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Save The Date
General meeting
March 21, 2025

11:00am – 1:45pm

Guest Speaker Esther Valdes Clayton is the Principal Attorney of Valdes & Associates. For over 20 years, she has successfully represented immigrants throughout the nation. Ms. Valdes Clayton is frequently interviewed in local, national and international media.

February

- 3 Board meeting
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 President's Day
- 21 General Meeting

March

- 3 Board Meeting
- 9 Daylight Saving Time
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Equinox
- 21 General Meeting

2025 Meeting Dates

- February 21st
- March 21st
- April 11th new date**
- May 16th
- June 20th
- July – Special Event
- August 15th
- September 19th
- October 17th
- November 21st
- Dec. - Special Event

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Julie Carlson | Chaplain

Heavenly Father, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the past year's blessings. Thank you for the election of Donald Trump as president, and for giving him a mandate to make America great again. We pray that You will give him wisdom and success as he leads our country.

We pray that You will calm the winds and stop the destructive fires in Southern California. Please give the firefighters strength and the resources they need to fight these fires. We pray for rain and an end to the Santa Ana winds. Bring wise and effective leadership to California.

Thank You for your faithfulness, Your love, and Your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge Your sovereignty over the days gone by and the days yet to come.

In Your name,

Amen



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melinda Winship | President | info@rbrepublicanwomen.org

My head is spinning trying to keep up with President Trump!

He is implementing all he said he would do and more. Every day feels like Christmas, unwrapping the headlines from his actions. I knew he would turn things around from the Biden Administration but not at this pace! The pendulum is quickly swinging in our direction; and we need to position ourselves accordingly to insist on changes here in San Diego.

We have the majority of voters on our side to call for change. Conservatives must shed the decades old belief we are fighting a losing battle where our efforts don't matter and join forces with voters who are now recognizing they have been hoodwinked. We need to call out to our representatives and demand they represent us, not their own agenda often lining their pockets.

We can influence the trajectory of change rather than passively experiencing its effects. RBRW members need to attend local school board, city council, and supervisor meetings and get involved. Write or call your representative to let them know you disagree with them. Don't let this momentum of revolution President Trump has given us go to waste. We have an opportunity to play a pivotal role in shaping a better future and we should unwrap it!

Melinda



Tammy Coleman, past president of RBRW is now the new President for her local MEGA club, North Shore Republican Women. Texas Federated designates them mega because their membership is large and they're part of a group with 6 other clubs in the region. Their club is located in Montgomery, Texas. Way to go TAMMY!

MEMBERSHIP

Connie Munoz | membership@rbrepublicanwomen.org



2025 Membership Drive

Dues have been reduced to \$35!!

Join by the end of the January and your name will be in a drawing for a free lunch!

The winner will be announced at the February meeting.

Please welcome two new members:

**Katie Gray
Gae Walker**

- Feb 1 Martha Lyles
- Feb 2 Anita Stone
- Feb 3 Fiona Theseira
- Feb 4 Lynn Leclercq
- Feb 9 Virginia Ruble
- Feb 10 Kathleen Reiser
- Feb 11 Audrey Staley
- Feb 17 Charmagne Tabor
- Feb 18 Roberta Sharpe-Martin
- Feb 20 Rose Marie Dishman
- Feb 22 Vivi-Anne Riordan
Cori Voak

As of the beginning of the new year, we have 75 members.

Let's continue to grow our Membership!

Tell your friends & reach out to younger women.

NEW members strengthens our club.

Bring in two NEW members and you will receive a beautiful patriotic scarf!

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/2025-membership-drive-tickets-1067991313769>

When you select the button, you will be prompted to fill in the blanks and credit card information. There is a \$4.14 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.



- Mar 6 Barbara Mayers
- Mar 8 Tonie Pecaro-Nutley
- Mar 11 Lis Donaldson
Khari Kasche
- Mar 13 Louise Ziminsky
- Mar 19 Susan Christ
- Mar 20 Pam Candelore
- Mar 23 Anna Asadov-Ossowska
- Mar 24 Katie Gray
- Mar 26 Eva Hafezi
Marta Plopper
Judy Yoslov
- Mar 29 Anna Lee Tremblay

2025 Membership Application

RanchoBernardo Republican Women

P.O.Box 28422, SanDiego, 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 (\$35 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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WAYS & MEANS

Patty So and Kimberlee Rizzuti | Co-VPs

The club made \$125 on the raffle and \$108 on *Share the Purse*. Can't wait to see what fabulous items we will have this month.

