



# TUSTIN RWF

Tustin Area Republican Women Federated

## November 2017 Newsletter



### November Presidents Address:

Our Dear Members, I can't believe we're now into Fall and heading into the Holiday season! I recently attended our **Biennial Convention for our California Southern Division**, the theme of which was 'It All Begins with Us, Let's Make America Great Again'. This is the theme I have been relaying to you the last few meetings, we need to be bold, or bolder. Many of the speakers we had the pleasure of listening to were young people, the youngest being 16 years old. When they described the opposition that they experience on their respective college campuses, and more, how they counter it, I am greatly encouraged for our future. We listened to a young journalist, the director of a Conservative think tank organization and of course, Diamond & Silk. If you have not had a chance to hear these ladies, sisters from North Carolina, look at their posts on U-tube or FaceBook. They are not only entertaining but smart, brave conservatives who jumped on the Trump train very early on. They clearly can reach into communities that we simply can't. I can't wait to tell you some stories of people I met at the convention that came to Palm Desert just to see these ladies!

We've had two great Fall meetings and **on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have our last meeting of 2017**. For this meeting, we will be joined by our own Southern Division President, Mary Baker, who will give us a presentation based on her book, "Citizen Ninja, Stand Up to Power". Don't be misled by the title, she gives us practical, even easy ways for us to step just a little bit out of our comfort zone, to be bold, to affect change. At one of our meetings I gave you the example of the public communal bathrooms. I politely but forcefully explain to the management of what every establishment I find one in that I simply do not like to share a restroom with men I do not know! You can do that too!

Our meeting on **December 1<sup>st</sup>, is the first Friday of December** and I hope you will be able to join us for this fun meeting. We'll have some holiday cheer and entertainment, a fashion show, shopping and special opportunity drawing prizes as well as our special speaker! Will also be installing our Club Officers for 2018. What a fun kick off to the holiday season to spend the lunch time with our Republican friends! I look forward to seeing you all then!

Linda Barcelona, President of Tustin Area Republican Women Federated



Amanda McGuire, President of the Republican Club at Cal State University, Fullerton, speaking

to us in October.



Larry Elder speaking at our September Luncheon.



**Diamond and Silk** at the Southern Division convention banquet



**Dear Friends and Fellow Patriots,**

**November 2017**

It's always so good to be together, isn't it? We trust you enjoyed our speaker Mr. Bob Kurkjian, Executive Director of the Bob Hope USO in the Greater Los Angeles area at our October meeting last Friday. His presentation was not only informative but heartwarming and inspiring. We also had the privilege to hear from one of our local College students, Amanda Maguire, who is current President of the Cal State Fullerton Young Republicans. Amanda was very poised, and she shared both their progress and their challenges on campus as Conservative Republicans. She let us know especially how we can support them in their quest to **preserve Free speech on campus**. Our President, Linda Barcelona insured that we approve supporting them financially, so they could attend the recent CRP ( CA Republican Party) Convention in October. Thank you Linda!

These speakers and the valuable information they share is one of the many reasons we belong to our beloved TARWF. With that said, know that your Membership Team extends our gratitude to you for your **quick response to our 2018 Membership Renewal Campaign**. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who has already sent in their forms and renewal check in the envelope provided....and **"THANK YOU"** to everyone **who WILL send in your forms and renewal checks**.

Our **GOAL** is to have all of our members renewed by November so we can all relax and

enjoy our last 2017 meeting, the **December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Party**. This way we can begin the New Year 2018 with our **'Member Grass Roots Army'** ready to stand firm & serve. Thank you in advance for sending in your form and check ASAP. Our mailing went out mid-October... Feel free to call Pat or Gretchen if you for some reason may not have received our mailing.

Please help us give a warm TARWF welcome to our newest member **Jennifer Yomogida** of Irvine. She is the daughter of member Judy Kranz.

Our **HHP- Happy Hour Politics** meeting forum which are held **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evenings** from **6-7:30 pm at Mimi's in Tustin**, will be on hiatus until **January 18<sup>th</sup> 2018**, because we are coming up on a very full season of Holiday Festivities. Thank you to our treasurer Sarah O'Neill for spearheading this enjoyable NEW evening forum, as well as to Maureen Coddington, our Ways & Means Chair, for her faithful additional support this past year. Our working members and regular members and interested parties can now attend and enjoy discussing issues of importance and consider joining our group.

