



NEWPORT HARBOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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“China’s Threats to the American Nation”

Is Joe Biden compromised by the Chinese Communist Party? What does that even mean? Is this just a “right-wing conspiracy theory?” If Biden indeed is compromised, what is the significance of the compromise, and how does it affect you, your family,

and your country? We are privileged to hear from retired Army Colonel Derek Harvey, who can thoroughly address that issue, as well as many other pressing issues of national security. Harvey is an internationally recognized analyst and global policy advisor. He worked on Capitol Hill as the Director for Investigations and Senior Advisor to the House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee and in the White House National Security Council under President Trump.

In Congress, he regularly briefed the Republican Caucus on worldwide intelligence developments, conducted oversight, and led investigations. Harvey led multiple investigations into Chinese influence operations, espionage, and criminal activities threatening America’s economic well-being and security. He authored House Committee reports on Covid-19, Chinese military/high tech developments, and efforts to co-opt the U.S. financial sector. During his time in the National Security Council, Harvey advanced the recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli Capital, and shaped policy for the U.S. withdrawal from Obama’s disastrous Iran Nuclear Deal.

The Colonel has also spent significant time in the Middle East as a Middle East Foreign Area Officer, working policy and intelligence issues, shaping strategy, providing assessments and policy advice. As a scholar, Harvey warned about the rise of the Islamic State in early 2013 and has tracked the individuals and groups involved in the Jihadist movement for years. He will provide us insights on the current Arab-Israeli conflict that we don’t get from corporate media.

With his vast experience, Colonel Harvey is a speaker in great demand.

Please do not miss this opportunity to learn the truth about what is actually transpiring around the globe and within the administrative state.

Our April Luncheon will be available to *Members Only* through April 11 and will become available to non-members starting April 12 if not sold out.

LUNCHEON

with guest speaker

Col. Derek Harvey, USA, Ret.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Pacific Club

4100 MacArthur Blvd.

Newport Beach

MEMBERS: \$65

NON-MEMBERS: \$75

Reservations are by credit card online at NHRW.org

There are no exchanges and no refunds.

If you have dietary restrictions, you may select the vegetarian/vegan option when confirming your reservation.

If you have any questions, email Amy Langdale, Reservations Chair, at contact@nhrw.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robin Sanders

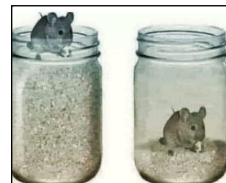


SOMETHING TO PONDER

A mouse was placed at the top of a jar filled with grains. It was so happy to find so much food around him that no longer he felt the need to run around searching for food. Now he could happily live his life. After a few days of enjoying the grains, he reached the bottom of the jar. Suddenly, he realized that he was trapped and he couldn't get out. He now has to fully depend on someone to put grains in the jar for him to survive. He now has no choice but to eat what he's given.

Here's a few lessons to learn from this:

- 1) Short-term pleasures can lead to long-term traps.
- 2) If things come easily and you get comfortable, you are getting trapped into dependency.
- 3) When you are not using your skills, you will lose more than your skills. You lose your CHOICES and FREEDOM.
- 4) Freedom does not come easily but can be lost quickly.



Former President Trump surpassed the 1,215-delegate threshold needed to become the presumptive Republican nominee after his victories in Georgia, Mississippi, and Washington state just 57 days from the first caucus in Iowa. Trump is calling for unity as the Republican nominee. We know his policies work and will work again. He has proven he makes and keeps his promises; and although some may not see eye to eye about some of his tweets, we know he loves America.

The 2024 general election promises to be a doozy and NHRW is excited about our Republican Campaign Headquarters that will open in August to work on getting our presidential candidate and local candidates elected. Time to protect our choices and keep our freedoms.

PRIMARIES & CAUCUSES

Trumps continued victories are highlighted in RED!

January 15 **Iowa caucus (TRUMP) 20**
January 23 **New Hampshire primary - 13**
February 8 **Nevada Rep. caucus - 26**
Virgin Island caucus - 4
February 24 **South Carolina primary - 47**
February 27 **Michigan primary - 51**
March 2 **Idaho caucus - 32**
Missouri - 54
March 3 Washington D.C. primary - 0
March 4 **North Dakota caucus - 29**
March 5 **SUPER TUESDAY**
Alabama primary - 50
Alaska primary - 29
Arkansas primary - 39
California primary - 169
Colorado primary - 24
Maine primary - 20
Massachusetts primary - 40
Minnesota primary - 27
North Carolina primary - 62
Oklahoma primary - 43
Tennessee primary - 58
Texas primary - 161
Utah caucus - 40
Vermont primary - 0
Virginia primary - 42
March 8 **American Samoa Terr. caucus - 9**
March 12 **Hawaii caucus - 19**

