

TUSTIN RWF

Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

April 2017 Newsletter



President's Message

The Honorable Justice Gorsuch confirmation and swearing in has just occurred! That, I'm sure you will agree, is a huge relief and accomplishment for this new administration and especially for those of us who believe in our Constitutional government.

The confirmation hearings clearly underscore and remind us just how important it was to defeat Hilary Clinton last November. The Democrats' questions to Judge Gorsuch, what issues were important to them, the idea of the Constitution being a "living document" that they could twist into what they want it to say..... can you imagine what would happen to our country with a legislative activist on the Supreme Court rather than a conservative Constitutionalist? I frankly, would rather not. Remember, our combined efforts and millions of others like us led to this important confirmation. I would like to think rather that Justice Scalia is smiling at a job well done.

At our last meeting, we turned our attentions back to issues here at home. Our California state legislature, already decidedly liberal, has taken an even harder left turn. Bills like SB 54 which protects illegal immigrant criminals, SB 6 allows for state funds for their defense, and SB 29 prevents our state and local law enforcement agencies from contracting with Federal or private detention facilities. This will lead to overcrowding in the local jails and the ultimate release of dangerous criminals into our communities. And the new gas tax, SB 1 (first one in the hopper this session) will hit us all in our wallets. This is our chance to pushback at Sacramento. We will again be using our pens and phones to let the liberal State Legislature know what we think of these bills.

I would like to thank all of you, the members of our club, for all your support and well wishes on the announcement of the Volunteer of the Month award I received last month from the Republican Party of Orange County. Your cards, good wishes and indications of support were incredibly sweet and touching, and I very much appreciate all of you for all you do. Truth be told, without all your support and confidence in me and our Board last year, I could not have kept this going, so I believe this is an award that should be credited to all of you.

A huge thank you to our new recording Secretary Kari Anderson! And an even bigger thank you to our retiring recording Secretary, Erin Neilson, who continued in the role even after she had moved to South County and struggled with attending our meetings, only because she loves our club so

much! She will continue to help us with other online activities and be at our meetings when she can. And, a big thank you also to our new phone-tree chair, Gretchen Velke! And great thank you to DeVonne Liebelt, who is retiring from that position after 4 years of service to our club. Thank you so much Ladies!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting where we will be addressed by unofficial mayor of North Tustin, Orange County Supervisor Todd Spitzer! Until then, have a lovely, Blessed Easter with your families.

Linda Barcelona, President

Volunteer of the Month

Our president Linda Barcelona received the volunteer of the month award from our county GOP. Here with County GOP president Fred Whitaker and Peggy Huang.





Dear Fellow Patriots,

April 2017

Here we are already in Spring and looking forward to celebrating **Easter & Passover** with our Family & Friends.

Thank you wonderful & faithful members...we have **4 new members** this month to boast about and be grateful for. We are building our '**Grassroots Army**' steadily and surely... again thanks to YOU!!

Please help us give a **Warm TARWF Welcome** to our **4 newest** Regular members: **Barbie Harayda** of Irvine; **Sue Hesse** of Irvine; **Sherry Lyon** of Tustin; and **Gail Robb** of Irvine.

We are also very proud to announce that as of April 1stth we now have **120 Regular members and 22 associate members that have renewed**. In addition, we have **21 new members** now...for a **Grand total of 163 members** combined in 2017. This is fabulous ...and we have only **YOU** to credit and **THANK** for this success and our growing number of capable, interested and passionate new members.

We will be distributing our **2107 Membership Roster** to you this month at our upcoming **April 28th** General meeting.

We are planning our **New Member Lunch for mid- May** to help new members become acquainted with our Board ...and allow you to learn more about our wonderful club and all we offer. **Please stay tuned for the exact MAY date via Tedi Cox's TARWF email alerts.** All of our new members will also be receiving a personal email invitation soon.

Once again, please consider where your abilities, interests, passions and talents may lie, and let us know how you would like to become more involved with your club. Feel free to call or email Gretchen or **me** so we can match you up **to** volunteer for something you would enjoy doing. Look at page 5 of your **TARWF Membership Roster** for a full listing of our TARWF Board Members and committees.

THANK YOU for inviting your friends and family to attend our General Meetings.

Keep **ENGAGED, EDUCATED, ENCOURAGED, and EMPOWERED** so we can achieve & succeed in 2017

Have a Blessed Easter & Passover !

