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***See page 2 for their bios**

Save The Date

General meeting

June 20th

11:00am – 1:45pm

Congressman Darrell Issa

represents the people of California's 48th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Issa is a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

May

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

June

- 2 Board meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 20 General Meeting

2025 Meeting Dates

- May 16th
- June 20th
- July – Special Event
- August 15th
- September 19th
- October 17th
- November 21st
- Dec. - Special Event

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Rachelle Babler
Poway Community Watch
(Keynote Speaker, after lunch)

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.

Tim Dougherty
PUSD School Board Member
(Morning Speaker)

Tim works tirelessly to ensure the PUSD district provides a high-quality education to all students, prioritizes the safety and well-being of our children and maintain fiscal responsibility in the face of economic uncertainty. He believes in transparency, accountability and engaging with the community to find the best solutions for our schools.



Julie Carlson | Chaplain

Heavenly Father,

We ask for Your divine protection over our nation. Guard our borders from any harm, and protect every citizen, whether at home, at work, or traveling. We pray for safety for our military, law enforcement, and all who are responsible for securing the nation. May Your angels surround us, keeping us safe from all danger. We trust that You will watch over us, and we thank You for Your faithfulness in guarding our land.

In Your Name,

Amen



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melinda Winship | President | info@rbrepublicanwomen.org

Don't Worry About the Grandkids!

Recent studies and cultural shifts suggest that Generation Z may be embracing more conservative views than before, in some cases even surpassing senior citizens in certain areas. While older generations are typically associated with traditional values and believe in government institutions, many Gen Z individuals—born between the late 1990s and early 2010s—are challenging this stereotype by leaning into conservative ideals, particularly on issues like free speech, gender identity, and political correctness. This shift could be a reaction to what some perceive as the overreach of progressive ideologies on college campuses, in media, and in policy. It could also be because young adults are struggling to achieve the same financial lifestyle as their parents.

The rise of social media has played a key role, exposing Gen Z to a wide range of opinions and allowing them to challenge liberal narratives. Many of them don't have cable network and so are not exposed to the mainstream media drama. In contrast, many seniors may hold more centrist or even progressive views than assumed, especially on issues like social security, Medicare or healthcare, which directly affect their lives. Many seniors still believe their news channels tell the truth and government has their best interest at heart because this is how it was when they were young adults.

It's too early to declare a full ideological realignment but this trend suggests a growing complexity in the political landscape. As conservative women we should embrace these kids and help foster their evolving beliefs and grow our Party!

So don't be afraid to bring up politics with young adults, you may have a lot in common!



MEMBERSHIP

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2025 Membership Drive

Dues have been reduced to \$35!!

Please welcome new members:

**Finni Wraith
Anesh Speck
Janice Crim**

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

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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.

Celebrate
May Birthdays



May 6 Patti Hime
May 12 Rachel Jorgenson
May 11 Janice Crim
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



June 1 Nancy Laun
Catherine Thoreson
June 3 Rita O'Brien
June 6 Patricia Chaffee
June 10 June Cutter
Linda Freithaler
Sara Kadowaki
June 12 Mary Van Hee
June 14 President Donald J Trump
June 17 Mary Comaratta
June 22 Carol Powers
June 30 Kristie Bruce-Lane

2025 Membership Application

RanchoBernardo Republican Women

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Street City State Zip Code

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(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: _____

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WAYS & MEANS

Patty So and Kimberlee Rizzuti | Co-VPs

We earned \$90 in the "Share the Purse" raffle and gave \$90 to three members. We earned \$75 from the raffle items. Can't wait to see what the dynamic duo has in store for us this month.



LUNCHEON VIPs



Denise Gitsham, the April luncheon keynote speaker. With Martha Lyles, 1st VP of Programs and President Melinda Winship. Denise was fantastic.



Member **Anita Edmondson** filled us in on the efforts to recall Poway City Council member, Tony Blain, just three months in his term.

LEGISLATION

Patti Hime | Legislation Chair

TAXES HERE; TAXES THERE; TAXES, TAXES EVERYWHERE

If you thought you were paying enough taxes, you are not. According to a recent post by Brian Jones in a post on X, California Democrats want to raise income taxes again! ([article link](#)) This is in addition to the new gas taxes of up to 90 cents per gallon ([article link](#)) Also, small businesses have been forced to pay an extra \$21 per employee in their payroll taxes in 2025, increasing in 2026 and 2027! ([article link](#)) This amount will cover for state mismanagement of COVID funds.