Please continue to consider where your abilities, interests, passions and talents may lie, and let us know how you would like to become more involved with your club. **WE NEED YOU!!** Please Email or call Gretchen or Pat so we can match you up to volunteer for something you would enjoy doing. Your **TARWF Membership Roster** has a listing of our **TARWF Board Of Directors & Committees on page 5.**

***THANK YOU*** for inviting your friends and family to attend both our **General & HHP Meetings.**

***Keep ENGAGED, EDUCATED, ENCOURAGED, and EMPOWERED so we can achieve & succeed in 2018 & beyond***

**Your TARWF Membership Team,**

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**DONATIONS UPDATE \*\*\*\*\***

**A big thank you** goes out to our generous club members who donated opportunity drawing prizes for our September luncheon:

**Donna Babbs** for the succulent pot and the Chocolate Cookbook

**Mary Brockschmidt** for her "Fall Surprise", full of lovely fall-ish goodies

**Susan Dobak** for the two pound box of See's candy

**Sarah O'Neill** for her lovely ceramic bath set

Also, the **Tustin Ranch Golf Club** for their gift certificate for four to their Brunch

Member donations for our last luncheon on October 27, 2017:

Two lovely gift baskets were donated by our member **Sharyn Cable** who manages Enderle Center (Annual Holiday Open House November 16, 2017)

A delightful Sunday brunch was donated by **Tustin Ranch Golf Club** (Very popular and we have another one for our Dec. 1 luncheon)

\$30 Gift Card donated by **"The Nail Connection" in Tustin** on Newport Ave.

Trick or Treat surprise door prize donated by **Maureen Coddington**

Please, please, please, our Club needs your donations for this is how we raise money to afford popular speakers like Larry Elder, who spoke at our September luncheon. Please don't be shy when asking stores that you frequent for a gift certificate. I got a gift certificate from the hair and

nail salon that I go to, it's a good way for them to gain more customers, and it's cheap advertising for businesses, too. "Festive, holiday-ish purses and jewelry also make great donations, especially this time of year. Please look around, you'll find something that you know you'll never use but that someone else will love!"

Please call me or email me and I can pick up, or you can give to me at our luncheon.

We're all a Team! Let's go!

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FROM TUSTIN WITH GRATITUDE - by Clara Honea

Our United States Marines Corps is 242 years old. We wish them a Happy Birthday.

Members and guests who attended our October 27 meeting, were very generous with their contributions to help our local USO. Thank you for supporting our military.

Some members of the 2/11 Marine Battalion will participate in the Veteran's Day Ceremony to take place at 10:30a.m. at the Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park in Irvine. Hope you will be able to attend.

A Holiday Party is planned December 19, at Camp Pendleton for the 2/11 Marines and their families. Many activities are scheduled for that day. It is one way for us civilians to thank them for serving our country.

Please pray for those serving in the military. They face many challenges while performing their duties.

Happy Thanksgiving. Clara



**BILL WELLS**, Mayor of the city of El Cajon  
November 2, 2017  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

If we have any hope to “solve” the homeless problem, we must give some thought to its causes. It is deceptively easy to see the problem as one of access to resources, with job loss, the cost of housing or a death in the family being the most likely circumstances leading to homelessness. Homelessness, however, has a darker side to it; drug and alcohol abuse and an actual desire to stay homeless is at the core of it.

The idea of homelessness being a lifestyle choice is difficult for most of us to understand, but understanding the truth of this concept will help us all make decisions about the kinds of solutions that will result in meaningful change. It is also important to understand that the California Legislature has pushed an ideology that does little to moderate homelessness and much to propagate it. The explosion of homelessness that we as a region have experienced over the past two years can be directly linked to out-of-control substance abuse and a legislative agenda in Sacramento that is heavy with unintended consequences, making the homeless problem much worse.

It all started with **Assembly Bill 109, passed in 2011**. The idea of “realignment” was to ease

prison overcrowding in California by simply deciding that many crimes were no longer punishable by incarceration. More than 70 crimes were redefined as “less serious” or “nonviolent.” This began in 2015, and since then my city of El Cajon, has seen a 35 percent increase in homelessness. Many beach communities have seen well over 100 percent increases. Sacramento will say that there is no correlation, but that defies logic. In San Diego County alone, 7,619 probationers were released into the county, with 1,077 being homeless upon release. Approximately 10 percent of the homeless in our region were prisoners on an early release program.

Next, **Proposition 47 was approved in 2014** . This law converted a series of crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. Again, this is designed to keep people out of prison, but it has many unintended consequences. Proposition 47 also makes shoplifting of items less than \$950 a misdemeanor. Recently I had a group of 7-Eleven owners in my office complaining that the homeless stole from them with impunity, and no fear of the police. Proposition 47 also makes personal use of most drugs a minor offense; subject to a ticket or more likely no enforcement. Honest assessments conclude that over 90 percent of homeless people are using drugs or alcohol. Over the past two years there has been a flood of powerful but cheap drugs, mostly methamphetamines, which have been thrust into our culture causing mass addiction, disability and dropping out of society.

**In 2017, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 180** , which limits the ability of law enforcement to send chronic drug abusers back to prison. A recent court case limited law enforcement’s ability to stop people from living in their cars.

