



Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

March 2026 Newsletter

President's Report



Tustin Area Republican Women Federated is off to a great start in 2026. We have added many new members over the past year, and they have taken leadership roles on several committees and are getting engaged with the leadership of our club. Welcome to all our members, new and returning, as we begin the Mid Term season and get to know the candidates running for office in our communities and statewide.

Over the next several months we will focus on having candidates from local, county and state races speak at our candidate forums. This is an opportunity for our members and their guests to hear firsthand from the candidates, engage with them by asking questions and hearing what they have to say.

Several of our own TARWF Club members are running for office! We congratulate you and are inspired by you!

As you prepare for our next candidate forum, please be sure you know what your voting districts are for your local school board, county supervisor, state assembly, senate, and congressional districts. You can easily access this information by visiting [OCVOTE.ORG](https://ocvote.org), click on Data & Research, click on Maps, and then click on Find My District Tool. Input your home address and you will see the list of offices and voting district for each. I urge you to write down your voting district information now and have it accessible when you are attending the candidate forums

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our next General Meeting on March 27th. If you have gently used political books that you would

like to donate to our TARWF library, please bring them. Our new librarian, Dorene Wolfe, will be happy to receive your books and put them on display.

Mark your calendar for June 7th, our Big Beautiful TARWF Booth will be at the Tustin Street Fair. You are welcome to join us in the booth for some or all of the event. We have a great time interacting with the local community, supporting our Republican candidates, marketing TARWF and helping people register to vote. Contact Becky Grimes to find out more!

We are looking forward to EDUCATING our members about the candidates running for office at our candidate forums. We are offering to help you ENGAGE in the political process by reaching out to the community and join us at the Tustin Street Fair. We need each of our members to help ELECT Republicans by encouraging your friends and neighbors to register to vote, and vote for Republican candidates!

Thank you!
Sheryl Franke



GENERAL MEETING &



CANDIDATE FORUM



Meet the Candidates:

Sonja Shaw- CA State Superintendent of Schools

Ziggy McBride- TUSD Area 5

Kelly Felton- TUSD-Area 3

Dr. David Pan-46th Congressional District

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

SOCIAL 10 AM

MEETING & LUNCH 11 AM

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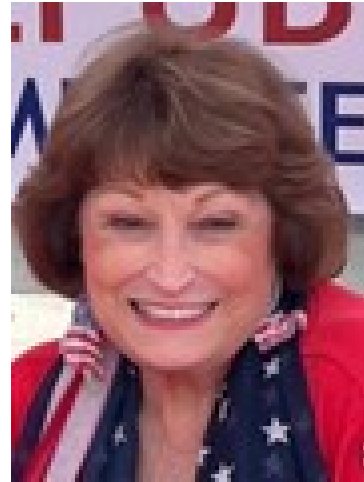
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Program Report



MARCH HAPPENINGS -

When asked about Daylight Savings Time, a Native American gentleman was rumored to say, WHITE MAN THE ONLY ONE WHO CUT OFF BOTTOM OF BLANKET, SEW ON TOP TO MAKE LONGER! Think about it...not too smart. What is smart is inviting your voting age friends to our luncheons this season so they can be "smartly" informed about choices on the ballot. This month we are privileged to have SONJA SHAW running for California State Superintendent (if you haven't been following her social media, you're in for a treat when you hear her speak). DR DAVID PAN running for our 46th Congressional District. Although he joined us in January in a different capacity, this time he will share his campaign with us. KELLY FELTON is running for

TUSD District 3. I think we've all learned that school is where it starts. Kelly will have some great insights concerning current challenges.

Without our candidate forums many of us would not even recognize the names of some of these candidates. The day you open your ballot is not the time to decide on your choice, so please join us. You may not have school age children but have friends who do. They will appreciate your helping them be informed about who is still coloring inside the lines these days. The only good thing to come out of COVID was being given a peek at what was actually going on in the classroom these days (and accumulating a wardrobe of really cute masks). Let's keep up the momentum behind our mantra of **EDUCATE ENGAGE AND ELECT**. We are here to help you make the best choices. Join us as we go into round two of our 2026 Candidate Forums.

Although our March Happy Hour will have taken place by the time you see this, please plan to join us in April (second Tuesday of each month) for a relaxed time of food, fun and information in a safe space.

Pamla Manazer
1st VP Programs

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Fundraising Report



Lucky to be a member of TARWF

March is here, bringing with it the spirit of **St. Patrick's Day** and hopefully a little extra luck for all of us! As the saying goes, "*The harder you work, the luckier you get,*" and our club continues to prove that true every month. With the dedication of our members and the support of our community, we have a lot of great things happening this year. So whether you're wearing green, searching for a four-leaf clover, or simply enjoying the start of spring, we hope a little Irish luck comes your way this month! 🍀

Just a reminder about our **newsletter advertising opportunity**. For only **\$100 for the entire year**, businesses can advertise in our monthly newsletter and connect with our wonderful community. Advertising is not limited to members—friends, family, and local businesses you support are all welcome to

participate. Advertisers can also place **flyers, business cards, or promotional items** on the advertiser table at the back of the room during our monthly meetings. It's a great way to promote a business while supporting our club.

