



# CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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## **General Meeting**

**Saturday, November 9, 2013**

The next general meeting of the Coronado Democratic Club will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 in the Winn Room of the Coronado Public Library. Refreshments and meet and greet will begin at 10:30 A.M. and our meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M.

Our main speaker will be Steve Rivera who will explain the Affordable Care Act (aka Obama Care). Mr. Rivera is a political consultant and Democratic Party activist. He is currently part of the statewide effort to educate the public about the Affordable Care Act. This session should help us better understand the ins and outs of the act and how to navigate the system. It will also help us to better explain this new program to family and friends.

This meeting is open to the entire community so please encourage anyone you know who is not now covered by insurance and who would be helped by this new and valuable health care program to attend.

In addition to Mr. Rivera, our new State Senator Marty Block will address the club. If you have any questions, please call Ron Mandelbaum at 435-1911

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## **Florida Gains A Democrat - Our loss – Their Gain**

Long-time club member Frances Bernstein has decided to start a new chapter in her life. Next month, Frances will be moving to Florida to be near one of her children. She has been such an integral part of the Coronado Democratic Club: a board member responsible for distributing our newsletter, a loyal participant in the 4th of July parade, a dedicated volunteer for voter registration, and most notably, a wonderful human being. We appreciate all she has done and will truly miss her. Best wishes, Frances.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Don't you love it when the bad guys surrender? The debt-ceiling brinksmanship and government shutdown cost an estimated \$24 billion and threatened our economy. What a debacle for Republicans – believing that facts don't matter and picking a goal they couldn't achieve in defunding the Affordable Care Act. It was great to see President Obama call their bluff. We sane Americans can breathe a sigh of relief, at least for now. But no doubt, the madness and bitter policy confrontations will continue. For politicians like Ted Cruz, the dream of keeping affordable health care out of the reach of ordinary, hard-working Americans is alive and well. The GOP philosophy is best characterized by Fox Network's own Ben Carson, who said Obamacare "is the worst thing that has happened in this country since slavery." These folks are obviously on a trip to Planet Delusion.**

**Admittedly, the rollout of the online federal health care exchange had some serious technical glitches. But it's not the end of the world. In 2006, George W. Bush's Medicare Part D program for seniors and the Romneycare plan in Massachusetts (on which the ACA is based) had starts just as chaotic as Obamacare's, and eventually the kinks got worked out. As one commentator noted, if Obamacare was really fatally flawed, "why would conservatives be so suicidally intent on preventing it from taking full effect? Their great fear is that it won't be too long until the ACA isn't a new and scary socialist plot, but just part of American life, like those awful programs called Social Security and Medicare."**

**Want to have some myths debunked? At our next general meeting on Saturday, November 9, you will have the opportunity to hear from Steve Rivera, who has joined the statewide effort to educate the public about the ACA. We hope to see you there.**

*Judy Bambace*

# **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY**

**APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS**

**WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2013**

**TIME: 2:00-4:00 PM**

**WHERE: TRINIDAD-KINGSTON CLUB HOUSE**

**51 PORT OF SPAIN ROAD**

**CORONADO CAYS**

**WHAT: IF YOUR NAME BEGINS WITH:**

**A-J PLEASE BRING A DESSERT**

**K-Z PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER**

**IF YOU PREFER, BRING YOUR FAVORITE APPETIZER  
OR DESSERT TO SHARE.**

**WINE, BEER, SODA AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED**

**WE WILL RAFFLE OFF SOME LOVELY DONATED ITEMS!! RAFFLE  
TICKETS \$1.00 EACH.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO**

**DONATE A SPECIAL ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE**

**PLEASE CONTACT EDRY OR BOB GOOT**

**AT 619-522-6766 OR BEGOOT1@GMAIL.COM**

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**SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 22, 2014**

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**ANNUAL DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON**

## GO TEAM LEADER NEEDED

**Coronado needs a new community coordinator for the Grassroots Organizing Team (GO Team). Jean Seager, who held that position in the previous election, has resigned. The GO Team is extremely important in winning elections. It puts into practice a demonstrably effective voter turnout strategy: knocking on the doors of Democratic voters and asking them to vote. The Coronado Democratic Club has been part of the GO Team for six years. If you were a member of the team in the last election – and many club members were - you know how significant your actions were in electing so many Democrats to office.**

**The new community coordinator will be responsible for recruiting GO Team volunteers and for providing the volunteers with materials, instructions and support. The coordinator receives training and support materials, including precinct lists and scripts, from the San Diego County Democratic Party. It's a big job, but a rewarding one. And although the election is still a year away, putting a community coordinator in place now is important.**

**“I can honestly say that our team was instrumental in helping elect Democrats, especially our new Congressman Scott Peters,” Jean says. “It was fun getting to know so many local Democrats. The support from the county party was amazing. Every time I had a question, they had an answer.”**

**If you are interested in filling the position of community coordinator, please contact club president Judy Bambace: [jmbambace@aol.com](mailto:jmbambace@aol.com) or 437-7169 or Jean Seager: [jhseager@gmail.com](mailto:jhseager@gmail.com) or 435-8130. If you decide to serve as community coordinator, Jean will help you in any way she can. She has a precinct map of Coronado, lists of past GO Teamers and expertise that she is happy to pass on. The community coordinator for the GO Team serves as a member of the Coronado Democratic Club Board and thus helps guide the club's activities. Please consider taking on this job. As Teddy Roosevelt said, “The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena.”**

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## COMING EVENTS

**November 9, 2013 General Meeting – Steve Rivera and the Affordable Care Act  
Coronado Library-Winn Room –  
10:30 eat 'n greet, 11:00 meeting**

**December 7, 2013 Holiday party - Kingston -Trinidad Clubhouse in The Cays**

**March 22, 2014 Annual Democratic Club Luncheon - SAVE THE DATE**

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' INFORMATION

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