



# Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

## April 2023 Newsletter



### President's Report April 2023

Dear TARWF Members,

Our TARWF Board is working hard to provide YOU with opportunities to be **educated** about current local political events, to be **engaged** in the political process and to **make a difference in our community**.

At our April meeting Mari Barke, from the OC Board of Education, emphasized in her presentation that School Boards run the schools. We need to engage our members to be knowledgeable and active in supporting conservative candidates to run and get elected to School Boards. Did you know that our own Kelly Felton ran for the TUSD School Board last election cycle and plans to run again? Let's support her as she gets her team revved up for the next election.

Linda Barcelona presented information about the Election Administration Plan used in connection with the November 2022 election and how woefully inadequate the outreach was to gather comments. Of 1.8 million voters in OC, only 23 people attended the information gathering meeting and only six public comments were made. TARWF submitted letters from 42 of our members criticizing the poor outreach done and requested the ROV schedule a new public comments event to allow for greater participation for input into our Election Administration Plan.

TARWF is preparing our booth for the Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cookoff which will take place June 4th. Our booth will promote Republican candidates, will have voter registration materials, Club membership information and provide opportunities for us to engage with the community. Please consider working a shift and getting involved. Becky Grimes is our Publicity Chair and will be coordinating the booth and volunteer schedule.

We value every member of TARWF and getting you involved is a top priority. Join a committee with a friend, help at meetings, write newsletter articles, there are so many ways to contribute. Please do not hesitate to jump in and get involved.

Thanks to our members and our Board, TARWF is on our way to becoming a Diamond Award winning club this year. Congratulations!

Sheryl Franke



## **Announcing our April 28, 2023 General Meeting and Luncheon**



with Speaker Teresa Hernandez  
President of the Lincoln Club 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**

**RSVP by Monday April 24th to:**  
[RepublicanWomenFederated@gmail.com](mailto:RepublicanWomenFederated@gmail.com)

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

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## Program Report



**April, 2023**

Coming out of a soggy March, I'm sure you all are as glad as I am to see several days of sunshine in a row! The rain brought us a mixed blessing, the landscape is wonderfully green right now, which means our hillsides will be in great peril from fire danger again this summer. California has had the dubious distinction the past few months of being under emergency orders from the Governors office for both drought and flood warnings at the same time. Drought orders have just been rescinded for several counties but not all. Mismanagement of our natural resources and our utilities have been the hallmark of this administration.

Real Californians are not fooled. As Governor Newsom touts his "accomplishments" (highest sales tax, highest personal and business income taxes, highest gas prices just to name a few) to rest of the country, in his and Aunt Nancy's hopes to make him our next President, Californians continue to leave the State in droves. Another 700,000 of our neighbors reportedly have left the State in the last two years!

We vote in three different ways; with ballots on voting day (now voting month), with our feet (as in those leaving our State), and with our dollars (as in where we spend our money). We'll discuss how to be mindful of where we spend our money more in the future.

This month I would like to introduce to you Teresa Hernandez, the President of the Lincoln Club of Orange County. After having

served as the Vice President for 5 years, she was appointed to the position in 2021 with many impressive endorsements such as Governor Huckabee, Ambassador Ric Grenell and Former Speaker Newt Gingrich, who praised her as “a vibrant leader filled with energy.....confident that she will lead a conservative comeback in California”.

Teresa is also a restaurateur, a small business owner and very well aware firsthand how Governor Newsom’s policies are driving small business out of business or out of State. Teresa will lay out the Lincoln Clubs aggressive plan to take back our State, and it is any thing but timid. I hope you will join me in welcoming Teresa Hernandez on April 28<sup>th</sup>!

Linda Barcelona, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs

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## Fundraising Report





It's hard to believe we have only 2 more meetings, April and May, before the summer break. Although vacations are at hand in the June, July and August months, our Happy Hours have proved a fun option to bridge that gap. Rest assured; they will continue this year as well! I personally could not go 3 months without seeing your smiling faces.

At some point after the summer break, we will be having another fundraising vendor fair. It's not been determined yet if it will be an artisan fair or a pre-holiday boutique, so stand by.

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In addition, I am working on something new (shh, can't tell you yet) that has never been done before. Details should be in this week, and you will all be the first to know about it. I hope I can pull it off because it is sooooo cool!

