

MAY 2024



REPUBLICAN REPORTER

May 17th Meeting



Mary Baker

Mary is an activist, speaker, author of Citizen Ninja, Stand Up to Power, and activism trainer and coach teaching the Citizen Ninja Way™ .

Over the years, she has served on several city citizen committees and executive boards for a variety of political organizations and led several non-profits to promote activism in public education and property rights.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-rancho-bernardo-rw-luncheon-and-meeting-tickets-894049565317>

Save The Date

Luncheon Meeting
June 21st 11:00am – 1:45pm

Guest Speaker
Larry Turner

You won't want to miss hearing what mayoral candidate Larry Turner has to say about his plan to make San Diego an affordable AND safe city. Larry served 23 years in the Marines and is currently the downtown SDPD Community Relations Officer. He believes he can be an independent voice that represents the citizens of San Diego.

* IMPORTANT *

Please complete the entire 2-step registration process. After selecting REGISTER and answering the questions select Get Tickets to complete the process. You will get a confirmation email. make your reservation by the deadline date. Guests Welcome!

Questions:
info@RbRepublicanWomen.org

2024 Meeting Dates

June 21st
July – Special Event
August 16th September 20th
October 18th November 15th
December – Special Event

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May

- 5 Cinco De Mayo
- 6 Board Meeting
- 12 Mother's Day
- 17 **General Meeting**
- 18 Armed Forces Day
- 27 Memorial Day

June

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 D- Day
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 21 **General Meeting**
- 22 Summer Solstice

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PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Chaplain: Julie Carlson

Dear Lord,

The month of May is filled with many events: Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, graduation parties and graduation ceremonies, and Memorial Day. In the United States, the first Thursday in May is often observed as a National Day of Prayer.

Almighty God,

We ask that our nation would walk humbly with You. "He has shown you, O man, what is good. What does the Lord require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). We come before You as a nation, asking for Your mercy. Please help us as a nation to honor You and reflect Your love. Help us to be a nation of justice, righteousness, and compassion. Work in the hearts of our leaders to govern wisely, to serve You and give You the glory!

In Your name, amen.



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President: Melinda Winship | info@rbrepublicanwomen.org

Grassroots success stories are like wildflowers breaking through concrete—they're inspiring, resilient and often unexpected. I've recently been listening to Charlie Kirk podcasts, as recommended by my friend Patti Hime. Instead of commenting his opinions he rallies listeners to become engaged in a current hot political topic. This past week he recognized that a simple legislative change in the state of Nebraska could possibly determine the outcome of the Presidential election. Currently Nebraska is one of two states that do not designate 'winner take all' electoral votes, instead it splits them between 3 districts. The college town of Omaha which lies in a liberal district in a red state, typically awards its electoral vote to a Democrat. Changing Nebraska's law to 'winner takes all' allows for a back up plan of tying the electoral votes 269-269 if Trump doesn't succeed in winning Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Thus, throwing the vote to the House of Representatives to break the tie, which we assume Trump would prevail. This seems like a lot of electoral math to insure a 'back up plan' exists but this is not the point of my message.

In real time Charlie Kirk asked his podcast listeners to call the Governor of Nebraska to change the current legislation of splitting electoral votes to 'winner takes all'. Within five hours Governor Pilleen publicly endorsed the bill (LB 764) to allow or 'winner takes all'. This was the power of collective action and brings home the point the difference individuals can make when they come together for a common cause.

Unfortunately, the bill was not taken up during the regular legislative session that just ended. However, there is now a push (from concerned citizens) for Governor Pilleen to call a special session to get this bill voted in. If you would like to join the crusade to call for a special session in Nebraska you can contact Governor Pilleen at: governor.nebraska.gov. Then click on the contact tab.

The work is not yet done and far from completion, but this story offers a beacon of hope showing what's possible when we unite and take action.

Charlie Kirk: www.tpusa.com

Speech to Nebraskans: www.charliekirk.com

Scroll down to episode: "Nebraska Could Pick A President" 4/11/24

Melinda



Marc Schaeffer from **Senator Brian Jones'** office gives us an update on California Legislation and activities at the Senator's office

Candidates
Kevin Faulconer
 running for San Diego County Board of Supervisor District #3
 and
Tim Dougherty
 running for Poway Unified School District Board Area A gave us strong messages about issues that they will work to improve. We need to support their campaigns.



