

June 2nd is the Tustin Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off in Old Town Tustin. You don't want to miss being a part of the fun by volunteering in our fabulous TARWF booth. We will have candidates, TARWF information, materials to help people register to vote and more. Contact Becky Grimes to sign up!

The TARWF happy hour takes place the second Tuesday of the month at the Black Angus in Tustin all spring and summer long. Keep in touch with your TARWF friends and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome! Contact Pamla Manazer at TustinAreaRWF.org for more information.

Anytime you want to find out what is on our calendar, or how to contact us, please visit the TARWF.org website. All things TARWF are there for you to peruse. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve or make the website more user friendly, just let us know.

Congratulations to everyone on a very successful 2023 and here's to continuing to keep our members EDUCATED, ENGAGED and working to ELECT REPUBLICANS in 2024!

Sheryl Franke

TARWF President

General Meeting and Luncheon April 26, 2024





Our Speaker will be Fred Whitaker, Chairman of the Republican Party of Orange County

Location • The Elks Lodge #794 1751 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92705 714-547-7794

Doors open for Check-in at 10:00 AM Meeting 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Members & Associate Members \$40.00 • Guests \$45.00 We accept cash, check or charge Checks payable to TARWF

RSVP by Monday April 22nd to: <u>RepublicanWomenFederated@gmail.com</u>

When making your reservation, please indicate any special meal requests due to dietary restrictions.

Program Report



Last month as I was heading to Palm Desert for the weekend I pulled into a McDonalds for a restroom break. As I entered the door, I ran into a female employee coming out of a restroom, noting that the door had a lock I asked if she could unlock it for me. She looked me over and then stated as she unlocked the door that it was for paying customers. Well, that's just good manners I thought, I was planning to get some fries anyway.

As I entered the dining area, it appeared to be in total chaos, people milling about, yelling, no-one at the small counter, only kiosks. I had to purchase French fries, for \$4.59, from a kiosk! I'm not sure which surprised me more, the kiosks, which I had seen before, or the price of fries! Never had I not seen an option to pay with cash.

I see a great number of problems with this new cashless system taking hold, and one of the first just became apparent on the first of this month when minimum wage for fast food workers increased to \$20 per hour. That McDonalds I was in could probably run that store on 3-4 workers per shift non-peak hours, thereby eliminating almost that many jobs. Fewer entry level, non-skilled jobs available for entry level workers. That can't be good for our economy. Within the week, many chains have started to close locations that were already struggling with inflated wholesale supply costs. Franchisees of many chains are essentially mom & pop businesses, many of them will be squeezed out of business under this new minimum wage. Our Governor and the media seem genuinely shocked that this has already started to happen. And where then will entry level workers learn the skills necessary to be a good employee?

Now think about this, every time you make a purchase with your credit card, you're leaving a digital fingerprint. This administration has been after our banking information since day one of signing all those executive orders. The major banks staved off the order for a year, but now will have to report any transactions you make above \$600 instead of above \$2,000. Either is an invasion of privacy, but what if the government decides to base one's health care costs on how many French fries one buys at \$4.29? "Oh, that will never happen", I can hear it already. But then again, that's what we were told when we tried to warn people that boys and girls would be allowed to switch bathrooms at will.

On a side note, I did see an add this week for French fries for \$1.29, with the purchase of a \$10.00 quarter-pounder!!

Clearly, California can't go on with leadership creating these laws that have a domino effect through our economy. I do hope you will be with us for our

next meeting when our **Republican Party Chairman**, **Fred Whitaker** will be with us to talk about our way forward to the Fall election. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on **April 26th!**

Linda Barcelona 1st VP of Programs

Fundraising Report



Even April Showers cannot dampen the spirit of our Republican Women!

Although things get uncertain and uncomfortable sometimes, this is an amazing time to be alive and involved.

As Sheryl Franke, our President always encourages, **Educate, Engage and Elect** should always be our goal.

As the creative women we are, we are finding different ways to do those very things. Getting new members to the luncheons is fun and fulfilling. The passion we are seeing among our newest members who say "I CAN NO LONGER SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING ANYMORE, I WANT TO HELP!"

inspires all of us. Let's keep that energy up. Bring friends to our Happy Hours The next one is Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 3:30PM BLACK ANGUS STEAKHOUSE 1350 No. Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, CA 9270530



RSVP APPRECIATED tustinarearwf@gmail.com or call 888.845.8279

I want to thank you for the suggestions on gift card/opportunity drawings. I'm on it!

In addition, if you think a local business would be a suitable candidate for our

Business Spotlight fundraising effort, but don't feel comfortable approaching them, please let me know and I will take care of it.

