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### SCARWF GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 8, 2019

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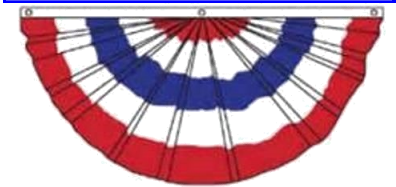
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Also, please note that the SCARWF membership directory is now available online in the members only section of [SCARWF.ORG](http://SCARWF.ORG).

At this month’s meeting we will be hosting a forum of local candidates for various elected positions in government—local, state, and federal—such as city council, U.S. House of Representatives, and CA State Assembly. Bring your questions and help us stop Orange County from “trending blue.”

**YOUR CHANCE TO MEET THE CANDIDATES**



More Information on Page 3

Coffee/Tea/Meet & Greet: 9:30AM

Program: 10:30AM

TALEGA GOLF CLUB

990 Avenida Talega, San Clemente (949) 369 - 6226

**DEADLINE to RSVP: Thursday, January 2, 2020**

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\$28.00 per person—

payable AT THE DOOR with CHECK (made out to SCARWF) or CASH Or

\$30 per person—for payment by credit card on [SCARWF.org](http://SCARWF.org)

**RESERVATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**—If a cancellation is necessary, please contact Connie

Veldkamp **NO LATER than 5pm on the Thursday before the meeting**

Your cooperation is deeply appreciated!



## President's Message January, 2020

Greetings Patriots, Women and Men of SCARWF,

While we have all been busy during the Christmas season many things have occurred that should make us very happy. The Democrats are imploding and have continued to make things worse for themselves by the day. Every time you turn around, they are making many of their constituents think twice about who is running their party.



Robert Muller spent 40 million dollars on a FAKE investigation that turned up nothing against the President, Donald J. Trump. When that didn't work, the Democrat leadership claimed a phone call was a QUID PRO QUO. Trump released the transcript and showed it was nothing of the sort, and the Democrats had to find something else to impeach our duly elected President. When they held the impeachment hearings, Adam Schiff ran the hearings like a fascist dictator by not allowing any rebuttal witnesses for the defense of our President by the Republicans. Then secret courts were held in the House basement with no transcripts available for the public to read. Still they found no illegal activity on Trump's part. This kangaroo court by the Democrat leadership went ahead and impeached the President anyway with no impeachable charges! This behavior is what some in the media call "CRAZY TOWN". Nothing makes sense. There is no logic to what Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Jerry Nadler were doing. President Trump was charged with just two charges, obstruction of Congress and abuse of power in the articles of impeachment. Both of these charges are not impeachable offences and they know it. The American people were able to observe the most ridiculous and embarrassing farce ever revealed on national television. If there are any level minded Democrats left, they got a dose of reality when watching the unfair practices of the House Majority under the guise of, "We make the rules" policy. They shook the very foundation of the Magna Carta on which much of our personal rights in the Constitution has been based. This was done by not allowing Trump to defend himself during the proceedings and claiming he must "prove himself innocent" which goes against our judicial system at the core.

As it is turning out, everything the Left has accused the Trump Administration of doing, the Obama Administration, Hillary and the Democrat Party were, in fact, guilty of. This runs deep in our government, and many bureaucrats, placed by prior administrations, are now found to be at the core of this national embarrassment and attempted coup.

The good news is that with these revelations and the continued bad behavior of the Democrat leadership, President Donald J. Trump is gaining more and more support and is at an all time high in the polls. The American people have been awakened by this travesty of justice. 2020 will be an exciting year for all patriotic Americans, and, as things stand now, it may be a landslide for Donald J. Trump.

We the people have been awakened.

God Bless America!

