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April 11th Meeting

note date change

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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.

Save The Date
General meeting
May 16th

11:00am – 1:45pm

Rachelle Babler is a passionate advocate for transparency and parental rights. She believes trust is a critical component between educators and parents, ensuring children are guided with the highest of ethics and education. When these principles are compromised or violated, there is no alternative but to speak and be a voice for children.

April

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

May

- 5 Board meeting
Cinco de Mayo
- 11 Mother's Day
- 16 General Meeting
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 26 Memorial Day

2025 Meeting Dates

- 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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RbRepublicanWomen.org

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 Lord,

Thank you for bestowing your blessings on our beloved country. You created it and have sustained it through trials and tribulations. Thank you for President Trump and all the plans he has to make America great again. We pray that he and his staff will be successful so that our country will return to its Judeo-Christian roots.

Lord, we ask for Your divine intervention to bring harmony among our leaders and our citizens. Help us to see beyond our differences and work together for the common good.

In Your Name,
Amen



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melinda Winship | President | info@rbrepublicanwomen.org

Voter ID

Historically there has never been a voter ID requirement in California, although I remember using my driver's license to prove my identity and residence for elections in the 1980's. In 2024 State Law SB 1174 was signed to prohibit local governments from imposing voter ID. Until California reigns in the ridiculous voter laws put in place by Governor Newsom and the Democratic legislature, we will never have any voter confidence and voter fraud will continue.

Now is the time Californians may be able to get a grip on this disaster. With the growing registrations of Republicans, we currently have the momentum to push back on the Democratic legislature and force a bill to require voter ID for elections. Several key groups in California are organizing petitions to change the current laws. Reclaim San Diego reclaimsandiego.com is running a campaign to require voter ID and more familiar to our club is Reform California reformcalifornia.org/campaigns/election-integrity

Assemblyman Carl DeMaio has authored a statewide constitutional amendment to restore election integrity by requiring:

- 1) verification of voter ID for all future elections
- 2) proper review of citizenship and eligibility when individuals initially register to vote for the first time
- 3) accurate maintenance of voter rolls going forward to remove people who die and who move out of the state.

We have been blessed with another unique opportunity to make a difference while taking advantage of Californians recognizing democratic policies have destroyed the state. If we don't get busy and participate now, we may lose this chance. So please, get involved and be part of the change.



MEMBERSHIP

Connie Munoz | membership@rbrepublicanwomen.org



2025 Membership Drive
Dues have been reduced to \$35!!

Please welcome new member:
Phyllis Lynch

We now have 123 members.
Let's continue to grow our Membership!
Tell your friends & reach out to younger women.
NEW members strengthens our club.
Can we reach 135?

Bring in two NEW members and
you will receive a beautiful patriotic scarf!
Bring one guest and you will be in a drawing
for a *MAGA hat* key chain

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.



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

*Celebrate
 May Birthdays*



May 6	Patti Hime
May 12	Rachel Jorgenson
May 18	Carol Hinz
May 21	Elsie Jensen
May 22	Jan Savich
May 23	Connie Emarine
May 24	Patty Gillis
May 25	Barbara Norris
May 26	Charlene Zettel
May 27	Elaine Stone
May 31	Marcia Cavicchia

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

FOR OFFICIAL USE: REC'D _____ CASH CHECK# _____ CREDIT CARD
_____ M/C _____ S/S _____ E/N _____ W

WAYS & MEANS

Patty So and Kimberlee Rizzuti | Co-VPs

All of the Trump/Maga items sell like "hotcakes." The crazy Trump socks and koozies with the tuft of orange hair were hilarious. Four lucky winners from "Share the Purse" each went home with \$29. The club gained \$180 from the fundraisers. In April, look forward to some "Spring Fun" raffles.



SPECIAL EVENT

The Republican Party
of San Diego County

Meet the Candidates for

2026 CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

Plus Other Statewide Offices

Apr. 14th • 7:00pm



Please plan to attend this informative event featuring:

- Steve Hilton, Fox News Commentator & presumed Candidate for CA Governor
- Chad Bianco, Sheriff of Riverside County, Candidate for CA Governor

Legacy Center - 875 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108
Tickets are \$50.