MEMBERSHIP

Connie Munoz | membership@rbrepublicanwomen.org



RBRW is off to a great start in 2024!!

117 Members and 8 Supporting Members

Tell your friends about RBRW. Let's reach out to some younger women. Each member strengthens our club.

Let's continue to grow our club

Our GOAL is 125 for 2024!

If you bring in **two** new members, you will receive a beautiful patriotic scarf! This promotion started in January 2024.

We can do this!

JOIN/RENEW NOW FOR 2024

\$45 Full member / \$20 Supporting member

Pay with cash, check or credit card.

There will be forms to fill out at the meeting.

RENEWING THE TRADITIONAL WAY

If you prefer, you can download and print the form found in this Republican Reporter.

Mail your form with a check to:

RBRW, P.O. Box 28422, San Diego, CA, 92198

ONLINE

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-rbrw-membership-drive-tickets-747551886817> When you select the button, you will be prompted to fill in the blanks and credit card information. There is a \$4.87 convenience fee charge to renew online. Renewing online is safe, convenient and easy! You can also fill out a membership form and pay with Cash / Check / Credit Card at the luncheon.



- May 6 Patti Hime
- May 12 Rachel Jorgenson
- May 18 Carol Hinz
- May 21 Elsie Jensen
- May 23 Connie Emarine
- May 24 Patty Gillis
- May 25 Barbara Norris
- May 26 Charlene Zettel
- May 27 Elaine Stone



- June 1 Nancy Laun
- June 1 Catherine Thoreson
- June 2 Susan Geisler,
- June 3 Rita O'Brien
- June 7 Linda Lopez-Alvarez
- June 10 June Cutter
- June 10 Linda Freithaler
- June 10 Sara Kadowaki
- June 12 Mary Van Hee
- June 14 President Donald J. Trump
- June 17 Mary Comaratta
- June 22 Carol Powers
- June 23 Leslie Woodward
- June 30 Kristie Bruce-Lane

2024 Membership Application

Rancho Bernardo Republican Women

P.O. Box 28422, San Diego, CA92198-0422



Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (month, day, year): _____
(to verify voter registration)

Do you want your information (name, phone, email, birthday/month, year joined, and photo) to be included in the RBRW Directory?

Yes No

Regular Member (\$45 annually) - Republican women who support RBRW with and without active participation. Regular members have voting privileges.

Supporting Member (\$20 annually) – Any Republican man in the County of San Diego, or Republican woman (or man) residing out of the County of San Diego. Supporting members are non-voting members.

Rancho Bernardo Republican Women (RBRW) publishes a monthly newsletter, which is available on their website. I, _____, hereby authorize RBRW permission to release my name and my image in photographs for publication in the RBRW Republican Reporter newsletter.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

www.RBRepublicanWomen.org or contact: membership@RBRepublicanwomen.org

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_____ M/C _____ S/S _____ E/N _____ W

WAYS & MEANS

Patty So and Kimberlee Rizzuti | Co-VPs

Another successful day. We made \$153 in 50/50 and \$165 in jewelry sales this meeting! Props to Kimberlee for her amazing decorating skills! Thank you for your support.

May will be raffle ticket bags for Mother's Day pampering items: 1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5
 There will be some Chanel samples, candles, some bubbly and surprise items that we are gathering now
 And. of course, **Share The Purse!**



LEGISLATION

Patti Hime | Legislation Chair

You can find information about California Legislation here:

State Senator Brian Jones' Proposed Legislation on his Website:

<https://sr40.senate.ca.gov/legislation>

You can find updates on any CA State Assembly or Senate bill here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml?session_year=20212022&house=Both&author=Jones&lawCode=All

ACTIVISM

Jan Stewart, VP of Political Activities

May is **National Volunteer Month**. Congratulations to our dedicated members Julie Carlson (our nominee) and Jean Anderson (for COGG) who were recognized for their many hours of dedication at the **Hats Off to Volunteers** event Saturday, April 27th!

Dian Higginbotham and I attended the **PUSD Community Watch** Fundraising Dinner and Gala on April 19th and were updated on the financial situation at PUSD by speaker Todd Maddison at Transparent California and the "Hidden Agenda" and by speaker Frank Rodriguez from Gays Against Groomers. He became famous when his video went viral on social media last year after exposing the district's sexualization and trans agenda at a PUSD board meeting.