Jacqueline Cooper, SCARWF President



## JANUARY MENU

Bread Basket with Whipped Butter

**Salad Starter:** *Baby Spinach Leaf Salad*

**Entrée:** Your choice of either:

**Atlantic Salmon**

OR

**Vegetarian Option—**

**Roasted Vegetable Platter**

**Dessert:** *Special Decadent Dessert*

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS



## Invocation

Our Father,

thank you for a fresh New Year! A very special year, with 366 days, Leap Year! You, Lord, make all things new. We are blessed to

live in an extra ordinary exceptional sovereign nation. Lord, keep us safe in Your loving, caring light. May our country acknowledge that all good things come from You. We are blessed to have a dedicated Commander and Chief, Donald Trump, who is representing us with devotion to the precepts of our rule of law. We pray for the entire body of Congress, both the House of Representatives and Senate. May they be anointed with biblical wisdom, the anchor of our beloved Constitution...for they represent, We the People. May their decisions protect and prosper our cherished America. In Your name, Lord, we ask blessings on our members and guests. May the carefully prepared meal served us, nourish and strengthen us to serve others.

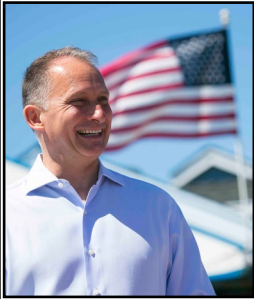
We pray in Your Mighty Name, Lord. Amen

Prepared by Nancy Imes. SCARWF Chaplin



# MEET THE CANDIDATES!

We have invited the Republican candidates for US Congress and the California Assembly to a forum during our meeting. To date we have had confirmations from Mayor Brian Maryott of SJC and Congressman Greg Rath of Mission Viejo. 6 more confirmations are expected within a day or two. Due to the large number of candidates we will be hosting another forum in February and will invite City Council candidates, judges, and anyone who could not attend in January.



## MEET BRIAN MARYOTT

Brian is a conservative businessman, mayor and a father who is running for Congress to restore common-sense representation to the 49th Congressional district. As a local elected official and former executive, Brian has proven he can work with anyone who has good ideas – he will bring that exact same approach to Congress.

Brian is a Certified Financial Planner – he spent the majority of his career helping hundreds of individuals and families save for a rainy day, send their kids to college, retire with dignity and invest in their future. He steadily grew his planning business and was eventually promoted to Senior Vice President of his company where he helped manage hundreds of employees and billions in client assets. As our national debt continues to grow, Brian's financial background and commitment to sound growth and fiscal stewardship is needed in Congress now more than ever.

Brian learned about hard work and responsibility at an early age. He shoveled dog waste as a kennel attendant at 15, worked as a dishwasher and busboy in a restaurant chain – became a cook, server and ultimately an assistant manager while he worked full time to pay his way through college. He even did a stint on an overnight janitorial crew to keep his student loans to a manageable level.



Brian and his wife Michele have been living their version of the American Dream in southern California for over 25 years. They live in San Juan Capistrano where Brian serves as Mayor and they raise three wonderful children.



## MEET GREG RATHS

Serving my country and community has been a big part of my life. I moved to Orange County in 1977 when I was assigned to the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station flying the F-4 Phantom II. I met my wife Luci in 1980, married in 1982, and Orange County has been our home ever since where we raised our three children.

As a combat decorated fighter pilot, I flew 75 combat missions in Iraq, Kuwait, and Somalia flying the F/A-18 Hornet. As the Assistant Chief of Staff of The White House Military Office I kept communications between the Commander-in-Chief and Pentagon intact during extreme uncertainty. I performed my duties to the highest standards.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 2004, I flew for Jet Blue Airways as a commercial airline pilot, then went into business as president of a successful company in Anaheim. I know firsthand how high taxes and excessive regulations can make running a business very difficult. I was elected to the Mission Viejo City Council in 2014, re-elected in 2018, and served as Mayor in 2019. As Mayor, crime was reduced by 27%, the 2019 budget had a \$6 million surplus, and unemployment was lowered below 2%.

As your U.S. Representative my top priorities will be to permanently lower individual taxes, raise business deductions, and stop illegal immigration. I will fight to lower healthcare premiums and prescription drug prices, expand coverage to pre-existing conditions, and allow every American access to low group rates.

Finally, I'll ensure that Orange County remains a safe, prosperous, and great place to live and raise a family. That takes responsible and experienced leadership.

