



TUSTIN RWF

Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

January 2019 Newsletter



Co-Presidents Message:

Happy New Year dear TARWF friends and Patriots!! We hope this message finds you all doing well.

Judy and Pat look forward to being with you all this month as we make our debut at our first meeting for this 2019 new year, as your new Co-Presidents.

We are making preparations and doing lots of planning with our wonderful TARWF Board of Directors and Committee chairs so we will all enjoy making a difference together in this new year.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming 1st General Meeting of 2019 on **Friday, January 25th from 11am – 1pm at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club.**

Fred Whitaker, our OC GOP Chairman will be our guest speaker.

PLEASE RSVP to Mary Hardin by email at HardinMary@gmail.com by **Monday the 21st of January...**
We need you to make your Reservation in order to plan tables

and meals.

We welcome your ideas, suggestions and any concerns so we can all contribute to help “ Make America Great Again!”

Thank you in advance for partnering with us to prepare a great 2019 year.

Warmest Regards,
Judy & Pat



**Tustin Area Republican Women
Federated Invite You to
Join us January 25, 2019 for our
first event of the New Year**

**Our speaker will be
the Honorable Fred Whitaker
OCGOP Chairman Republican Party
Unanimously elected in 2015**

Fred is a husband, father, businessman and community volunteer. A longtime Republican Party volunteer who previously served as Vice Chairman and Parliamentarian. He is Managing Partner at Cummins & White, LLP in Newport Beach where he specializes in corporate counsel, business transactions, real estate and estate planning.

Fred will give us a report on 2018 election results and discuss with us what we need to do as a “Grass Roots Army” to have a new direction so we can make a difference going forward.

Doors open for Check-in at 10:30 AM

Meeting 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Members & Associate Members \$30.00 • Guests \$35.00

RSVP by Monday, January 21, 2019

For reservations please contact:

Mary Hardin at hardinmary@gmail.com

Reservations are required.

Only those with reservations will be seated for lunch

If there are “no shows” seats may become available

Please 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



**Dear Friends & Fellow
Patriots,**

January, 2019

Happy New Year Everyone! We hope this message finds you all healthy & happy as we begin this new year 2019.

We are excited to welcome **Linette Johnston and Nancy Wills** as our new membership co-chairs, who will be by Gretchen Whisler's side and mine, as we acquaint and transition them to all the enjoyable tasks they will perform.

Linette and Nancy are such joys and have personally brought in more guests who have become members to our club over the years, than anyone else. YAY!! There's no better endorsement than that for our new Membership Co-Chairs. Needless to say, we are excited about them accepting this important role of welcoming and caring for our TARWF members.

We enjoyed another great time together at our Christmas Party. We are currently planning programs for this year to come....

We want to boast about a wonderful turnout with TARWF renewals for this year already and we heartily thank each and every member who has already **RENEWED** your **TARWF membership for 2019**.

We have **121 Regular** member to start off our new year and **24 Associate** renewals for a total so far of **145 members for 2019**. We are well on our way to matching our 2018 total membership, which was **143 regular members and 26 associate members**--with the goal to exceed that number. **We currently have 36 regular members and 3 associate members who still need to renew.**

We humbly ask those remaining faithful members to **send in your renewal form for 2019** with your payment to 17531 Via Lindo, Tustin CA 92780 ASAP...or use the convenient TARWF envelope we provided for you in our initial mailing. **Renewal Date deadline is March 1st, 2019.**

Your membership and presence in our club is PRECIOUS to our vitality and success. We need each and every one of you!! The upcoming year ahead will still be a **CRUCIAL time** again in our history to continue to **GROW and STRENGTHEN** our **78 year old Republican "Grassroots Army"** to help preserve our freedoms and insure our security, locally and nationally. We **MUST keep fighting** for Conservative values.

Please continue to consider getting more involved with us.

We have **ONE OPENING to fill** on our **Elected BOD for 2019**, we still need to fill the position of **Recording Secretary**.

Please contact us if you'd like to serve with your talents & heart.