LEGISLATION

Patti Hime | Legislation Chair

What garbage! The City of San Diego is in the process of holding community forums to determine the rates they will be charging for trash pickup now that the voter initiative has passed. If you have been paying attention, the rates they are proposing are nearly double what most other cities pay. It is not easy finding out about the community forums being held to discuss the proposed rates, but they are being held. If you have comments, questions, or concerns, you may contact city council member Marni von Wilpert at 619-236-6655 or via email at marnivonwilpert@sandiego.gov

BEWARE: California is exploring a road tax. No details yet but we will keep a close eye on it. I hope it is a big issue in the 2026 CA elections.
https://x.com/jim_desmond/status/1904528927881851276

High Speed Rail - Did you know California needs \$7 billion for High Speed Rail by 2026!? "The California Legislative Analyst's Office told lawmakers in an Assembly Transportation budget hearing Wednesday that California High-Speed Rail needs \$7 billion in funding by June 2026 or else the first Bakersfield to Merced leg of the system could be delayed further into the 2030's" And this is only the beginning! Just stop. Call it a sunk cost and move on! californiaglobe.com/fr/california-high-speed-rail-needs-7-billion-for-bakersfield-to-merced-by-2026/

SB 379 – Introduced by Senator Brian Jones – known as the Sexually Violent Predator Accountability, Fairness, and Enforcement Act, would require the State Department of State Hospitals to ensure department vendors consider public safety in the placement of a conditionally released sexually violent predator and approve a potential placement before a department employee or vendor signs a lease or rental agreement for the placement of a sexually violent predator, as specified.

SB 311 - This bill would require the department to establish a secure facility at each women's prison to house transgender women, in order to protect the security needs of biological women, as specified. The bill would also prohibit certain inmates convicted of specified sexual offenses from being housed at a women's prison.



ACTIVISM

Jan Stewart | VP of Political Activities

I'm still not tired of Winning - are you? Our new administration is taking on so many issues and beginning to make much-needed changes to improve the lives of Americans, while draining the swamp of Waste, Fraud and Abuse. Now we need to hold our state and local governments accountable.

Reform California is collecting signatures for the CA Voter ID Initiative which would not only require Citizenship Verification for voter registration, but also photo ID to cast a ballot. State Rep. Carl DeMaio introduced the bill in December 2024 but Democrats in the State Legislature refused to put it on the ballot. Please go to reformcalifornia.org/campaigns/election-integrity to sign the initial petition so this important issue can be on the 2026 ballot.

California Action for Legislative Accountability (CALA) is a new citizen-led program that will amplify your voice within the CA Legislature when and where it counts. When you sign up on the site you will be notified via email when a significant bill is referred to a committee on which your local representative sits. The notification will include:

- The number and title of the bill
- A link to the full text
- Its effects if it passed
- Talking points
- Simple ways to contact your representative with your opinion

Following the committee or floor vote, you will be notified how your representative voted so you can track how well you are being represented! Learn more and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/h7zcp3ac> or email ca4la@gmail.com

THANK YOU to all the RB Republican Women who helped with the Super Saturday mail campaign 3/22 at Reform California's office. Pryce Robinson, Volunteer Coordinator said there were over 60 people between 11-5pm to support the John McCann campaign for SD Board of Supervisors. I was there Monday to return a bin and saw many of our usual volunteers – Paula, Dian, Liz, Lynn, Linda, Charlene – Superheroes! Help is still needed before the April 8th Special Election, so drop in 10-3pm M-F 1320 W Valley Pkwy Escondido 92029, (619)786-8019

4/1/25 7pm **Poway City Council** 13325 Civic Center Dr Poway CA 92064 in person, online at www.Poway.org

4/3/25 6:30pm **RB Community Council** on Zoom www.RBCommunityCouncil.com

4/10/25 6-9pm Attend the **Poway School Board** meeting 15250 Avenue of Science, SD 92128. Word is that there will be fireworks over the planned budget cuts and removal of DEI!
www.PowayUSD.com

Please get involved and help us Make San Diego Great Again



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



Lavada Jurcsak and Karen Boyle with lots of goodies for the children of former women warriors. Many many more items were added after this picture was taken.

At our meeting on March 21st, members brought Easter baskets, stuffed animals, games, Easter grass, toys, some candy and lots of plastic eggs. Members also donated cash and checks to the project for the **Foundation for Women Warriors**. We will use the cash to buy candy and other items to fill 20 baskets. The checks go directly to the Foundation.

The Foundation greatly appreciates our donations. The completed baskets will be delivered to the Foundation and they will hand out the filled Easter baskets a few days before Easter, which is on April 20th. The baskets go to the children of women who are exiting the military and need a little bit of assistance to transition to civilian life. Many of the women receive additional assistance in the form of baby items, household supplies and clothes for their children.

