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APRIL 5, 2024 MEETING

Location: Clubhouse 5
Social Hour 11:00 Meeting 11:30
Lunch 12:15

**SPEAKER: Will Swain President
California Policy Center**



A journalist for nearly three decades, he began by covering international business in 1990. In 1995, the Village Voice and LA weekly hired him to launch OC Weekly—the first and still only alternative weekly in Orange County. He was more recently editor of Watchdog.org a national network of state-based investigative reporters and vice-president of journalism at Watchdog’s nonprofit parent, the Washington, based Franklin Center for Government Public Integrity. Will graduated summa cum laude in journalism and with honors in theology from the University of Southern California. He earned an MA in history from US Irvine where he was a California Regents Fellow. With CPC board member David Bahnsen he hosts National Review’s weekly Radio Free California Podcast.

Our Second Speaker is Nick VandenNieuwenhof, Executive Director of The Institute of California. See Page 6 for his bio.

MAY 3, 2024 MEETING

Location: Clubhouse 5
Social Hour 11:00 Meeting 11:30
Lunch 12:15

SPEAKER: Bill Sinclair



As an 18-year Emeritus Institute Current Events and Finance Instructor and previously a guest lecturer quarterly on economic and political issues a Northwestern University’s Graduate School of Management, Bill can present an update of U.S. current domestic and foreign policies. With our foreign policies in turmoil due to actions of the present administration and our National Debt at 34.3 trillion at this time he can offer strategies for the defense of our country and alter our course to save this country from insolvency.

Bill served as Chairman and CEO of First Washington Bankcorp, an 18 billion dollar bank holding company. He was President of American Federal Bank, Perpetual American Bank, NuWest Bankshares and the Bank of Lakewood. Bill also spent time in Washington, D.C. as Navel Officer during the Vietnam conflict.



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

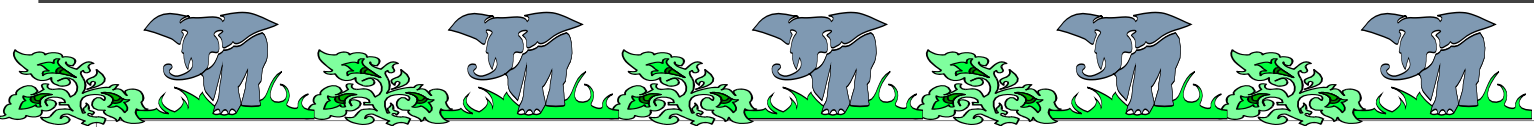
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Laguna Hills, 92654 Member \$30 Guests \$35
**Must be mailed by Friday March 29, Deadline for reservations is
Tuesday, April 2, 8p.m.—no exceptions**
Menu: Poached Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Asparagus Hawaiian Roll
Cheesecake

COUPON FOR MAY 3, 2024 MEETING

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Laguna Hills, 92654 Member \$30 Guest \$35
**Must be mailed by Friday April 26, Deadline for reservations is
Tuesday, April 30, 8 p.m.—no exceptions**
MENU: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Scallop Potatoes, Mixed Greens
Cheese Bread Strawberry Shortcake





CATCH UP WITH YOUNG KIM:

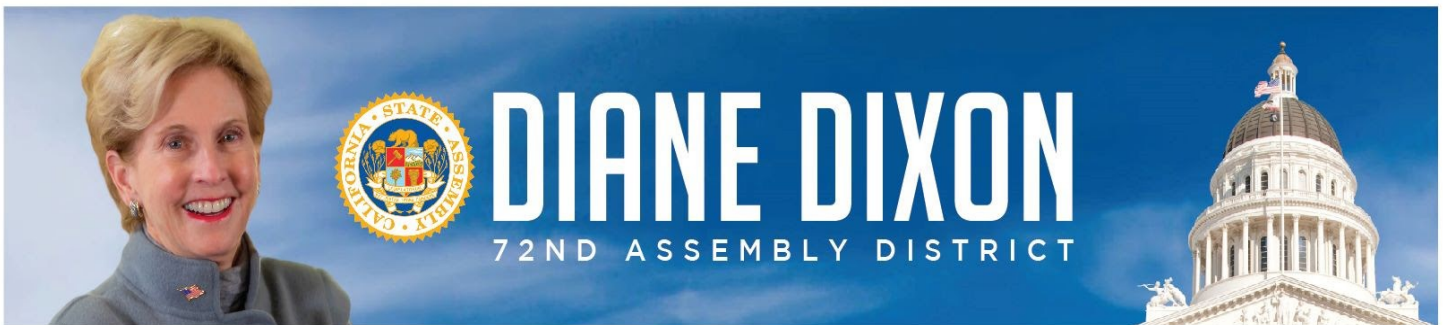
Grateful to local seniors, caretakers, health care providers, and community organizations for meeting with me to discuss issues facing CA-40 seniors. Our seniors deserve the benefits they have bought into their whole lives-period. I'll always be a voice for them.