March 12 **Georgia primary - 56**
Mississippi primary - 40
Washington primary - 43
March 15 **North Mariana Isl Terr. caucus - 9**
March 16 **Guam Terr. convention - 9**
March 19 **Arizona primary - 43**
Florida primary - 125
Illinois primary - 64
Kansas primary - 39
Ohio primary - 79
March 23 **Louisiana primary - 47**
April 2 **Connecticut primary - 22**
Delaware primary - 16
New York primary - 91
Rhode Island primary - 15
Wisconsin primary - 41
April 21 **Puerto Rico primary - 23**
April 23 **Pennsylvania primary - 67**
May 7 **Indiana primary - 58**
May 14 **Maryland primary - 37**
Nebraska primary - 36
West Virginia primary - 32
May 21 **Kentucky primary - 46**
May 25 **Oregon state convention - 31**
June 4 **Montana primary - 31**
New Jersey primary - 12
New Mexico primary - 22
South Dakota primary - 29

Republican National Convention
Milwaukee July 15-18

Democratic National Convention
Chicago August 19-22 primary

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April 18
NHRW Wine Tasting
Social Event



In our continued effort to support and connect with our membership, NHRW is holding our second social event of the year on April 18th. The response to this Vintage Vibes Wine Tasting event has been overwhelmingly positive, and it is sold out.

We are grateful for your enthusiasm and participation in our events. We will be holding another wine tasting social this summer at our Campaign Headquarters, so be on the lookout.

April 25
Luncheon



with guest speaker
Col. Derek Harvey,
USA, Ret.

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Derek Harvey is a passionate conservative with a long track record of activism, leadership, and accomplishments in government service. He served in the Trump White House as the National Security Council Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa, uncovered democratic corruption in the Russia hoax and Chinese origins of COVID, and he defended President Trump during impeachment battles.

May 9
Current Events
Action Meeting



Krista Pittman of the California Republican Party and Karen Sewell of the Orange County Republican Party are teaming up on the all-important issue of election integrity. Krista will present the GOP strategies and programs for the upcoming Presidential General Election designed to give the GOP the winning edge. Karen has developed strategies which help make the running of our elections more secure and transparent.

Come learn how to help make the running of our elections more secure and transparent. One person can make a big difference in our elections -- Join us to PROTECT THE VOTE!

May 23
Luncheon



with guest speaker
Kelly Shackelford

Kelly Shackelford has been leading the fight for religious freedom in America for over 30 years as President, CEO, and Chief Counsel of First Liberty Institute. First Liberty is the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious liberty for all Americans. Kelly and his team of legal experts have helped First Liberty achieve a win rate of over 90% across all legal matters, including the case of Coach Joe Kennedy, who was fired for taking a knee in silent prayer after football games.

April menu

Pasta with Sun-dried Tomatoes, Asparagus, Artichoke Hearts, and Goat Cheese with an Extra Virgin Olive Oil Wine Sauce.

Vegetarian Option:

Pasta with Sun-dried Tomatoes, Asparagus, and Artichoke Hearts, with an Extra Virgin Olive Oil Wine Sauce.

Cookie Assortment



J.T. Geehr, Kari Lake

We are so proud of board member, J.T. Geehr, who attended a fundraising event featuring U.S. Senate candidate Kari Lake last week. J.T. was invited to introduce Kari and delivered one of her "hit-it-out-of-the-ballpark" introductions!

NHRW is so fortunate to have J.T. as our V.P. of Programs, as she always finds top-shelf, cutting-edge speakers for our group.

Annual Membership Dues

Regular/Active Members - \$96

Associate Members - \$52
(Men and Green Card Holders)

Membership dues are by credit card only
Visit NHRW.org to renew or join

For more information you may contact
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Welcome
to our
New Members

Victoria Currier
Joyce Edlund
Claudia Fisher
Jennifer Hoff
Nancy Johnson
Heidi Mahmood
Susan St. Peters

March
Luncheon



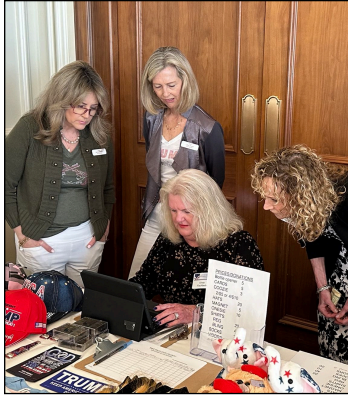
Robin Sanders, Kimberly Fletcher, J.T. Geehr



Guest Speaker, Kimberly Fletcher



Libby Huyck, V.P. Republican Campaign Headquarters Chair,



Thank you to Libby and all our wonderful volunteers who helped set up, display the fun and creative patriotic wares, work with our members, and break down! It was an exciting precursor for our upcoming Republican Campaign Headquarters. Join us at our April luncheon and see what additional new items will be available.



