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March 21st Meeting

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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.

Save The Date General meeting

April 11, 2025

NOTE: DATE CHANGE - 2nd FRIDAY

11:00am – 1:45pm

Guest speaker Denise Gitsham has worked at the highest levels of federal government, from the White House to the US Senate, as well as in law firms, startups, and most recently in politics, as a candidate for Congress. She is the author of Politics for People who hate Politics.

March

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

April

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 General Meeting
- 12 Passover
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter

2025 Meeting Dates

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

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RBRW Disclaimer: RBRW is in part the education arm of the Republican Party. In that endeavor, RBRW invites registered Republicans and Independents; and organizations vetted by the Board to our monthly meetings to inform and educate our members on a wide variety of topics. The information imparted is NOT to be considered as a position or endorsement by the RBRW Board or its membership. RBRW is a 527-political non-profit organization

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Julie Carlson | Chaplain

Dear God, we pray for peace in our country. Silence the voices of violence, hatred, and division. Replace them with words of love, understanding, and reconciliation. May our streets be safe, our communities strong, and our nation at peace. Let us be peacemakers, following Your example, and striving to build a society where everyone can live without fear. Grant us the strength to stand against injustice and the courage to promote peace in all areas of life.

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Lord, help us to be instruments of peace in our nation.

Amen.



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melinda Winship | President | info@rbrepublicanwomen.org

Last month I wrote about taking advantage of the red wave momentum generated by President Trump. Now we have been given a rare opportunity to make a difference in San Diego Politics! Nora Vargas' resignation in December from The San Diego County Board of Supervisors District 1, opens up the possibility of flipping control from blue to red!

John McCann, the very popular mayor from Chula Vista, has thrown his hat in the ring. He is the only Republican running against 3 Democrats.

If Mayor McCann wins, he will be the tie breaking vote against the County Mileage Tax, help repeal the Super-Sanctuary City Law, support the Protection of Women and Girls Sports thus preventing men competing in women's sports and Prevent Battery Energy Storage Facilities from being built near schools and hospitals. These are just a few of the common sense proposals we can win with a red majority!

But we must ACT quickly. We have to let voters know a special election is coming before ballots drop on March 8th. After the 8th, we will then follow up and chase the vote- remind District 1 people to get their ballot in before April 8th. If Mayor McCann gets 50% +1 on April 8th he will be the winner! If he doesn't, then there will be a runoff of the top 2 vote getters.

Here is how we get it done:

Go to Reform California on 1320 W. Valley Pky suite 304, Escondido from 10 AM-3 PM, Monday - Friday to address letters in support of John McCann. You can also take home letters. Call (619) 354-7257 for questions.

Contact Don Giaquinto at volunteers@johnmccann.com or call him at (619) 885-7555 and he will set you up with a precinct to knock on doors and leave door hangers. Don't worry, you will only be given a list of Republicans!

We can ensure this win for San Diego, but we will have to DO the work!!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

MEMBERSHIP

Connie Munoz | membership@rbrepublicanwomen.org



2025 Membership Drive

Dues have been reduced to \$35!!

Please welcome three new members:

**Patricia Chaffee
Grace Lin
America McHugh**

We now have 87 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



- Apr 1 Lavada Jurcsak
- Apr 8 Judy Simeroth
- Apr 11 Sandra Derham
- Apr 17 Carolyn Wells
- Apr 21 Mary Kelley
Danielle Nassi
- Apr 22 Susan Rudewick
Patty So
Mary Kay Vesey
- Apr 24 Charlene McGowan
Mary Ellen Robinson
- Apr 26 Melania Trump
Melinda Winship
- Apr 27 Louise Kircher
- Apr 28 Judy Fizzard

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 \$253 made in February from *Share the Purse* and Raffles. Thank you to our supportive members.

The March meeting will have a little Irish, and a little naughty pro-Trump/anti-dem goodies!



IN OTHER NEWS...

Please contact Dee Hunold (info in the directory) if you know of a member who is ill or needs a bit of support.



Please help: We need a photographer for the meetings. Board members are doing many things during the meeting and sometimes taking pictures gets forgotten. If you are interested, please contact Dian Higginbotham, Newsletter Publisher (info in the directory).



