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California Congress of Republicans
Invites you and your friends to join us***

To hear

Keynote Speaker

DR. LARRY HUGHES

TOPIC:

How to Build Your Immune System

***Monday, February 24, 2025
Elks Lodge
1405 West Florida, Hemet, CA
Dinner Reservations Are a Must!***

***Social at 6 P.M.
Dinner at 6:30
Members: \$20
Non-Members: \$22
Program Only: \$5***

***Please RSVP
By Thursday, February 20, 2025
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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

January and February are right in the middle of flu season. The media and medical profession continually encourage everyone, especially seniors, to get their flu and pneumonia vaccines. Very little is said regarding preventing illness or how to build your immune system in order to fight off diseases.

At the February 24 General Membership Meeting, the HSJCR will hear from **Dr. Larry Hughes**, an expert in the medical field, who will give us pointers on how to improve the immune system. **Dr. Hughes** has had over 39 years of experience in the field, and has been providing care to the greater Hemet community since 1987.

Dr. Hughes grew up on a farm in North Dakota and married his childhood sweetheart, **Sandy**, a psychologist. After enlisting in the United States Navy, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and, following six years of active duty, he joined the United States Army National Guard while getting his medical education. He went on to become a U.S. Army Flight Surgeon, and was activated during Desert Storm. He is currently a Federal Aviation Administration medical examiner.

Dr. Hughes started his practice in Hemet working initially for Scripps Clinic, and then opened his own practice in 1990. He is currently in practice with his daughter, **Heather Hughes**, M.D. One area in which **Dr. Hughes** excels is in preventative medicine so is well-qualified to give pointers on how to improve the immune systems.

Dr. Hughes and his wife **Sandy** have three children and six grandchildren. Both are members of the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**.

This promises to be an informative and interesting meeting.
Bring a friend!

RECAP OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was called to order by President **Tom Wilson**. Reports were given by representatives for both Hemet and San Jacinto City Councils. Charlene gave an update on the Republican Party of Riverside County. Treasurer Keith Meissner gave the Treasurer's Report—solvency.

Kristian Ticas spoke on the A.E.R.O. program and how the City of Hemet is addressing the homeless issue. He also distributed information on the Hemet Outreach Partnerships for Empowerment (HOPE). There was a lively question and answer period. **Kristian** gave one piece of advice 'don't give the homeless money or food as this enables rather than helps them.'

Meeting Information

The **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republican's** February 24 meeting is at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet**. Check-in is 6 p.m. with the program at 6:30.

To reserve, contact **Joanne** at **quiltersite2@yahoo.com** or **951-663-7870**. Please reserve by February 20, 2025.

If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Joanne**.

If **Joanne** leaves a message, please return her call or text her with a yes or no for reservations.

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CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we share the news that **Ernie Spina** has passed on. He and his wife, **Fran**, joined the **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** in 2018. She preceded him in death by several years. Condolences go to the family and friends of **Ernest**.



**HEMET SAN JACINTO
CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
MEMBERSHIP**

Thanks to all of you who renewed at the January meeting as well as those who paid their 2025 dues in 2024! Welcome aboard to new members and to renewals.

If you paid your dues and your name is not listed, please contact Membership VP Robin Lowe. Also send an email to Charlene so you will be on the Newsletter list. (c.stover.1997@gmail.com)

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Membership VP Robin Lowe will be accepting your renewal at the February 24, 2025 dinner meeting. You may also mail your dues. (see form on page 3)

Dues remain at \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

The HSJCR awards renewal membership to any member who has reached the age of 90. The organization currently has three members in this category: **Senator Dave Kelley, Agnes Kennedy, and JoAnn Von Wald.**



"Make Crime Pay. Become a Lawyer."
Will Rogers



**REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF RIVERSIDE
COUNTY**

The Republican Party of Riverside County Organization Meeting was January 23, 2025 at the Hemet Elks Lodge. The February meeting is at the Hemet Elks on February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

At the meeting the oath of office was administered to those elected in the March Primary Election, their alternates, ex-officio nominees, and ex-officio alternates.

Officers elected are: **RPRC Chair, Lori Stone; Vice Chair, Michael Curry; Secretary, Samantha Sobarzo; and Treasurer, Dale Dieleman.**

Norm Kyriss and Taryn Cagliero were elected to leadership position in their respective caucuses.

