



DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CAMARILLO



Newsletter

December 2009/January 2010

General Meeting

Thursday January 7, 2010

6:15 pm: Social with Pizza, salads and soft drinks

7:00 Meeting and program:

Dr. Bill Garlington

Ph.D in Sociology and Asian Studies

Subject: Church and State: A Case of
Sociopolitical Schizophrenia

Orchid Building, UFCW Hall

816 Camarillo Springs Road, Camarillo

at the Camarillo Springs exit from the South 101

President's Message

Dear Members,

I am truly looking forward to working with all of you this upcoming year! Our unique club has so many hard-working volunteers who care about what happens in local, national, and international politics. As individuals and as a club we need to continue to make a difference and make our voices heard. We may not agree on every issue or everything that we want to accomplish may not happen as hoped but we must NOT give up. We must move forward with our heads high. In regards to President Obama we should let him know if we agree or disagree! Don't melt back into the world of apathy if things aren't going the way you thought they should. President Obama and other Legislative officials still need to hear from us. So much damage was done the last eight years it is going to take a great while for some issues to be resolved.

Our club, as most of you know, plans to open up another Democratic headquarters. There we can fully assist our candidates with their campaigns. Congressional, State Assembly, and Governor will be some of the offices voted on in November 2010. So we have

our work cut out for us. We hope to invite the candidates to our club meetings and perhaps conduct debates. So keep this in mind and we will let you know when and where the headquarters will be opening.

Our club has a multitude of committees where we have hard working committee heads and members. Not all the committees are listed on the newsletter so please attend our first membership meeting to see which committee you would like to work on. By the way, you can join a committee any time throughout the year.

Our January meeting speaker will be Bill Garlington on "Church and State" and Pizza, Salad, and drinks will be served. Please come on down and bring a friend or a fellow member who hasn't been for a while. Our February meeting should also be interesting. We will hear from Sean Kelly, Associate Professor of Political Science at CSUCI and he will answer your questions and listen to your concerns. This will be a good time for those who are frustrated with some of President Obama's decisions or the Democratic party decisions, to come and discuss, ask questions, and vent during "Soap Box".

Networking time is very fun too. Come at 6:15 to eat and talk with fellow members. Meeting starts at 7pm.

So I look forward to seeing all of you January 7th at the Orchid room. May you have a Healthy, Productive, and Positive New Year.

Warmest Regards,
Sue Bolorchi-President

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Democratic Club of the Conejo Valley welcomes the Honorable Henry Waxman of the 30th Congressional District.

Representative Waxman is the chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. He will speak to club members and constituents about his role on the committee and other important issues and legislation.

Priority seating for Dem club members. You may join at the event.

Agoura Hills / Calabasas Community Ctr.
27040 Malibu Hills Road, Calabasas
Sunday, January 3, 2010
10 AM to Noon

News from the Membership Committee

The 2010 membership renewal drive is in full swing – save a stamp and renew at the January meeting!

- Sandi Gummermann

Please send articles (and pictures) to Carolyn Crandall at softails.togo@verizon.net

Here are some subjects that we need help with:

Environmental issues (Global Climate change is a “hot” issue right now)

Women’s issues (Abortion restrictions are getting the traction and news)

Education (funding cuts and the impact)

Candidate watch (what they are doing and what they are advocating)

Elton watch (his voting record to publicize in this newsletter)

Rule of thumb for deadline submissions for the newsletters is two weeks prior to the monthly meeting.

A little more about our speaker, Bill Garlington, this month:

Education: B.A. and M.A. in history from UCLA. Ph.D in Sociology and Asian Studies from the Australian National University (1975)

Teaching: 25 years as a teacher in Australia and the US at both the tertiary and secondary levels

Publications: Numerous journal articles in the area of comparative religion. Also a novel *Tara's Secret* (2003) and a compilation *Universal Spiritual Thoughts* (2004).

Major Areas of Academic Interest. Comparative Religion and the History of Ideas. Currently in charge of Adult and

Youth Education at Camarillo United Methodist Church

Teaching in the Osher Program at CSUCI where he was awarded professor of the year for 2007-8.

ALERT – ALERT – ALERT!!!!

Please don't eat before you come to the meeting. The club is serving pizza, salads and soft drinks!

What is right has always been called radical by those with a stake in things that are wrong.

George McGovern
1972

I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.

Thomas Jefferson 1802

As you know Kathy Long showed her great courage and commitment to our district by presenting the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, December 15th, to make the qualifications for County Tax Collector and Treasurer fall in line with the State of California law that was passed 14 years ago. Ventura County was among only three counties that did not adopt the new law that required applicants for this position to have background experience in finance. The new ordinance passed 4 to 1 with Peter Foy voting not to implement the new law. Makes you wonder why a supervisor would not want the County Tax Collector to have any experience..... To keep up with Kathy, please sign up for her newsletter at:
http://portal.countyofventura.org/portal/page?_pageid=823,1240924&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Letters to the Editor: (printed in the VC STAR on December 15, 2009)

Re: Kathy Long's Dec 13 commentary, "Pulse not enough to be treasurer":

It is in the interest of Ventura County residents that the Board of Supervisors today corrects an error of omission by that body in 1995 by adopting the government code setting criteria for the office of county treasurer-tax collector.

