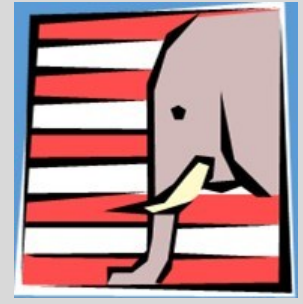




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CANDIDATES FORUM

APRIL 11, 2026 MEETING

Location: Clubhouse 1
Social Hour: 11:00 Meeting 11:30
Lunch: 12:15
SPEAKER: MICHAEL GATES
Candidate for Attorney General



Michael Gates is a husband, father of five, and an experienced attorney who will fight for Californias as our next Attorney General. Michael was elected City Attorney of Huntington Beach for 10 years. He became known for a tough, hands-on approach to public safety. He established the first-ever local Criminal Prosecutor Program in 2027 in response to Sacramento’s ongoing attack on law enforcement and the criminal justice system. As a result, Huntington Beach reported an 11.5% reduction in crime in the city’s downtown area.

MAY 1, 2026 MEETING

Location: Clubhouse 5
Social Hour: 11:00 Meeting 11:30
Lunch: 12:15
SPEAKER: GLORIA ROMERO
Candidate for Lt. Governor



Gloria Romero is a notable California State Senator, She served from 2001-2010 as the first woman to hold the position of Senate Majority Leader in California history from 2002-2008. She announced her switch to the Republican Party in 2024, citing a disconnect from the Democratic values. She is known for her leadership and advocacy in education reform and public policy. She continues to be an influential figure in California politics.



FOR RESIDENTS OF LAGUNA WOODS & THEIR GUESTS

PLEASE NOTE RESERVATION CHANGES: CHECKS MUST BE MAILED MONDAY BEFORE MEETING—RESERVATION DEADLINE IS 8 P.M. TUESDAY BEFORE MEETING—NO EXCEPTIONS

To make payments using Zelle, access Zelle through your bank’s website or mobile app. Please send no later than 8 pm Tuesday

To: treasurer@rclw.org

COUPON FOR APRIL 11, 2026

Name _____

Name _____

Send your coupon with your check to RCLW P.O. Box 2431
Laguna Hills. 92654 Member \$30__ Guest \$35__

Must be mailed by Monday, March 30, Deadline for Reservations is
Tuesday April 7, 8 pm. No Exceptions. Email to Sherri to RSVP
RCLWRervations@gmail.com

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls
Key Lime Pie

COUPON FOR MAY 1, 2026

Name _____

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Send your coupon with your check to RCLW P.O. Box 2431
Laguna Hills, 92654 Member \$30__ Guest \$35__

Must be mailed by Monday, April 20, Deadline for reservations is
Tuesday, April 28, 8 p.m.-No Exceptions. Email Sherri to RSVP
RCLWRervations@gmail.com

Menu: Chicken Cordon Blue, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable,
Cheese Bread, Strawberry Shortcake



This year, families will see bigger paychecks, no tax on tips and overtime, and a 300% increase in the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction. In California, every dollar matters. I will keep fighting to ensure families can afford life here and keep more of what they earn.

In February we celebrated President’s Day, a moment to honor strong American leadership. Freedom does not happen by accident. It is fought for, preserved, and upheld every single day. I am grateful for President Trump’s America First leadership and steadfast commitment to defending our nation. God Bless our President!

I am thrilled that Team Young has helped return over \$32 million back to taxpayers from federal agencies. If you need help with a federal agency, reach out to my office. 714-984-2440



I wish us ALL God’s best as we commemorate our Nation’s 250th Birthday. I’m very grateful to you the Republican Club of Laguna Woods for your faithful support all these years and most recently at your January 2026 meeting. I’m now running for the Board of Supervisors 5th District to defeat Katrina Foley. I will gladly help the very capable Gracey Van Der Mark win my 72nd Assembly seat in November To fil my role in Assembly.

I’m still fighting to block the wrong minded policies coming out of Sacramento by the Democrat majority and will continue to work tirelessly to pass common sense bills that will serve all my OC constituents.

May God Bless us all and May God Bless America.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Faithful RCLW Members,

I pray this message finds you all in good health amidst these challenging unprecedented times we live in. I trust you were as proud of and encouraged by President Trump's State of the Union-SOTU- message that he delivered so eloquently. What a thrill and joy it was to hear him blend his many successful campaign promises and administrative achievements with actual citizens in the audience who validated these achievements by their personal experience for all to see. What a night! Promises Kept!