'ROOM' SPONSORSHIP

In 2024 the HSJCR was fortunate to have several 'room' sponsors, which helped to keep the cost of our dinners at \$20. Sponsorships covered the \$100 room cost for the year.

If you wish to be a 2025 'room' sponsor, your donation will be appreciated. The sponsorship levels are \$50, \$100, and up.

The HSJCR has been able to keep dues and the dinner costs at the same level for several years. The Board would like to continue the same amounts for 2025.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on Monday, February 3, 2025 at the office of the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was called to order by **President Tom Wilson.** The following were in attendance: VP Programs Dale Dieleman; VP Membership Robin Lowe, Secretary Sharon Durbin, Treasurer Keith Meissner, Board Members Joe and Taryn Cagliero, Dick English, Marcie Martinez, Kenn Prado, Charlene Stover, and Hugh Malone.

- The state of the HSJVRWCF was discussed.
- **Sharon Durbin** set up the Paint and Sip Fund Raiser for May 15 at the Elks with the cost at \$35.
- The financial report was given. The 2025 Budget was approved.
- Meetings: Dr. Larry Hughes will be the guest speaker at the February Meeting. Derek Kinnison, a January 6 pardon, has been invited to speak in March. A fundraiser is proposed for June.
- The website 'Transparent California' was discussed.
- **MSC** to give a special dinner rate of \$10 for anyone under 21.
- Information was given by **Board Member Kenn Prado** regarding the Hispanic demonstration in LA.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Tom Wilson

Hi All,
The Trump Administration has certainly hit the ground running! I truly think more was done in the first four days than in the last four years!

This time of the year is dues-renewal time. They can be paid at the check-in table at each meeting or mailed to the P.O. Box. Remember it is always a great time to invite a friend to our meetings and watch our club grow.

Thanks to the Board of Directors and all that help set up our meetings at the Elks Club and who also clean up afterward.

We are blessed to live in the United States where we are free to bless our meeting and recite the Flag Salute.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on February 24 and don't forget to RSVP!

CaGOP

The **California Republican Party 2025 Spring Convention** is March 14-16 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

The delegates will be electing the leadership for the CaGOP for the next two years. Vying for Chair is **Senator Mike Morrell and Corrin Rankin.**

Banquet tickets are \$175 and registration is \$160. The names of the speakers has not been released at this time.

For more information, google CaGOP Spring Convention. Continued in page 3 column 3

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CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME(S) _____ ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) _____

DUES: **\$20 PER PERSON/\$35 PER COUPLE** MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION: WAYS AND MEANS PUBLICITY PHONE TREE
SPECIAL EVENTS MEMBERSHIP BY-LAWS
DINNER /HOUSE VOTER REGISTRATION

SEND MEMBERSHIP TO: **ROBIN LOWE** _____ *Please e-mail my newsletter.*
P.O. BOX 304 _____ *Please send my newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.*
SAN JACINTO, CA 92581

CaGOP COMMUNICATIONS

Excerpts regarding TRUMP'S FIRST WEEK U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other agencies began targeted operations in cities across the country to enforce immigration law, preserve public safety, and get criminals out of our communities.

Breitbart News: "President Donald Trump's administration arrested 538 illegal aliens on Thursday, ranging from child predators to gang members and a suspected terrorist."

Fox News: "Between midnight Jan. 21 and 9 a.m. Jan 22, a 33-hour period, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) arrested more than 460 illegal immigrants that include criminal histories of sexual assault, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, drugs and weapons offenses, resisting arrest and domestic violence."

The Washington Times: "ICE arrested 10 Tren de Aragua gang members, more than 400 criminals in one day"

New York Post: "Trump's ICE raids turn up pedophiles, gangbangers, and NY-based suspected terrorist as 538 migrants arrested: 'Heinous crimes'"

ICE: "Jose Roberto Rodriguez-Urbina, an alleged MS-13 gang member, faces removal after his arrest by @ERONewYork on Jan. 22. He's wanted in El Salvador on extortion charges."

New York Post: "Feds round up 50 Tren de Aragua members at 'makeshift nightclub' in Aurora, Colorado as DEA, ICE hit cities across US"

DEA Rocky Mountain: "#DEA agents, @HSIDenver @ERODenver @ATF Denver & local partners conduct an early AM operation targeting drug trafficking & members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua (TdA). Drugs, weapons, and cash were seized in Adams County. Nearly 50 illegal aliens were taken into custody."