California Democrats continue to block bills protecting women. Recently two bills protecting girls in sports and locker rooms have been voted down. **AB 844** and **AB 89**. There is an upcoming review of **SB 311** to protect female prisoners. With the history of Democrat votes against the interest of women and girls, it will be surprising if this bill is passed. 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. ([article link](#))

(Update: 4/30/2025 SB311 was voted down. Surprise! Surprise!)

Return to the office: Gavin Newsom has ordered state agencies to arrange for employees to be back in person 4 days per week by July 1. There is a lot of complaining happening, it is really hard to give up the flannel jammies and tee time. We will see how this is navigated. ([article link](#))

Good News!!! Our Democrat super majority legislature will have a new \$1.1 billion capitol annex compound, with secret tunnels to help them avoid the public, to vote no on all the bills protecting women and girls in their sports and locker rooms, and YES on all the tax and benefit increases. I’m so happy for them. ([article link](#))





Jan Stewart | VP of Political Activities

Trash Fee Revolt! On April 21st a 3-page letter was sent from the City of San Diego to all San Diego homeowners of 1-4 units with information on the outrageous new proposed Solid Waste Management Fee, which will increase every year for the next 4 years. You must cut off the top of the last page, complete the info on your Parcel and mail it in, or take it to the City Council meeting on June 9, 2025. Lack of response is considered consent.

Recall Newsom! Saving California has launched yet another campaign to recall our Governor, Gavin Newsom. He needs to answer for the Wildfire Disasters, the Homeless Crisis, Californians Fleeing the State, California's Gas Crisis, Outrageous Taxation, Insurance companies not renewing home insurance, etc. Download and read the petition and instructions at <https://savingcalifornia.vote/> and have your friends and neighbors sign. I will collect your petitions at the next luncheon or you can mail them yourself. We will elect a new CA Governor in 2026 and then Newsom will spend the following two years running for US President. My theory is that Bernie Sanders and AOC are pushing the Democratic Party way too far to the left. Gavin will come in as the "reasonable alternative" to both Communism and Conservatism.

County Supervisor Special Election. Chula Vista Mayor John McCann will need our help to win the Special Election July 1st to flip the SD Board of Supervisors to a 3/2 Conservative advantage. Follow and volunteer for his campaign at www.johnmccann.com

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| 5/1/25 | 6:30pm | RB Community Council on Zoom www.RBCommunityCouncil.com |
| 5/4/25 | 10:30am-12:30pm | 4Corners4Freedom monthly rally at the corner of Twin Peaks and Pomerado Rd. Come by and wave a flag or give us a honk. |
| 5/6 and 5/20 | 7pm | Poway City Council 13325 Civic Center Dr Poway CA 92064 in person, online at www.Poway.org |
| 5/8/25 | 6-9pm | Attend the Poway School Board meeting 15250 Avenue of Science, SD 92128. Also available live on their website www.PowayUSD.com |

The Left, through media and AARP, is firing up your Liberal friends and neighbors with inaccurate information about the Trump Administration taking away your Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, etc. Please stay informed on the truth and have your talking points ready. **Let's back President Donald John Trump!**

Thank You **RBRW** for nominating me for the Rancho Bernardo **Hats Off to Volunteers!** It was nice to be in the company of so many civic-minded people (and therapy dogs!). Honorees came from six categories – 1) Education & Faith, 2) Safety, Health & Human Services, 3) Seniors, Youth & Veterans, 4) Community Associations, 5) Civic and Business Groups (RBRW) and 6) Service Clubs & Organizations. Please think about all you do for your community, clubs and church and be sure to write down your hours on the orange Political Activism Log form we have on the tables at our luncheon. Maybe we will honor you next year! Thanks, **Jan**
 See Page 12 for photos.



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
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<https://reformcalifornia.org/volunteer>

Help!
We need
YOU!
Volunteer
today

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Charlotte Leamy and Paula Carmichael | Community Outreach Chairs

At our June meeting we will be collecting gift cards for Grocery stores, local restaurants, - such as In N Out Burger, Chick-fil-A, Taco Bell, Jack in the Box; Little Caesars - and checks made out to **Abraxas High School Foundation** with Student Services in the memo. Our Republican Women have always been most generous and supportive of our students. We are so appreciative! Thank you!