Protecting our CA-40 communities is so important to me as your representative. I appreciate local police departments sharing updates with me on organized retail crime and more, and I'll keep working to ensure our law enforcement has the tools they need to keep us safe.

Congratulations to the Orange County Chinese American Chamber of Commerce's 2024 President and Bd. Of Directors I was honored to join the installation ceremony and appreciate all that you do to uplift our Chinese American small businesses and entrepreneurs across Orange County.

I met with local veterans and advocacy organizations to discuss the Orange County Veterans Cemetery and improving VA transportation and outreach. I'll always have the backs of the brave men and women who served our nation and am working in Congress to ensure they receive the support they have earned.

Need help with cutting through red tape with a federal agency, like Social Security or Small Business Administration? Laguna Woods Mobile Office Hours the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9am-1pm at Laguna Woods City Hall –24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods. To receive in-person assistance from my team on any casework you need help on-as always, you can call my office at 713-984-2440 or 949-268-6706 or visit my website at youngkim.house.gov.



The 2024 Legislative Session is off to a hectic start. A few of my bills:

AB2393- NEWPORT DUNES LEASE EXTENTION will extend the lease for public trust lands at Newport Bay, so the County can have more flexibility to enhance public access and recreation opportunities.

Ab 2766 -EARLY RELEASE TRANSPARENCY ACT will make records at the Department of corrections and Rehabilitation pertaining to an inmate's early release subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

AB 2912 - GAS PRICES ACT will promote transparency and accountability for the price drivers pay at the pump with monthly online updates on the change in gasoline cost. I am monitoring the Governor's proposed state budget with a predicted **\$73 BILLION DEFICIT** and will keep you updated. Mark your calendar for March 22 in Laguna Hills for my Women's Business Conference, Reach out to my office for more inf.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Patriots,

Spring is upon us to “HOPE springs eternal.” This March Primary season has been a nail biter, however so far we are grateful to boast wins for so many of our Republican candidates, locally in Orange County, our state and the nation. President Trump won Republican primaries in a landslide heralding 49 of over 50 states with only Vermont as the outrigger. In OC Steve Garvey carried the day with Porter in 2nd and Schiff in 3rd. Steve Garvey garnered more votes in the Expired term with a slightly higher percentage and Porter and Schiff within points of 2nd and 3rd. Statewide results have a race between Garvey & Schiff.

Locally in the 40th Congressional race, Young Kim won as well as Scott Baugh in the 47th Diane Dixon carried our 72th Assembly District with a great margin and Steven Choi took the lead for CA senate race. I’m sad to report two state senate candidates we hosted at our meetings, Crystal Miles and Guy Selleck, did not make the cut.

Several American First candidates who will bring new blood and energy to our 72nd District for Central Committee won: Janet Nguyen, Gracey Van der Mark, Pat Burns and Casey McKeon. Solid long term Republican Tony Strickland was also a winner.

Proposition DID NOT pass in Orange County but with more than a million votes still waiting to be counted, Prop 1 remains up in the air. School Board Trustee Areas 3 and 4 heralded in Ken Williams in Area 3 and Tim Shaw in Area 4. More reporting regarding the school board in future emails, however these two wins are vital.

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in ANY and ALL WAYS to volunteer to Get out the vote (GOTV) AND HELP US WIN SO MANY RACES in Orange County, our state and of course our nation with Donald J. Trump. You are our local heroes & heroines. I want to give special thanks to Robert Lindner who tirelessly served by setting up his Voter Registration table at so many events over the past 6 months since September 2023. Pamela Ellerman came back as our 2024 Elections Chair. She did a tremendous job recruiting volunteer callers who made thousands of phone calls in the past month targeting independent voters to ask them to “Vote Republican.” We will need you ALL again to “Get Out The Vote” starting late September early October for our November 5th Election. Rest up and please ask one or two patriots to help us, as we will need our Laguna Woods Republican ‘Grass Roots Army.’

Let’s keep hopeful for victory in November 2024. Keep the Faith and pray Almighty God will bless, guide, and protect our leaders and our nation founded on Judeo Christian values and principles.

May GOD Bless you all & may GOD Bless America!

Gratefully, your RCLW President, Pat Micone

CAN VENEZUELA'S SOCIALIST DISASTER BECOME OUR DISASTER?