**You have my word.**

Greg Rath  
Colonel U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)



## The Salty Sailor and the Fireman

Shared by: Gale Hunt, President, San Bernardino County FRW, President, Lake Arrowhead Communities RWF, State Board, Eagle Forum of California, State Board, California FRW



Read this once, pause for a minute or two to think honestly about it, then read it again.

The views this mother has about Donald Trump. Her characterization of Trump as the "Salty Sailor" or as "The Fireman" paint an excellent picture!! She has written many great books about her son and family. This is a Comment from KAREN VAUGHN, Mother of Aaron Vaughn, Navy Seal.

Sometimes God uses the no-nonsense, salty sailor to get the job done. Appreciating what the man is doing doesn't mean we worship the salty sailor or even desire to be like the salty sailor. It doesn't even mean God admires the salty sailor Maybe He just knows he's necessary for such a time as this. I believe with all my heart that God placed that salty sailor in the White House to give this nation one more chance in November 2016. Donald Trump is what he is - and he is still the man he was before the election - and without guilt. I very much admire what that salty sailor is accomplishing.

He's not like me. That's okay with me. I don't want to be like him. I will never behave like him. I know we've NEVER had a man like him lead our nation before. It's crazy and a little mind-blowing at times. But I can't help admire the stamina and ability he has - acting with his heart rather than a calculated, PC, think tank-screened, carefully edited script. I still believe that is WHY he became our President and WHY he's been able to handle a landslide of adversity and

STILL pass unprecedented amounts of good legislation for our country AND do great works for MANY other nations, including Israel.

I'm THRILLED with what he's doing for my nation, for the cause of Christ (whether intentional or unintentional, doesn't matter to me), and for the concept of rebuilding America and putting her FIRST. I will not be ashamed of my position because others don't see him through the same lens Should it matter to me if a fireman drops an f-bomb while he's pulling me from a burning building? Would I really care about what came out of his mouth in those moments? Heck no! I'd CARE about what he was DOING. He wasn't sent there to save my soul and I'm not looking to him for spiritual guidance. All I'm thinking in those moments is, "Thank you, GOD, for sending the fireman." AND DONALD TRUMP IS OUR FIREMAN.

I'll soon post this article again for those who still might not understand me. This man is crass. Okay. He's not careful with what he says. Okay. You feel offended that he's not a typical statesman. Okay. But he is DOING THE JOB of rebuilding the nation my son died for... the nation I feared was on a fast track to becoming a hopeless cause.

Forgive me if I'm smiling."  
Written by KAREN VAUGHN





Thank you to all who contributed!

We delivered the Christmas Toys to Camp Pendleton on the 17th of December. There were many toys for all age children. Our Ladies did a great job of donating the toys. Thank you so much from the Marine Families.

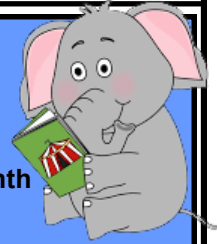
Thank you for your support, Vickie Rennie



SCARWF Holiday Luncheon

December, 2019

# Conservative Book Club 2019



Time: 4:00 – 6:00PM

Meeting days: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Place: Panera Bread @ The Outlets at San Clemente

