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CANDIDATE FORUM - SEPT. 22, 2012

The Coronado Democratic Club will host a Candidate Forum at its next meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2012 in the Winn Room of the Coronado Library. The Club will host three Democratic candidates running for state and federal offices to represent Coronado. Marty Block is running for State Senate in the 39th District. Toni Atkins is running for State Assembly in the 78th District. Scott Peters is running for US Congress in the 52nd District. Each candidate will speak for a few minutes and will take questions from the group. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear our Democratic candidates express their views on the issues that are important to us.

All are welcome to attend this event. The meeting will begin at 11:00 AM and refreshments will be served beginning about 10:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

HANGING UP THEIR APRONS

After several years of serving as our Hospitality Chairs, Annette Biggar and Judy Grobbel have decided to hang up their aprons and move on to other projects. Meeting after meeting, year after year, rain or shine, they arrived early, set up the refreshment table and quietly went about the task of seeing that we had our coffee and were well fed before each general meeting. It is members like this who keep our club strong and running smoothly. They truly did a remarkable job and we all owe them a big thank you for a job Well Done.

Welcome to the new co-chairs Marilyn Lindsay and Connie Pincus

GO TEAM!

If you want to help the Democrats win in November (and we know you do), one of the most effective things you can do is be a part of the Grassroots Organizing team, otherwise known as the GO team. These volunteers talk to voters in every community in the county, encouraging them to vote and to vote Democratic.

The GO teamers use precinct lists, handouts and scripts from the San Diego County Democratic Party. They speak only to Democrats and selected independent voters. According to the experts, talking to voters in person improves turnout by 10 percent. In a close election, this can make the difference. The Coronado GO team needs to cover nineteen (19) precincts. Thus far, there are precinct leaders in fourteen (14) of them.

Please volunteer to help out. We need several precinct leaders, as well as people who will volunteer to participate by walking occasionally.

If you are interested, contact Coronado community coordinator, Jean Seager at 435-8130 or jhseager@gmail.com. She will give you all the materials, instruction and support you need. Join our local group of fun and committed GO teamers.

The GO team thanks Don Fink who is doing the data entry, as well as Lesley Huffaker and Kitty and Jim Rosania who organized the most recent training session. Let's walk to win!

“Premium Support Plans” Bring Greater Medicare Costs for Retirees

So-called “premium support plans,” the vouchers supported under Republican Vice Presidential nominee and House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) budget proposal and backed by Republican nominee Mitt Romney, would bring greater out-of-pocket costs to retirees, according to a new study by the Journal of the American Medical Association. According to the study - cited by the blog [thinkprogress.org \(http://bit.ly/OU5NCw\)](http://bit.ly/OU5NCw) - under the Republican proposal, private insurance companies would make offers on insurance, and the voucher would be tied to the premium of the private plan with the second-lowest cost, or the premium for traditional Medicare - whichever is lower. This would end Medicare as we know it and force seniors to pay hundreds more each year to maintain the care they have today. While the GOP argues that this kind of system would increase competition and lower costs, facts show that such a policy actually shifts costs from the government and insurance companies onto the backs of retirees. “The Romney-Ryan plan is costly for retirees, it’s costly for the middle class, and it’s just bad policy,” said Ruben Burks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance for Retired Americans. “By pushing this plan, Republicans have promised to balance the budget on the backs of seniors and the middle class.”

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just in case you (or other people you know) are still on the fence about the November election, let me highlight a few stunning events that occurred recently.

1) Todd “I’m not a quitter” Akin, the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in Missouri, honestly believes that victims of “legitimate rape” don’t get pregnant because “the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down.” To call this guy a Neanderthal would be an insult to Neanderthals. The *Pragmatic Progressive* likened Akin’s statement to saying “If you get shot and it’s a legitimate shooting, then the body has ways to automatically seal the bullet hole” But Akin’s views are not an aberration on Planet GOP, which is extreme on women’s health issues (and not in a good way). According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the official Republican party platform supports outlawing all abortion, even in cases of rape and incest. Vice-Presidential candidate Paul Ryan shares Akin’s “no choice, no exceptions” policy and co-sponsored a bill with Akin to change the definition of rape. Ryan’s voting record is indistinguishable from that of Rep. Michele Bachmann. By selecting Ryan, Romney put the extremists one step closer to running this country into the ground. If Romney is elected, the Tea Party fringe will control our government.

2) Romney has stooped to a new low when he recently said, “No one has ever asked to see my birth certificate. They know that this is the place that we were born and raised.” The scary thing is that this comment was met with cheers and seemed to fire up the extreme “birther” elements of the Republican base. This confirms that Republicans are embracing unfounded conspiracy theories to distract from the real issues.