On another note...we witnessed the true devoid of character of the democrat party as they demonstrated their true motives and intentions by 'sitting and not standing in approval' of so many of the individual situations showcased by our beloved President. The final revelation came when President Trump asked all representatives to stand if they believe in the rights of citizens over illegal immigrants. I believe John Fetterman was the ONLY sane democrat to stand and affirm the statement along with ALL Republicans. It was quite a moment of truth and one we need to share to hopefully give democrats courage to walk away.

So much has happened on the world arena since that amazing evening. His SOTU set the stage for President Trump to announce his resolve to protect America First. Amidst most credible intel from trusted advisors and our strongest ally Israel, President made the decision to take on the ending and annihilating of the evil Iranian regime's nuclear capability. For years these regime call "Death to America" and stated they will use nuclear warheads on their many intercontinental missiles to bring this about. While there are always marginal voices waging opposition to this war, President Trump and our cabinet and military leadership took them on their word and decided to strike 1st to protect Americans before it could happen.

Now it's up to us. On January 20th, 1961, I remember well, President John F. Kennedy stating near the end of his inaugural address "Ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for your country." Let us kindle that individual commitment, resolve and spirit to do whatever we are able to do to help bring victory for conservative Republican candidates in the 2026 Midterm June Primary and General election. President Trump says we MUST bring victory and keep the house and senate and prevent the what he calls "crazy" democrats from taking over with their INSANE America LAST policies...it could well be the demise and end of our Constitutional Republic. We PRAY the Senate passes The Save Act to insure integrity in our elections.

Please review our "Bits and Pieces" on Page 7 to see opportunities to volunteer and be part of the WIN. Bring a friend or two to meetings and ask them to join us so we can keep building our "grassroots" army. Keep the Faith and forever hopeful knowing GOD is on our side...and pray He will help bring victory. Godspeed!

Pat

Pat Micone, President 714-6797-0014



NEWT GINGRICH:

“We have to have the guts to stand there and fight it out.”

Newt Gingrich just went on record with a midterm election message so direct, so urgent, so brutally honest that every Republican in America needs to read it immediately.

And if you care about saving Trump’s majority, preventing his impeachment, and stopping Democrats from destroying everything we’ve built—you need to pay attention to every single word.

HERE’S ‘WHAT NEWT SAID:

“If Republicans will run a national campaign. If they’ll actually stand up and fight. If they insist on telling that truth...Republicans have to learn that this is going to be a campaign in which the big truth has to beat the big lie. And we have to have the guts to stand there and fight it out. If we do, I think we’re going to win a truly historic election this fall..”

If anybody knows the critical importance of midterm elections, it’s Newt Gingrich.

He was Speaker of the House when Republicans held the thinnest majority they’d had in decades—navigating the exact same razor-thin margin we’re facing right now in 2026.

He knows what it takes to survive when every single seat matters. He knows what happens when Republicans get complacent.

He knows the difference between fighting hard enough to win and losing by inches because we didn’t have the guts to stand up when it counted.

So when Newt Gingrich issues a warning about the 2026 midterms, you better heed it.

Because he’s seen this movie before, he knows how it ends if Republicans don’t wake up and FIGHT.

HERE’S THE BRUTAL REALITY WE’RE FACING:

Newt laid out the conditions for victory.

1. We need to run a national campaign that mobilizes every Trump voter in every competitive district.
2. We need to stand up and fight with the same intensity Democrats are bringing to this battle.
3. We need to insist on telling the truth about what’s at stake—Trump’s survival, MAGA’s future, America’s direction.
4. We need to have the guts to fight it out even when it’s hard, even when we’re outspent, even when the polls look tough.

RIGHT NOW? OUR FIGHT IS WAVERING

PROBLEM #1: VOTER TURNOUT IS COLLAPSING.

Republicans have a massive voter turnout crisis. JD Vance admitted it publicly” *Our coalition is ‘lower propensity’*—we have to do better at turning out voters than we have in the past. Trump voters show up when Trump is on the ballot. When he’s not? They stay home. Texas just had a 31-point swing in a state senate race in a district Trump won by 17 points. Cook Political Report moved 8 districts blue. Special election memento for the Republicans has been devastating. Democrats are showing up everywhere. Republicans are staying home. That’s not ‘standing and fighting.’ That’s surrendering before the battle has even begun.