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SNEAK PEEK: 2023 marks 50 years of dedicated

service for the Tustin club and we are going to celebrate at the May meeting with a birthday party! More details will be forthcoming but think along the lines of reviewing our accomplishments since 1973 along with "then and now" fashions, social mores, and music. Of course, there will be cake and maybe even a pin the tail on the Democrat game. I mean on the Donkey...wait, what's the difference? This would be a GREAT opportunity to invite that friend to check us out and maybe join!

Pamla Manazer  
3rd VP Fundraising



## Membership Report

Hi, Members!

Congratulations! You are active, aware, and helping others to achieve their own personal political goals. We have 4 new regular members this month and Marjorie is also a sustaining member! This is a perfect opportunity for our Committee Chairs to reach out and engage with our newest members.

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Please welcome them to our Tribe! It's so fulfilling to be inclusive and engaging with like-minded people and I'm grateful for all that you do for this club!

Thank-you

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



## STREET FAIR & CHILI COOK-OFF

The 39th Annual Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This annual party takes place in the streets of Old Town Tustin holds the distinct honor of being the largest one-day chili cook-off in the country, according to the International Chili Society. Admission is free.

The event comes alive with a variety of exhibitors which includes the Tustin Area Republican Woman's Federated Booth. The event will be 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.

Come join the fun and volunteer for a shift at the TARWF booth.

Contact Becky Grimes if you would like to volunteer to work the booth.

Cell phone 714-878-6659 e-mail: [ppprebecca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ppprebecca@sbcglobal.net)

Two hour shifts are available starting at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 am -noon

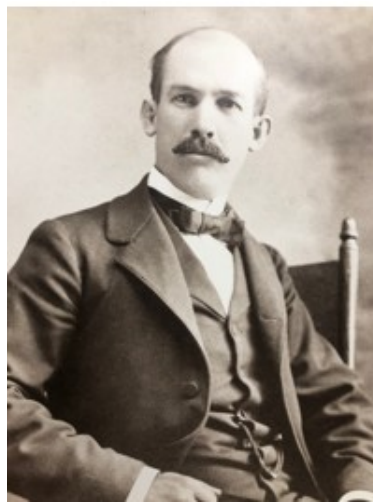
noon -2:00 pm

2 pm -4 pm

# City of Tustin History



**Donna Peery**, Office Manager of the **Tustin Historical Society** has agreed to contribute articles for our newsletter regarding Tustin history and Tustin armed forces service personnel.



Dr. James Patton Boyd

Did you know the tiny, little red fronted building (built in the 1880's) at 434 El Camino Real, and now the home of Hola Adios Coffee was once the office of Tustin's first doctors, Dr. James Shelton, and for more than 20 years, the medical office of Tustin's second doctor, Dr. James Patton Boyd.

Dr. James Patton Boyd was born in Buchanan Virginia, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Jordan Boyd. He graduated from New York University in 1879 and in 1888 moved to Santa Ana, establishing his medical practice in Santa Ana and Tustin that same year.

Dr. Boyd was described as a friend to the poor and rich alike, attended to the sons and grandsons of those early county pioneers. He treated and was the personal physician to famed Madame Helena Modjeska. He was considered to be one of the county's best physicians and surgeons and a great humanitarian. He was one of the organizers of the Orange County Medical Association, serving as its first secretary for three years, then as President in 1902, during which the Santa Ana Hospital was built.

A lifelong bachelor and brother to Rosa Boyd, who also never married, the siblings were prominent in Tustin's social circles, frequently entertaining at



their home at 801 North Main Street in Santa Ana.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, a onetime railroad physician on the Richmond-Allegheny Railway, a medical examiner at the start of World War I and a dean at a medical school. He retired from his medical practice in 1930 at age 76.

After he retired, he lived for a short time in Redlands before moving to Laguna Beach in 1937. He passed away on 2 April 1938 at age 84 and is buried at Santa Ana Cemetery. His sister, Rosa, passed away the following year and is buried beside her brother.



**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 won 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.



## Are we the Byzantines?

[Victor Davis Hanson](#) | Mar 16, 2023



When Constantinople finally fell to the Ottomans on Tuesday, May 29, 1453, the Byzantine Empire and its capital had up to that point survived for 1,000 years beyond the fall of the Western Empire at Rome.

Always outnumbered in a sea of enemies, the Byzantines' survival had depended on its realist diplomacy of dividing its enemies, avoiding military quagmires, and ensuring constant deterrence.

Generations of self-sacrifice ensured ample investment for infrastructure. Each generation inherited and improved on singular aqueducts and cisterns, sewer systems, and the most complex and formidable city fortifications in the world. Brilliant scientific advancement and engineering gave the empire advantages like swift galleys and flamethrowers - an ancient precursor to napalm.

