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Luncheon-Meeting-Speaker, Tuesday, April 23

Opinion Columnist and Editorial Writer Susan Shelley

Join us to hear an opinion writer who covers politics, policy issues, tax increases, housing projects, and more.

With engaging information on issues of importance to her readers, author-columnist Susan Shelley opines on national, state, and local issues with a common-sense perspective, blending research, clear thinking, and occasional humor to bring complicated issues into focus for busy readers of the 11 print and digital newspapers of the Southern California News Group, which includes the Los Angeles Daily News and the Orange County Register. Her work has also appeared in the New York Post and The Federalist.

Susan began her career in the television industry, where was the associate producer of “Jeopardy!” and was a candidate for the California Assembly in the west San Fernando Valley.

Today, she often speaks about politics and policy to groups and organizations and is a frequent guest on Southern California radio and TV news and interview shows. She’s a regular contributor to “The Steve Hilton Show” podcast, and she’s the host of the Howard Jarvis Radio Show, Friday nights at 6 p.m., live on 790 KABC in Los Angeles and 560 KSFO in San Francisco. She’s also vice president of Communications for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

Susan’s most recent book, available in paperback, is a collection of columns on the 2016 election entitled, “How Trump Won.”

Join us on April 23 to hear this engaging and articulate speaker! ★

Event Details and Reservations

DATE: Tuesday, April 23

TIME: 10:30-11 Social / 11-1:30 Meeting, Lunch, Speakers

WHERE: PV Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, PVE

COST: \$50/pp

RSVP: by 5 pm Tues., April 16:

★ to Ann Hindman at eahindman318@gmail.com or via text to 310.896.6653 (Phone if you’re unable to text or email.)

★ to reserve and pay online, [click here](#)



Carol Allison

Ann Harder

“We must get Republicans out to vote! I do not want to hear, ‘California is gone. Why vote?’ We must continue the fight!”

View From the Top

Greetings, Conservatives and Happy Spring!

I am reminded that at every PVPRWF Luncheon, we have the best speakers with powerful information!

Moms for America is a national movement of moms reclaiming our culture for truth, family, freedom, and the Constitution. Becoming one of the fastest-growing movements of women in America, giving voice to the silent majority of women who love God, respect life, treasure family, and cherish freedom, Moms are more engaged now than ever in shaping the future of our country in protecting children from the radical ideologies and anti-American agendas penetrating our culture. momsforamerica.us

Steve Garvey is a potential speaker coming up! We are working out dates and times, so stay tuned for this special event! The opportunity is now! We must get Republicans out to vote! I do not want to hear, “California is gone. Why vote?” We must continue the fight! You will be the first to know once we have the date secured with Steve.

The Republican turnout in the March primary was very dismal at best. There are 5,674,836 registered voters in Los Angeles County. Only 28% voted in the primary (25% Republicans, 58% Democrats, 11% Nonpartisan). 80% of those voted by mail, and 20% were at the vote centers.

At our April meeting, we have another PVPRWF favorite, Susan Shelley, who never disappoints! Susan is very concerned about the Republicans resigning their way into the minority in Congress.

As always, Ann and I look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon! ★

Carol Allison
PVPRWF Co-President

Meet Jeremy Vanderhal, Conservative Candidate for PVPUSD School Board

By Charity Malin

Two seats on the PV School Board will be on the ballot in the November general election. If the seats are filled with conservatives, then, along with Julie Hamill, they will have a majority vote on the board. This potential conservative majority is the most expedient way to thwart the leftist agenda now plaguing our schools. Let's come together around the school board elections this year and make a positive change for our public schools. Read below about one excellent candidate.



"Having only narrowly lost the 2022 election by less than half a percent, I feel confident that the lessons I learned from that campaign will serve me well this year. I am excited to get started and can't wait to hit the campaign trail! I look forward to meeting as many people as I can in our district and hearing about their concerns!"

—Jeremy Vanderhal

You may remember voting for Jeremy Vanderhal in 2022. Pictured on the left, he gained wide support in our community and only lost the election by half a percent of the vote.

During the two years since that election, he's stayed plugged into the district's operations, speaking at many school board meetings with a passion to protect and provide for the students in Palos Verdes.

On a rainy afternoon in last month, Jeremy officially submitted paperwork to the county registrar in Norwalk to form his 2024 committee to run for a seat on the PVPUSD school board. He'll have a place on the ballot in the November general election.

Jeremy is a Lt. Col. in the US Air Force, a husband, and the father of a daughter who will enter kindergarten this fall, so he is personally invested in the success of our public schools. [Visit his website](#) to learn more about his priorities and campaign platform.

Bonus information!