Keep Being ENGAGED, EDUCATED, ENCOURAGED, and EMPOWERED to achieve success in 2019 to come.

Warmly,
Pat Micone on behalf of
Your **TARWF Membership Team,**

Linette Johnston & Nancy Wills
NEW Co-Membership Chairs

Gretchen Whisler
Membership Secretary



Election Integrity Project California
EVERY LAWFULLY CAST VOTE ACCURATELY COUNTED.

Dear Patriot!

WOW, it is true - there is a settlement in regards to the lawsuit!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Finally!! California Agrees to Begin Cleanup of its Voter List!

LA County to Remove 1.5 Million Inactive Registrants! SANTA CLARITA, CA. January 4, 2019 - Election Integrity Project California, Inc. (EIPCa) today announced the settlement of its lawsuit that requires Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, to immediately begin to follow federal mandates for identifying and removing deceased, moved and other ineligible registrants (as many as 1.5 million inactive registrants) from the LA County voter rolls. The settlement also requires Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State, to see that similar actions are taken by each County Registrar throughout California.

The lawsuit, filed in August of 2017 with EIPCa as a primary plaintiff, alleged that the defendants were not following the requirements of Section 8 of the 1993 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). The NVRA requires states to reasonably maintain state and county voter registration rolls. The mandates of this settlement, when performed, will bring California into federal compliance as is required of every other state.

"Because of the powerful and overwhelming evidence provided by EIPCa, this was an exceptionally strong case," said Linda Paine, president of EIPCa. "California's voter rolls are unforgivably bloated, a situation that invites voter impersonation and fraud."

EIPCa retained Judicial Watch as its lawyer and pursued this suit as EIPCa's first step to restoring to the citizens faith in their election system and confidence in the outcome of California's election results.

Under the Clinton administration, the U.S. Department of Justice gave California a pass on following the NVRA voter roll maintenance mandate. The result was that **California was not held accountable for failure to maintain its voter lists for over twenty years.** It is no wonder that California's voter rolls are in the deplorable condition they have been shown to be by EIPCa.

EIPCa considers this a colossal win. By bringing California, the most populous state in the union, into legal compliance with respect to its unmaintained voter rolls, the settlement, when performed, will have a major impact across the nation. Los Angeles County has over 10 million residents, more than the population of 41 of the 50 United States. California is America's largest state with over 38 million residents.

Under the terms of the settlement, Mr. Padilla and Mr. Logan are required to make regular reports of their corrective actions and results. Progress and compliance will be subject to enforcement by a federal judge and validated by EIPCa researchers.

The lawsuit was prompted when EIPCa's data analyst team found and reported that the number of registered voters in at least eight California counties exceeded 100% of the eligible

population. Los Angeles County had by far the largest number of registrants over 100% with approximately 482,000 people more than those eligible to vote.

This outrageously high figure is exacerbated by the fact that Los Angeles County alone has over 1.5 million inactive registrants on its rolls. Inactives are persons who may not be legitimate registrants but are still eligible to vote by virtue of not being removed from the eligible voter roll database as is required by the NVRA. The settlement requires LA County to contact each of these inactive registrants by March 19, 2019 and timely remove from the voter rolls those who are ineligible to vote. "This mandate to follow federal law and properly maintain the voter rolls is a critically important win for the citizens of California and the country," said Linda Paine, "because it will make vote fraud more difficult to commit."

There is much more to be done to assure eligible Californians that their votes count, undiluted by the casting of illegitimate votes. EIPCa will continue to leverage the massive amount of evidence and documentation provided by its data team and election observer volunteers to effect further substantive corrections for the protection of each eligible California voter.

EIPCa, a tax exempt, public benefit, non-profit 501(c)(3), non-partisan corporation dedicated to assuring that every lawfully cast vote is accurately counted and reported will continue to add to its 8 years of research and documentation to determine whether the state and counties are complying with state and federal laws that protect the integrity of the electoral process.

Simply stated, EIPCa will relentlessly pursue the fulfillment of its motto: Every Lawfully Cast Vote Accurately Counted.