The law reigned supreme for nearly a millennium after the emperor Justinian codified a prior 1,000 years of Roman jurisprudence.

Yet this millennium-old crown jewel of the ancient world that once was home to 800,000 citizens had only 50,000 inhabitants left when it fell.

There were only 7,000 defenders on the walls to hold back a huge Turkish army of over 150,000 attackers.

The Islamic winners took over the once magical city of Constantine and renamed it Istanbul. It had been the home of the renowned Santa Sophia, the largest Christian church in the world for over 900 years. Almost immediately, this "Church of the Holy Wisdom" was converted into the then largest mosque in the Islamic world, with minarets to follow.

So what happened to the once indomitable city fortress and its empire? Christendom had cannibalized itself. Western Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy fought endlessly. Westerners often hated each other more than they did their common enemy.

In the final days of Constantinople, almost no help was sent from Western Europe to the besieged city.

In fact 250 years earlier, the Western Franks of the Fourth Crusade had detoured from the Holy Land to storm the supposedly allied Christian City of Constantinople. Then they ransacked it and hijacked the Byzantine Empire for a half-century. Constantinople never quite recovered.

The 14 th-century Black Plague killed tens of thousands of Byzantines and scared thousands more into moving out of the cramped city. But the aging and dying empire battled more than the challenges of internal divisions, or an unforeseen but deadly pandemic and the empire's disastrous responses to it.

The last generations of Byzantines had inherited a global reputation and standard of living that they themselves no longer earned. They neglected their former civic values and fought endless battles over obscure religious texts, doctrines, and vocabulary.

They did not expand their anemic army and navy. They did not reunite their scattered Greek-speaking empire. They did not properly maintain their once life-giving walls.

Instead of earning money through their accustomed nonstop trade, they inflated their currency and were forced to melt down the city's inherited gold and silver fixtures.

The once canny and shrewd Byzantines grew smug and naive. Childlessness became common. Most now preferred to live outside of what had become a half-empty, often dirty, and poorly maintained city.

Meanwhile they underestimated the growing power of the Ottomans who systematically pruned away their empire. By the mid-15th century, Islamic armies were ready to exploit fatal Byzantine weaknesses.

The Sultan Mehmed II grandly announced the Ottomans were now the real, the only world power. Ascendant Ottoman armies would eventually move on to the very gates of Vienna in an effort to rule all the lands of the ancient Roman empire.

We should take heed from the last generations of the Byzantines. Nowhere is it foreordained that America has a birthright to remain the world's preeminent civilization.

An ascendant China seems eerily similar to the Ottomans. Beijing believes that the United States is decadent, undeserving of its affluence, living beyond its means on the fumes of the past - and very soon vulnerable enough to challenge openly.

Left and Right seem to hate each other more than they do their common enemies.

Like the Byzantines, Americans gave up defending their own borders, and simply shrugged as millions overran them as they pleased.

Our once iconic downtowns, like end-stage Constantinople before the fall, are now dirty, half-deserted, dangerous, and dysfunctional.

America prints rather than makes money, as its banks totter near bankruptcy. Americans similarly believe they are invincible without ensuring in reality that they are. Our military is more worried about being "woke" than deadly.

Like Byzantines, Americans have become snarky iconoclasts, more eager to tear down art and sculpture that they no longer have the talent to create.

Current woke dogma, obscure word fights, and sanctimonious cancel culture are as antithetical to the past generations of World War II as the last generation of Constantinople was to the former great eras of the emperors Constantine, Justinian, Heraclius, and Leo.

The Byzantines never woke up in time to understand what they had become. So far neither have Americans.

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## *Coming Events*

### **TARWF 2023 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 21

May 19

September 22

October 20

November 17

#### **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 28

May 26

September 29

October 27

December 8

#### **Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-off**

June 4, 2023 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

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## 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 –
- **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 Ben Shapiro Show**
- 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- **Michael Knowles**
- 10:00 PM – 3:00 AM –
- **Red Eye Radio**

### 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  
**Larry Elder**  
Mon-Fri 6pm to 9pm  
**Jay Sekulow**  
Mon-Fri 9pm to 10pm  
**Charlie Kirk**  
Mon-Fri 10pm to midnight

#### SiriusXM Patriot

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

**New Website for Donald Trump**  
**45office.com**

**Mike Lindell's new website**  
**FRANKSPEECH.COM**

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