



Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

December 2023 Newsletter



President's Report

Dear TARWF Members,

We enjoyed a very festive and well attended December General Meeting on December 8th. A lively rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas was led by Noel Parrish and Pamla Manazer that involved everyone at the meeting singing and in some cases acting out their parts. It was a great way to get us in the holiday spirit!

The very talented Foothill High School Dickens Carolers serenaded us in traditional attire while singing the holiday classics. Their sweet voices were enjoyed by all.



Our CFRW Region 8 Director, Bibi Mesmer, officiated the Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers for 2024. The program theme was our Constellation of Stars leading us in 2024. A transcript of the program theme segment of the Installation is included in this Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to accept a leadership role for 2024. We are fortunate to have a diverse and talented group of women willing to dedicate their time and positive energy to serve on your TARWF Board.

As we look forward to 2024, please consider how you would like to get involved with supporting TARWF and being active in 2024. Please reach out to me or one of our Board Members to find out more about getting involved.

The California primary is a few short months away. **Be sure to check your voter registration at [OCVote.org](https://ocvote.org)** and encourage your friends and family to register to vote. Now is a good time to get this done! You must be a registered Republican to vote in the Republican primary in March!

Best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Sheryl Franke
TARWF President



2024 TARWF Officer Installation



SHERYL FRANKE, 2024 TARWF PRESIDENT, OUR NORTH STAR
BY DEFINITION THE NORTH STAR SYMBOLIZES DIRECTION, GUIDANCE AND STABILITY DUE TO ITS FIXED POSITION RELATIVE TO THE OTHER STARS.

SHERYL'S ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND ABILITY TO CRAFT THE PIECES TO WORK IN CONCERT WHILE REMAINING CONSTANT AT THE CENTER, MORE THAN DESCRIBE HER PREVIOUS "WORK" AS WELL AS CURRENT "BUSY RETIREMENT" STYLE.

AND JUST LIKE THE NORTH STAR, IF YOU LOSE YOUR DIRECTION OR ARE CONFUSED ABOUT WHICH WAY TO GO...JUST LOOK UP AND THERE SHE IS!

LINDA BARCELONA, 2024 TARWF 1ST VP OF PROGRAMS, OUR SHINNING STAR

THE POPULAR SINGING GROUP *EARTH WIND AND FIRE* WERE CERTAINLY DESCRIBING LINDA IN THIS POSITION, WHEN THEY SANG, "SHINNING STAR COMES INTO VIEW TO SHINE ITS WATCHFUL LIGHT ON YOU."

ENSURING WE HEAR FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT SPEAKERS IN A TIMELY MANNER, LINDA'S EXPERIENCE MAKES HER THE PERFECT CHOICE TO KEEP US CONNECTED TO WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO KNOW...AND WHEN WE NEED TO HEAR ABOUT IT!

LINETTE JOHNSTON AND GAYLE CARTER, CO-SECOND VP'S OF MEMBERSHIP, OUR SHOOTING STARS

SHOOTING STARS HEAT UP AND GLOW AS THEY FLY THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE BECAUSE THEY MOVE SO FAST. WELL, WE HAVE OUR OWN TEAM OF FAST-MOVING STARS CO-CHAIRING THE SECOND VP POSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP. LINETTE AND GAYLE WILL WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP THE MEMBER BODY ON TRACK WHILE THEY MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE ROSTER.

PAMLA MANAZER, THIRD VP OF FUNDRAISING, OUR ROCK STAR
WHEN WE SAY PAMLA IS OUR ROCK STAR IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER MUSICAL ABILITY OR DRESSING UP IN CRAZY COSTUMES...AT LEAST NOT ANYMORE.

NO, IN THIS CASE THE "ROCK STAR" TO WHICH WE REFER IS THE ENERGY DRINK... BECAUSE IT TAKES THAT KIND OF FUEL TO PULL OFF ENOUGH EVENTS TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF DEVELOPING A HEALTHY REVENUE STREAM FOR TARWF'S MANY 2024 PLANS.

GAIL REGO, TREASURER, OUR GOLD STAR

THE GOLD STAR HAS LONG BEEN A SYMBOLIC REFERENCE TO "APPROVAL FOR OUTSTANDING MERIT OR EFFORT". WHAT CHARACTERISTICS COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT TO THE POSITION OF TARWF TREASURER? GAIL REGO CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES HER ABILITY TO KEEP OUR FINANCES ON TRACK AND REPRESENT US WITH INTEGRITY AT THE STATE LEVEL WITH ACCURATE AND TIMELY REPORTING.

