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What is a Guerilla Journalist?

**Come to our luncheon on April 24th and meet
James O'Keefe**

James O'Keefe is the Founder and President of Project Veritas, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing a national network of effective and courageous undercover citizen journalists. O'Keefe's groundbreaking investigations have exposed corruption and malfeasance in major taxpayer-funded institutions, including ACORN, Planned Parenthood, public education, labor unions, NPR, Medicaid, Organizing for America, State Election Divisions, Obamaphones, and many other organizations. And this crucial work continues.



O'Keefe's undercover investigations have generated media firestorms that frequently prompt state investigations, federal inquiries, and congressional action. Most recently his investigations into Obamacare Navigators led to a Congressional hearing and two state hearings, leading to stricter rules being implemented in the state of Texas. Other investigations into entitlements have led to worker retrainings, firings and criminal investigations by authorities. Recently, O'Keefe's voter fraud exposés inspired several states to reform their election laws, induced high-level resignations in Washington, and forcing FBI and Department of Justice officials to defend themselves before lawmakers.

Even leftist *The Nation* wrote, "O'Keefe's influence on voting rights opponents and legislators alike is particularly

jarring." *Slate.com* conceded, "O'Keefe has had more of an impact on the 2012 election than any other journalist." And O'Keefe succeeded despite constant threats of legal action from embarrassed State Attorneys General and relentless defamation from major media.

In 2013, O'Keefe authored The New York Times bestselling book "Breakthrough: Our Guerilla War to Expose Fraud and Save Democracy," which tells the true story of subverting a corrupt and complacent media establishment, surviving many gratuitous

legal challenges, and restoring truth to journalism by successfully pioneering a new form of guerilla reporting. This nonfiction thriller will be available at the luncheon for \$25.00 or \$20.00 *if you pay for it with your reservation*. Mr. O'Keefe will personally sign copies.

O'Keefe is a graduate of Rutgers University. A congressional resolution was introduced in 2009 with 31 cosponsors praising him for his work. He is the recipient of the Robert Novak Award for Journalistic Excellence (2011), has been named "Fox News Power Player of the Week" twice by Chris Wallace, and was placed on the Forbes 30 under 30 for media moguls.



LUNCHEON - THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 - 11:30A TO 1:30P

THE PACIFIC CLUB, 4110 MACARTHUR BLVD., NEWPORT BEACH 92660

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President's Message by Robin Sanders

How to Win the Next Election. In mid-August, we will be opening our Campaign Headquarters. We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities with your participation. We need you! For every other day of the week, I encourage you to incorporate the following guidelines into your daily lives:

1) One-on-one method: Daily engaging people in conversation. Be informed. Ask a question; create a conversation; avoid debating--use a soft approach; offer information.

2) Keep your friends close and your enemies closer: Tactic of understanding what the opposition believes. Democrats and Decline-to-States may not know what the Republican Party stands for. Encourage a blind political test - "What Party do you think you are?" Find it here: <http://www.isidewith.com/political-quiz>

3) Help multiply ourselves: GET OUT THE VOTE!

Welcome to the team!

Our April luncheon is going to be another WOW meeting, featuring James O'Keefe, an undercover investigative journalist. Don't forget to get your checks in early.

The NHRW March luncheon hit it out of the ball park. Sixteen candidates and representatives running for eight offices on the Newport Beach primary ballot (and some of the candidates' positions are on the other ballots, as well) spoke to a full room and educated an attentive audience. The candidates shared their political viewpoints and personalities, providing the voters present with additional insights for decisions when casting their ballots.

We Republicans have precious opportunities in the June primary and November general election to make a huge impact on the direction our country is heading. I think by now we all recognize how very important that is. But please recognize the fact that it takes real effort and action by each one of us.