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

Most Richly Blessed

During the Civil War in 1864, in the area around Richmond, Virginia, details were dispatched to bury the dead. Before placing one unidentified Confederate soldier in his grave, a member of the burial detail went through his pockets, as was the custom, and found a sheet of paper on which was written this prayer:

*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly how to obey.*

*I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.*

*I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty that I might be wise.*

*I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.*

*I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.*

*I got nothing that I asked for – but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.*

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

Excerpted from an article by Jeff Minick in The Epoch Times, March 12-18, 2025



Julie presented a wonderful tribute about Mr Roberts at the March meeting

LUNCHEON VIPS



Marc Schaefer, Senator Brian Jones' representative gave a legislative report.

Pryce Robinson, Volunteer Coordinator for Reform California told us about the **Voter ID** initiative. We will need to help gather signatures to qualify for the ballot.



Keynote Speaker: Esther Valdez-Clayton, attorney, updated us on immigration policies and what is happening now.



Friends chatting with each other before the meeting.



Teddy Roosevelt speaking to a crowd in 1907.

Elon Musk reposted this on 

Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907.



Theodore Roosevelt

“In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.”

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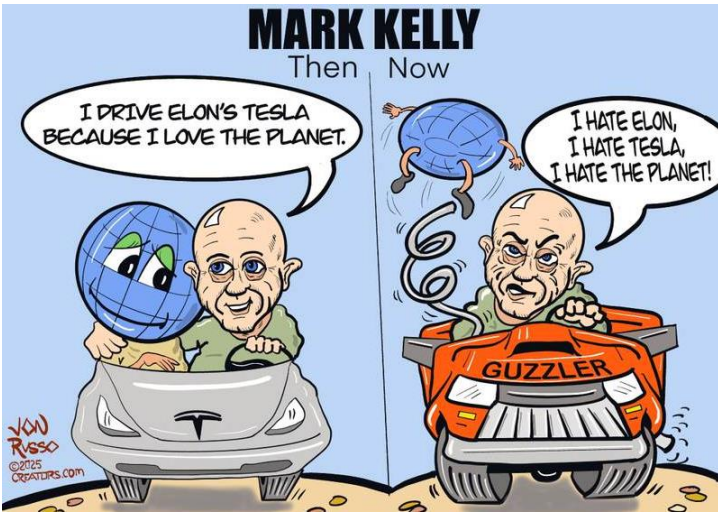
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(taken from Townhall)



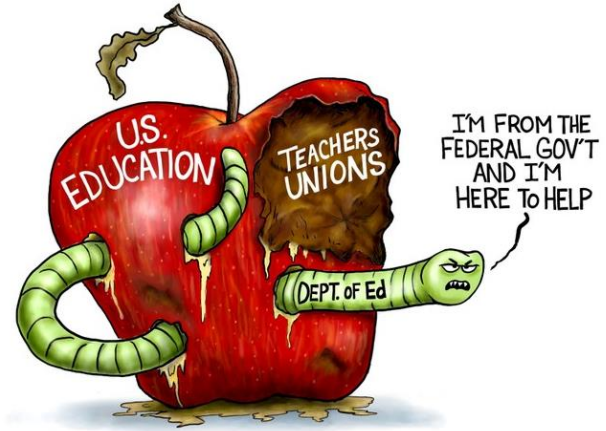
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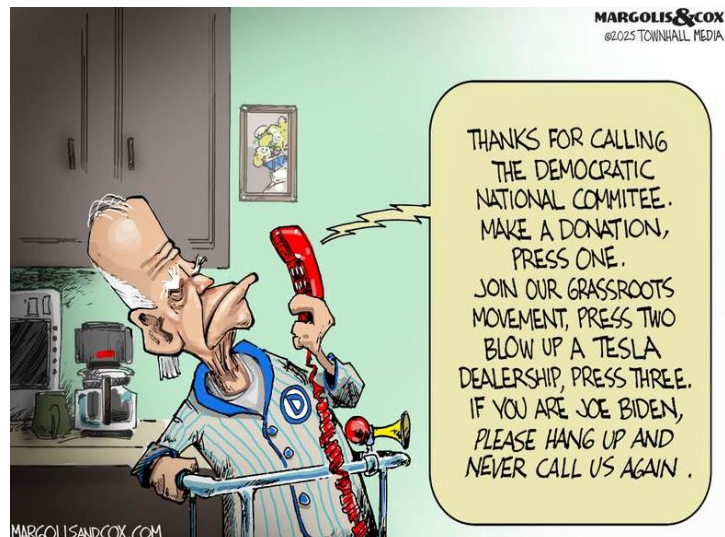
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