GRETCHEN WHISLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, OUR LUCKY STAR

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ARE ASTRONOMICAL. PER CAPITA REPORTS, PAYMENT STATUS, DUES ARE DUE COMMUNICATIONS....AND TOO MANY MORE TO MENTION. ALL OF THESE TASKS FALL TO THIS POSITION. WE ARE IN GREAT HANDS FOR 2024 WITH GRETCHEN AT THE HELM. WE CALL HER OUR LUCKY STAR BUT IT IS TARWF WHO IS THANKING THEIR LUCKY STARS FOR HER ACCEPTING THIS POSITION ONCE MORE.

JUDY LEVINE, RECORDING SECRETARY, IS OUR MOVIE STAR

OF COURSE, MOVIE STARS ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR ENVIABLE LOOKS BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN TAKING ON *LEADING ROLES*. THIS MORE THAN DESCRIBES OUR JUDY LEVINE. ADD TO THESE TALENTS HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLITICAL FRONT AND YOU HAVE AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR ANY OF OUR POSITIONS. FOR 2024 JUDY WILL BE KEEPING ALL OF OUR CLUB MEETING MINUTES.

VICTORIA MACDONALD, PARLIAMENTARIAN, IS OUR LODESTAR

THE DICTIONARY SAYS A LODESTAR IS ONE WHO SERVES AS AN INSPIRATION AND GUIDE. RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS THAT BY DEFINITION IS GOVERNED BY CONSTANTLY UPDATED RULES AND REGULATIONS MAKES VICTORIA MACDONALD AN IDEAL MATCH TO SERVE AS OUR COUNSEL FOR ADVICE AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. HER ATTENTION TO DETAILS AS WELL AS WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE PROMISES A GREAT 2024 FOR TARWF.



Fundraising Report



2024 HERE WE COME!

But before we can look forward, we should look back. 2023 definitely ushered in the year of the Happy Hour get togethers. Thank you to everyone who is making this tradition grow and helping our outreach.

The Chili Cook off and Tustin Tiller days have given us great exposure in the community and added to our membership. We greatly appreciate those who have set up and torn down our outstanding booth and worked long hours registering Republicans and shared about the club.

Our fundraising for 2024 will be taking some giant steps with added activities. Remember, the more money we raise the more we can contribute. Your generosity outdoes itself time after time and we are grateful.

As we move into an election year it becomes even more important to invite new guests to be educated and get a clear picture of what we are about. Keep up the good work. As we find ourselves deep in our Holiday Festivities with friends and family let us not forget what is happening around the world and keep those still in the middle of desperate situations, in our prayers.

We are blessed here in America and your support of our club and willingness to support the Republican Party in whatever way you can, will not return void.

Have a great holiday season and come back in January ready to launch.





Membership Report

Hi Ladies,

As we embrace the holiday season and the promise of a new year, there's an unmistakable sense of renewal and hope in the air. This spirit resonates deeply with our club where each member is a catalyst for positive change in our political climate.

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news with you – our TARWF tribe has grown stronger, reaching a total of 91 members! Your commitment to our cause is truly inspiring.

A warm welcome to our new member Debbie Hone of Santa Ana. Welcome back Kathe Griswold of Tustin. Christine Staff of Santa Ana has become a Regular Member after being an Associate Member previously. Your presence adds a dynamic energy to our tribe, and we're excited about the journey ahead.

The heart of our club lies in the unwavering support of our members. We've witnessed an impressive 76 regular member renewals and 12 associate member renewals. Your dedication is the bedrock of our success.

A special shout-out to our Sustaining Members – your generosity speaks volumes. Your contributions enable us to bring in dynamic speakers and elevate the impact of TARWF activities. Thank you for your support.

As we approach the renewal deadline in February, consider adding TARWF membership renewal to your December 'To Do' list. Trust me, as someone who occasionally embraces the art of procrastination, there's no better feeling than starting the new year with all goals accomplished.

We are immensely grateful for each one of you and the shared goal we hold dear – improving our political climate for the benefit of all. Together, we are a force for positive change, and the best is yet to come!

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Warm Regards,
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.



Nelson Miles Holderman

Captain, United States Army

Born November 10, 1885, Trumbull Nebraska

Served during World War I

Died September 3, 1953

Nelson Miles Holderman was born on November 10, 1885 in Nebraska, the fifth out of six children of Upton and Myra Holderman. He was named after Nelson Appleton Miles, a Civil War hero and Medal of Honor recipient that his father had served under during the Civil War. His family moved from Nebraska to Tustin California in 1893. Nelson Holderman attended Tustin Grammar School and was part of “Zeke’s Bunch” under principal John Zielan.

