



# Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

## April 2025 Newsletter



### President's Report

We are rolling in 2025 and look forward to seeing our members continue to enjoy educational programs, becoming engaged in the political process and helping to elect Republicans. Our TARWF members have been active and making a difference in our community. Our 2025 new membership outreach efforts have begun and we look forward to welcoming new members into our Club.

**Making a difference –** The Military Support Committee lead by Barbara George and Roger Shortall had their first meeting last month. They have partnered with individuals from the Tustin American Legion Post # 227, Tustin Host Lions Club and the Santa Ana Elks Veterans Committee to support the creation of Star tags from retired American flags. You are welcome to join this hands-on project, please contact Barbara George to find out more.

**Membership Outreach –** The first set of outreach mailings have gone out to over 40 hard R Republican women aged 50 and over and reside in a local Tustin or Santa Ana precinct. These women have voted Republican in the last three elections, and we want them to learn about TARWF. We are reaching out to them with a letter, TARWF information glossy and a follow-up phone call and/or email. This outreach effort will continue throughout the spring.

**Education and Engagement –** Our speakers thus far in 2025 have educated us on topics ranging from Veterans issues and how we can assist them, ways to support our Law Enforcement Officers, Border Patrol and ICE, voter integrity and the importance of

repealing The Voters Choice Act.

At our **April TARWF General meeting** we will hear from **Carlos Rodriguez, the Yorba Linda Mayor Pro Tem and member of the SCAQMD** who will share information about Sacramento's efforts to force residents to convert gas powered appliances to electric.

We are energized and excited about what is happening in our community, and how our Republican leadership locally and nationally are making a major positive impact. Let's keep doing our part individually and with TARWF to continue to Make America Great Again!

Sheryl Franke



## TUSTIN AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED



Friday, April 25, 2025  
Social at 10 AM Meeting 11 AM  
Santa Ana Elks Lodge

## GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER

**Carlos Rodriguez**

South Coast Management District

Tickets \$40 Members Guests \$45

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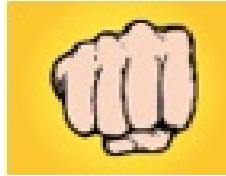
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**Program Report**



### WE HAVE A FIGHT ON OUR HANDS!

The [South Coast Air Quality Management District \(AQMD\)](#) is proposing rules ([Rule 1111](#) for furnaces and [Rule 1121](#) for water heaters) that will require homeowners to replace gas furnaces and water heaters with electric models when they fail, starting in 2027 and 2028 respectively, to reduce emissions.

Critics like Santa Ana City Councilman David Penaloza argue such a ban will create significant financial burdens for residents while barely improving air quality, drive up construction costs amid a statewide housing affordability crisis and overwhelm the electrical grid.



Bringing to our attention this potential disaster is **Carlos Rodriguez**, Mayor Pro-tem for the city of Yorbe Linda. Fortunately for us, he is on the **South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board**. Among the things he is requesting are that AQMD does not proceed with these rules, and instead, initiate a

comprehensive fact-finding process that gathers public comments and addresses concerns related to costs, timing, technology, and the availability of potential incentives.

**Please join us at the April luncheon as he explains the impending impact this might create and what we can do to fight against this initiative.**

South Coast Air Quality Management District board members are expected to hold a public hearing on the proposed rules on May 2.

Once again it is our goal to keep our members well informed about potential legislation, some of which is happening right under our noses.

Let's not let our National victory of November lull us into a false sense of security locally. If we all do our part in being watchful on a local level, we can move forward productively and not keep fixing the same things!

Pamla Manazer  
1st VP Programs

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## Fundraising Report



Let's Make a Difference – Join Our Club's Fundraising Effort!

Exciting things are happening at TARWF and we need *your* help to make them even bigger and better! Be part of something truly impactful.

Every dollar raised brings us closer to empowering more people and expanding our outreach.

With your support, we can turn our vision into reality!

This will be our first year at the **Tustin Public Schools Foundation's Dino Dash** taking place on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Join us in our booth and look for our name on the back of one of the 10,000 participant t-shirts.

But you don't have to wait until November to join us at one of our outreach booths. Our next event is the **Tustin Chili Cook-Off Street Fair** taking place on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am – 6 pm.

Don't forget about the great opportunity to put an ad in our newsletter. For only



\$100 per year, you can secure a spot in our monthly newsletter, ensuring your business or message stays top-of-mind all year long.

Stay tuned for info on our **first TARWF garage sale** that will take place this summer. Your trash will be someone's treasure and earn money for the club. Are you ready to make a difference? Join us today by donating, spreading the word, or getting involved. Together, we can accomplish something amazing!

Thank you for your continued support!

Becky Grimes

1<sup>st</sup> VP - Fundraising



**Let's Raise Some Dough**



## Membership Report



**Membership Celebrates Spring and the Growth that the season brings!**

With Spring, comes fresh opportunities to engage with our Tustin Area Republican Women Federated (TARWF) community!

As we move forward into the year, I want to encourage every member to take an active role in our club. Whether it's volunteering at events, bringing a friend to a meeting, or joining a committee, your participation is what keeps our club strong and effective. We have a dynamic lineup of speakers, social gatherings, and advocacy opportunities that will inspire and empower you to make your voice heard.

If you have ideas on how we can grow and strengthen our club, please don't hesitate to share. Together, we can ensure that TARWF remains a beacon of conservative values in our community!

Please join us in extending a warm Republican welcome to Maggie Hart and Dorene Wolfe.

**New Regular Members**

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Enjoy the energy of Spring and all the growth it brings to our spirits, renewing our focus and giving us an opportunity to celebrate our connections!