We are here to help! NHRW is organizing voter registration opportunities and upcoming precinct walks. Our Current Events Action meeting on April 10th will provide instruction on

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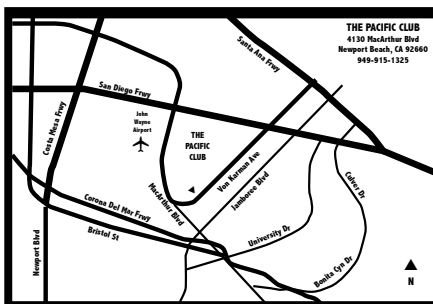
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Entrance is on Von Karman, first driveway on the left off MacArthur, through toll gates, then right - two beige buildings on a lake.

Please have toll gate tickets validated inside club; insert same ticket to open gate when you leave. Free Valet parking (no tipping allowed) or self-park, if you prefer.

No denim, jeans or beach sandals allowed by Pacific Club.

No cell phones in public areas. Please use private phone rooms located in main hallway.



Take Action to Stop Sex Trafficking

There currently are three bills in the California State legislature coming up for consideration in the next few days.

According to a U.S. Department of Justice study, close to 300,000 children are at risk of being lured off the streets for commercial sexual exploitation. The average age that a victim is first trafficked for sexual exploitation is 12 to 14 years old, although some victims are much younger and can be as young as 9 years old.

SB 982 will provide an important tool for prosecutors to pursue felony convictions, especially for those who solicit minors who are 16 or 17. Specifically, SB 982 will make it a felony, punishable in a county jail for 16 months or two or three years, for anyone who seeks to procure or procures the sexual services of a prostitute who is under the age of 18. (The bill's authors seek to create a threat of jail time to "johns" in an effort to reduce the demand, as currently there is no such deterrent.)

Senate Bill 1084 defines human trafficking as a serious crime under California's Three Strikes Law. Currently, human trafficking is not defined as a serious crime, which is not only ironic, but also difficult to imagine. Human trafficking is an offense that places victims in compromising situations, many

times depriving them of basic freedoms.

Senate Bill 1085 would make human trafficking an offense, which is ineligible for probation. The bill seeks to stop the cycle of re-offenders who commit such a deplorable crime from re-entering our communities, where perpetrators consistently return to the trafficking of persons. It would ensure that the criminal's sentence accurately reflects the seriousness of the crime.

To clarify the differences: **SB 982** is targeting the buyer ("john"), whereas **SB 1084** and **SB 1085** are targeting the traffickers (pimps). These bills would work in conjunction with each other to empower our prosecutors with the necessary legal arsenal required to start imprisoning the criminals who are engaged in this perverse crime.

Most people are unaware that this devastating form of modern-day slavery is prevalent in California, and specifically in Orange County. California is seen as an ideal destination by those who profit from trafficking persons, because of the ease of transporting people on the California highway system, and because the demand for trafficked human beings is inordinately high.

Here in Orange County, District

Attorney Tony Rackauckus observed an increase in trafficking cases. Last April, Rackauckus announced the creation of a new unit specifically to prosecute Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) cases. At least five of their 53 active felony cases against accused pimps in the past year have involved offenders in luxury apartments in Irvine and Huntington Beach. Approximately 40 percent of the victims in these cases are minors, and others were first trafficked as children. Two of the victims were murdered.

In an effort to support the HEAT unit's work, Senator Mimi Walters has introduced **SB 1084** and **SB 1085**. **You may help by writing in support of both of these bills to:**

Senator Loni Hancock, Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee, State Capitol, Room 3191, Sacramento, CA 95814

Assemblyman Don Wagner is a co-author with Senator Bob Huff of **SB 982**. Felony convictions for participating in the prostitution of a minor will drive down demand and save children. **You may support SB 982 by writing to the following:**

Assemblyman Donald P. Wagner, 17821 E. 17th St., Suite 150, Tustin, CA 92780 or e-mail asha.harris@asm.ca.gov

Note: Veronica Wright, an expert in sex trafficking problems and solutions, and author of Boxes of Secrets, has been added as a speaker for our April 10th Current Events Action meeting.