Holderman began his military career as a private in Santa Ana’s California Army National Guard Unit, Company L. He served for five months during 1916 at the Mexican border during the time of Pancho Villa’s raids. Holderman rose quickly through the ranks and by the time America entered World War I on April 6, 1917, he was promoted to Captain and was commander of his Company L Unit.

As Company L arrived at the Western Front the following year, they along with Holderman were assigned as replacements for Company K of the 307th Infantry Regiment, part of the 77th Division of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF).

Captain Holderman was well respected and his reputation as a “soldier’s soldier” who never turned down a patrol and viewed his military career as an adventure.

Company K became involved in the fierce battles in the Argonne Forest, with the purpose to break the German’s lines who were entrenched there. The battalion under the leadership of Major Charles Whittlesey were able to break through enemy lines, in fact going too far. They became known as the Lost Battalion after being cut off. Attempts to reach Major Whittlesey’s unit failed until Captain Holderman’s Company K reached them, also becoming cut off and part of the Lost Battalion. They were surrounded by the enemy

for five days without help or supplies. Captain Holderman had been wounded on three of those days, yet continued to lead and encourage the officers and men under his command with unflinching courage and determined success in a series of counterattacks against the large German force.

He was wounded on October 4th, 5th and 7th he continued to personally lead and inspire his men. On October 6th, 1918, although wounded, he rushed through enemy machine gun and shell fire and carried two men to safety. His and his company's actions have been cited as the primary reason for repeated German attacks failing to capture the position. Author Robert Laplander states in his book "Finding the Lost Battalion" that Captain Holderman would not leave until all of his men were cared for and evacuated, even though the Captain was suffering from seven separate wounds as well as a plethora of minor ones, most of which were infected. He sat in a bloody heap or leaned on his two broken rifles until his men were safe.

Company L returned to Santa Ana and a rousing welcome during April of 1919. At a servicemen's recognition celebration on Sept. 9, 1919, Capt. Holderman received the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Mexican Service Medal, World War I Victory Medal, the Legion of Honor from France, two Croix de Guerre medals, Officer of the Order of the Crown and the Knight of the Order of Leopold from Belgium for his courage and bravery in leading his men. He was one of the most decorated soldiers of World War I.

After returning to Tustin, Capt. Holderman rejoined the National Guard and was appointed a colonel. The governor of CA named him commandant of the Yountville Soldier's Home in Yountville, CA, in 1926. Colonel Holderman worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans, building two new dorms and a hospital. He served until his death on Sept. 3, 1953, and is buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, CA.



One of the most prominent citizens of Tustin in the early 1900's was Upton Christian Holderman. Upton was born in Iowa in 1844 and enlisted in the Civil War when he was just 17 years old, serving four years. He married Myra Morse at age 21 and the couple had six children, born in Iowa and

Nebraska.

The family moved to Tustin in 1893, and Upton purchased 20 acres of land at what is now Newport and El Camino Real, including the land at the site of Tustin High School. On his land, Upton planted oranges, apricots and walnut trees. He later purchased ten acres of walnut trees on Seventeenth Street and Holt Streets. The County of Orange's Holderman Park on Seventeenth Street sits at what was the entrance to their ranch.

While Upton was in Iowa and Nebraska, he served as a delegate to the Republican County conventions. Once in Tustin, he sat on the Republican Central Committee, served a four-year term on the County Board of Supervisors (1903-1907) and was active in the Sedgwick Post of GAR. Upton passed away in 1913 at age 68 and is buried at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana.

The Holderman family continued to serve in Tustin area and our Nation. Daughter Emma Holderman married John Lamb, the Orange County Tax Assessor for 33 years.

Son Myron Holderman served in the Spanish-American War with Santa Ana's Company L, 7th California Infantry.

Son Nelson Holderman became one of World War I's most decorated American soldiers (see the soldier biography).

Upton Grant Holderman continued to live at the Seventeenth Street ranch until his death in 1951. His son Lloyd worked for the Tustin Hills Citrus Association until he joined the United States Navy in 1942. He was on board a ship that was sunk in Iwo Jima and spent three hours in the water until he was rescued. His wife Nancy was a long-time member of the Tustin Area Woman's Club.



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.

January 19

February 16

March 22

April 19

May 24

September 20

October 18

December 6

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.

Jan 26

Feb 23

Mar 29

Apr 26

May 31

Sep 27

Oct 25

Dec 13



Conservative Political Radio Talk Shows



Monday – Friday

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

- 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

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

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