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



## TARWF Military Support

The TARWF Military Support Committee will meet after the April 25<sup>th</sup> TARWF General Meeting in the McCalla Lounge. Thank you to those who attended the Military Support Committee Meeting in March.

During the month of March several TARWF members worked on the “Star Cutting Project” with the Tustin American Legion Post #227. The project involved cutting the Stars from retired American Flags and creating a laminated tag with the Star and a message to the recipient. The tags are given to Veterans, individuals being deployed and others deemed worthy by the American Legion.

At a recent Star Cutting it was learned that to retire a flag, the last red stripe is to be removed from the flag.

Please contact TARWF Military Support Committee Chair, Barbara George (949-246-6795 or [chefbarb@cox.net](mailto:chefbarb@cox.net)) to find out more regarding the Star Cutting project and other efforts the Military Support Committee is getting involved with.



## 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.

## 30 Second Tustin History Sherman and Martha Stevens



It is not unusual for a groom to give his bride a piece of jewelry as a wedding gift



on their wedding day. When 24-year-old Sherman Stevens married his young bride, Martha Snow, in 1888, he gifted her the beautiful Queen Anne style home at 242 Main Street in Tustin!

Sherman Stevens was born in New Hampshire in 1864, the son of Grenville Stevens and his wife Betsey. The family moved to Santa Rosa, California, where Grenville Stevens was a prosperous farmer and capitalist. The family lived there for nine years before moving to Tustin in 1882, where 18-year-old Sherman Stevens leased 40 acres of farmland and planted grapes, prunes and apricots.

Also in 1882, 11-year-old Martha Snow arrived in Tustin with her family, father Horace Snow and mother Margaret. Horace Snow joined his siblings Hiram Snow and sister Betsey Snow Stevens.

Sherman's orchards made him quite successful, and he joined his future father-in-law in a lumber business on First Street. Prior to marrying Martha, Sherman began construction on their home, using architects from Los Angeles and redwood shipped by boat from Northern California to Newport Beach. After marrying at the Tustin Presbyterian Church, the couple walked across a red carpet lined Main Street to their new home and wedding reception.

Sherman Stevens would continue to be one of Tustin's most successful businessmen, forming a partnership with C.E. Utt and James Irvine, accumulating great wealth in the early 1900's, and bringing agriculture to new levels. They introduced drilled wells, irrigations systems, packing houses and land development.

Sherman and Martha would raise their family, travel the world, collect art, and play a large role in Tustin's social and cultural scene. Their home is still a Tustin landmark.

You'll be able to meet Sherman and Martha Stevens at The Tustin Area Historical Society's Garden Party on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> as they share their personal history and Tustin life with us. You don't want to miss this evening of Tustin's living history!

Tustin Area Historical Society

# Living History Garden Party

with our special time-traveler  
hosts

Sherman and Martha Stevens  
at Tustin's historic  
**Stevens Square**

Saturday, May 17, 2025  
5:30-8:00 PM  
Tickets \$75

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no tickets will be sold at the door



## Corporal Juan Joseph DeMara

United States Army

Company A 1st Battalion 506th Infantry 101st Airborne

Born: 8 December 1947

Killed In Action 5 March 1968

Vietnam

Juan Joseph DeMara was born in Salinas, California 8 December 1947, the only child of Teodoro and Maria Cisneros DeMara. Teodoro had served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II and was working as a Citrus Ranch farm hand when Juan was born. Shortly after Juan's birth the family moved to the Tustin area, living in the El Modena area of Orange.

Juan attended Tustin schools for 15 years. He loved Cub Scouts and worked hard to earn his badges, attended dances at the Tustin Youth Center, even winning a dance contest, and played Little League Baseball throughout his school years. He was an active member of St. Cecilia's Church.

When Juan was 16 years old, his mother passed away. That must have been a life changing event for Juan. Shortly after, his father moved away to Los Angeles and Juan left Tustin High joining the Army before graduation. He listed his grandmother's home in Ventura County, as his home of record.

Juan completed his basic training at Fort Ord California before being sent overseas. Sadly, three months after arriving in Vietnam, Juan was killed by small arms fire. He is buried with family members at Fairhaven Cemetery in Santa Ana.

He is the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Gallantry Medal Unit Citation.

## Tustin Unified School District



Hello fellow TARWF members. This month Tustin Unified School District celebrated **six of our schools who were recognized as California Distinguished Schools**. Only 44 schools received this distinction in Orange County and our six schools have succeeded in closing the achievement gap and delivering exceptional student performance.

According to the California School Board Association, **on April 11 California defied a Trump Administration order to certify that the state's 1,000 school districts have ended all diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs despite federal threats to cut billions of dollars in education funding if the state does not comply**. The California Department of Education

indicated that the federal request was vague. Although federal funding for education is challenging to calculate, some tallies have put the figure at \$16.3 billion per year in California, including money for school meals, students with disabilities and early education Head Start programs. While TUSD's budget has a

small percentage of federal funding we are currently keeping our eyes on how or if this will impact our students and programs

Tustin Public Schools Foundation is hosting the Teacher of the Year dinner in May. This is an opportunity to celebrate the nominated teachers and when the District teacher of the year will be announced. April and May are a very busy time in the school district with end of school year activities and graduations. I am looking forward to reporting out to the TARWF members as the school year winds down.

Kathy Copeland  
TUSD school board member



## TARWF Members with Steve Hilton at the Nixon Library

He autographed his book **Califailure**, which will be donated to the TARWF library

President Sheryl Franke



Marsha Corzine, Sheryl Franke and Victoria McDonald



TARWF members who attended the Nixon Library event featuring Steve Hilton



## TARWF 2025 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 18

May 23

September 19

October 24

November 14 or 21

### **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.**

April 25

May 30

No meetings in June, July & August

September 26

October 31

No Meeting in November

December 5



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