Be sure to **mark your calendars for the Annual Tustin Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, June 7th**. This is always a fantastic community event and a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with the public. TARWF will have a booth there again this year as we kick off the celebration of **America's 250th anniversary**, and we hope many of you will stop by and say hello or volunteer to work a shift at the booth.

We're also excited to announce that TARWF will once again have a booth at the **Tustin Sunset Market**, which returns **May 21, 2026** and runs through **September**. Join us on the **third Thursday of each month from May through September in Old Town Tustin at El Camino Real and Third Street from 5:00–8:30 PM** for this fun community event. The Sunset Market features a **farmer's market, local vendors, live music, a beer and wine garden, and a great variety of food trucks**. It's a lively evening in the heart of Old Town and a wonderful opportunity for our club to engage with the community.

I will be asking for **volunteers to help man our booth during the Sunset Market evenings**. If you would like to join in the fun, meet members of the community, and help share information about our club, please feel free to contact me. I will have a sign up sheet available at the April meeting. It's a great way to get involved and represent our club in a relaxed and festive setting.

There's a lot to look forward to in the months ahead, and we're excited to share these experiences together. Wishing everyone a **lucky, happy, and productive March!** 🍀

Becky Grimes
Fundraising/Community Outreach



Membership Report

We are off to a great start this year with one hundred members and counting! Our new rosters are here—have you picked up yours? They are available at our luncheon meetings from now through May. The rosters will not be mailed, so make sure you either personally get yours or ask another member bring it to you.

With primaries coming up, this is a good time to bring that friend or neighbor who shares your political interests to at least one of our next three meetings where we will provide candidate forums to help us make our choices for national, state, and local government positions—and in doing so, your guest can also meet other members and learn more about this great club!

We are pleased to announce our newest Associate member, James Bartolomucci! Jim's late wife Annette was a TARWF member for many years, and we are happy he has chosen to join us! Also, please welcome back longtime TARWF member Glenna Weatherman who recently renewed her membership.

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Thank you all for your continued support, and we hope to see you soon!

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Is a Mileage Tax in Our Future?

A bill in the California Legislature worth watching calls for a study on whether the state should replace the current gas tax with a mileage-based "road usage charge."

Assembly Bill 1421 by Assembly Committee Chair Lori D. Wilson, Democrat from Solano County, calls for the California Transportation Commission, in consultation with the California Transportation Agency, to research and make recommendations relating to a road user fee or a mileage-based fee. The California Transportation Commission will report its recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2027.

AB 1421 does not impose a new tax on the driving public but it may be the vehicle for a future one. As Senator Steven Choi, Republican from Irvine, puts it in his February 12th Facebook post: "Sure, AB 1421 doesn't create a new tax for every mile you drive. But it certainly lays the groundwork for one. We've

seen CA state Dems play this game before & they're playing it again. Don't be fooled by the smoke-and-mirror show."

Assembly Member Carl DeMaio, Republican from San Diego, also strongly opposes this bill. He warns that tracking a person's mileage and charging a per-mile fee will add at least \$900.00 to the cost of driving each year. DeMaio cites polling that shows 70% of California voters are opposed to a mileage tax.

AB 1421 passed the Assembly in January 2026 and is now waiting for the Senate Rules Committee to assign it to a committee for hearing.