Remember, we fundraise with a purpose and can only be successful with your participation. As always if you have any suggestions about fundraising...

I am all ears!



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Membership Report

Hi Ladies,

Spring has sprung – April Showers bring May Flowers – and we have had those showers so the hope is that we will see some beautiful displays of new growth in our world!

At the upcoming April meeting, we'll be continuing our efforts to distribute the new roster to our membership. To optimize resources and minimize costs, we're calling on our members to lend a helping hand.

Volunteer as a **Roster Relay Hero**! By picking up additional rosters for your fellow members who live near you and delivering them personally, you'll not only help to save on mailing costs but also connect and touch base with friends from our club.

By working together, we can achieve more; being a positive example for our tribe members strengthens the bonds that unite us. Mark your calendars and join us at our next meeting and collect rosters that you can deliver personally!

Let's rally together and demonstrate the power of unity in action! Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support!

Gayle Carter, Co-Membership Chair Linette Johnston, Co-Membership Chair Gretchen Whisler, Membership Secretary

City of Tustin History

Donna Peery, Office Manager



of the **Tustin Historical Society** contributes articles for our newsletter regarding Tustin history and Tustin armed forces service personnel.

Tustin Pioneer Charles Edward Utt



Charles Edward "C.E. or Ed" Utt was born in Auburn, California, the only child of Lysander Utt and Arvilla Platt Utt, on March 23, 1866. His father had been one of the gold rush 49'ers, making and later losing his savings. He became a wood cutter, freight hauler and later a rancher. At the urging of his brother-in-law, Charlie Platt, he loaded up the family belongings on his wagon and headed to Tustin City, arriving in June 1874.

Lysander Utt purchased the empty Dickerson Store, at the corner on current Main and El Camino Real and started the L. Utt Pioneer Store. The family lived above the store and Arvilla Utt ran a boarding house in the upstairs. Young Ed helped tend the store, attended school and rented farm space anywhere he could find it. He liked farming more than tending the store.

After Lysander died in 1890, Ed ran the store with his new partner, Perry Lewis, until 1893, when he sold it to A. Getty. For many years, it was known as the Utt-Getty Store.

In 1894, he married Mary Sheldon, the daughter of Tustin's first doctor, Dr. James Sheldon. The couple had five children, Gertrude (born 1894), Dorothy (born 1897), James (born 1898), Mary Louise (born 1900), and Elizabeth (1907). Mary Utt passed away suddenly in 1918. In 1920, he married Mrs. Margaret Cummings Rawlings.



Ed loved farming and grew walnuts, avocados, apricots, chili peppers, citrus and was one of the few successful peanut growers around. With over 400 acres of peanuts growing on the San Joaquin Ranch, he quickly became known as the "Peanut King". Another very successful venture was the growing of Concord and Isabella grapes on his Lemon Heights land. They cooked Utt's Grape Juice in his own kitchen until a commercial building could produce the juice. Utt had purchased the VictorianItalianate building at Main and Prospect in 1907 and in 1918, it became the Utt Juice Company.

With his partners James Irvine and Sherman Stevens, the trio purchased large amounts of acreage and started the San Joaquin Fruit Company. In 1897, Ed Utt purchased the Willard Brothers Water Works, turning it into the Tustin Water Works, expanding it, and running it for over 50 years. The City of Tustin acquired the Tustin Water Works in 1977.

Charles Edward Utt was active in the Tustin School District when it replaced the Sycamore School District in the 1890's, served on its board of directors, was active in the Tustin Presbyterian Church, and the Masonic Lodge. He died on February 5, 1950, at age 83.





Marvin Eugene Gray Staff Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps 70th Bombardment Squadron, 13th Air Force Born 3 March 1922 Killed in Action 9 March 1945 Philippine Islands

Marvin Eugene Gray was born in Kansas in 1922, the oldest child of Charles C. and Beulah Margaret Gray. The family moved to Tustin after 1935 and Marvin graduated from Tustin Union High School in 1940.

He married Doris Gehres in Yuma, Arizona on February 8, 1942 and enlisted in the service on May 17, 1943. He completed his training at Fresno, Colorado and South Carolina before departing for duty in the South Pacific in June 1944.

With the 13th Air Force, he completed 43 missions as an armored gunner and participated in air action over the Himalayas, Borneo, Celebes, Luzon and the Philippines. On March 9, 1945, Sgt. Gray was killed in action in a mid-air collision over the Philippine Islands. He had just turned 23 years old, 6 days prior to his death. He left behind his wife Doris and a two year old daughter, Diana.

He was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. He is buried in Fairhaven Cemetery in Santa Ana.