3) An article in the Sunday edition of the U-T San Diego (which bears no resemblance to a newspaper, but instead is a propaganda tool or bully pulpit for a wealthy Republican businessman) described Coronado as a bastion of ultra-conservative ideals. The reporter interviewed and quoted a Coronado guy named Don Hubbard who described President Obama as “a panderer who is aiming to broaden his support among the ‘lower classes’ and ‘less educated’ who find [government assistance] programs appealing.” To add insult to injury, he said that if Obama is reelected, “it will be like Italy.” This is arrogance at its finest, right here in our midst. By the way, I canceled my subscription to the U-T.

These mind-boggling remarks are a stark reminder of what’s at stake in this election. I know I’m preaching to the choir here, but let’s just hope the Independents are paying attention and are equally outraged. We need to make sure President Obama and Democrats across the board win in November. Then, when I run into old Mr. Hubbard, I will smile and say, “Ciao!”

Judy Bambace

"Save the Date"
Coronado City Council - Candidate Forum and Debate
Thursday, October 11th from 6 PM to 8 PM
Hosted by the Coronado Democratic Club

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IMPROVED MEDICARE CLAIM FORMS

There is a new format for your Medicare claims on MyMedicare.gov. Beginning last March 10, you are now able to view a new claim-based Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) that features -

- Clearer language, **larger fonts**
- Consumer-friendly descriptions of medical procedures
- Definitions of claims column headers
- Information on how to check the form for important facts and potential fraud
- New information on how to appeal denied claims

To view the newly formatted Claims Based MSN use the same process as you always have to view your online MSN:

1. Sign in to MyMedicare.gov and
2. Select “Search Claims” on the Claims tab at the top of the page
3. Perform your claim search by date range, claim type, or claim number
4. Click on the “View MSN” link from the Claims Summary or Claim Detail page Medicare is making these same improvements to the printed MSNs that you receive in the mail. You will start to see this new format on your printed MSNs in 2013. Please remember that the version Medicare mails to you is still your official MSN.

JULY 4TH PARADE

Our club's participation in the recent July 4th parade was absolutely outstanding. We had well over 35 people who walked (some with dogs), pedaled bicycles and tricycles, used walkers, and rode in cars. Many of those participating had been fortified for the march down Orange Avenue with bagels and cream cheese.

Although there was a slight mist in the air the enthusiasm of both marchers and spectators was not dampened. Everyone seemed to enjoy the city's day of celebration. We thank everyone who helped make our entry special. Our co-chairs Nancy Granquist and Mitzi Swift did a truly outstanding job of putting it all together. They made everything seem so easy but we appreciate how much pre-planning and thought goes into any successful event. Thank you very much Nancy and Mitzi for all your hard work!! How lucky we are that the Coronado Democratic Club has so many dedicated and talented people.

Check our web site for several parade photos.

INTERESTING INFORMATION

Over Half of Seniors Now On-Line, Study Says

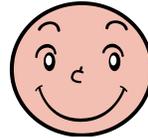
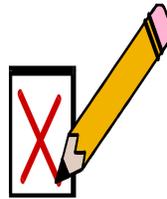
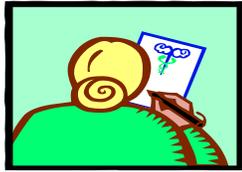
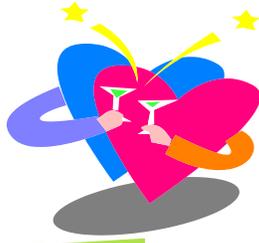
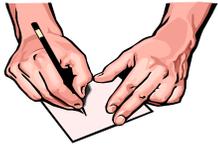
53% of Americans over 65 now use the Internet and e-mail, a significant increase from prior years. The results, from a new Pew Research Center study, show a growing trend that has broad implications for retirees' daily lives as well as their civic activism. "Because seniors are the top target of election year lies and scare tactics, politically savvy seniors should go on-line to learn more about both the issues and the candidates," said **Ruben Burks**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance for Retired Americans. The Alliance continues to grow its on-line presence by posting fact sheets and news updates on its website, www.RetiredAmericans.org, and Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/RetiredAmericans. Retirees who want to "Tweet" how Mitt Romney would be bad for seniors can do so by using the #MittBad4Seniors

New Reports: Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security Work for All 50 States!

Several Alliance State Presidents made tele-conference calls recently with reporters, elected officials, and policy experts, together with allies telling personal stories, to announce the release of a set of reports from the group Social Security Works. The reports specifically highlight the impact of Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security on a given state's residents and economy. Social Security Works is a coalition united around the proposition, "Strengthen Social Security... Don't Cut It." The coalition is made up of over 300 national and state organizations, including the Alliance, and represents over 50 million Americans.

New Side-by-Side Comparison of Romney and Obama Now Available

To see a chart comparing President **Barack Obama** with Republican Nominee Mitt Romney on seniors' issues, go to <http://bit.ly/QRQ5ul>.



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COMING EVENTS

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Library Winn Room-10:30 coffee - 11:00 meeting**

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