PROBLEM #2: FUNDRAISING IS SLIPPING.

Democrats raised \$50+MILLION for their midterm war chest, flooding battleground districts with attack ads right now while we’re still trying to hit basic fundraising goals. We can’t “stand up and fight” if we don’t have the resources to compete.

PROBLEM #3: DEMOCRATS ARE SURGING.

Democrats smell blood in the water. They know Republicans are facing a voter enthusiasm gap. They know our fundraising is lagging,. They know our majority hangs by ONE SEAT. And they’re going ALL-IN to destroy us in November. Trump himself warned what happens if we lose:

“ If we don’t win the midterms...I’ll be impeached.” MAGA”s entire dream team could be wiped out if Democrats retake the House. Endless investigations. Subpoenas. Show trials. Two years of pure obstruction designed to destroy Trump’s presidency and demoralize the base. That’s what we’re facing if we don’t stand up and FIGHT.

Here’s the question Newt is really asking: Do you have the guts to stand up and fight to defend our ONE-SEAT majority and prevent Trump’s impeachment?

Newt believes we can win a “truly historic election” this fall. But only IF we take action now, and only IF we tell the truth.” Trump’s administration has delivered historic results. Border security, Economic growth. Energy independence. Draining the swamp. WILL YOU STAND UP AND FIGHT?

Newt Gingrich knows what it takes to win with a thin majority. He’s issuing a direct challenge to every Republican” Do you have the guts to fight? Your answer to that question—right now, in this moment—could be the difference between winning a historic election and watching everything collapse. When asked to contribute, as we all are aware, please consider your maximum contribution when asked.

“Islam didn’t come to the United States on the Mayflower. We imported it relatively recently via a suicidal immigration policy. Importing radical Islam will destroy America just like it’s destroying Europe right now.”
— Texas Republican Rep. Brandon Gill

CAN’T HAPPEN HERE? Look to the United Kingdom

New York City has the largest Jewish population outside of Israel. Yet, you never had Jews blowing the shofar horn on their holy holidays for the entire neighborhood to hear. They certainly didn’t go to Times Square, in the heart of the city, to pray and blow the shofar horn. You never saw Christians praying in Times Square on their holy holidays.

But on the start of Ramadan, the call to pray was heard throughout the city. Instead of going to their neighborhood mosque many Muslims came to Times Square to pray on February 20, 2026.

Jews who observe a kosher diet never demanded that supermarkets stop selling pork; they just didn’t buy it. Or they bought their meat at kosher markets. But throughout the country, Muslims are demanding that supermarkets stop selling pork. Some also want liquor removed from the store’s shelves. Those who think it can’t happen in America should look at what is happening in the United Kingdom:

At the beginning of the 1950s, the United Kingdom was almost 100% white British.

At the start of the 1960s, the United Kingdom was 95.1% white.

At the start of the 1970s, the United Kingdom was 97.5% white.

At the start of the 1980s, the United Kingdom was 95% white.

In the 1990s, when Tony Blair became prime minister, the white population was still high: 94.5, but Blair opened the borders.

In 2001, Blair’s decade long policies had reduced the white population to 89.7%.

By 2011, it was 76.8%.

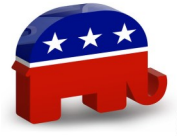
By 2024, the white British was 73%. This means white British declined 25% in 60 years.

ESTIMATED that by 2100, whites in the United Kingdom will be just 34% of the population. If you think it can’t happen here? It is happening here! But if you say anything, you are call Islamophobic. That is how the left takes over by making conservatives afraid of saying the truth.





Democrat vs. Republican



This comparison examines the differences between the policies and political positions of the *Democratic* And *Republican* parties on major issues such as taxes, the role of government, entitlements (Social Security, Medicare), gun control, immigration, healthcare, abortion, environmental policy and regulation. These two parties dominate America's political landscape but differ greatly in their philosophies and ideals.