There is a new **Trump Store** in Ramona where we had a lively 4-hour rally in front of the store at 2019 Main St last Saturday. There is a lot of conservative support in this "Small Town"! Take a drive up the hill and stop by to chat with the owners Thursday-Sunday. Photos below.

As always, the **Reform California's** office at 1320 W Valley Pkwy Escondido, Monday-Friday 10-3pm, is a fun spot to chat with your friends as you fold and address mailers for the current campaigns such as Protecting Prop 13, flipping target seats in California and passing Voter ID. reformcalifornia.org/campaigns

We have some fun local activities coming up:

5/4/24 • **May the 4th Be With You** - Chalk it Up event 8am-2pm at Rancho Bernardo Community Park, 18448 W. Bernardo Center Dr SD 92127 Find the signup table by the Rec Center and you'll be given a bucket of chalk. Decorate a section of the sidewalk and hopefully win a prize. There are categories for all ages!

5/11/24 • **Abraxas Community Garden** Open House Plant and Salsa Sale 9am-12pm Pomerado Rd at 12450 Glen oak Rd Poway 92064. Click here for flyer: <https://www.abraxasgarden.com>

5/12/24 • **Happy Mother's Day!**

5/27/24 • **Memorial Day** – Thank A Veteran

5/27/24 • **Rancho Bernardo Historical Society's** 17th Annual Pancake Festival –Honoring Our Military, Breakfast 8am-11am, Ceremony at 11am at Webb Lake Park www.rbhistory.org There are many ways to get involved locally.

Attend a meeting to find out what is happening and being planned for the Poway and Rancho Bernardo areas:

5/2/24 • **Ranch Bernardo Community Council** meeting 7pm on Zoom. Go to RBCommunityCouncil.com

5/7/24 and 5/21/24 • **Poway City Council** meeting 7pm at the Poway Civic Center, 13325 Civic Center Dr Poway CA 92064 Poway.org/636/council-meetings

5/9/24 • **PUSD School Board** meeting 6pm 15250 Ave. of the Science, SD 92128 PowayUSD.com

5/16/24 • **RB Planning Board** 7pm at Seven Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Dr SD 92128 RBPlanningBoard.com

*Six months until
the biggest election
of our lifetime!
Let's Go!*

At **Ramona TRUMP Rally**

Left: Jan S with friend
Right: Patty G with friends





WAYS TO STAY INFORMED

- RBRepublicanWomen.org
- reformcalifornia.org
- californiapolicycenter.org
- www.sandiegorepublicans.org
- www.sandiegorepublicans.org/official-events
- www.sandiegonewsdesk.com
- Election Integrity Project - CA
- <https://capoliticalreview.com>
- www.sandiegoyoungrepublicans.org/
- <https://thetransparencyfoundation.org>

- reformcalifornia.org/campaigns
- RBCommunityCouncil.com
- Poway.org/636/council-meetings
- PowayUSD.com
- RBPlanningBoard.com

WE HAVE A COUNTRY TO SAVE

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER



- Make phone calls
 - Volunteer at events
 - Send text messages
 - Work on mailing projects
- 120 W. Valley Pkwy.
Escondido CA 92025
(619) 786-8019

<https://reformcalifornia.org/volunteer>



Escondido Republican Headquarters
3440 Del Lago Blvd, Escondido, CA 92029
Tuesday – Friday 10am – 6pm



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Charlotte Leamy and Paula Carmichael | Co-Chairs

RBRW supports Abraxas High School students

Items for Abraxas High School will be collected at this month's meeting. Here's Our Chance to Make a Difference in a Child's Daily Life!!

Please support our Abraxas High School Students by providing either gift cards, checks, and or non-perishable foods.

Thank you, so much, for helping with our community outreach project.

Rancho Bernardo Republican Women value each and every student in our school system. One of our many Poway Unified Schools is Abraxas High School, an alternative education option for teens. The school is a source of stable support, so needed to be a positive element of one's education. Among the student population, many receive free or reduced priced lunches, which many times is the only nutritious meal for the day. Many students have to contend with unstable living situations or transitional housing. Others have challenging home life situations. At this time, 13% of the students are in unstable housing situations.