Semra Phillips



Cristy Fishbeck, Christy La Barthe, Jenny Golden, Linda Barker, Libby Huyck



Gail Garceau, Carol Mclean



Betty Cummings, Jill Aschieris, Joann Kenton



Bo Audette, Kelli Santley, Sandra Gonzales



Standing: Val Cantwell
Seated: Denny McSweeney, Kathleen Onieal



Pam Munro, Suzanne Wessman



Standing: Maxine Czisny, Sandra Prime, Marcy Kim
Seated: Jodi Salerno, Mary Ellen Bowman



Judy Joseph, Nickie Swartz



Becky Cooper, Robin Sanders



Lisa Hoover, Dianne Wells, Maxine Czisny



Myrna Potts, Linda Nielsen



Kym Talbert, No Name Tag



Susan Cederstrom, Leslie Cies, Lynn Bonas



Joan L. Stevens, Mary Frances Stanley



Marilou Harmon, Natalie Carpenter



Lisa Bathke, Melissa Varraveto, Amie Raiger, Bo Audette

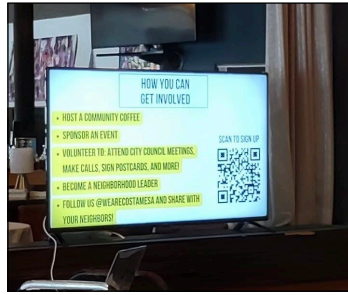


Michelle O'Brien, Susan St. Peters

February 8th Current Events Action Meeting Guest Speaker, Teresa Hernandez



Teresa Hernandez
Lincoln Club President



Involvement Strategy



Grateful for so many members
being involved



Thank you Sam and Susan for
helping to welcome our guests.

We had a very interesting and promising CEA meeting on February 8th with our guest speaker, Teresa Hernandez, president of the Lincoln Club, as she outlined details of the new Orange County Community Action Network (OCCAN) she is working on to increase the number of Republican votes for our candidates. About 70 NHRW members were there to hear about OCCAN's procedures for identifying registered Republicans who are low propensity voters and encouraging them to vote. Teresa inspired and educated us on this much-needed plan to help with the March 5th Primary and the big election in November.

OCCAN has an exclusive partnership with Turning Point Action, which is part of Turning Point USA and has developed an app that identifies low propensity voters in certain neighborhoods, making it easier to reach out to those voters who are registered Republicans and encourage them to exercise their right to vote. The Lincoln Club has kicked off these efforts initially with a million dollars, which funds the program for four important Orange County areas – Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Irvine, and Little Saigon (a section of Westminster). There are plans to expand to other areas as the results come in and more money is available. As an example, Gracie Golden, a sharp young lady who heads up the OCCAN efforts in Costa Mesa, called We Are Costa Mesa, has done an amazing job of getting their program running and was at our meeting to speak on the remarkable progress they have made. She showed slides of several successful events in that area. These programs help people to see how they can improve their neighborhoods and can have a voice in decisions that impact their lives. They were exciting and encouraging to hear about.

Also, Teresa encouraged everyone to vote early - she explained that it helps the candidates to target just those voters who have not yet voted, in order to spend money more efficiently. For instance, once you have voted, the mailers stop, as does the cost of printing and sending them. This helps the candidates focus critical resources on turning out low propensity voters. You can track your ballot online from the moment it is delivered to when it is received and counted with text and email notifications at california.ballottrax.net/voter/. We have been in the habit of waiting to vote, but that has helped Democrats to beat us by voting early. It has been a costly lesson for us.

It will take an army of volunteers to build a ground game, so it is up to us all to help. If we want to change the outcome of our elections, many need to be involved. If we want to protect our freedoms and build a future for our families - now is the time.

March 18th, 2024, Central Committee Meeting Recap



Chairman's Report

Chairman Whitaker thanked OCGOP staff for their highly successful work on the election including the Voter Reclamation Project which resulted in over 25,000 newly registered Republicans in the county. The Chairman summarized the election results including Republican victories up and down the ballot: Steve Garvey will be at the top of the ticket with President Trump in November.