[Click here](#) to discover how PVPUSD lost \$100 million in funding. ★

PVPRWF CALENDAR

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 pm

Location: TBD

All members are welcome to attend.

AFTER DARK

A new members' get-acquainted dinner. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 pm at Avenue Italy in Golden Cove

Meeting & Luncheon

Tuesday, April 23

Palos Verdes Golf & Country Club, 3301 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates

10:30 social; 11 meeting followed by lunch

Guest speaker: Columnist Susan Shelley

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 pm

Location: TBD

All members are welcome to attend.



Co-Membership Vice Presidents
Danica Keese, left, and Claudia Gerstner.

**WELCOME TO
OUR NEW MEMBER**

Deanna Oberg

**WELCOME TO
OUR NEW STUDENT MEMBER**

Sarah Bynum

**A BIG THANK YOU TO
OUR NEWEST GEM DONORS**

Claudia Gerstner
Phyllis Glantz
Julie Moe Reynolds**
Frances & John Stammreich**
Stefani Turner

** Platinum-Level Donors (\$200+)
Huge Thank You!!

There's still time to add your name to
the list.

“AFTER DARK” Let’s Get Better Acquainted

By Claudia Gerstner and Danica Keese, Co-Membership Vice Presidents

We’ve been enjoying our after dark playtime and are looking forward to the next event: **Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30 at Avenue Italy in Rancho Palos Verdes.** Please RSVP to Danica Keese by texting her at 310.528.1095 or emailing her at danicakeese@gmail.com. Put AFTER DARK in the subject line.

Why “AFTER DARK?” *There are so many reasons for everyone to join in!*

- ★ If you can’t make it to our luncheons, come hang out with some like-minded friends and maybe get a recap of that month’s speaker.
- ★ Members are encouraged to come and create camaraderie along with a building of community in welcoming new members.
- ★ It’s in a relaxed setting and a great way for new members to meet some of the leadership and other members and for them to get to know you.
- ★ This is also a great platform for those interested in contributing to our club but aren’t sure how to become involved. Come talk about it!

Last month, we enjoyed getting to know new members Julie Bardjakjian and Elizabeth Peterson. When asked, “What brought you to PVPRWF,” Julie responded, “I’ve been wanting to meet like-minded women who believe in saving America. Traditional family values, faith, and conservative principles are important to me.”

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–New Member Julie Bardjakjian

And Elizabeth, who just returned to PV from Connecticut, well, she has “known about it for years. Glad to see new folks I know. Thought I’d get back in the mix here in PV.”

We hope many of you will also want to “get in the mix” and join us AFTER DARK on April 16.

*(**Please note: AFTER DARK is NOT a PVPRWF-sponsored event. Everyone is responsible for their food and beverage orders.)* ★

Navigating Housing Density: The Case of Rancho Palos Verdes

By John Cruickshank, Mayor, Rancho Palos Verdes

As urban landscapes evolve and populations grow, cities face the complex challenge of balancing housing needs with sustainable development. In Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV), this challenge takes center stage as the community undergoes the final stages of its Housing Element update, a crucial process mandated by the state every eight years to address housing.

For the current cycle, RPV has been tasked with accommodating 647 potential new housing units across various income levels by 2029. The Housing Element serves as a roadmap for identifying parcels within RPV that could potentially accommodate these new units. It also outlines necessary rezoning measures to facilitate their construction.

The current sixth cycle Housing Element process has proven to be more rigorous than previous iterations. RPV, along with many other cities, has had to resubmit its Housing Elements multiple times to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to ensure compliance with state regulations.

To meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets, RPV is considering innovative approaches, including creating Mixed-Use Overlay Districts (MUOD) and Residential Overlay Districts (ROD). The MUOD would enable property owners to develop residential-only or mixed-use developments, while the ROD would allow for residential development with limited commercial, institutional, or recreational uses.

As RPV navigates the complexities of housing, it stands at the forefront of



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innovation, leveraging strategic planning and community input to shape a vibrant future for its residents. Through collaborative efforts and initiatives, RPV embodies the spirit of thoughtful urban planning, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous tomorrow for generations to come. ★

news bites

PVPRWF 2024 High School Senior Scholarship News Application Deadline is Tuesday, April 9

Applications are almost due! Let your graduating high school senior know that PVPRWF is accepting applications for our 2024 High School Senior Scholarship. The award this year is in the amount of \$1,500.

Information and applications are on our website, pvprwf.org/scholarship, and also on the scholarship websites of Peninsula High School and PV High School.

The submission deadline is 11:59 pm

on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, so please don't procrastinate! Announcement of results will be made at the end of May.