Daniel DiMartino, Founder, Dissident Project was born in Venezuela one month before socialist tyrant Hugo Chavez took office, and he grew up as everything around him fell apart. The grocery store shelves were emptier each day, schools had fewer teachers each semester, his home began losing power and water frequently and, with each passing year, more of his family had friends migrated to other countries. Almost every week during his childhood he visited his maternal grandparents who emigrated to Venezuela. They told him about the rationing and how his grandfather dropped out of middle school to work in a candy factory. He visited his paternal grandparents, who were Italian and from whom he learned about the resistance against Benito Mussolini. From all four of them he learned of all the opportunities they encountered in Venezuela as they immigrated there in 1956, when it was the fourth richest country in the world. But the Venezuela he grew up in turned into something very different from the country that welcomed his grandparents—and that his parents lived in their whole lives.

Chavez planted the seeds of envy to get elected and then used his power to nationalize companies small and large, impose price and currency controls, and centralize government authority. To maintain his popularity, Chavez gave away free food, utilities, gasoline, home appliances, education, healthcare treatments, and countless goods and services. His socialist policies bankrupted the nation, leading to hyperinflation and widespread shortages, blackouts, and water scarcity. He packed the courts and purged the police, leading to skyrocketing crime, including robbery, homicide, and kidnappings.

Amid Venezuela's downfall, when his family went from earning thousands of dollars to just \$100 per month, he saw the light in his high school library—where he found a Spanish translation of Milton Friedman's book *Free to choose*. He began watching You Tube videos of Friedman, a former Young American's Foundation speaker. This led him to learn more about Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, and Friedrich Hayek and become interested in the United States. By his senior year of high school he became determined to attend college in America.

He left Venezuela in 2016. While in America he realized America was everything and more than he expected. He also began to recognize how serious the threat to freedom was. In attending college he was assigned to in student orientation was so-called "walk of privilege." If you were white or Christian, you took a step forward, but if you were black you took a step back. Women, Hispanics, and gays and lesbians also took steps back. Many more experiences showed him that American's colleges were indoctrinating students into believing in an ideology of oppression, and their main goal was to dismantle the freedom of enterprise that has allowed America to become richer than any society in human history.

He began speaking out about what happened to his native country. Everywhere he went, he tells the story of what he lived through in Venezuela—how socialist policies like nationalization, overregulation, deficit spending destroyed it—and debunk myths like the idea that Nordic countries are socialist paradises. In speaking before groups, he has answered questions far left-wing students who think socialism could work "if implemented correctly" and even persuaded many of them to understand that this would not—and has never been—the case. Many adult Americans tell me that they are worried about their country's future. He is hopeful because we are putting up a fight that Venezuelans did not—the fight for the minds of the next generation. Through organizations like The Young America's Foundation they are making sure that young Americans know America is that "Empire of Liberty" that Jefferson dreamed of and that "shining city on a hill" that Ronald Reagan described.

We cannot let happen to us as happened to Venezuela —Socialist disaster! Socialism is the control of society not by individuals but by ownership and distribution by society –Marxism!! In Marxist doctrine, it is the coming between the capitalist stage and the communist stage in which private ownership of the means of production and distribution has been eliminated.



THE MOST PROGRESSIVE PRESIDENT IN HISTORY

A little after 5 p.m. on Inauguration Day in 2021, President Biden entered the Oval Office for the first time as president and seated himself behind the Resolute Desk.

There, in the space of about 20 minutes, he destroyed women's sports, slammed the brakes on America's economic recovery, eliminated thousands of jobs, made American families poorer, opened America's borders, angered our ally Canada, and gave a huge gift to America's worst international foes, including Russia and Communist China.

All in a day's work for the president who, a few hours earlier had pledged: "I will be a president for all Americas."

By placing his signature on 17 executive actions, he had sent American careening far to the left.

Millions of voters had signed on to Joe Biden's presidency without knowing what his policies would be. But on Biden's first day in office, they finally had a chance to find out.

For four years, President Trump's policies had been moving America in the right direction, strengthening national security, fueling economic recovery, reducing unemployment to historic lows, lifting minority families out of poverty, and launching an all-out assault on the COVID-19 virus through Operation Warp Speed.

Armed with a foundation pen and a delusional ideology, Biden devastated American growth, sovereignty, and national security. Ironically, the ideology Democrats call "progressivism" has radically reversed the real progress of the preceding four years.

Progressives themselves would tell you that progressivism is a political philosophy that seeks to reform society for the good of ordinary people, the middle class, the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed.

They want to use the power of "big government" to tax the rich, redistribute wealth, promote equal economic and social outcomes for all people, promote an extreme environmental agenda, and throw America's borders wide open.

Progressives support massive government programs and seem unconcerned about our amounting national debt.

If Joseph R. Biden never accomplishes anything else in the rest of his presidency, those 17 executive actions he signed on day one of his presidency will have made him the most progressive president in American history.