LEGISLATION

Patti Hime | Legislation Chair

In a presidential debate in 1980 between Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter, Carter accused Reagan of wanting to cut Medicare to which Reagan scolded, "There you go again." You could say the same thing today about any Democrat led assembly bill, always protecting criminals. Today, it is AB-1333, virtually removing the protections of self-defense if a criminal is killed. The bill has taken a lot of criticism from an electorate tired of the ever-growing presence of crime and violence in our state and the author promises to amend it. It is just my opinion, but it needs to be scrapped.

<https://californiaglobe.com/fr/california-bill-restricts-self-defense-against-crime-ends-crime-stopping-protection/>

Victory for Parental Notification, Sort Of.

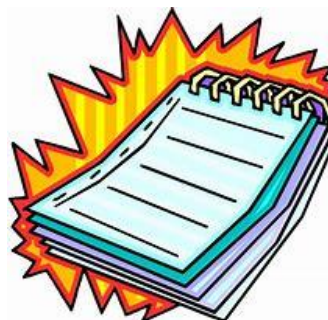
In August 2023, Chino Valley Unified became the first school district in California to implement a parental notification policy. California Attorney General Rob Bonta swiftly sued the district. The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, [ruled in September 2024](#) that while schools were not mandated to notify parents of name or pronoun changes, they were required to inform parents if any official or unofficial school records related to their child were changed. This ruling provided a pathway for parents to remain informed about significant developments in their child's life.

<https://www.californiafamily.org/2025/02/trump-order-court-ruling-deliver-double-blow-to-ca-secret-school-gender-policies/>

This was on my bingo card: SEIU Researchers Admit the \$20 Wage Law caused fast food job losses.

<https://californiaglobe.com/fr/new-seiu-funded-report-admits-20-wage-law-caused-fast-food-job-losses/>

After you finish reading this legislative update, please let me know 5 things you did last week. Just Kidding, keeping it light!





Jan Stewart | VP of Political Activities

Wow, President Trump’s first month in office has been dizzying! It’s exciting to see the daily accomplishments of this man and his team who are committed to repairing and improving America.

Now it’s time for us look locally at our own city and state and turn California around.

3/4/25 and 3/18/25 - Poway City Council, 7pm on Zoom or at the Poway Civic Center
13325 Civic Center Dr Poway CA 92064 www.Poway.org

3/6/25 - RB Community Council, 6:30 om zoom www.RBCommunityCouncil.com

3/13/25 – Poway Unified School District, 6pm at 15250 Avenue of the Science SD92128
www.PowayUSD.com

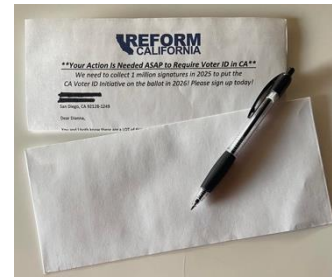
3/20/25 - RB Planning Board, 6:30 at Bernardo Heights Community Center 16150 Bernardo Heights Pkwy San Diego 92128(note new location) www.RBPlanningBoard.com

There are several candidates and campaigns that are already preparing for the 2026 midterms when we will replace termed-out officials including our infamous governor Newsom, CA State Senator Brian Jones and Supervisor Jim Desmond, among others.

Our most immediate need as a political group is to assist Chula Vista Mayor John McCann in winning the valuable opening on the San Diego Board of Supervisors. If we can get him elected, Republicans will have a 3/2 majority on this important board. He can help us repeal the Super Sanctuary City Law and be the tie-breaking vote to block the County Mileage Tax. We need all hands on deck for this race as ballots go out March 8th and the election deadline is April 8th. Reform California and the San Diego Republican Party are working very hard to get McCann elected in April with a 51% victory, so it doesn’t go to a second runoff of the top two candidates in July.

How can you help, you ask?

- Visit Reform California’s office at 1320 W. Valley Pkwy suite 304 Escondido, 92029 weekdays from 10-3 to join the volunteers working in the office or pick up a tray of envelopes to address and stuff at home. These need to go out to 45,000 residents of District 1 who will be voting on this vacancy beginning March 8th. Contact Pryce Robinson at 619.354.7257
- Contact Don Giaquinto at 619.885.7555 to assist the McCann campaign directly and make phone or text calls, doorhang a neighborhood, get a yard sign for a friend in the district, join a rally. Melinda Winship and I walked a neighborhood in Otay Ranch last Saturday and spoke to several people who knew John McCann personally and were excited for the opportunity to vote for him again.



This is so important, please help us get the majority on the Board of Supervisors!