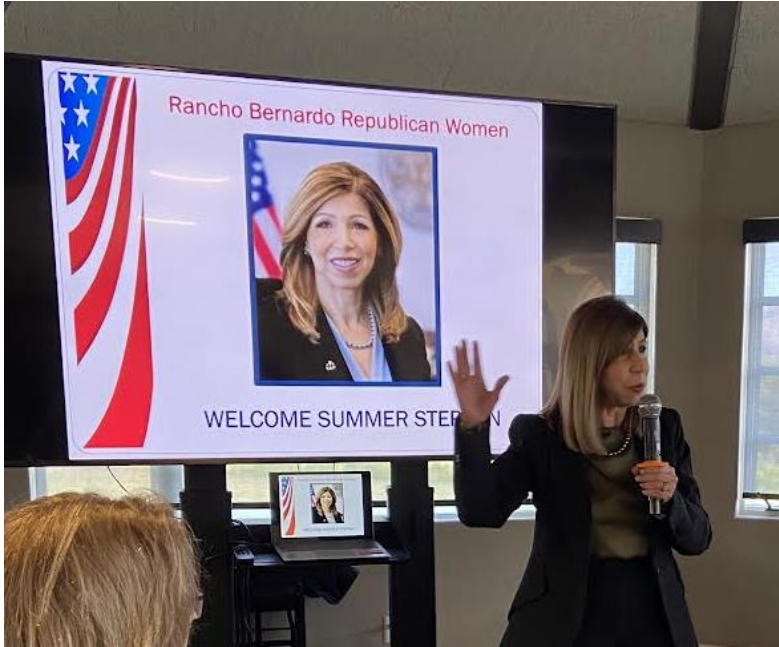


IN OTHER NEWS...



At the January meeting, Jean Anderson asked that members help victims of the LA fires. Several members did just that. One of those members was Connie Munoz. She took a big load of items to the warehouse. This is quote from Connie who lost her home to wildfire. "It was so humbling an experience to be on the receiving side after having so much before the fires wiped it all away. I tear up every time I think of the generosity of our community; and we even received items and gift cards from across the country."

LUNCHEON VIPS



Summer Stephan, SD District Attorney, was very engaging telling us about the work she and her team are tackling. For example:

- Fentanyl deaths are down
- Several arrests were made the day after the vote was made getting rid of \$950 that thieves could take. Caught those criminals off guard.

Melinda Winship, RBRW President, shown here with Ms. Stephen.



Judy Simeroth gave us an update on the SDGOP. She was voted on to the Central Committee in November. The committee is really shaking things up.



Jan Stewart regaled us with "All Things Trump" while wearing her new sweatshirt with President Trump in front of the White with the caption "Daddy's home."

Kristie Bruce-Lane announced that she is running for Brian Jones' California State Senate seat as he is termed out.

LEGISLATION

Patti Hime | Legislation Chair

I know we have all heard about the train to nowhere, but as I was researching for this newsletter, I came across another interesting possible boondoggle, the Delta Tunnel (aka Delta Conveyance Project). <https://californiaglobe.com/fr/newsom-has-been-trump-proofing-california-rather-than-wildfire-proofing/>

AB 25 - California Voter ID and Election Integrity Act of 2025. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB25. <https://californiaglobe.com/fr/ca-assemblymen-demaio-and-essayli-introduce-ca-voter-id-law/>

AB 267 - This proposed bill will suspend the allocation from California Air Resources Board (CARB) dedicated to high speed rail *train to nowhere* and temporarily require that money be dedicated for wildfire prevention and water infrastructure. <https://californiaglobe.com/fr/new-bill-to-reduce-high-speed-rail-funding-in-favor-of-wildfire-prevention-projects/>. The text of the bill is here https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB267

SB 51 - "This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would relate to the implementation of permanent standard time." https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB51 That would be nice.

While Wildfires burned in Southern California, our legislature was busy...Trump proofing California. The assembly proposed \$50 million to push back on Trump policies such as deportation. But...see the good news below:

On January 20, 2025, Carl DeMaio @carldemaio posted on X:

BREAKING: WE DID IT - for now!! CA Democrats were so rattled by my amendment to bar funding for illegal immigrant criminals and politicians who protect them that they CANCELLED their vote on their reckless \$50m Trump Proof bill today! This is what happens when GOP fights in CA on a winning issue!!

Also on X:

[@CaliforniaGlobe](#) posted: California Republicans block democrat attempt to Trump-proof California. See full article here:

<https://californiaglobe.com/fl/california-republicans-block-gov-newsoms-and-democrats-attempt-to-trump-proof-california/>





Jan Stewart | VP of Political Activities

President Trump has started off with a dizzying number of changes and enhancements to make America prosperous, efficient, fair and safe. Now it's time for us to do our part.

Think about the skills you possess and how they can be used to improve San Diego County.