For more information, contact Scholarship Chair Michele Higgins at baronpaw@icloud.com. ★



By Deena Gribben & Ariana Hakami, Legislation Chairs

NEW EXCISE TAX PROPOSED IN CALIFORNIA ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

AB 28 is a new proposed excise tax of 11% on the retail sale of firearms, firearms precursor parts, and ammunition in the state, starting July 1, 2024. The tax aims to fund various gun violence prevention, education, research, response, and investigation programs. The bill requires registration and permits for licensed firearms dealers, manufacturers, and ammunition vendors, and it includes provisions for the transfer of funds and implementation of these measures.

THE TIKTOK BILL

H.R. 7521: Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary-Controlled Applications. sponsored by Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8) this bill is designed to mitigate national security risks associated with TikTok. To prevent the Chinese government from accessing the data of American users, the bill forces the Chinese parent company, ByteDance, to either sell the app or prohibit it from being available in the U.S.

Senator Rand Paul has noted that TikTok’s ownership is globally diversified, with 60% held by international investors, 20% by the app’s Chinese co-founders, and 20% by its employees, including 7,000 Americans.

TikTok’s data is stored within Oracle’s cloud infrastructure in Texas, which is part of an effort to safeguard U.S. user information.

Despite being a bipartisan initiative, the bill faces opposition from both Democratic and Republican lawmakers, with 65 members of Congress voting against it.

Critics argue that the bill threatens First Amendment rights, suggesting that the government’s role should not extend to regulating app availability in the market. They also point to the shifting media landscape, where social media platforms are supplanting traditional media as the primary news source for many, particularly younger demographics unfamiliar with networks like MSNBC, Fox News, or CNN. This shift prompts the question of who will shape public narratives in the absence of legacy media outlets.

There is considerable debate regarding the true intent behind this bill. Those who oppose the bill imply that the government’s stance on national security seems

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Overheard in the dog park

By Carol Allison

Saturday afternoon I had the Trump rally on the television.

He was speaking (warning) of the dire economic consequences for the American auto industry being under pressure from China. I heard the “bloodbath” comment and wasn’t fazed.

The next day at the dog park, I overheard this question: “How much more do the people have to see from him to understand that this isn’t what our country is about?”

No doubt the mainstream media contributed to this fake news and edited (distorted) his words, taking it too far (again).

“I heard the ‘bloodbath’ comment and wasn’t fazed.”

This is what Trump really said: “*Those big monster car manufacturing plants that you’re building in Mexico right now, and you think you’re going to get that, you’re going to not hire Americans, and you’re going to sell the cars to us? No! We’re going to put a 100% tariff on every single car that comes across the line, and you’re not going to be able to sell those cars if I get elected. Now, if I don’t get elected, it’s going to be a bloodbath for the whole — that’s going to be the least of it. It’s going to be a bloodbath for the country.*”

I stayed in the beautiful sunshine, away from the bashing, soaking up the love from my Republican Beagles. ★

Scenes Seen

PVP Republican Women & Events

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REGULAR MEETINGS of the PVPRWF are held, with few exceptions, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Ests.

ANNUAL PVPRWF DUES: \$50.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Forms, applications, deadlines, events, and more can be found at [PVPRWF.org](https://pvprwf.org). Access available upon request. Join us on Facebook: facebook.com/PVPRWF. For an invitation to join, contact Arlene Di Julio at arlenedj@gmail.com.

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the chaplain's corner

By Kenna Bynum, PVPRWF Chaplain

As April holds us in the Easter season, we're embraced by a time that profoundly corresponds with our faith, celebrating rebirth and enduring love. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," nudges us to remember that our strength and joy come not from worldly outcomes, but from our faith.

Condoleezza Rice's words, 'You can come from humble circumstances and do great things,' capture Easter's victory of light over darkness, an expression of our faith's inherent hope and potential.

Consider how your faith might inspire positive political actions. Writing a letters of encouragement can fuel leaders to persevere and chart new paths, even in the face of loss. Every action you undertake is a living expression of your beliefs.

This April, as we bask in renewal, let's channel our faith into uplifting actions, cultivating positive change, guided by faith, and trusting in the slow work of God. ★

Legislation to know about, *continues here*

selective, citing instances such as the tolerated presence of a Chinese spy balloon in Montana skies, Chinese purchases of U.S. agricultural land, and America's dependence on China for essential medical supplies like vitamins and antibiotics. These critics argue that if the administration were truly committed to protecting U.S. citizens from international dangers, it should address a wider array of significant threats originating from China, beyond just a social media app. The implications of this bill could extend beyond TikTok, potentially setting a precedent for future regulatory action against other platforms, such as X/Twitter.

This ongoing conversation raises critical questions about the balance between free speech, governmental oversight, and the strategic response to national security concerns. ★