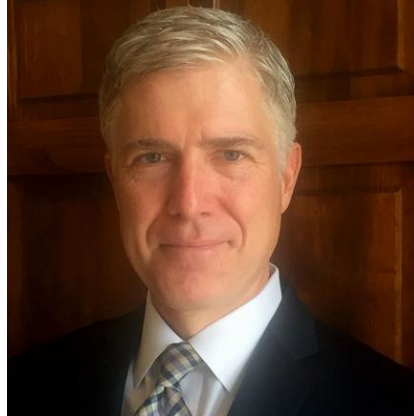
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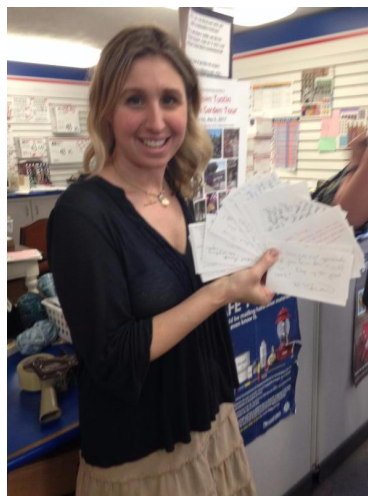
Republican Women Applaud Confirmation of Trump Supreme Court Nominee Neil Gorsuch

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Justice Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court Friday April 7, 2017 by a vote of 54-45.



Postcards for President Trump

Tiffany Miller, Annette Bartolomucci's daughter mailing 86 postcards to the President on March 16th at Mrs B's! We wrote these postcards at our February meeting to be included in the campaign to swamp the president with support cards all on the same day.



LIFE – the first inalienable right in our Constitution

By Sarah O'Neill, Treasurer

President Trump signed a bill this week, allowing states to block

federal grants for family planning centers that provide abortions, such as Planned Parenthood. What a wonderful victory for all the precious lives that were lost without a voice on their side.

Linda Barcelona, our club president, and I recently **participated in a Pro-Life Rally** in front of the large Planned Parenthood facility on Tustin Avenue in Orange. It was organized by the local Catholic Diocese in conjunction with several local Republican officials, who collectively inspired us all with their words of kindness and love.

The biggest surprise was the number of young people who took time on a Saturday to be part of this rally. Today's technology shows it's crystal clear that life begins at conception. A fetus is NOT just a clump of cells that can be "removed" at any point prior to birth, such as the belief of the democrats, and supported by Hilary Clinton in the Presidential Debate.

And, there were some crazy, scary liberals . . . The large majority of passerby's honked and gave us a thumbs up, and thanked us. Granted there were others that honked and gave us a . . . well, NOT a thumbs up! As the rally was winding up, I got in my car to go home, and drove past the remaining supporters. The car next to me honked at our rally group, and gave them obscene gestures and yelled out obscenities. I was not going to let that go unanswered, so I honked repeatedly at our group, gave them a thumbs up and yelled thank you, thank you! That didn't go over well with the non-supporters in the next lane . . . so these 3 young, large tattooed men proceeded to veer into my car to run me into on-coming traffic, cut me off and slam on their brakes, all the while laughing and yelling profanities at me, a 58 year old lady by myself in a little Ford Fiesta!

It was very unsettling and downright scary. They finally drove off when I entered onto the freeway. I immediately called the Orange Police Department to report the "assault" . . . only to find out that everything they had done was NOT a crime! I was not injured and my car was not damaged – no crime. I couldn't believe it! I even had some of it on video. The dispatcher was empathetic, but unfortunately there was nothing to be done legally. The PD recorded the incident, in the event the car is involved in something else in the future.

This is what has become of our once great State of California . . . no law and order for upstanding citizens, but more of a free for all for the other elements in our "new world order." Let's do everything in our power to right this ship!



Announcing our next TARWF Meeting



Hope you will all be able to join us for our next meeting **Friday, April 28th**

Featuring Orange County Supervisor, **Todd Spitzer** as our featured speaker. Serving as our County Supervisor for the Third District since 2012, Supervisor Spitzer is often referred to as the "Unofficial Mayor of North Tustin". This former State Assemblyman has had the heart of a public servant throughout his entire career, serving as a School Board Trustee to serving as Assistant D.A. He has been instrumental in a great deal of public safety legislation and most recently as County Supervisor, involved with Orange Counties Airport issues.

Be sure to bring your questions with you!

Doors open at 10:30am
Meeting starts at 11:00am

For Reservations Please Contact
Mary Hardin at
hardinmary@gmail.com or
phone (714)731-2460 or (714)403-9100

\$25 for Members and \$30 for Guests

Last day to make reservations is Monday, April 24th, 2017

Remember a reservation made is a reservation paid.
If you are unable to keep your reservation, please cancel.

Meeting and Luncheon held at
Tustin Ranch Golf Club
12442 Tustin Ranch Rd, Tustin
Ca. 92782



**Surprise
Linda!** You
have been
awarded the
Volunteer of
the month
award by the
Orange
County GOP



Thanks Linda!

We women of the Tustin Area Republican Women thank you for all you do for our club.



Calendar of events:

April 20th Happy Hour Politics, Mimi's Café, 17th Street, Tustin,

6pm-7:30pm RSVP to Sarah O'Neill, soneill2007@yahoo.com

April 24th Executive Board Meeting, Coco's, Newport & Holt, 3-5pm
No reservations required for General membership

April 28th TARWF General Meeting featuring Supervisor Todd Spitzer

Reservations necessary to MaryHardin, hardinmary@gmail.com

April 28th-29th CFRW Spring Advocacy Convention

Reservations required by April 19th, please let LindaB know if you would like to attend. Lindabarcelona1@yahoo.com



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