THE RESULT OF THE ABOVE

BIDEN'S MILITARY POLICIES HAVED HELPED THE TALIBAN. HIS ENERGY POLICIES HAVE HELPED RUSSIA. HIS BORDER POLICIES HAVE HELPED PEOPLE COME HERE ILLEGALLY. HIS DOMESTIC POLICIES PAY PEOPLE NOT TO WORK. WHAT HAS HE DONE, OTHER THAN NOT TWEET, THAT HASN'T BACKFIRED???

LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER I AM A REPUBLICAN BECAUSE

I believe that the proper function of government is to do for the people those things that have to be done but cannot be done, or cannot be done as well, by individuals, and that the most effective government is government closest to the people.

I believe that good government is based on the individual and that each person's ability, dignity, freedom and responsibility must be honored and recognized.

I believe that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative and incentive have given this nation an economic system second to none.

I believe that sound money management should be our goal.

I believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

I believe we must retain those principles of the past worth retaining, yet always be receptive to new ideas with an outlook broad enough to accommodate thoughtful change and varying points of view.

I believe that Americans value and should preserve their feeling of national strength and pride, and at the same time share with people everywhere a desire for peace and freedom and the extension of human rights throughout the world.

Finally, I believe that the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

APRIL 5. 2024 MEETING

SECOND SPEAKER– Nick VandenNieuwenhof

The Institute of California is Tasked with a singular objective, to revolutionize the cultural landscape of California’s college campuses. Nick is poised to discuss how The Institute stands apart as the sole conservative nonprofit solely dedicated to California’s future generations. During his presentation, Nick will elaborate on The Institute’s distinctive focus, highlighting the pivotal opportunity for Californians to push forward, recruit, and shape the upcoming generation of leaders within our state. Nick was a Key figure in CVP at Turning Point USA where he served as National Director and was among Charlie Kirk’s first employees.



Executive Director of The Institute of California

This is a quote from Charles Dickens found by our President, Pat Micone: **VERY APPLICABLE TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY!!!**

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times” writes Charles Dickens in the opening of his famous classic novel ‘A tale of Two Cities’ on the French Revolution and I dare say we feel like the opening line applicable to us at this time. So much has occurred over the past 100 years, 15 years and especially during the past 3 under this radical regime...that Americans have awakened to the truth to “what’s at stake” and how much we have to lose. George Washington never gave up at Valley Forge and it took him eight years to win our freedom. We too must never give up and keep hope alive!

With heartfelt sadness we regret to announce the transition to Heaven of two of our beloved members in recent days, Anita Price on February 25th and Phyllis Nielsen on March 9th. These wonderful women made their impact in our club and our community with their contributions of dedicated, loving service, and they will be greatly missed. “Well done good and faithful servant.”

Anita Price, our luncheon coordinator, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday February 25th while recovering from a traumatic accident traveling to church in her golf cart. Her family will host her Celebration of Life Friday, March 25th at CH6 from 2:30-4pm. All are invited.



Phyllis Ann Nielsen, our former VP of Programs for several years succumbed to the end of Stages of CA and transitioned peacefully on Saturday, March 9th. We will keep you updated for a family service in loving memory of her.



BITS AND PIECES OF INFORMATION

WE NEED YOU!! Roles needing to be filled on our 2023 Governing Board of Directors: **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE; SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR; PUBLICITY-ADS; VOLUNTEERS FOR RIDES TO MEETINGS.** Please contact Pat Micone for more details and to consider your participation 714-697-0014

CHANNEL 6 VIDEOS ON THURSDAY AT 6 P.M. Videos of previous speakers and meetings are on Village TV. Go to our website to see photos of events & meetings & all past Newsletters and flyers. www.LagunaWoodsVillage.com, click Clubs, then political

TEA PARTY SENTINEL MEETING: Monday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Clubhouse 7. **Bill Sinclair.** Emeritus Institute Current Events Instructor and past bank CEO and financial advisor will present an update of U.S. domestic and foreign policies

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MOVIE-SOUND OF FREEDOM: Saturday afternoon, March 23 at the PAC-Performing Arts Center from 2-4pm in the Dining Room. No Charge: Invite your family and friends, please remember to call nonresident guests into the Gate.

TUNE IN ON TUESDAYS AT 1:30 PM TO VILLAGE TV FOR "LIGHT ON AMERICA" Where co-hosts Ro Kendall & Pat Micone will be with Joe Camera sharing his firsthand experience recently at the southern border, as well as discuss the devastating and far-reaching impact the Open Border policies are having on our nation's economy communities and much more. Email us at LightonAmericaW@gmail.com with comments.

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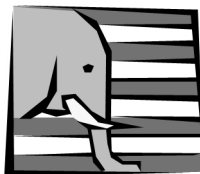
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