Our **Rancho Bernardo Republican Women** need to help keep this pantry well stocked for these students.

Thank you in advance for all your support in providing gift cards, checks, and non-perishable foods. Needless to say, we can not accept expired foods or any open containers.

Gift Cards \$25. Increments:

- Aldi.
- Sprouts.
- Target.
- Stater Brothers.
- Albertsons.
- Vons.
- Walmart.
- Smart and Final.



Pantry Wish List:

- Canned protein- chicken, tuna, roast beef
- Soups (no dried soups)
- Canned chili, beans, lentils, etc.
- Canned vegetables, refried beans
- Rice A Roni, Insta Rice packets
- Shelf stable milk
- Canned, dried fruit
- Cereal, instant oatmeal, granola b



Checks need to be written to Abraxas High School Foundation with Student Services in the memo. Thank you, so much, for helping with our community outreach project



5/11/24 • **Abraxas Community Garden**

Open House Plant and Salsa Sale

9am-12pm

Pomerado Rd at 12450 Glen oak Rd Poway 92064.

Click here for flyer: <https://www.abraxasgarden.com>

IN-OTHER NEWS...

On Saturday, April 27th we honored **Julie Carlson** for her volunteer activities at the Rancho Bernardo "Hats off to Volunteers" ceremony. A big thank you to these members for their show of support: Jean A (was honored by COGG), Rosalind D, Lynn L, Raenell H, Lynn Ann R, Tana P, Angela M, Paula C and Dian H. It was a wonderful ceremony.



Top: Julie receiving her hat and award.
 Left: Julie and her husband, Don
 Right: Dian, Paula and Julie



Karen Boyle, Veteran Outreach Chair, received a nice letter from the **Foundation for Women Warriors**. The letter thanked us for the wonderful Easter baskets that we donated to the children of these warriors. This kind of support strengthens the community one veteran and family at a time.



AMERICANISM

Submitted by Julie Carlson

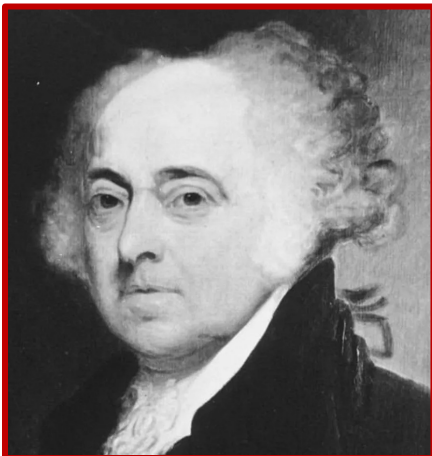
The Pursuit of Virtue is the Only Road to Happiness

Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitutional Center and one of the most respected American constitutional scholars, has written a book which charts a roadmap back to a virtuous nation. Mr. Rosen studied the philosophers, scholars, and religious leaders – Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Mason John Quincy Adams, Frederick Douglass, and Abraham Lincoln – who influenced the views of later 18th- and 19th-century Americans.

In Mr. Rosen's new book, *The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America*, he discusses how before and after the Revolution, these Americans sought to emulate virtuous classical figures.

Mr. Rosen begins with Benjamin Franklin's 13 virtues: temperance, silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity and humility. Along with Franklin's 13 virtues are Jefferson's 12 maxims. These founders wrote their virtuous pursuits down, practiced them, and admonished themselves when falling short. Their character and integrity were of the utmost importance. Although the founders often fell short of their own ideals of moral perfection, they took on the quest on a daily basis to become more perfect.

Early American political leaders viewed the purpose of government to be "societal happiness". Happiness stemmed from what we used to know and from what the ancients taught us. It is about virtue. It is about "being good" rather than "feeling good". Mr. Rosen writes "As the silent generation of World War II gave way to the 'me' generation of baby boomers, the hedonism of the 1960's gave way to the narcissism of the 1970's and the materialism of the 1980's. 'You do you' became the new mantra and everyone had an unalienable right to define their own bliss." We have dismissed the origins of our country's concrete and objective "pursuit of happiness" for an abstract and subjective pursuit in both the material and perverse. We have done so at our own peril; and tragically, America has only begun to witness the fruits of that perilous pursuit.