Debra L. Beck Chair,
Legislation Committee

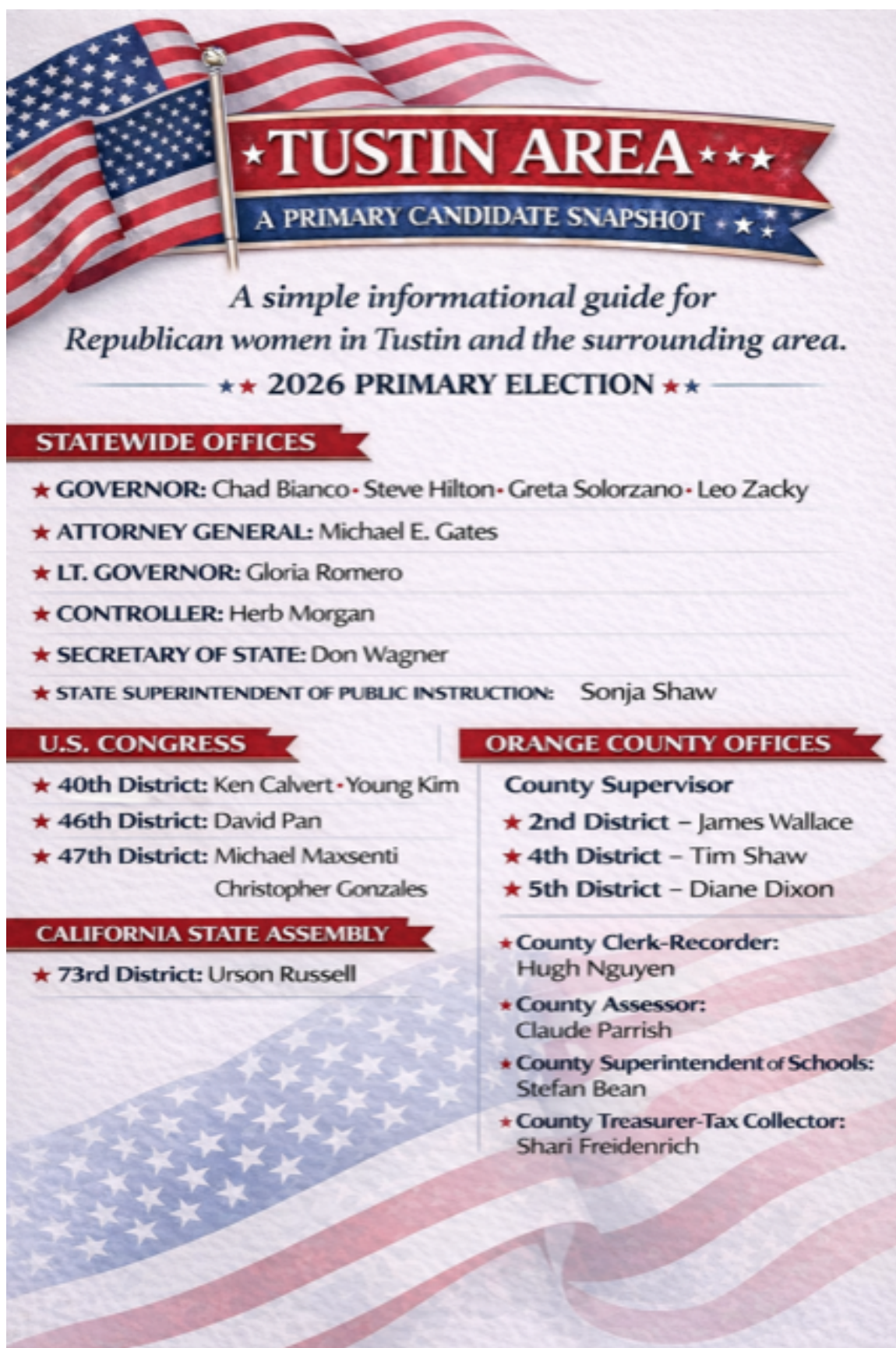


A Note from Lana – Recording Secretary

With candidate filing now closed, California is officially on the path to the **June 2026 Primary Election**. Many of our members have been asking which races will appear on the primary ballot, so I have included a simple **Primary Candidate Snapshot** as a quick reference for the Tustin area.

This guide is intended as a simple overview of several candidates who have filed for statewide, congressional, state assembly, and Orange County offices based on publicly available filing information. It is not a complete list, but rather a snapshot to help members become familiar with some of the races that will appear on the June primary ballot. Local races, such as Tustin City Council and Tustin school board seats, are not included as they do not appear on the primary ballot.

As always, I encourage everyone to review candidates individually and stay engaged as we move closer to the primary election.



Americanism

The United States Flag was first recognized by Congress in 1777. As it does now, it comprised thirteen stripes representing the original thirteen colonies and a blue field with a star for each of the states — since 1960,

fifty stars in all. The blue background was chosen to signify vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Red was to symbolize valor, whereas the white means purity and innocence.

The original flag design with its stars in a circle is often referred to as the “Betsy Ross” flag, but ironically, it was not designed by Betsy Ross. Ross actually owned an upholstery shop in Philadelphia and sewed flags for the Pennsylvania Navy. The story about her designing and sewing the first American flag first came to light in the 1870s, when her grandson Canby suggested the idea. Evidence points to a founding father named Francis Hopkinson as the actual designer of “Old Glory.” He also designed official seals for several states and U.S. currency pre-dating the dollar bill.

March is Women’s History Month. Betsy Ross may not have sewn the first American flag, but as a successful early American businesswoman, she still inspires a great deal of admiration and remarkable family loyalty.

Nancy Hamilton
Americanism Chair



TARWF 2026 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.

March 20

April 17

May 22

NO Meetings in June, July and August

September 18

October 23

November 13 or 20

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.

March 27

April 24

May 29

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September 25

October 30

No Meeting in November

December 4



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- 4:00 AM – 6:00 AM –
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- 6:00 AM – 9:00 AM –**Armstrong & Getty**
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM –
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- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM –
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- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM –
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- 4:00PM - 5:00 PM
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- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM –
- **The KABC News Blitz**
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **We The People (Tue)**

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM –

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- **Special Programming**
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- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- **Hollywood's Hidden Treasures with Donelle Dadigan (Wed)**
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- 8:00 PM –9:00 PM
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