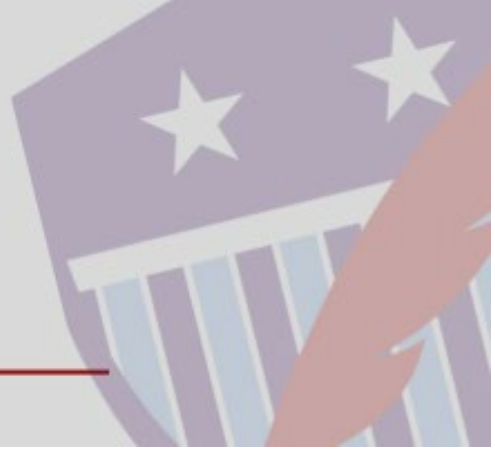


THE FORGE

NEWS FROM THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

September 2024



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT, Joyce Truett

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. We enjoyed having our Founding Forward National Director, David Harmer attend our Day of the Races in August. He and I were able to go to the Winner's Circle to present the flowers to the owners of the winning horse. That was a great experience, but those race horses are huge! The day was special because we were able to raise funds to help support our Student Leadership Program.

Two of the students who attended the "Spirit of America" Leadership conference in April, Julia Farshon and Katherine Foulks were accepted to attend the summer program SLiPP (Service Learning in Public Policy).

In October we will be speaking to 11th grade students in various county high schools explaining the exciting opportunity the "Spirit of America" Leadership Program held at Valley Forge next spring affords. We will also assist students in the application process. Please let us know of any anyone who might wish to apply.

Our Chapter was successful in having six nominees selected for a National Award. They will each receive the George Washington Honor Medal at our Annual Awards Luncheon to be held at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Won't you please join us in honoring them and celebrating their many accomplishments? Their stories of their journeys are quite inspirational.

Founding Forward has a new national website: www.foundingforward.org

Be sure to explore and see all the changes and new material.

One of my goals as president of the San Diego County Chapter of Founding Forward is to increase our membership. We also need to bring on new board members. Please let us know if you're interested in joining our team.

**WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE YOU WILLING TO ASSIST AND
ACCEPT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS TO HELP CARRY OUT OUR GOALS!
PLEASE JOIN US.**

"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud."

Helen Dyer

2024 NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAPTER

Founding Foward recognizes citizens and organizations as community leaders through the National Awards Program. They are presented to nominees who exemplify civic responsibility through their committed efforts to improve our community and country.

Brenda Ferich V.P. Awards is pleased to announce the following who will be honored as Award recipients and receive George Washington Honor Medals at our Annual Awards luncheon to be held at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse, February 13, 2025.

Please plan to join us in celebrating these outstanding people in our community.

Adult Community George Washington Honor Medal

Roosevelt Brown
"Children's Book Party – Over 40 Years Strong"
Nominator – Virginia Syverson

Steve Cassarino
"Cooking for a Cause"
Nominator – Joyce Truett

Susan Ellisor
"Making a Difference"
Nominator – Adele Lancaster

Dr. Julie Novak
Nominator – Brenda Ferich

Tony Teravainen
"A STEP Up"
Nominator – Sharon Henry

Educator George Washington Honor Medal

Jim Fletcher
"Museum of the American Presidency"
Nominator – Sally Syren



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Regan**

**February 1, 1932
August 1, 2024**

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**OUR ANNUAL DAY AT THE Races
AUGUST 18, 2024
DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB**

Each year the San Diego County Chapter holds a day of fun and excitement to raise funds to send our 11th grade students to the Leadership Program at Valley Forge.



David and our Soroptimist International friends



Jim and Becky Reid with President Joyce and daughter Emily Truett with FF Director David Harmer



David and ladies overlooking the Del Mar Racetrack



Former president Brenda Ferich and family



Former President Becky and husband Jim



Sally Syren and friends Jeanette Haseyama and Susan Woods



David Harmer with the horses running behind him



Sally, David and Tom Helmantoler



Virginia Syverson and friend Nancy Stone

SLiPP- Service Learning in Public Policy Student Participants – Julia Farschon and Kat Foulks

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.” - Abigail Adams.

After attending the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Summit, we were excited to further build on our knowledge of government and public policy with a specialized concentration on the legal system. When we were invited to return for a week-long program, SLiPP (Student Learning in Public Policy), we could not help but look forward to reconnecting with the friends we made back in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The trip was a perfect blend of educational opportunity as well as fun bonding experiences with the young leaders of our country.

What was most memorable was the field day where we went out in our legal track group to the courthouse and then to White and Williams LLP. At the courthouse, we had the opportunity to witness bail being set for multiple individuals. We then were able to sit in on a joint trial of two men who were involved in a robbery. It was powerful to see all of the people who make up a courtroom such as the translators, the court stenographer, witnesses, and especially the lawyers. We then had the opportunity to visit a legal office; White and Williams LLP, where we learned about Veteran Courts and explored the possibility of expanding them to our home town.



The entirety of our time there we worked on a 10 minute Public Policy presentation where we proposed a new policy to solve a legal issue in our community. Kat presented on the lack of HVAC systems in underfunded Pennsylvania school districts, while Julia presented on the difficulty of navigating older driver’s independence and public safety through a DMV reform. Practicing and preparing for these presentations was difficult as we had to conduct real world research and balance the rights of our citizens with public issues.

Each night and throughout the day, we had some free time and fun activities. Some of these consisted of beach volleyball, ping-pong, an ice cream social, karaoke, and even a field trip to Dave & Buster’s ... All in all, we are so grateful to have received this opportunity and greatly appreciate Founding Forward’s support in this venture. The experience and lessons we had will be influential as we grow up to be engaged citizens in our democracy.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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