"I fear that in every elected office, members will obtain an influence by noise, not by sense. By meanness, not greatness. By ignorance, not learning. By contracted hearts, not large souls. There must be decency and respect." —John Adams



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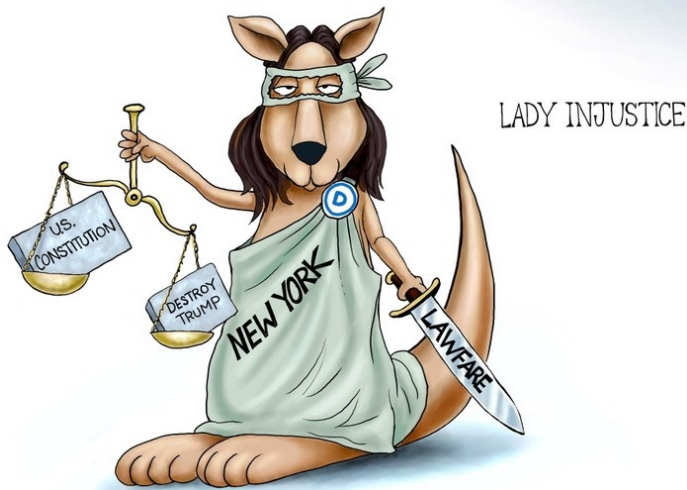
JUST for FUN!

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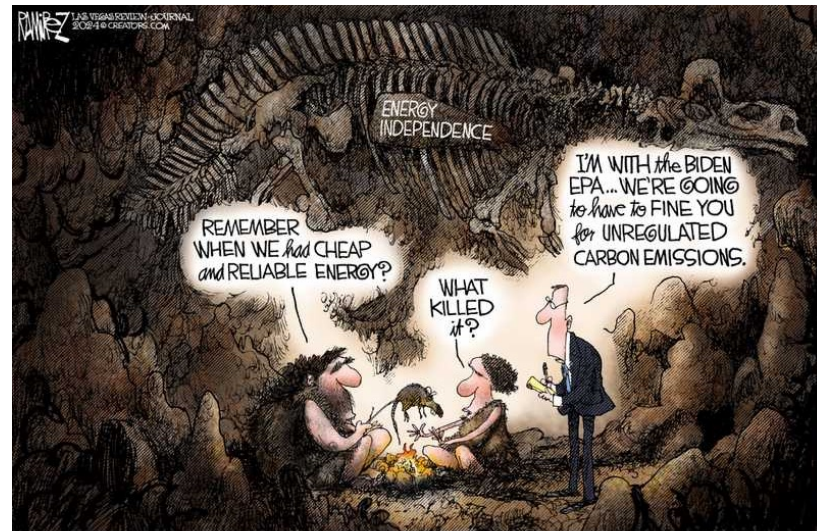
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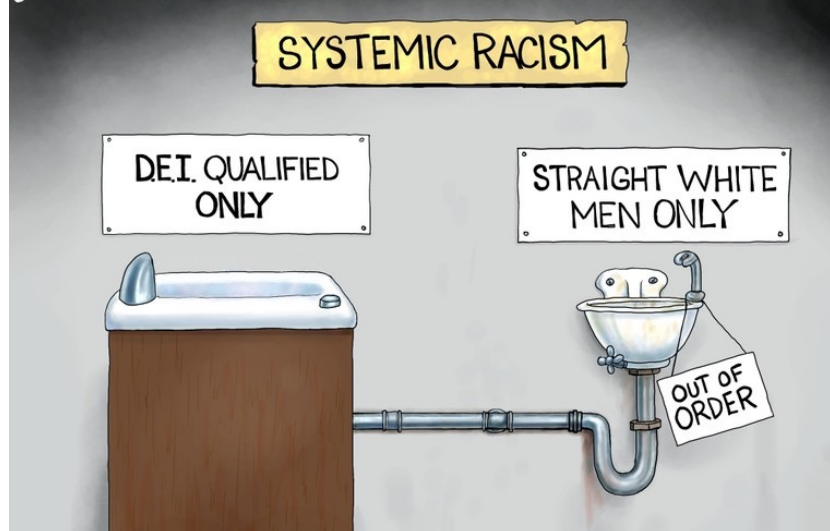


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