Gray Place in Tustin Ranch is named in his honor.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR to attend the Tustin STREET FAIR & CHILI COOK-OFF and spend some time in the TARWF booth.

The 40th Annual Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2023, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This annual party takes place in the streets of Old Town Tustin and holds the distinct honor of being the largest one-day chili cook-off in the country, according to the International Chili Society. The event comes alive with a variety of exhibitors featuring crafters, community organizations, food and chili booths, and craft beers and wine.

Live music and contests are featured on event stages and there is a Kids Fun Zone with games, bounce houses, and entertainment.

We hope you will spend some time with us in the TARWF booth. You won't want to miss the fun!

Set up 9:30 am - 11:00

Shift #1 11:00 am - 1:00pm

Shift #2 1:00 -3:00

Shift #3 3:00 - 5:00

Shift #4 5:00 - 6:30 or until booth is broken down

Hope to see you there!

Text or e-mail Becky Grimes if you want to volunteer. 714-878-6659 Becky@PromotionalProductsPrinting.com





TARWF member **Amy Connelly** has been named **volunteer of the month of April** by the Republican Party of Orange County. Congratulations Amy!

Dear Komplaining Karen

by Robin M. Itzler

Ever since Barack Obama's 2008 election, the United States has become two distinct nations trying to survive under one flag. But is it even the same flag? One says don't tread on me and the other says welcome illegal invaders. We also now have two national anthems.

With such division the time seems ripe for an advice column just for liberals who need safe spaces to deal with life's overwhelming challenges, such as a fast-food restaurant running out of ketchup. So, I started an advice column called KOMPLAINING KAREN.

Dear Komplaining Karen:

My fiance and I have been dating for two years and plan to marry in June with a large outdoor vegan wedding. The only major issue between us is that I want to wait until our wedding night, and he doesn't agree. He says we shouldn't wait, but I don't want him to see my face without a mask until we have exchanged our wedding vows. He insists we should see each other's face before the wedding.

Masks Forever

Dear Masks Forever,

Your fiance must understand that removing a mask that has been continuously worn for more than four years is very difficult. I would suggest on your wedding night turning the lights down while listening to Taylor Swift and then slowly removing each other'.

Dear Komplaining Karen,

I met the woman of my dreams on the "I Hate Trump" dating website. The problem is her parents are MAGAs. *They even pray*! I am worried that if we have children, they will be exposed to ideology that goes against my beliefs. Should I break it off with my dream girl? Please do not use my real name in case the INS reads your column. Jose Smith

Dear Jose,

I feel your pain! Set parameters so that you are only visiting your in-laws on certain dates such as April 20 (Adolph Hitler's birthday), June 14 (Che Guevara's birthday), August 13 (Fidel Castro's birthday), November 20 (Joe Biden's birthday), December 18 (Joseph Stalin's birthday)

Dear Komplaining Karen,

My wife and I recently left Texas because we couldn't take the right-wing politics. Our new 800 square foot home in California cost triple what our 5,000 square foot house in Texas sold for, but it was worth it to live in a state with the outstanding Gov. Gavin Newsom. The problem is that we assumed all the conservatives had left California. Now on each side of our house are homeowners who proudly fly the American flag. Should we keep quiet, or nicely ask them to take down the flag? Neighbor with a drawl

Dear Neighbor,

Fly the Pride flag from your house. Let your new neighbors know that you support little children mutilating their bodies.

Dear Komplaining Karen,

I have worked for my company more than 20 years, with several promotions. However, the business was sold, and the new owner said he is canceling the Juneteenth paid holiday and instead will give us July 5th so we can stay up late the night before celebrating America's birthday. Should I look for another job?

Maybe Jobless in Seattle

Dear Maybe Jobless:

It is very discouraging working for someone who doesn't celebrate the George Floyd "Mostly Peaceful" riots in 2020. Unless you can easily find another job where you know for certain the business owner has a George Soros mindset, stay where you are.

Dear Komplaining Karen,

My husband and I have been married 34 years. Life has been good for us financially and health wise. However, a few months ago, our unmarried son "Jim" was outed at a family event. It was totally unexpected and extremely upsetting, especially for my elderly mother-in-law. I like to think that my progressive husband and I can accept everyone but learning that our son is a Republican might be too much to ask. Blue Mom with Red Son

Dear Blue Mom,

Goodness, this is serious! You need to take your son to a Joe Biden rally so he can be reminded of all the great things Biden has done for America:

- Rampant crime in major cities
- Growing inflation
- Open southern border that allows millions of invaders to enter our country illegally
- Multiple military hostilities throughout the world
- Going after political foes (just as they do in communist countries)
- Arresting average citizens who peacefully protest at abortion clinics
- Maybe this will help your son switch back to Democrat.