<https://www.eip-ca.com/index.html>

Thank you for helping,
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(We had Katherine Gerdis speak to our club in September.)

Every Lawfully Cast Vote Accurately Counted



Upcoming Republican Events

Republican Party of Orange County Central Committee Meeting

Monday, January 21 2019 at 7:00 PM
Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa
3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa

Featured Speakers - Candidates for California Republican Party
Chairman
• Hon. Travis Allen



2018 A Pretty Good Year

By Victor Davis Hanson

January 03, 2019

The year 2018 will be deplored by pundits as a bad year of more unpredictable Donald Trump, headlined by wild stock market gyrations, the melodramas of the Robert Mueller investigation and the musical-chair tenures of officials in the Trump administration.

The government is still shut down. Talk of impeachment by the newly Democrat-controlled House of Representatives is in the air. Seemingly every day there are sensational breakthroughs, scandals and bombshells that race through social media and the Internet -- only to be forgotten by the next day.

In truth, aside from the Washington hysterias, 2018 was a most successful year for Americans.

In December, the United States reached a staggering level of oil production, pumping some 11.6 million barrels per day. For the first time since 1973, America is now the world's largest oil producer

Since Trump took office, the U.S. has increased its oil production by nearly 3 million barrels per day, largely as the result of fewer regulations, more federal leasing, and the continuing brilliance of American frackers and horizontal drillers.

It appears that there is still far more oil beneath U.S. soil than has ever been taken out.

American production could even soar higher in the months ahead.

In addition, the United States remains the largest producer of natural gas and the second-greatest producer of coal. The scary old energy-related phraseology of the last half-century -- "energy crisis," "peak oil," "oil embargo" -- no longer exists.

Near-total energy self-sufficiency means the U.S. is no longer strategically leveraged by the Middle East, forced to pay exorbitant political prices to guarantee access to imported oil, or threatened by gasoline prices of \$4 to \$5 a gallon.

The American economy grew by 4.2 percent in the second quarter of 2018, and by 3.4 percent in the third quarter. American GDP is nearly \$17 trillion larger than in January 2017, and nearly \$8 trillion larger than the GDP of China. For all the talk of the Chinese juggernaut, three Chinese workers produce about 60 percent of the goods and services produced by one American worker.

In 2018, unemployment fell to a near-record peacetime low of 3.7 percent. That's the lowest U.S. unemployment rate since 1969. Black unemployment hit an all-time low in 2018. For the first time in memory, employers are seeking out entry-level workers rather than vice versa.

The poverty rate is also near a historic low, and household income increased. There are about 8 million fewer Americans living below the poverty line than there were eight years ago.

Since January 2017, more than 3 million Americans have gone off so-called food stamps.

Abroad, lots of bad things that were supposed to happen simply did not.

After withdrawing from the Paris climate accord, the U.S. exceeded the annual percentage of carbon reductions of most countries that are part of the agreement.

North Korea and the U.S. did not go to war. Instead, North Korea has stopped its provocative nuclear testing and its launching of ballistic missiles over the territory of its neighbors.

Despite all the Trump bluster, NATO and NAFTA did not quite implode. Rather, allies and partners agreed to renegotiate past commitments and agreements on terms more favorable to the U.S.

The United States -- and increasingly most of the world -- is at last addressing the systematic commercial cheating, technological appropriation, overt espionage, intellectual-property theft, cyber intrusions and mercantilism of the Chinese government.

The Middle East is still chaotic, but it is a mess that is now far less important to the U.S. for a variety of reasons. Energy-wise, America is not dependent on oil imports from corrupt Gulf monarchies or hostile Islamic states. Strategy-wise, the new fault lines are not Arab and Islamic cultures versus Israel or the United States. Instead, it is internecine strife within the Islamic world, mostly with Iran and its Shiite satellites opposing the Sunni Arab monarchies and more moderate Middle Eastern regimes.