Locally, every incumbent legislator won the primary with huge margins and the OC Board of Education was a Republican sweep. The Orange County Board of Supervisors had an outright win by Hon. Don Wagner and an excellent result for Hon. Janet Nguyen, who will advance to November. While the Orange Unified School District race did not go as hoped, the Chairman thanked everyone involved for working so hard and announced Hon. Madison Miner will be honored as School boardmember of the Year.

The Chairman encouraged candidates to enroll in the [RunRed](#) local candidate's training program for the spring session beginning April 13th. Finally, the Chairman invited partisan candidates who won their primary elections to present a short address to the committee including Hon. Michelle Steel, Matt Gunderson, Hon. Steven Choi, Raul Ortiz Jr., Beth Culver, Mike Tardif, Hon. Scott Peotter, and Hon. Robyn Grant on behalf of Hon. Diane Dixon.

The guest speaker, District Attorney Todd Spitzer, spoke about public safety and the latest petition- gathering effort to reform failed Prop 47. He also stressed the importance of candidates addressing the issue of crime and support of our police departments on the campaign trail. Volunteer of the Month, John Dade, was given the February Volunteer of the Month Award for election assistance.

Candidates with an Affirmative Recommendation from the Endorsements Committee

- Hon. Mike Munzing for Aliso Viejo City Council, District 5
- Hon. Kathy Tavoularis for Orange City Council, District 3
- Hon. Kelly Jennings for Laguna Niguel City Council, District 1
- Hon. Tony Beall for Rancho Santa Margarita Mayor
- Hon. Stephanie Winstead for Laguna Niguel City Council, District 3
- Hon. Ryan Gallagher for Tustin City Council, District 4
- Hon. Gene Foster Johns for Laguna Niguel City Council, District 5
- Hon. Tara Campbell for Yorba Linda City Council
- Hon. Jon Dumitru for Orange City Council, District 2
- Hon. Erik Weigand for Orange County Water District, Division 7

This writeup was submitted by the Hon. Robyn Grant who serves as Assembly Member Diane Dixon's representative to the Central Committee. You can reach Robyn directly at rbgrant@cox.net or 949 697 0312 with questions or comments.

Moms for America

NHRW March 28, 2024 Luncheon
Speaker, Kimberley Fletcher

by Michele Mann

Newport Harbor Republican Women had the pleasure of learning from an extraordinary and passionate advocate for family, freedom, and the values that make our nation strong, Kimberley Fletcher, founder and President of Moms for America, on how to fight back against woke ideology with courage and unwavering support for faith, traditional family values, and parental rights in education. Moms for America is a national movement of moms reclaiming our culture for truth, family freedom, and the Constitution. The organization is dedicated to empowering mothers to reclaim their influence on the culture and shape of the future for their children. With a national network of over a half a million mothers, Moms for America is one of the fastest growing movements of women in the country. A mother of eight children, with a bottomless supply of energy, resources, and support, Fletcher emphasized the uniqueness of her organization guaranteeing a personal response to any email or phone call. She also emphasized that Moms for America endorses and assists "Mom-Approved" candidates.

In a nation where few people even know what the letters ERA represent, Fletcher felt inclined to share a bit of history about the women's movement which is celebrated during the March Women's History month. Initially, the women's movement in the United States and the Equal Rights Amendment seemed well intentioned, but its Marxist connections are now clearly evident. The radical feminist movement mirrors the Marxist ideology that aims to tear down the family, destroy marriage, emasculate men and boys, and basically make women feel useless - even though they claim it is about empowerment. Globally, the United Nations hosts the Conference on the Status of Women to determine a world plan of action for the advancement of women, which then determines policies in UN countries. In 2017, the Conference redefined motherhood as unpaid work that needs to be recognized, reduced, and redistributed and called it the "motherhood penalty." At the same time, Melinda Gates thought it was smart to say women should spend more time doing paid work or starting businesses. Many mothers - the keepers of the culture - from developing countries disagreed. Women decide how high the bar goes. The radical feminists Marxists have lowered that bar dramatically, and we must lift it back up and protect what they are really after - the hearts and minds of our children.

