

REPUBLICANS LOOK AHEAD

Members of the board of directors met this past Saturday for a full-day strategic planning session at beautiful and serene St. Andrew Benedictine Abbey in Valyermo, California. The board members worked through the day to define collective values, examine their strengths and weaknesses, define long--term threats to their future, and worked collaboratively to identify opportunities for growth and development as a local political organization.

The program was facilitated by Yile-Jireh Huang, an associate at local La Canada Flintridge organizational development company, Oaktree Learning Systems, Inc.

The full-day program set the stage for the creation of a vision and mission statement to be completed at the next meeting of the board which will be held on November 10. The group was the guests of the Benedictine Catholic order of Monks who operate the abbey and make their facilities available for retreats that allow for quiet thought in a peaceful, thoughtful environment.

Republican board members shared a Noon Mass with the priests and brothers and joined them for a monastic style lunch.

Pictured left to right are board members who attended this session: David Stassel, Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Monteleone, Youth Activities Chairperson, Jim Cochran, Vice Chairman, Al Restivo, Chairman, Sandra Richardson, Hospitality Chairperson, Tom Passanisi, Programs Chairperson, and Nancy MacLean, Public Outreach Chairperson. Absent from the meeting were board members who had other commitments were Craig Bokman, Ernest Koeppen, Jack Dawson, and Youth Association president Kris Swick.

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