For all the pro- and anti-Trump invective and media hysteria, the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation circus, and the bitter midterm elections, the U.S. was relatively calm in 2018 compared with the rest of the world. There was none of the mass rioting, demonstrations and street violence that occurred recently in France, and none of the existential and unsolvable divides over globalization and Brexit that we saw in Europe. Europe's three most powerful leaders -- Angela Merkel of Germany, Emmanuel Macron of France and Theresa May of the United Kingdom -- have worse approval ratings than the embattled Donald Trump.

In sum, the more media pundits claimed that America was on the brink of disaster in 2018, the more Americans became prosperous and secure.

Victor Davis Hanson is a classicist and historian at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.



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John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network, and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails—But Individuals Succeed."

For years, I've heard American leftists say Sweden is proof that socialism works, that it doesn't have to turn out as badly as the Soviet Union or Cuba or Venezuela did.

But that's not what Swedish historian Johan Norberg says in a new documentary and Stossel TV video. "Sweden is *not* socialist—because the government doesn't own the means of production. To see that, you have to go to Venezuela or Cuba or North Korea," says Norberg. "We did have a period in the 1970s and 1980s when we had something that resembled socialism: a big government that taxed and spent heavily. And that's the period in Swedish history when our economy was going south." Per capita gross domestic product fell. Sweden's growth fell behind other countries. Inflation increased. Even socialistic Swedes complained about the high taxes.

Astrid Lindgren, author of the popular "Pippi Longstocking" children's books, discovered that she was losing money by being popular. She had to pay a tax of 102 percent on any new book she sold. "She wrote this angry essay about a witch who was mean and vicious—but not as vicious as the Swedish tax authorities," says Norberg. Yet even those high taxes did not bring in enough money to fund Sweden's big welfare state. "People couldn't get the pension that they thought they depended on for the future," recounts Norberg. "At that point the Swedish population just said, 'Enough, we can't do this.'"

Sweden then reduced government's role. They cut public spending, privatized the national rail network, abolished certain government monopolies, eliminated inheritance taxes, and sold state-owned businesses like the maker of Absolut Vodka. They also reduced pension promises "so that it wasn't as unsustainable," adds Norberg. As a result, says Norberg, his "impoverished peasant nation developed into one of the world's richest countries."

He acknowledges that Sweden, in some areas, has a big government: "We do have a bigger welfare state than the U.S., higher taxes than the U.S., but in other areas, when it comes to free markets, when it comes to competition, when it comes to free trade, Sweden is actually *more* free market." Sweden's free market is not burdened by the U.S.'s excessive regulations, special-interest subsidies, and crony bailouts. That allows it to fund Sweden's big welfare programs.

"Today our taxes pay for pensions—you (in the U.S.) call it Social Security—for 18-month paid parental leave, government-paid childcare for working families," says Norberg. But Sweden's government doesn't run all those programs. "Having the government manage all of these things didn't work well." So they privatized. "We realized in Sweden that with these government monopolies, we don't get the innovation that we get when we have competition," says Norberg.

Sweden switched to a school voucher system. That allows parents to pick their kids' school and forced schools to compete for the voucher money. "One result that we've seen is not just that the private schools are better," says Norberg, "but even public schools in the vicinity of private schools often improve, because they have to."

Sweden also partially privatized its retirement system. In America, the Cato Institute proposed something similar. President George W. Bush supported the idea but didn't explain it well. He dropped the idea when politicians complained that privatizing Social Security scared voters. Swedes were frightened by the idea at first, too, says Norberg, "But when they realized that the alternative was that the whole pension system would collapse, they thought that this was much better than doing nothing."

So Sweden supports its welfare state with private pensions, school choice, and fewer regulations, and in international economic freedom comparisons, Sweden often earns a higher ranking than the U.S.

Next time you hear Democratic Socialists talk about how socialist Sweden is, remind them that the big welfare state is funded by Swedes' free-market practices, not their socialist ones.



OCFRW President Cynthia Thacker installing the new 2019 TARWF Board of Directors December 7, 2018 with Tedi standing in for Pat Micone.



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