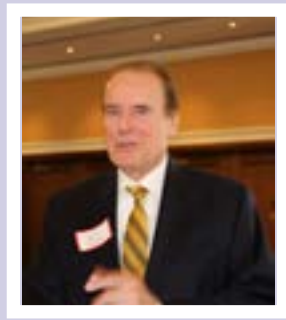
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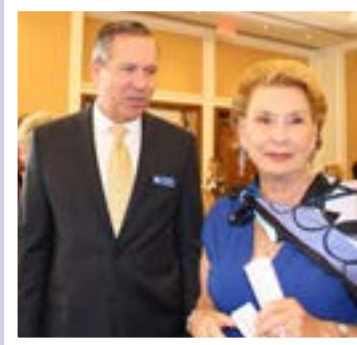
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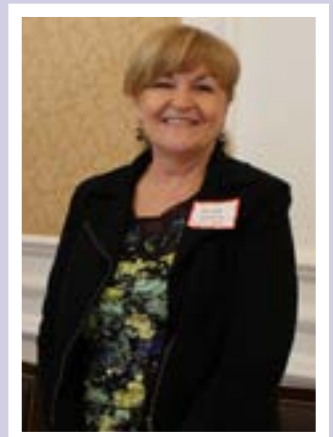
***April Luncheon
at the
Pacific Club
"Meet the Candidates"***



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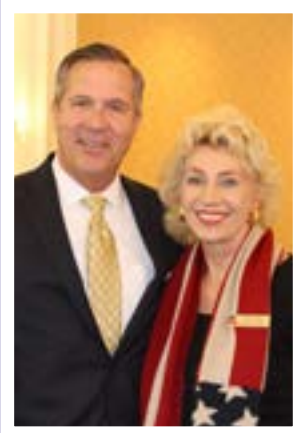
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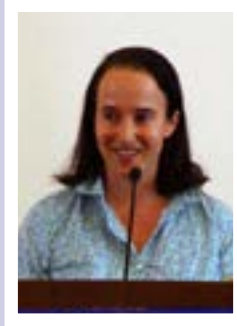
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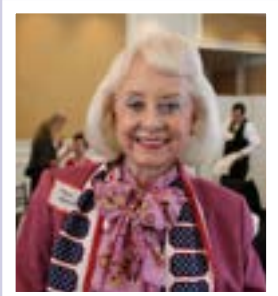


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Karen Moore



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Current Events Action Meeting

Please join us

Thursday, April 10, 2014 ~ 10 a.m. to Noon
in Crystal Cove

How to Win the Next Election

We are fortunate to have two very involved and knowledgeable Republican activists join our group in April to share strategies for getting out the vote and *winning* the next crucial elections.

Rhonda Rohrabacher (wife of Congressman Dana Rohrabacher) and Bill Dunlap (alternate member of the Republican Central Committee of Orange County) will bring their passion, energy, and inside information about some of the school board candidates' views on Common Core, as well as how to get our candidates elected.

We need *everyone* to get involved! Please come and spend the morning with our group of concerned and thoughtful women as we commit ourselves to turning things around, and righting our country. You will leave this meeting energized and ready to make things happen.

See you there!

Donna Loren's home
20 Archipelago, Newport Coast 92657

*RSVPs are necessary for entrance through guarded gate.
Attendance is limited so carpool. Let J.T. know your riders.*

Please reply by April 7 to J.T. Geehr
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If you have questions, e-mail (preferred) or call J.T. at 949.650.5766

SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, April 10

Current Events Action Meeting
10 am to Noon, rsvp JT Geehr
(see this page and page 3)

Thursday, April 24 - Luncheon

James O'Keefe
Conservative Activist, Author
Founder of Project Veritas

Thursday, May 22 - Luncheon

Dr. John C. Eastman
Henry Salvatori Professor of Law and
Community Service, Former Dean
Chapman University School of Law
Director, Center of
Constitutional Jurisprudence
-also-

Scholarship Recipients Presented

Sunday morning, June 1 - NHRW Marches
Balboa Island Parade

Tuesday, June 3
Primary Election

Friday, July 25
NHRW Summer Garden Social

Watch for the opening of NHRW's Newport
Beach Campaign Headquarters in August!