Hitler, one of the three most heinous despots of our times, once said, "He who owns youth gains the future." This quote has nothing to do with the man who spoke the words, but everything to do with the power of those words and their historical significance. If we dismiss the insidious actions of Hitler and other oppressive dictators, then we open the door for history to be repeated. If we speak truth, regardless of where it comes from, then everybody will understand that what is happening in our country right now is exactly what Hitler, Stalin, and Mao Zedong did. Stalin rewrote history to conform to the political demands of the increasingly controlling regime, leading the people to believe those facts. Mao Zedong shut down all the schools. He wrote a little red book and passed it out to all the children, who were put into clubs where they were encouraged to read this book and become the new, because the old wasn't good. Mao started the Red Guard with children as young as six and seven years old who were fully armed. His wife was charged with purging the country of everything old. Statues were pulled down, buildings were burned, and documents were destroyed so that the history and culture of their country rapidly disintegrated. Sadly, this is what is happening today. We are reliving Hitler's Germany, Mao's China, and Stalin's Russia; and most of the people in this country have no idea that is the enemy that we are fighting.

Today, our children have become a convenient conduit to promote this political movement. Teachers and administrators introduce children to gender confusion at an early age through beloved characters like unicorns and the gingerbread man. In 2014, schools across the country began distributing the "Genderbread Person" in elementary classrooms, billing it a "classical way to teach children about gender identity." The Genderbread Unicorn was later introduced when it was determined that the Genderbread Person was too masculine. Fletcher advised that we counter this forced political agenda by talking to the children within our sphere of influence. "They are having their identity stolen from them and we must get to them first - the first person becomes the expert; everyone after that is just trying to convince you that that person wasn't the expert." Fletcher said she tells moms all the time to read Hans Christian Anderson's *The Emperor's New Clothes* three or four times a week to their children to instill courage and discernment in young minds and hearts so they will recognize when "the emperor is naked."

Hope is on the horizon. Moms for America just completed a research survey in seven battleground states where Biden voters and independent moms with children under 18 years old were asked one question: Do you support boys playing in girls' sports and sharing their bathrooms and locker rooms? Six out of seven of the respondents said no. This is what we win on and Fletcher wants to win.

We already know how the left wins. They win on strategy. We know that because their entire playbook was outlined in the Harris County Texas Democrat Party website in 2009. Democrats identify their target, become a trusted source by pouring money into the community, and then begin hiring people from the community who have loyalty to their organization. Those people become ballot harvesters and petition drivers, all paid for by the left. The Democrats pay for the entire ground game. They did it in California, a state that used to be extremely Republican. It's always something happy and welcoming. And they put money on the table in those communities giving welcomed free services. In the Asian community, it was a path to Harvard and technology. In the black community, it was job placement and housing. The Hispanic community received citizenship and English classes. They knew exactly what each individual community wanted and they delivered it to them. Then they start hiring people who've gone through those programs have allegiance to the organizations and they become the people who start going out knocking on doors and delivering the message to someone from their community who looks like them and belongs to an organization that they already trust.

Moms for America took that playbook and have been using the same results-oriented strategy, calling it their MomVote project. Moms live, shop, and work in these same communities and Moms for America becomes the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in the community connecting paid State Coordinators and Field Moms to oversee localized engagement, train and mobilize volunteers, and coordinate and collaborate with community partners. To preserve America as a land of freedom, it is crucial to stand up for our values and reject radical ideas propagated in schools and reinforced by corporate America and the mainstream media. We need to fight principle with principle because when we do, socialism does not win. Freedom does. Alexis de Tocqueville said, "Righteous women in their circle of influence, beginning in the home, can turn the world around." That's exactly what Moms of America is doing. "We're on a culture-changing mission, and we are turning the world around." Fletcher concluded.

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

Founded in 1952, the goals of Newport Harbor Republican Women are to promote the principles of freedom, equality, and justice (as stated in the United States Constitution) upon which this country is founded. To foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party; to promote its ideals and to encourage active citizenship. To cooperate with the Republican State and County Central Committees for the election of Republican candidates to office, and to educate members and get out the vote.

**OUR MISSION
IN ACTION**

NHRW opens and maintains a campaign headquarters in the Newport Beach area for each general election, and has for over 60 years. We hold nine educational luncheon meetings with guest speakers from September to May and Current Events Action meetings in homes to highlight pertinent political issues and take specific action. We conduct voter registration year-round, and offer scholarships to graduating high school seniors either attending or residing in the Newport-Mesa School District. We publish a monthly newsletter, the *Update*, and maintain a Web site and Facebook page.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH
OUR 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS**

2024 Spring Dates

- April 18** Wine Tasting Event
- April 25** Luncheon
- May 9** Current Events Action Meeting
- May 23** Luncheon

Summer Events

- July 19** Annual Summer Social
- TBD** Republican Campaign HQ

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