## Book Club Review

Book: WHY MEADOW DIED

Author: Andrew Pollack & Max Eden

Review: Written by Bill Bennett  
Former U.S. Secretary of Education

"Why Meadow Died", is an exploration by a grieving father, Mark Pollack and Max Eden, an expert in education policy at the Manhattan Institute. It explores the abject failure of social engineering by the Obama administration and their willing accomplices in the education system of the United States. It explains how the agenda of stopping the "school to prison flow" was entrenched in initiatives promoted by political motivation. This agenda was using statistical data and linking it with monetary rewards for school administrators. Teachers were forced to ignore signs of violence and criminality by students in order to meet statistical standards set by the program called by the Obama Administration the "Promise Program". This program was given millions of taxpayer dollars. These millions did not go to improve schools but to enrich administrators. These administrators manipulated statistics and refused to take the proper disciplinary actions by not reporting criminal activity by students. This non-action put other students at risk and put the general school population in danger. Rape, violence, and harassment by student criminals was not reported to the authorities. No one at the school was allowed to report it to the police. When parents complained they were ignored. This allowed the murderer of Meadow Pollack, thirteen other students and three staff members to purchase a gun even though security at the school knew he was an eminent threat to everyone. This book gives a timeline of events that led up to the shootings along with many interviews with those who were affected by this complete breakdown of responsibility by school administrators and the sheriff Scott Israel of Broward County, Florida.

ANDREW POLLACK and MAX EDEN

### WHY MEADOW DIED

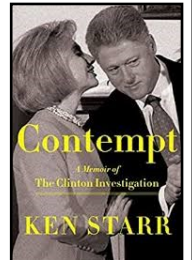


## UP NEXT

CONTEMPT

A Memoir of The Clinton Investigation

All are welcome to join our group at the Panera Bread Restaurant, in the Outlets of San Clemente, at 4 pm. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



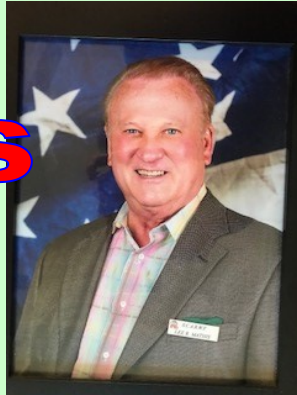
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# SCARWF Member Bulletin Board JANUARY - 2020

## Volunteer of the Month

# Lee Mathis



I was born in Philadelphia Pennsylvania into a Navy family where both my grandfather and my father were career military. During my youth I traveled extensively with my father following him in the Navy. After high school I joined the Navy myself for 3 1/2 years before returning to college and eventually going to Loyola Law school in Los Angeles. I became an attorney in 1973 and continued until I became inactive in 2015. I currently am retired and living in San Clemente.

## Highlighted Member of the Month

# Sharon Dahlberg



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## End of Year Board Luncheon

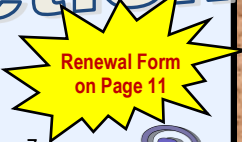


## SCARWF Birthdays!

- Diana Kelly (1/1)
- Geneva Matlock (1/10)
- Donna Kalez (1/13)
- Sherry Hodges (1/15)
- Carol Browning (1/20)
- Coco DuBois (1/23)
- Leonor Jensen (1/28)



## Call to Action TIME TO RENEW!



It's time to renew your SCARWF membership for 2020. Please renew as soon as possible. You will find the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter. We want to be able to include you in the Directory that will be updated when membership renewal time closes!



**A Special Bonus for all renewals and new memberships received by December 31<sup>st</sup>:** You will be invited to a special wine tasting during the first quarter of 2020!

Because there is strength in numbers, your involvement and support is important. To help restore red California means we need an ever-expanding number of informed citizens, and this is the purpose of our meetings! I hope this note will encourage you to Remember to Renew.

Please note renewal is also available by credit card at our meeting and online at our website at [www.scarwf.org](http://www.scarwf.org) with a service charge.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, Mollie Lazarus  
Membership Chairman

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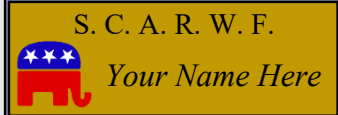
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**2020 Meeting Schedule**



<u>General Meetings</u> <small>(All Held at Talega Golf Club)</small>	<u>Board Meetings</u>
January 8	January 2 (Jackie Cooper)
February 12	February 5 (TBA)
March 11	March 4 (TBA)
April 8	April 1 (TBA)
May 13	May 6 (TBA)
June 10	June 3 (TBA)
September 9	September 2 (TBA)
October 14	October 7 (TBA)
November 11	November 4 (TBA)
December 9	December 2 (TBA)

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DIANA KELLY	. Highberg-Kassity
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# TALEGA GOLF CLUB

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