Supervisor Long's commentary clearly explains why we cannot elect an unqualified candidate. On the front page of Section B in the same edition, candidate Audra Strickland ("Strickland treasurer bid on the line",) states, "she thinks 'the honorable thing to do' would be to adopt the requirements, but have them take effect in 2014, not 2010." This poses the question:

Should taxpayers pay for on-the-job training when billions of dollars are at stake?

The position should not be filled by the winner of a popularity contest. Ventura County residents deserve qualified public officials.

Sharon L. Hillbrant, Camarillo

The DCC Officers Installation luncheon was held at Octavio's on Dec. 4th, 2009. The new officers were sworn in and lots of food and great conversations flowed. Here are some pictures of the event in case you were not able to attend.



Board members who were present (left to right): Linda McKenna, Cecelia Travick-Jackson, Sue Boloorchy and Jim Paulson. Jill Martinez conducted the swearing in.



Members having lunch and having fun!



More members having lunch and conversing



Building the float in the Crandall's garage



Tres Amigos: Mahmood, Bob and Steve



The Crew!

The Democratic Club of Camarillo entered a float in the Camarillo Christmas parade on Saturday, December 12th. The committee members were: Barbara Scheibelhut (Committee Chair), Judy Lautenschleger, Lenna Reyes, Sue and Mahmood Bolorchi and Steve and Carolyn Crandall. Here are some pictures to prove that we really did parade in the rain. Believe it or not, there were parade spectators who came out to support us. What a great day!



Finished product before loading

I want to be so famous that drag queens will dress like me in parades when I'm dead.

Laura Kightlinger, Comedian



Loading the float, in the rain



Many volunteers came out to join us in the rain. Along with us were Tim Allison and family, Ernest Morell and family, Ferial Masry and of course, the Crew.



Our Democratic Donkey mascot and Mahmood. Can anyone guess who is in that suit?

A Congressional Directory for the 111th Congress is available free from People for the American Way.

This Directory contains pertinent info on Congress representatives & Senators for each state: names and phone numbers (Washington DC office numbers & fax numbers), plus a list of the Leadership & Committee memberships.

The introduction covers the format for writing letters & how to track bills.

The People for the American Way encourages activism & challenges the Extremist Right Wing as the only voice on the Internet.

Sign up as an online activist at www.pfaw.org/go/action to stay up to date on all issues. PFAW is dedicated to challenging threats to our freedoms & liberties.

From the Huffington Post 11-25-09

Dana Perino, recently nominated by President Obama to the Broadcasting Board of Governors, made an odd claim Tuesday night.

On Fox News, the former press secretary suggested President Obama was playing politics by refusing to describe the massacre at Fort Hood as a terrorist attack. "We should call it what it is," she said.

"We did not have a terrorist attack on our country during President Bush's term," she told Sean Hannity. "I hope they're not looking at this politically. I do think that we owe it to the American people to call it what it is."

The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

12-22-09

From Organizing for America

The Senate health reform bill will:

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- Ensure that you can choose your own doctor.
- Finally stop insurance companies from denying coverage due to a pre-existing condition.
- Make sure you will never be charged exorbitant premiums on the basis of your age, health, or gender.
- Guarantee you will never lose your coverage just because you get sick or injured.
- Protect you from outrageous out-of-pocket expenditures by establishing lifetime and annual limits.
- Allow young people to stay on their parents' coverage until they're 26 years old.
- Create health insurance exchanges, or "one-stop shops" for individuals purchasing insurance, where insurance companies are forced to compete for new customers.
- Lower premiums for families, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office -- especially for struggling folks who will receive subsidies.
- Help small businesses provide health care coverage to their employees with tax credits and by allowing them to purchase coverage through the exchanges.
- Improve and strengthen Medicare by eliminating waste and fraud (without cutting basic benefits), beginning to close the Medicare Part D donut hole, and extending the life of the Medicare trust fund.
- Create jobs by reining in costs -- fostering competition, reducing waste and inefficiency, and starting to reward doctors and hospitals for quality, not quantity, of care.
- Cut the deficit by over \$130 billion in the next 10 years.

From the Daily Kos
12-23-09

It's important to remember that to remain a member in good standing of the conservative movement, it isn't enough just to vote a certain way. You have to evidence a very particular tribal belonging - you need to hate the right people, be ignorant of the right facts, be fearful of the right bogeymen, and be arrogant about the whole enterprise. If you somehow fail this tribal litmus test, it doesn't matter how right-wing you are.

From Webster's latest edition

Liberalism

A theory in economics emphasizing individual freedom from restraint and usually based on free competition, the self-regulating market, and the gold standard: a political philosophy based on belief in progress, the essential goodness of the human race, and the autonomy of the individual and standing for the protection of political and civil liberties; specifically : such a philosophy that considers government as a crucial instrument for amelioration of social inequities (as those involving race, gender, or class): capitalized, the principles and policies of a Liberal party

Fascism

A political philosophy, movement, or regime (as that of the Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition: a tendency toward or actual exercise of strong autocratic or dictatorial control, early instances of army fascism and brutality

So the next time you hear one of your right wing friends calling Obama or the Democratic Party Liberal Fascists, please educate them. Yes, that is a challenge, but it is our job!

A liberal is a man too broadminded to take his own side in a quarrel.

Robert Frost

A conservative believes nothing should be done for the first time.

Thomas Fuller

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