San Diego Board of Supervisors (BOS) meets on select Tuesdays for General Legislative sessions and Wednesdays for Land Use Legislative sessions. Attend in person or on Zoom. Go to www.sandiegocounty.gov to view the calendar. There are over 100 Citizen Boards, Committees, Commissions and Task Forces that need residents to serve as members. These groups advise the BOS on issues ranging from Health to Social Issues, Criminal Justice, Elderly, Planning and Use, Parks, Libraries, Housing and Human Relations. There is a vacancy on the 5-person Board due to Nora Vargas' resignation. District 1 will have a special election to fill her seat. Current Mayor of Chula Vista, John McCann, is seeking to replace her. There will be a campaign to assist him in taking that seat. As details develop, I'll let you know how you can help.

When was the last time you attended a PUSD School Board Meeting? This is a great time to get involved in your children and grandchildren's future. The presence of conservative voices is so valuable when topics are raised that go against our values. The next meeting is 2/13/25 6-9pm at 15250 Avenue of the Sciences, SD 92128 <https://www.powayusd.com>

Poway City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the City Council Chambers, at 7pm on Zoom or on Cox 24 or Spectrum 19. February meetings are on 2/4 and 2/18/25. <https://poway.org/163/City-Council>

Rancho Bernardo Community Council meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 on Zoom. They also have subcommittee meetings open to the public on Zoom for RB Public Safety (2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30), RB Government Relations/Utilities (4th Thursday of the month at 6:30) and Maintenance Assessment District (2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30) <http://www.rbccommunitycouncil.com/>

San Diego Republican Party meets monthly. This month will be a General Meeting on 2/17/25 at 6pm at Legacy Resort in Mission Valley. We will hear from each of the 5 caucuses on the plans they have to improve the party in San Diego. The following month will be a local Caucus Meeting on March 10th. www.sandiegorepublicans.org. You are invited to attend all meetings and ask questions!

If you're really feeling adventurous you can attend the CAGOP Organizing Convention in Sacramento March 14-16. Register for tickets at Convention@cagop.org. \$160.

The annual Spirit of the Fourth event has been enjoyed by so many since 1969. The volunteer organizers want to add 10 new committee members to assist in raising funds, booking entertainment, recruiting vendors and booking parade participants. If you can help, please email Dave Brooks at www.spiritofthefourth@gmail.com

Let's get busy and Make Poway and RB Great Again!



WAYS TO STAY INFORMED

- <https://reformcalifornia.org/volunteer>
- [RBRepublicanWomen.org](https://reformcalifornia.org/campaigns)
- <https://reformcalifornia.org/campaigns>
- www.sandiegorepublicans.org
- www.sandiegorepublicans.org/official-events
- [Election Integrity Project - CA](#)
- <https://capoliticalreview.com>
- www.sandiegoyoungrepublicans.org/
- <https://thetransparencyfoundation.org>

- RBCommunityCouncil.com
- Poway.org/636/council-meetings
- Senator Brian Jones
- <https://sr40.senate.ca.gov/legislation>
- PowayUSD.com
- RBPlanningBoard.com
- <https://www.kristiebrucelane.com/>
- Supervisor Joel Anderson
- <https://www.supervisorjoelanderson.com>
- [Carl De Maio Ca Assembly District 75](#)

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>

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Volunteer
today

ACCOUNTABILITY

Chrissy Stone | Awards Chair

How Are We Doing?

RBRW has always tracked our achievements to make sure our club is healthy and on track to achieve our yearly goals. The criteria for achievement is recognized by completing certain functions to ensure our club is balanced in all areas. As a strong and viable club, we fulfill many obligations in five areas: club function, membership, programs, campaign activities, and community relations. Points are then awarded upon completion throughout the 2-year term of the current Board of Directors. The goal is to tick off the boxes in all 5 categories. I am pleased to announce we are absolutely on the right track!

In 2024 RBRW logged over 3882 political hours and 2452 community hours - WOW!! We wrote postcards to boost voter turnout in Georgia, made countless phone calls and addressed letters for local candidates, supported Abraxas High School's Student Support Services and organized a toy drive for the children of our courageous women military members as they re-enter private life! We also participated in street fairs, a parade, registered Republican voters, supported our first responders and hosted amazing speakers. We have a great newsletter every month and keep our website updated with current information. Our membership chair does an outstanding job recruiting new members while managing current ones. We take pride in documenting all of our activities as a group to ensure we continue to be a vibrant, relevant, and positive force in our community.

Ladies, you're amazing! Let's keep up the outstanding work—I'm so proud of each and every one of you!

“Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July,
but the democrats believe every day is April 15.”

— **Ronald Reagan**

Publisher's note: Since January 20th everyday has been like the Fourth of July and Christmas all wrapped in pretty packages called Executive Orders.

GO! President Trump!