COMPARISON CHART

	DEMOCRAT <u>LIBERAL-LEFT LEANING</u>	REPUBLICAN <u>CONSERVATIVE-RIGHT LEANING</u>
Philosophy		
Economic Ideas	Minimum wages and progressive taxation , i.e. higher tax rates for higher income brackets. Born out of anti-federalist ideals but evolved over time to favor more government regulation.	Believe taxes shouldn't be increased for anyone (including the wealthy) and that wages should be set by the free market.
Social and Human Ideas	Based on community and social responsibility	Based on individual rights and justice
Stance on Military Issues	Decreased spending	Increased spending
Stance on Gay Marriage	Support (some Democrats disagree)	Oppose (Some Republicans disagree)
Stance on Abortion	Should remain legal; support Roe v. Wade	Should not be legal (with some exceptions); Roe V. Wade
Stance on Death Penalty	While support for the death penalty is strong among Democrats opponents of the death penalty are a substantial fraction of the Democratic base.	A large majority of Republicans support the death penalty.
Stance on Taxes	Progressive (high income earners should be taxed at a higher rate) generally not opposed to raising taxes to fund government	Tend to favor "flat tax: (same tax rate regardless of income). Generally opposed to raising taxes.
Stance on Government Regulation	Government regulations are needed to protect consumers	Government regulations hinder free market capitalism and job growth
Healthcare Policy	Support universal healthcare; strong support of government involvement in healthcare, including Medicare and Medicaid Generally support Obamacare	Private companies can provide healthcare services more efficiently than government-run programs. Oppose Obamacare provisions like (1) requirement for individuals to buy insurance or pay a fine (2) require coverage contraceptives
Stance on Immigration	There is greater overall support in the Democrat party for a moratorium on deporting-or offering a pathway to citizenship to certain undocumented immigrants. E.g. those with no criminal record, who have lived in the U.S. for 5 plus years.	Republicans are generally against amnesty for any undocumented immigrants. They also oppose President Obama's executive order that put a moratorium on deporting certain workers. Republicans also found stronger enforcement actions at the border.

BITS AND PIECES INFORMATION

Thank you everyone who will Volunteer to Get Out the Vote-GOTV for June Primary & Nov elections! We will contact you soon regarding the dates & events where you will be able to participate. March 31 from 1-4 pm -PAC small conference room, and April 7 from 1-4 pm PAC Small conference room.

YOU our members, are the backbone and spirit of our Club. We need your support to WIN elections.

Thank you Membership Team Gwen Blankenship & Cathy Bausch for helping Members Renew 2026. Not to late to RENEW your 2026 Membership/ Save \$\$ on next 8 luncheons in 2026 till Nov – Save \$40. To check on your Membership status, Call Gwen at-714-222-2699 or email Cathy -Membership@rclw.org

Success! We collected signatures to get Voter ID & Save Prop 13 Initiatives on NOV 2026 ballot... ..NOW pray the opposition party on wrong side of Common Sense will FAIL in efforts to sabotage it. New petition to sign April 11.

Voter Registration is KEY to help Republicans WIN in 2026 June Primary & 2026 General Elections. If NEW to LW / If you are Independent / If disgruntled Democrat & want to change party affiliation ...SIGN up to Register online at OCGOP.org/register. Check your status easily at www.OCVOTE.org. We plan to host Voter Registrations at local churches where able ... Call Betty - 856-905-2936

We are planning for our club to Commemorate and Celebrate our Nations 250th Birthday in July. We will participate with decorated GOLF Carts in the July 4th Parade and following festivities at CH 2. Plan to JOIN us! Decorate your Cart, or borrow a friend's so we have a HUGE PATRIOT showing. Our July 3rd Lunch meeting will be a special celebration with history, music -speaker TBA -stay tuned

SAVE Dates for upcoming RCLW Friday Lunch Meetings & speakers at CH 5 to be with us June 5 /July 3 / August 7 /Sept. 4/ Oct. 3 /Nov6 / Plus Sunday Dec 13 Holiday Banquet.

TEA PARTY SENTINELS Speaker for Monday April 27, Clubhouse 7 at 7 pm. "Behind the Scenes of January 6th", by speaker Jason Funes. You will see live video by Jason, who was in D.C. from November 14th, 2020 and the months after which will identify the people who instigated the attack, to Jan.6.

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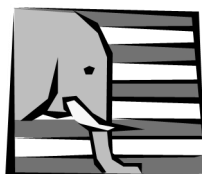


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