Dear Komplaining Karen:

To celebrate our first wedding anniversary, "Irma" and I went to the animal shelter and adopted a mixed breed dog. Since we think Joe Biden is the best president ever (and it's not because we have government jobs and our student loans were canceled), would it be appropriate to name our dog after the president?

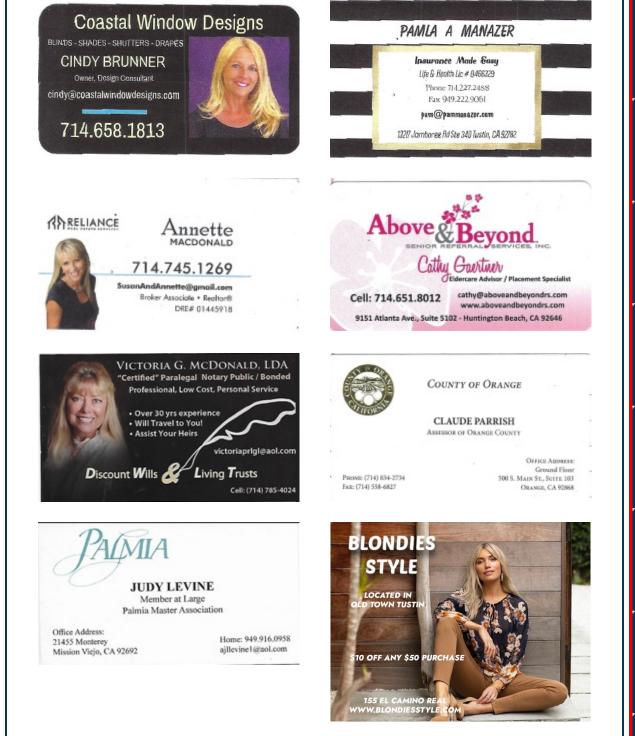
Pooch Dad

Dear Pooch Dad:

If you want your dog to have a name that reminds you of Joe Biden, call him "Adderall." Rumors abound that Adderall was one of the drugs given to Biden before his state of the union screamfest that enabled him to yell like a maniac for an hour while reading the teleprompter.

Until next week, this is Komplaining Karen reminding you that no matter what your problem, it can be resolved by getting a booster shot and driving an electric car.

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TARWF 2024 Meeting Dates



Board of Directors and Committee Chair Meetings

Meetings begin at 10am at the Tustin Historical Society Museum, located at 395 El Camino Real, Tustin. Meeting dates are on the Fridays listed below.

April 19 May 24 September 20 October 18 November 15 December 6 (if needed)

TARWF General Meetings

TARWF General Meetings will take place at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge located at 1751 S Elks Lane, Santa Ana. Meetings are on Fridays and begin at 11am. Below is the schedule of meeting dates.

Apr 26 May 31 Sep 27 Oct 25 Dec 13



Conservative Political Radio Talk Shows



Monday – Friday

- 12:00 AM 3:00 AM -
- Red Eye Radio
- 3:00 AM 4:00 AM America in the Morning
- 4:00 AM 6:00 AM -
- KTLA Morning News
- 6:00 AM 9:00 AM Armstrong & Getty
- 9:00 AM 12:00 PM –

Patriot AM 1150

Glenn Beck Mon-Fri 6am to 9am Clay Travis and Buck Sexton EIB Network Mon-Fri 9am to 12 noon Sean Hannity Mon-Fri 12 noon to 3pm Jesse Kelly Show Mon-Fri 6pm-9pm

KRLA AM 870

The Morning Answer Mon-Fri 6am to 9am Dennis Prager Mon-Fri 9am to 12 noon Sebastian Gorka Mon-Fri 12 noon to 3pm Mark Levin Mon-Fri 3pm to 6pm Jay Seculow Mon-Fri 6pm to 7pm The Officer Tatum Show Mon-Fri 7pm to 10pm

- Dan Bongino
- 12:00 PM 3:00 PM -
- John Phillips
- 3:00 PM 5:00 PM -
- The Ben Shapiro Show
- 5:00 PM 6:00 PM -
- Leo Terrell 2.0 Live at Five
- 6:00 PM 7:00 PM –
- Mottek On Money
- 7:00 PM 8:00 PM -
- Special Programming
- 8:00 PM 9:00 PM
- The Howard Jarvis Radio Show
- 9:00 PM 10:00 PM
- Michael Knowles
- 10:00 PM 3:00 AM –
- Red Eye Radio

Charlie Kirk Mon-Fri 10pm to midnight

SiriusXM Patriot Channel 125 Mark Levin Mon-Fri 3:00pm to 6:00pm

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