Fox News: "ICE arrests nearly 1,000 illegal aliens during sixth day of Trump administration"



**HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
FEDERATED**

The **HSJVRWCF** under the capable hands of **Sharon Durbin** is working toward rebuilding the Club. If you would like to make an impact, call Sharon and offer your ideas and support.

The organization has been in existence for over 60 years and is one of the few original chartered RWFs in Riverside County.

In 2008, there were 10 RWF Chapters in Riverside County. Today there are three. Some have died due to lack of interest and others have become independent with no state affiliations. Where will the **HSJVRWCF** fit in? Will we die for lack of interest, become independent, or **RISE AND SHINE** as a stronger club? **Sharon** is leading the charge for **Rise and Shine!**

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The special room rate at the Hyatt Regency across from the Capitol is \$195.

The Convention with election of leadership is always exciting. This is also an opportunity to meet your legislators and attend some informative workshops.

PAINT AND SIP FUNDRAISER

Sharon Durbin has set up a Paint and Sip Fundraiser for May 15. All participants will become artists and **Sharon** assures us that all will be proud of their hidden artistic ability. The 'sip' part includes both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Time span is from 6 to 8.

Miller-Jones Mortuary BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
165 W. Seventh Street, San Jacinto
Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

DATES TO CALENDAR



- February 6: **Birthday of President Ronald Reagan**
- February 9: **Birthday of President William Henry Harrison.**
- February 12: **Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln**
- February 22: **Birthday of President George Washington**
- February 12: **Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Historic Hemet Theater at 5:30 p.m.**
- February 14: **Valentine's Day**
- February 24: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans Meeting at the Elks Lodge with guest speaker **Dr. Larry Hughes.****
- February 26: **Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer at J & H Automotive 611 West Florida #A.**
- February 27: **Republican Party of Riverside County Meeting at the Elks Lodge in Hemet.**



March 14-16, 2025 CaGOP Spring Convention in Sacramento.

Did you know.....

Excerpts from Confronting the Presidents. O'Reilly and Dugard.

President **George Washington** mother was a continual annoyance to her son. **George and Martha** were frequently embarrassed by Mary's public complaints. She never wrote a single word of praise or congratulations. After his Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown, George Washington left the battlefield and rode directly to his mother's home. She was not there. He could not wait as pressing military duties were upon him. Unhappy, Mary Washington quickly wrote a bitter letter scolding her son for his departure—and never once mentioning his triumph that effectively defeated the British once and for all."

Abraham Lincoln was raised in a Baptist household, with his parents abstaining from alcohol, dancing, and purchasing slaves. He educated himself, learning to read and poring through books. Lincoln's mother died from drinking poisoned milk.

Ronald Reagan's father was a drinker. The family moved often. By the time "Ronnie" was eleven, the Reagans settle in the small town of Dixon, where he attended high school. An athletic six feet one, the teenager worked as a lifeguard at the Rock River Park in the summer, played football in the fall, and was voted student body president.

Four presidents were born in February:

George Washington, Federalist, February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799 was the first President of the United States from 1789 to 1797 and was one of the Founding Fathers.

William Henry Harrison Sr., Whig, (February 9, 1773 – April 4, 1841) was the ninth President of the United States (1841), and died 31 days into his term.

Abraham Lincoln, Republican, February 12, 1809 – April 15, 1865) was the 16th President of the United States from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865. He was the first Republican President after the founding of the Party.

Ronald Wilson Reagan, Republican, February 6, 1911 – June 5, 2004 was the 40th President of the United States, from 1981 to 1989. Before his presidency, he was the 33rd Governor of California, from 1967 to 1975.

HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Our leaders must remember that education doesn't begin with some isolated bureaucrat in Washington. It doesn't even begin with state or local officials. Education begins in the home, where it is a parental right and responsibility."

President Ronald Reagan

"The American people are not undertaxed, the government in Washington is overfed."

President Ronald Reagan

"Speak no evil of the absent, for it is unjust."

President George Washington

"Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation, for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

President George Washington

"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."

President Abraham Lincoln

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

President Abraham Lincoln

"Traditions are answers that have been discovered to enduring questions."

Roger Scruton

"Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up."

Robert Frost

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it."

Andrew Carnegie

TRIVIA

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

Ever wonder why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

Definitions:

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.