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January 2024 Newsletter

Women For in 2024

Dear Members,

We have listened to you and 2024 will see the return of in-person meetings and events along with a Zoom meeting as noted in “2024 Calendar” below!

Please plan on joining us for a very special **Membership Mixer on Wednesday, January 24, 2024**, at the **Duck Club**.

Your grateful Board Members

Upcoming Meetings

Please join **Women For: Orange County** at our next meeting

We’re back ~ and better than ever!

Join us at
The Irvine Water District **Duck Club**
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
11 am – Refreshments
11:30 am Program*

Save the Date

*Look for information flyer with exact details

We hope you will also consider attending:



Tuesday, January 2, 2024,
Laguna Woods - Clubhouse 7 @ 7pm
No Gate clearance needed to Clubhouse 7
What’s going on in public education? Join to learn more!

Speaker: HANS JOHNSON
“Making Hate Backfire: Defeating Bigotry and Censorship at School Boards”

This presentation exposes the growing parental rights movement, whose goal is to limit children's access to information without parental consent and eliminate material dealing with sexuality or race from libraries and classrooms.

6:30 pm - refreshments and conversation
7 pm - presentation

Members Free
Non-members \$3

Website: <https://bit.ly/concernedseniors>
Email: cclagunawoodsvillage@gmail.com

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC
Saturday, January 20th, 3:30 pm ← New Time
via Zoom ONLY

Screening of the **Film: Michael Flynn's Holy War**

This film explores how Michael Flynn went from being an elite soldier overseas to waging a "spiritual war" in America. Michael Flynn, President Trump's first national security advisor and a retired lieutenant general, played a key role in shaping counter terrorism strategy allowing him to become the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency until his forced retirement in August 2014.

Join Zoom: **Register** at - <https://www.mobilize.us/au/event/592921/>
For more information, www.au-oc.org

Year-End Report

We started the year off with an excellent presentation by Dr. Kathleen Healey from Physicians for a National Health Program. Medicare Privatization was followed by another relevant discussion of The Climate Crisis in March, Jennifer Berkshire on The Dismantling of Public Education in July, and a panel discussion of The Criminal Justice System in October. In May, we were finally able to bring back The Great American Write-In. Our annual Suffrage Day Luncheon in August was a great success.

We reach more than 700 people who are members or subscribers with our newsletters. We will continue to send out monthly newsletters and have an active engaging schedule planned for 2024.

We currently have eight board members who meet monthly to plan and take care of the business of **Women For: OC**. Any member who might be interested in becoming part of our board should contact our president, Carol Tuch, at (949) 661-9470 or womenforoc@aol.com for more information.

2024 Calendar

We will continue to email our monthly newsletters along with event and meeting flyers.

January 24 – Membership Mixer

at the Irvine Ranch Water District Duck Club
11 am Refreshments
11:30 am Presentation

March 9 - The Great American Write-In

at The Delhi Center in Santa Ana

May or June – Climate Summit

Date, time, place **To Be Determined**

August 24 – 42nd Annual Suffrage Day Celebration

at The Hacienda in Santa Ana

September 16 – Ballot Propositions

2 pm ZOOM meeting ONLY

**The League of Women Voters presents
Pros & Cons of the California State-Wide Propositions**

Fall Event with Second Harvest

Date, time, place **To Be Determined**

Please note that meeting topics, locations, and/or dates may change if our speakers or panelists have unavoidable changes in their schedules.

Meetings will be via Zoom, hybrid or in-person.
Hybrid and in-person meetings will take place at the
Irvine Ranch Water District Duck Club
15 Riparian View, Irvine

Meeting flyers, monthly newsletters, our webpage, and Facebook will provide meeting and event information.

Membership

Our annual membership drive will be held in February, however if you would like to renew your membership or join, go to <http://www.womenfororangecounty.org> membership, then print the membership application, fill it in, and mail it with your check to:

W4OC
P.O. Box 5402
Irvine, CA 92626-4502

Annual membership dues remain at \$40.00 for individuals, \$60 for couples, \$20 for students/low-income individuals. and \$100 for sustaining memberships.

As always, any donation will be gratefully accepted and is much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Legislative Update 2024

Women For: Orange County will continue to monitor legislation and inform you of legislation, written communication with legislators, and ballot petitions that we support throughout 2024.

As a reminder, ballot petitions in California are commonly used to get a proposed law or constitutional amendment on the ballot in an upcoming election. It is a process that gives citizens and groups of citizens a way to get these items on the ballot without the support of the governor or the state legislation.

The era of grassroots, volunteer signature drives to qualify a ballot measure long ago gave way to a system that pays people to collect signatures. Those collecting signatures are paid by the number of signatures they get. The pay varies among ballot petition issues and the timing of the signature collection.

Be sure to read what you are signing when you are asked to sign ballot petitions. Only the written material is guaranteed by law to be accurate.

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