

PAULY'S PERSPECTIVE

A Message from Our President Deborah Pauly, J.D.



Are Peasants Voicing Real Problems? Let Them Eat Tteok (Korean Cake)

As I was sitting down to write this month's Pauly's Perspective, the household gas bill arrived in my in-box. It's triple what it normally is for this time of year and more than four times what I normally pay. Everyone is talking about the exorbitant gas bills they have been receiving. The elderly, on fixed incomes, are concerned about whether they can afford to heat their homes.

Last week, grassroots from around the country watched, in disgust, as the Republican National Committee (RNC) handed the chairmanship to Ronna Romney McDaniel for an unprecedented fourth term after lackluster results the past three election cycles. Many CPOC members and dedicated Orange County activists were on-hand in Dana Point to support Harmeet Dhillon, who was endorsed by CPOC. They tried to influence the vote of 168 Republican "leaders" from all 50 states and six territories. Even after revelations concerning misuse of RNC funds for extravagant personal perks, 111 voting members could not grasp the necessity for change.



Two weeks ago, I was stunned to read that the U.S. paid about \$475-billion in interest on the national debt in 2022. Let's write out all the zeros: \$475,000,000,000! **In interest!** The national debt is over \$31.5-trillion dollars.



Three weeks ago, the elected members of the Central Committee of the Republican Party of Orange County re-elected Fred Whitaker as chairman, despite a history of significant failures stretching back over more than seven years, including losing the county to Hillary Clinton in 2016, losing the Republican competitive edge in 2019 and most recently, losing the Orange County Board of Supervisors to Democrat control.

Good news all around.

Where have our leading Orange County Congressional representatives been during all of this? They are ex officio to the OC GOP Central Committee. Well, Michelle Steel and Young Kim have been **playing dress-up on the Capitol steps** (see pictures on next page), feting Korean American Day as though that's the most pressing business of "We, The People" at this time. Michelle's hubby and chief puppet master, Shawn Steel, California National Committeeman, was hosting Ronna Romney

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at an event in Orange County, while snubbing his colleague, Harmeet Dhillon, who is calling for reform.

This was our January. It may be a New Year, but it's the same old manure.

Those of us who have been involved with California and Orange County politics are in no way surprised by any of it. Nothing ever changes and nothing ever will change until enough people decide they have had enough and refuse to follow piss poor leadership into the abyss. Truly, America is on the precipice of hell. Parts of California are hell. When will conservatives wake up and determent to reject voting for the "lesser of two evils" just because there is an R after their names? When will we stop feeding the monster by buying into every fundraising plea that promises to "fight tax increases" or "flip Congressional seats" or, the latest one, "fight the ban on natural gas appliances"?

I think we are very close to hitting that critical mass. Citizens have been watching as never before. They are awake. They are becoming more involved in exercising their civic duty to hold their elected officials accountable.

Every meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, there are patriots - from every walk of life - showing up to make public comments on misguided policies and misused public dollars, including \$40-million in misdirected COVID relief funds toward overlapping government projects, instead of toward the businesses and people these funds were designed to help. Read the report on page 6. You can also see real time posts on CPOC's Facebook page, which you should like, follow, comment on and share! Click [here](#) to visit the page.

This month we will hear from our Election Integrity Committee, our Education Committee, a CPOC member who was on the front lines of protecting Free Speech in the face of the self-serving cabal, plus a CPOC member working with the national Constitutional Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association to influence Orange County.

Our main event is an important preparation for the March 2024 Primary. This will be a countywide effort and we need you to **be part of the solution** that stretches out to provide the network of trusted patriots. We'll hear from Russ Neal, a man with a plan.

We have a country to save and it will work best if we can **save our county first**. Stay and play in your own backyard. This is where the rubber meets the road and where we have the best chance of affecting the needed change.

March is all about Education and a plan to take control there. April is all about Election Integrity and a plan there, too. In May, we will have another workshop like last year. Only this year, we will be forming city level working groups who will share their ideas with one another in a classic brainstorming format.

CPOC is working hard to **connect and serve the patriot community in Orange County**. Be part of the solution. Invite your like-minded friends to plug in with us. Everyone has a talent that is valuable to this effort. Please, share yours.

I look forward to seeing you at our February 16 meeting!

