



CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

September

2011

NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

MEET OUR MAYOR

The next meeting of the Coronado Democratic Club will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 in the Winn Room of the Coronado Public Library.

Our guest speaker will be Mayor Casey Tanaka who will talk about the state of the city. It should be an interesting meeting with insights into the issues that are facing Coronado. This will be an opportunity to share your concerns and suggestions directly with the Mayor. Don't miss this opportunity!

The meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M., refreshments will be served at 10:30 A.M. Please call 435-1911 for further information

Crunch Crunch Crunch

The current economic crunch is being felt in all of our lives including the refreshment table at our general meetings. Although we have been asking for contributions to cover the costs of refreshments the money taken in does not nearly cover our expenses. For this reason we are turning to you, our members, and asking for volunteers to help supply refreshments for the meetings. The club will try to continue to cover the cost of the coffee but we need help with cookies, sweets, fruits etc. Those people who indicated on their dues application form that they would help with refreshments if necessary will be contacted as the need arises. We also will have a signup sheet at each meeting for volunteers for future meetings. We usually have just four general meetings per year so this should not be an overwhelming task for any one person. Refreshments for our September meeting are already lined up.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love the dog days of summer, even if we don't actually have hot, sultry weather here in Coronado. With my favorite season whizzing by, I began to think about the approaching September holiday – Labor Day -- and its significance. For most Americans, Labor Day provides the opportunity for that last picnic or day at the beach, and it is the starting bell for the steeplechase of autumn. But in today's political climate, we need to reflect on the origin and true meaning of this holiday, which is more relevant than ever.

Labor Day celebrates the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of America. It originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters, when in the late 1800s, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. People of all ages, mostly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions. Labor unions grew more prominent and vocal, and they began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. The first Labor Day parade in U.S. history occurred on September 5, 1882, when 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City. Twelve years later, railroad workers went on strike in Chicago to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives, leading to riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers. In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday.

History is, indeed, a great teacher. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “the labor movement did not diminish the strength of the nation but enlarged it. By raising the living standards of millions, labor miraculously created a market for industry and lifted the whole nation to undreamed of levels of production. Those who attack labor forget these simple truths, but history remembers them.” It was the labor movement that helped secure so much of what we take for granted today – the 40-hour work week, the minimum wage, family leave, health insurance, Social Security, Medicare – and that helped build the largest middle class in history. It is disheartening that today, the middle class – the backbone of our economy – must fight harder and harder just to stay afloat.

Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor between 1886 and 1924, said it best: “What does labor want? We want more schoolhouses and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning and less vice; more leisure and less greed; more justice and less revenge; in fact, more of the opportunities to cultivate our better selves.” Now that's a holiday worth celebrating.

GREAT JOB

Our hats are off to NANCY GRANQUEST and MITZI SWIFT
They did an absolutely fabulous job Co-chairing our entry
in the 4th of July parade. You two really out did yourselves.
Thank you both for a job well done !!

IDENTITY THEFT

Unfortunately identity theft seems to be a growing problem these days. Here are some suggestions to help save you time and heartache should you have your wallet lost or stolen.

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card etc. You will now have a record of exactly what was in your wallet as well as all account numbers and phone numbers to call in an emergency. Keep this copy in a safe place in your home or when traveling. In addition, below are three national credit reporting organizations where you can place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. This alert means any company that checks your credit has to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285, Experian (formerly TRW) 1-888-397-3742, Trans Union 1-800-680-7289, and the S.S. Administration fraud line 1-800-269-0271.

Do all you can to protect your identity, don't give the bad guys any breaks.

SHE IS A KEEPER

By Mercy Mandelbaum

We have all heard the phrase that an organization is only as strong as the sum of its parts. This surely holds true for our club. We truly are a strong, vibrant club and the reason is that our membership is made up of so many devoted, dedicated individuals. People who quietly are there year after year, helping out whenever asked and volunteering when not asked but when they recognize a need. One member who exemplifies these traits is Sally Eisen. Sally does not hold an office or chairmanship but she attends all the meetings, helps out at the luncheons and is always there when called upon. This is the kind of member that keep an organization strong.

Sally was born and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the youngest of four children. She lived in Milwaukee until she graduated from the University of Wisconsin. After graduation she

married Herb, a navy medical student who also attended the same university. They were assigned to several California posts before moving to St. Louis where Herb completed his training as a surgeon. They returned to California and eventually settled in Coronado in 1990. They have four children two boys and two girls.

When the children were growing up Sally was both a Girl Scout Leader and a Cub Scout Leader and somehow managed to find time to be actively involved with the League of Women Voters. Sally belongs to the Brandeis Women's Group and is a lifetime member of the Friends Of The Library. She enjoys reading and playing Bridge and has recently helped with voter registration of new citizens at Golden Hall. She found this encounter very rewarding. This quiet, gracious, kind woman is a true asset to our club. She is a "Keeper".

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Start Thinking About The Holiday Party

It is not too early to start thinking about our holiday potluck dinner party. This is always a fun evening with good food and a chance to spend time with fellow club members. This year it will be held on Sunday, December 11th.

We will need volunteers to both chair the party and to act as helpers. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact Mercy Mandelbaum at ycrem613@san.rr.com or call 435-1911.

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COMING EVENTS

September 24, 2011 General Meeting – Winn Room
Coronado Library 10:30 a.m. Greet 11:00 Meet

November 9, 2011 General Meeting – Winn Room

December 11, 2011 Holiday Party

Saturday, September 17, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave., San Diego 92114

Join Democratic activists, volunteers, club members, Party leaders, and friends for this year's County Convention!

- Build knowledge and skills in your choice of workshops and forums
- Hear from elected Democrats and those running for office in 2012
- Meet new friends, form alliances, and get inspired by our Party's grassroots strength!

Convention registration includes breakfast, a box lunch, and a full day of activities on Saturday. Tickets for the **Leadership Luncheon** also include an intimate meeting with featured guests including State Controller John Chaing and Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones. *More details and program highlights coming soon.* Please contact us at rsvp@sddemocrats.org or (858) 277-3367 for help or more information.

More Beauty of Mathematics!!!!!!

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CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New _____ Renewal _____
Name _____ Address _____
City _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
C) _____ Email _____

Annual Dues: Individual \$20.00 _____ Family \$30.00 _____ Sustaining \$35.00+ _____
Additional contributions toward: 4th Of July Parade \$ _____ Special Events \$ _____

We always need volunteers so in an effort to identify members who are interested and able to help now and then we would like to know who you are and what you might be interested in doing. Please check the spaces below. We need help with: General Meetings (usually every other month) setup and/or tear down ____, The March Luncheon ____, 4th of July Parade decorations and/or participation ____, December Holiday Party ____, Special Events, supplying refreshments for special events _____. Also, are you are interested in joining a standing committee ____ or becoming Board member ____? How did you hear about our club?

Please mail this completed form and your payment to:
Coronado Democratic Club, P. O. Box 18-1351, Coronado, CA 92178-1351