WAYS TO STAY INFORMED

- <https://reformcalifornia.org/volunteer>
- RBRepublicanWomen.org
- <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

<https://savingcalifornia.vote/>

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER



- Make phone calls
 - Volunteer at events
 - Send text messages
 - Work on mailing projects
- 1320 W. Valley Pkwy #304
Escondido CA 9202
1 619 354 7257

<https://reformcalifornia.org/volunteer>

Help!
We need
YOU!
Volunteer
today

VETERAN OUTREACH

Karen Boyle | Veteran Outreach Chair

The Foundation for Women Warriors asked us to participate in their Easter basket event. Filled baskets will be handed out to pre-selected families of women who have left the military and have young children, ages 3 to 10. Easter is on April 20th. Therefore, we ask that you bring selected items to our next meeting, on March 21st. Our volunteers will take the donated items and assemble the baskets, then present them to the Foundation the week before Easter.



Suggested items to bring:

Easter candy

Baskets with a handle

Easter plastic grass

Plastic eggs

Pink, blue, yellow or green ribbon

Small toy or book

We will also accept cash. We will use the money to fill any items needed. Last year we aimed to fill 8 baskets and were able to fill 13. This is an opportunity to show a military family how much we appreciate their service and give support to those women who are transitioning to civilian life.

The Foundation also has an ongoing group list on Amazon.com, where you can select from their list of needed items and have the item delivered directly to their warehouse in Vista, CA.

<https://foundationforwomenwarriors.org/in-kind-donations/>

Website for Foundation for Women Warriors:

<http://foundationforwomenwarriors.org>

Address to ship items: 1185 Park Center Dr. Suite R Vista, CA 92081



AMERICANISM

Julie Carlson | Americanism Chair

Why True Civic Duty Starts around the Dinner Table

Civic duty and political change cannot be reduced to how one votes. It's how one lives, especially with those to whom we are (or should be) the closest, that matters more. For example, studies have long shown that regular family dinners bring enormous benefits, especially to children. According to the Director of the Family Dinner Project, Dr. Anne Fishel, regularly gathering around the dinner table results in better nutrition, less obesity, and better mental health:

Regular family dinners are associated with lower rates of depression, and anxiety, and substance abuse, and eating disorders, and tobacco use, and early teenage pregnancy, and higher rates of resilience and higher self-esteem.

Even more, regular family dinners are also a predictor of long-term success. For school-aged kids, frequent family mealtime is “an even more powerful predictor of high achievement scores than time spent in school, doing homework, playing sports, or doing art.”

Yet, for all these benefits, only 54% of American families sit down to a daily mealtime, and for many who do, family dinnertime is constantly besieged by digital distraction. Even before the advent of smartphones and tablets, Neil Postman warned that “(a) family that does not or cannot control the information environment of its children is barely a family at all.”

It may sound too simple to be true, but it's not. One way that we can make a lasting, significant difference in politics is by protecting and cultivating the dinner table. The future of our nation may indeed depend on whether we make family mealtimes, as one non-Christian sociologist has described, a “sacred space.”

It matters greatly who is in the White House, but it matters so much more who we are in our homes, in our houses of worship, and around our dinner tables.

Portions of this commentary are by John Stonestreet, 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.



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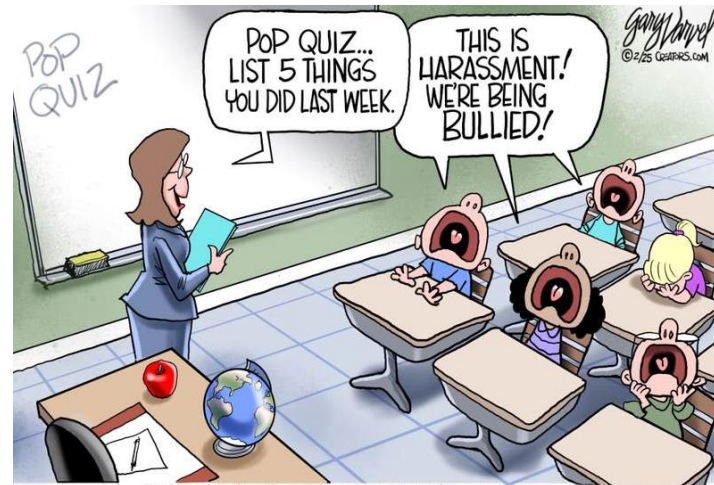
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