AMERICANISM

Julie Carlson | Americanism Chair

How Inauguration Day Reflects America's Religious Roots

Inauguration Day is a day for which all Americans should thank God. On January 20 the United States once again peacefully transferred power from one faction to another. Compared to the way nations throughout history have changed leaders—by military coup, death, sabotage, and destruction—the American story is a gift of God's grace despite the inevitable protests.

[In a 2016 video](#), the late, brilliant British Rabbi Jonathan Sacks called Inauguration Day “one of the great rituals of modern politics.” The inauguration speech by the incoming president is, he said, a covenant renewal. He did not mean that America is [God's country](#) or a new Israel but, by echoing similar [renewals in the Scriptures](#), each Inauguration Day recapitulates the promises of America's national religion. There's a retelling of our past, an acknowledgment of present problems, and a recommitment to live up to our promise in the future. Though not a religious replacement for or an equivalency to Christianity or Judaism, the day draws on themes and rituals found in the Bible.

Years ago, on the inauguration of a very different president, Chuck Colson meditated on the many religious aspects of this day, with tongue firmly planted in cheek. Here's [Colson](#):

There's a ceremony going on in Washington today that's the stuff that nightmares are made of—that is if you belong to the ACLU. At noon, the Chief Justice of the United States will ask Barack Obama to place his hand on the Bible—the one used by Abraham Lincoln in 1861—and to swear allegiance to the Constitution. The oath will end with the words, “So help me God.”

The ceremony is a perfect example of why the separation of church and state is an elite fiction that bears little resemblance to how democracy really works.

Consider this: Religious activities like public prayers have been excluded from public school graduations and football games. And yet, prayer and the Bible are integral components of our most important democratic ritual: the peaceful transfer of power. Every four years our rulers engage in the very rituals that they deny to the rest of us.

What lies behind the inauguration's blatant violation of the Supreme Court's decisions regarding religion in public life?

Even after the Founders had established what they called a “new order for the ages,” they still desired a “proper ceremony”—one that underscored the importance of the occasion.

AMERICANISM

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Ironically, the Founders imitated the very order they'd just overthrown. Law professor David Smolin wrote that George Washington used the coronation of King George III as a guide to his own inauguration. This included kissing the Bible and adding the words, "So help me God" after Washington repeated the oath of office.

Despite the efforts of both the courts and the elites to purge the public square of all religious influences, these ties to religion keep popping up in the most unlikely places. As Smolin writes, "a policy of acting neutral among religions, or between religion and non-religion ... has never [been] successfully carried out."

This history is what lies behind all the politically incorrect religiosity you'll see during an inauguration. Americans are a religious people. And it's only fitting that this quality be reflected in the ceremony that marks the orderly transfer of political power. Our prayers and oaths are an acknowledgment that, however imperfect, we are a "nation under God"—that we're under His judgment and protection. They're an attempt to connect the profane work of governance to a sacred, transcendent order.

Our leaders, whether they share our beliefs or not, still benefit from these quasi-religious rituals. The government of the United States seeks a kind of moral legitimacy, even as it upholds the so-called separation of church and state. Invoking God's blessing and placing itself under His judgment, if only for a day, furthers that purpose.

Inauguration Day provides us with an opportunity to remind our neighbors that religion, especially Christianity, permeates our basic institutions. That's why, despite the ACLU's best efforts, religion keeps popping up in the strangest places – like at the Capitol on Inauguration Day.

BreakPoint

***John Stonestreet** is President of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, and radio host of BreakPoint, a daily national radio program providing thought-provoking commentaries on current events and life issues from a biblical worldview. January 19, 2009*

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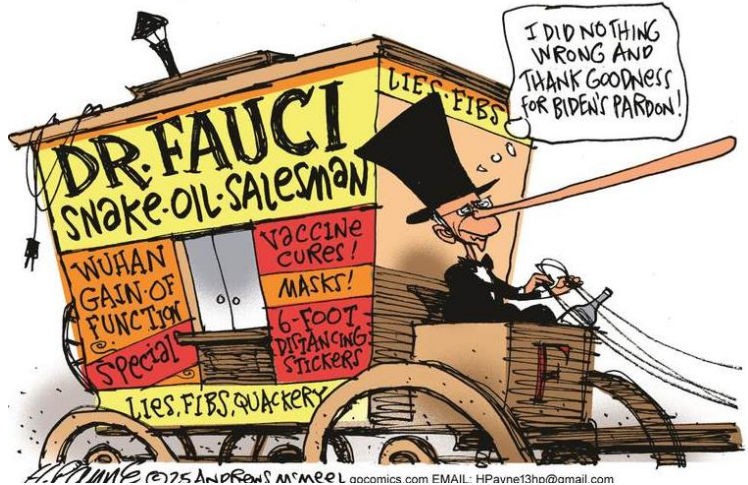
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