

THE ESCONDIDO REPUBLICAN CLUB



March 2010

What is TERC?

TERC, formerly the Hidden Valley Republican Club, was founded in 1984 by Escondido men and women interested in political matters viewed from a conservative perspective.

Our Mission

TERC is a political organization dedicated to voter education relating to candidates for elected office and issues affecting residents of Escondido and surrounding communities.

Program Time:

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. so come early to meet the new members. Lunch begins at 12:00 p.m.

Location

Cocina Del Charro
525 North Quince St.
Escondido, 92025



Menu Choices

Buffet lunch includes tostada bar, enchiladas, beans, rice and salad.

Cost: \$12.00 – chips, salsa and beverages included.

If you are bringing a guest... Please let Phyllis know so she can make an "official" TERC visitor's name badge. Contact Phyllis by email (edandphyl@cox.net) or call (760-743-6913). You can also note this on your internet RSVP.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, March 15th. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 19th.

Please welcome our 11 new members!

Aivars	Oscar & Shauna
Gary & Audrey	Joe & Vivian
Sherry	Bruce & Mary
George	

March 15 Program

Jim Maher

Chief of Police, Escondido



Originally from Syracuse NY. Enlisted in the Marine Corps and after an overseas tour (Japan) was stationed at Camp Pendleton as a military police officer.

- Hired by Escondido Police Department in June 1980.
- Served as a patrol officer, field training officer, and detective until promoted to sergeant in 1988.
- Spent four years as the Special Investigations sergeant drugs, gangs, vice, and intelligence.
- Promoted to lieutenant in 1996 and attended the F.B.I. National Academy in 1997.
- Investigations commander and press spokesperson from 2000-2004.
- Promoted to Captain in 2005 and oversaw the Services Bureau.
- Created a CompStat crime trends and analysis program to focus the Department efforts on crime reduction.

Promoted to Police Chief in July 2006. Has implemented the following:

- Established three pillars for the Police Department standards and efforts Professional Conduct, Community Outreach and Crime Reduction
- Created a gang enforcement unit
- Created a community gang prevention program
- Established a community outreach position
- Developed a clearly defined policy regarding undocumented immigrants

In the past four years, there has continued to be an unprecedented decline in crime and a significant decrease in traffic accidents. Chief Maher's current goals are to reduce street robberies, gang violence, and greatly improve traffic safety in Escondido.

2010 TERC Dues are Due!

Renewal forms will be available at the January Meeting or from our website:

<http://www.escondidorepublicanclub.org/>

Important TERC Announcements!

IMPORTANT Special Note... *We are now doing RSVP's online.* Please look for the "Evite" that will be coming to you and respond.

If you don't have internet access, please *call Sharon Wood at (760) 741-5060* to RSVP. If possible please RSVP one way or the other prior to the Friday before the meeting.

Remember, there will be special prizes for those who RSVP! Thanks for helping us!

We were sorry to lose 2 TERC members recently... Kathryn 'Kay' Small and Tom Tucker

Kathryn A. Small

ESCONDIDO -- Kathryn A Small passed away on Tuesday, January 26th 2010 at Palomar Hospital. A native of Minnesota, Kay had been a resident of Escondido for almost 20 years and prior to retirement, lived and worked in San Francisco. She enjoyed her many friends, traveling, dancing, music, the arts, and live performances of any kind. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Small. She is survived by her two nieces and a nephew. Kay was a resident of the Redwood Terrace Retirement Community in Escondido prior to her death. A memorial service will be held in her honor at Redwood Terrace in Dittus Hall, on Saturday, February 13th from 10am-11am. For information contact Amy Flores 760-522-2478. Sign the Guest Book online obits.nctimes.com

Mr. Tom Tucker (1923 - 2010)

Tom Tucker spent most of his life helping shape San Diego's skyline as an architect, but his passion was understanding World War II, in which he earned a Purple Heart. He was later awarded the French Legion of Honor Chevalier medal for his service.

He died of lung cancer Friday at his Escondido home, surrounded by his family. Mr. Tucker was 86.

The disease came on suddenly in November, five months after Mr. Tucker received the Legion of Honor, said his son Scott.

Mr. Tucker had been fishing in Montana and had back pain. He thought he had pulled a muscle, but the pain didn't go away. When he sought treatment, he was diagnosed with a rare, aggressive form of lung cancer, Scott Tucker said.

"He was a great father," he said. "He gave us a kick ... when we needed it, which I did, a lot. But at the same time, he was totally supportive, and we were always out doing something - making model airplanes, flying model airplanes, going on vacation in the summer."

In Point Loma, Hal Sadler, who founded Tucker Sadler Architects with Mr. Tucker and who hunted birds with him, called him a wonderful business partner.

"Tom was a kind of glue, in the sense that he worried about the operational things, while I might be doing design and client work and being involved in the community," Sadler said. "I was lucky to have him as a partner."

Tucker Sadler Architects designed some of the city's institutions, including Golden Hall, the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center and the Bank of America building downtown.

Jack Davis, 86, of eastern Pennsylvania fought with Mr. Tucker in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, the bloodiest ground campaign of the war for U.S. forces.

"I'm devastated. He was my best friend," Davis said.

The two men had a bond that only war buddies who have come close to death can understand.

"Talking to Americans about the war might as well be talking to a lamp," Mr. Tucker once said. "You get that blank stare. Ask 100 people what the Battle of the Bulge is, and they can't tell you."

After the war, Mr. Tucker devoted his life to trying to understand it, lining the walls of his Escondido home with books on World War II, maps of the Battle of the Bulge and pieces of barbed wire and shrapnel he picked up on the battlefield.

Somewhere in the sea of war memorabilia, Mr. Tucker found space for a few pictures of his life as an architect, but they occupied second-tier honor on his walls.

Mr. Tucker was born Dec. 24, 1923, in Ada, Okla., and moved to Escondido with his family when he was 3. He learned early the meaning of hardship because his father farmed.

In 1943, he was drafted into the Army, and later deployed to Europe as a corporal with Company B, 7th Combat Engineer Battalion, 5th Infantry Division.

In December 1944, Mr. Tucker was wounded by shrapnel in the Battle of the Bulge while crossing a river. He recovered, and finished the five battles he was sent to fight. He was awarded the Purple Heart and for his distinguished service, a Belgian Croix de Guerre. He was awarded the Legion of Honor last year as part of a French program to honor World War II veterans.

On the battlefield, Mr. Tucker recalled he ate small rations of meat, crackers and chocolate bars so stiffened by the cold that he had to shave them to eat them. He remembered showering twice in 10 months and living in mud and wet clothes.

When Mr. Tucker came home in 1945, he worked as a draftsman. In 1955, he became an architect and founded a firm with Sadler that is now known as Tucker Sadler Architects.

Mr. Tucker's wife of 63 years, Mary Frances, died in 2007.

Besides his son Scott of Murrieta, Mr. Tucker is survived by son Thomas of Hemet, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Emmanuel Faith Community Church, 639 E. Felicita Ave., Escondido. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to The Elizabeth Hospice, 150 W. Crest St., Escondido, CA 92025.