Luncheons are held at the Pacific Club
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Reservations to guarantee seating

Stay active!

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or mailed

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Letter in Response to Common Core Advocate, Dr. Craig Barrett

by JT Geehr



The following are excerpts of a letter, authored by JT Geehr, to Hugh Hewitt, in response to his guest, Common Core defender Dr. Craig Barrett. (The transcript of the interview is on Hugh's website at <http://www.hughhewitt.com>. The full letter is available upon request.)

I missed your show last week when Dr. Barrett was on, but read the transcript. GRRRR. He didn't say much that was true. He may have done great damage to Common Core, and certainly to his own credibility, by being so incorrect about so many aspects of it. He was either ill-informed or deceitful.

Dr. Barrett said that parents *should* want their kids to have a world-class education, and then alleged that CC provides that. **Has he even read the standards?** Has he heard James Milgram, mathematician from Stanford - the only mathematics expert on the validation committee - who refused to sign off on the standards? Dr. Milgram is not opposed to standards, as he helped create the standards for over half a dozen states - including Massachusetts, which before CC had the highest standards and student achievement in the country. Dr. Milgram believes in standards, but not those imposed by CC. He has become an activist against them, pointing out their myriad flaws, which include eviscerating geometry by eliminating proofs, and gutting most of algebra 2. He has testified that the CC math standards put American students 2 years behind their international peers by 7th grade, and further behind after that. CC standards

take a student through algebra 2. Not trigonometry, not calculus. By CC standards, a student is considered "college and career ready" with watered down algebra 2 under his belt. Does Dr. Barrett know this? If not, he is dangerously uninformed; if he does, he is a bold-faced liar.

Dr. Barrett suggests that those of us who oppose CC do not want our children to have a great education. He appears to be going down the path that Arne Duncan chose - insult those that disagree with you, rather than acknowledge their points and address them. He said that we don't know the current standards in our state, but have "been given some speaking points by some people." Is that the best he can do? I would suggest that the person with "speaking points" here is Dr. Barrett, who cannot seem to get through an entire sentence without misstating the facts. I do know, for instance, that California's old standard was for algebra 1 to be taught in 8th grade, but the new "improved" CC standards require it to be taught in 9th grade. When you asked him to address that fact, he danced around it and threw out the claim that these new standards have been aligned to the highest standards in the world. He cannot back that up. He cannot, because it is untrue.

Repeating something does not make it true, which is unfortunate for Dr. Barrett, because eight times in your brief conversation he repeated the mantra that Common Core standards were locally created. Sorry, Dr. Barrett. The Common Core standards were created largely by 5 people, some

of whom have never taught. David Coleman, the president of the College Board, was one of the two main authors of the English Language Standards. Perhaps Dr. Barrett could tell us where Mr. Coleman got his teaching credential? That was a trick question, because David Coleman has no background in teaching. David Coleman has never raised a child. He has no understanding of child development, yet he spearheaded the rewriting of all curricula for nearly every student in the country. His impact on millions and millions of innocent children is immeasurable, yet he largely remains unaccountable.

The main authors of the math standards have testified that the math standards do not prepare students for careers in STEM subjects, and in fact do not prepare them for a four-year college. Rather, CC math author Jasonimba admitted that the math standards prepare a student to attend a non-competitive community college. His partner in drafting the math standards, William McCallum, said, "The overall standards would not be too high, certainly not in comparison [to] other nations, including East Asia, where math education excels."

I know that Dr. Barrett will never make good on his pledge to debate Michelle Malkin "anytime." She would humiliate him. But maybe he would agree to spar with a "know-nothing" like me? Anytime, my friend, and I won't even bring my black helicopter!

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