Rebecca Hernandez, from **Abraxas High School**, will be speaking to us at our May 16th meeting. She will explain the needs of the students and how our donations make such an important part of their daily lives. Abraxas serves our community as an alternative educational need for teens across Poway Unified School District. The school is also a source of stable support for many students trying to stay in school and on track while earning their education. Among the student population, many receive free or reduced cost lunches, which may be their only source of a complete and nutritious meal each day. Unstable housing situations plus challenging home life situations compound the worry of these students.

VETERAN OUTREACH

Karen Boyle | Veteran Outreach Chair

We received a thank you note from Jodie Grenier, the CEO of the **Foundation for Women Warriors** that reads in part.... "I want to personally thank you so much for your generosity, through your partnership with **Foundation for Women Warriors** you are truly making a life-changing difference in the lives of women veterans every day.I am so grateful you share my passion and commitment to women veterans and their children."



One aspect of Foundation Women Warriors Women provides personal, professional, and leadership development education both in-person and online for our national community of women veterans. This work improves the resilience and self-sufficiency of women veterans, so they are best equipped to provide stability and success for themselves, their families, and their communities.



AMERICANISM

Julie Carlson | Americanism Chair

The Gettysburg Address

Abraham Lincoln

When Abraham Lincoln rose on November 19, 1863, to dedicate the Soldier's National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where for months earlier thousands of Northern and Southern soldiers had fallen, he wanted to tell the country that if it could sustain the will to fight, the Union ultimately would triumph. In two minutes he said as much, and more. He told the world the United States would fight on not just for its own sake, but for all nations conceived in liberty and dedicated to equality. Here it is, the greatest and most famous speech ever delivered on American soil.

Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

From *The Book of Virtues*, Edited, with commentary, by William J. Bennett

SPECIAL EVENT



Our honoree, **Jan Stewart**, worked over 700 hours on many projects and campaigns to get Republicans elected in 2024. It was a pleasure to honor her.

Members supported Jan at the **"Hats Off to Volunteers"** on April 26th at RB High School. Pictured are Martha, Karen, Jan, Dian and Linda.



Oodles of RBRW members showed up at the Legacy Hotel Event Center on April 14th to listen to:

Chad Bianco, Sheriff of Riverside County, Candidate for CA Governor

Steve Hilton, Fox News Commentator & presumed Candidate for CA Governor

What a great event!

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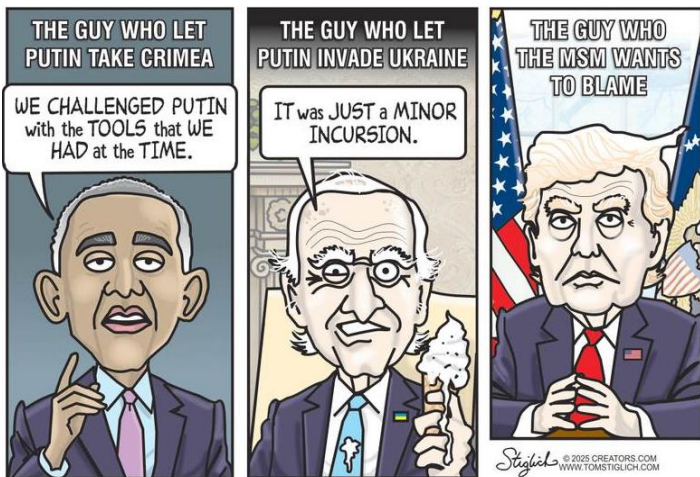
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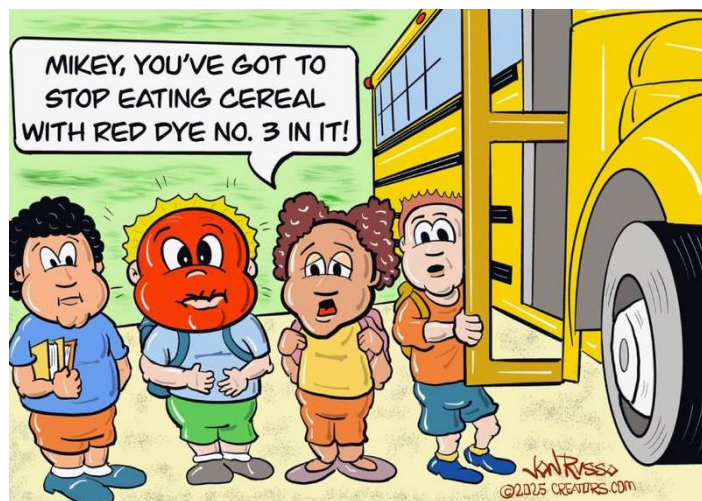
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