**In 2015, a Supreme Court case limited a city’s ability to criminalize panhandling** . Cities cannot enforce vagrancy laws unless they have cooperation from the District Attorney’s Office, which that office is loath to provide. Cities are constantly under pressure from the ACLU and local grand juries to open the parks for the homeless, allow tent cities and refrain from “harassing the homeless.” So enforcement is difficult at best. If the police do arrest a homeless person and that person has a shopping cart of possessions, the police are obligated to catalog and store these possessions regardless of worth.

Sacramento’s approach to this problem is one of normalizing homelessness. The idea is to accept mass homelessness as just a part of any society. The thrust of the fight has been one of permissiveness and rejection of value judgments that might shame the homeless, or pressure them out of the homeless lifestyle.

In parallel, the Legislature has made the same arguments toward drug and alcohol addiction and criminality. It is up to the public to accept or reject this approach. It seems clear to me that to accept this, however, is to accept the recent increase in homelessness as a reality that is here to stay and likely to grow.

In any event, I contend that local government has little to do with the increase in homelessness. It is the California Legislature that has designed this problem and it will have to be the California Legislature that designs the solution.



President Linda Barcelona  
and Treasurer Sarah O'Neill



with Judge Janine.

Congratulations to **Paula Prizio** on being honored as CFRW Woman of the Year! Pictured with former President Diane McGlenchy and current Southern Division President, Mary Baker Southern Division convention banquet



Dear NFL players who are choosing to kneel for the National Anthem,

Congratulations—you've got our attention. You've opened up a debate in this country, to be sure. The only problem is that, unfortunately, you've opened up the wrong debate. It was understood by many that your goal was to protest racial inequality. Unfortunately, you've provided the public with little information other than that you are protesting and you want change. The problem is that when you are trying to lead by sitting or taking a knee, you aren't leading in an active way that creates change. At best, you are making a passive demonstration, which gains our attention, but which alone can rarely bring about the change we are seeking.

You've successfully stirred up emotion, but to what end? People are debating, to be sure, but they're primarily talking about your First Amendment rights, whether or not you are respecting/disrespecting the flag/military, and President Trump's recent comments. The only measurable action steps that Americans have taken in response to your protests is that some are beginning to counter-protest by boycotting the NFL and refusing to watch or attend games. Was this your intention?

I humbly suggest that you pause to reconsider the effects of your protests. While I speak to you as a military veteran, I strongly support your constitutional right to freedom of speech. At the same time, I am an Army Ranger, and we live by the creed that "I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be, one hundred percent and then some." Rangers are one of our military's most elite and effective forces BECAUSE we take action, and bear as much of the burden upon our own shoulders as humanly possible. We don't voice our displeasure and then wait for someone else to do something: we do it. We make and create the change we want to see.

The time to protest is over. You have accomplished your mission, because you now have the attention of our nation, and our world. If your protests have achieved one thing, it is that they have given you the spotlight. Next, you need to start providing guidance on what needs to happen, showing people the solutions that you're looking for. What can you do, today, besides the 3 minutes it takes to protest the National Anthem to encourage greater racial equality? Use your fame and public platform to provide direction for your fans, and step out into your own communities. Contribute your time, sweat, and money to organizations that are advancing the causes that you believe in. Encourage your fans to do the same. We all have skills that we can bring to bear on making the world a better place. For example, I knew from my experience working in foreign communities overseas that I could volunteer to assist local law enforcement with strategies that would help them serve their communities more empathetically. I didn't protest the action; I saw the action and decided to do something to create change.

Right now, all that this protesting has done is lead to greater divisiveness in an already divided nation. What we need right now are leaders who are talking about and encouraging racial equality. I'm sure that many of you feel that you are leading by example. The problem is that leading by example isn't really leading at all. Leadership requires taking responsibility for other's actions, as well as your own. Set the example with action, and then lead by providing guidance. Lead with hope and trust, not

passivity and talk. Leading that way makes you no better than many politicians, who do nothing but talk. You are capable of so much more!

The NFL, like the military, is an organization where Americans of all creeds and colors come together in battle for shared victory. As teammates, you know what it looks like to work, sweat, and bleed beside your brothers of all races. Our military servicemembers and veterans live this same reality every day.

The NFL holds a great tradition in this country, an organization revered and enjoyed by many Americans. Don't use your position to divide us. I am honored to work with NFL players regularly, and I am inspired by how many players use their public platform for good. I hope you will join them in showing us how, in your own lives, by your own action, you're working to build racial equality. Show us how the NFL is a place where racial equality is an achievable reality that you live every day—and then work to continue that in your communities, as well. Be the example. It's time to stop protesting and shoulder your share of the task. I will do my part with you, and I am willing to rely upon your leadership to guide me.

JC Glick, LTC, US Army, Retired

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