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Coronado

Democratic Club

AS SAN DIEGO'S OLDEST DEMOCRATIC CLUB WE PROUDLY SUPPORT BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES...

PROFESSOR ADAMS TO SPEAK AT GENERAL MEETING NOV. 15TH

Brian Adams, world-renowned political science professor and author, has accepted our invitation to speak at our November 15th general meeting.



He plans to discuss the results of the upcoming November election and how the next two years will play out in federal, state and local levels. Professor Adams' research specifically explores why local governments do not live up to their democratic potential. He states, "As small jurisdictions, localities should be closer to the people,

allowing for more extensive citizen participation and greater accountability. Yet participation in local government is dismally low, and local officials are often unresponsive to citizen demands." Brian's 2007 book, *Citizen Lobbyists: Local Efforts to Influence Public Policy* was his first book, and his second book was *Campaign Finance in Local Elections: Buying the Grassroots*. His current research project explores how citizens discuss policy issues. We hope we will have record turnout so we can collectively understand all of the dynamics and implications of the November election - regardless of the outcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 10:30 A.M. and the meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 A. M. in the Winn Room of the Coronado Library.



Professor Brian Adams plans to recap the mid term elections and discuss other important issues on the political landscape.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 13TH, 2014!

You're Invited to the ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY! So Mark Your Calendar Today!

The Coronado Democratic Club is excited to invite you to our Holiday Party in the beautiful Coronado Cays. The day and time will coincide with your viewing of the Cays Holiday Boat Parade.

This year we're providing the entre and spirits!
Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014

Where: Jamaica Village Club House

When: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

What can you bring to add to the festivities?

Appetizer or Salad: Bring your favorite if your last name ends A-K

Dessert: Bring your favorite dessert if your last name ends L-Z

Please help us by volunteering to:

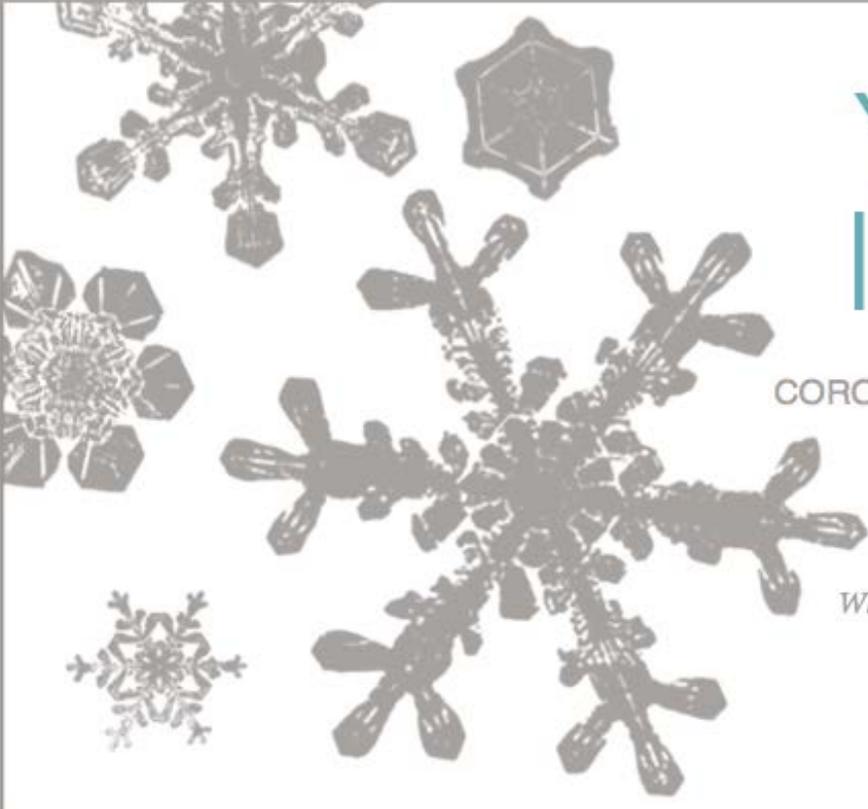
1. Set-up (3pm)
2. Clean-up (7pm)
3. Bring a raffle item
4. Serve at our "Welcome Table"

RSVP: your attendance, your wish to volunteer or bring a raffle item

Call Patti Flores-Charter
Cell 619-206-7450

Come celebrate our friendships and unity in democratic values during this special time of year.

See you at the party!



YOU'RE INVITED

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY

Host: Coronado Democratic Club

Phone: 619 206 7450

*When: Saturday, December 13 from 4:00 PM
to 7:00 PM*

*Where: Jamaica Village Club House
Jamaica Village Rd
Coronado, CA 92118*

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Congress, District 52

Once upon a time, we liked Carl DeMaio. That seems like a very, very long time ago. It might have even been in some kind of alternate universe. We currently regard him as the most objectionable politician who's tried to make a name in San Diego during CityBeat's 12-plus years here. He's worse than county Supervisor Bill Horn.

We can't stand DeMaio because all he cares about is Carl DeMaio. Sure, most politicians are self-centered, but DeMaio takes self-love and self-promotion to stratospheric heights. DeMaio's utterly detestable. Many of the people who've been aboard his bandwagon at various times will have nothing to do with him. Former City Councilmember Donna Frye famously called DeMaio a "sociopath." Former Mayor Jerry Sanders seemed always on the verge of strangling him. This is why DeMaio's talk of fixing the dysfunction in Congress is absurd. He is dysfunction in human form.

His political career has been built on bashing unions and starving the government of revenue. He doesn't care about providing services. He's a one-trick pony, and even that one trick seems to be performed in the service of promoting himself. He was more than happy to take taxpayer money when it was enriching him, through his public-sector-efficiency consulting business. As a councilmember, he had no problem outspending his colleagues to promote himself, using taxpayer money on fake plants and Teleprompters for speeches (he later lied by saying he never used Teleprompters), printing services, booths at community events and a smart-phone app.

His claim to fame is city pension reform, but even that is overblown. He didn't blow the whistle on the

problem, and while he did carry on about it incessantly, reform would have happened—and did happen, to a large extent—without him. The useful parts of 2012's Prop. B, the big pension-reform initiative he helped craft, could have been accomplished without an acrimonious ballot measure. But he needed it to help promote his run for mayor—that was the point.

After he lost the mayor's race to Bob Filner, and after Filner resigned, the city's conservative power structure chose Kevin Faulconer over DeMaio (what does that tell you?), so DeMaio ran for Congress as a consolation prize. It's not what he wanted. He wanted to be mayor: more power.

In order to appeal to the swing voters in District 52, DeMaio is trying to be something he's never been: a moderate who cares about issues he's never cared about. But he also has to walk a thin line: appealing to moderate voters while not upsetting the conservative national Republicans. Case in point: his views on climate change. He acknowledges that it's happening but isn't so sure the problem is manmade. Ha! The overwhelming scientific consensus says that it is manmade.

We could go on and on. But we should probably say a few words about the guy we're endorsing—after all, we elevated him to savior status on our cover.

Scott Peters, the incumbent, will never be the politician that progressives dream about, but he'll make us happy precisely 68.72 percent of the time. OK, fine, there's nothing remotely scientific about that number, but you get the point. Peters is perfect for this

district and its voters. Unlike DeMaio, who's had to contort himself to fit as a moderate, Peters has always been this guy, having served for eight years in a similar City Council district. He's essentially pro-business, pro-military, pro-environment and socially liberal.

Also unlike DeMaio, Peters has the ideal temperament for the House of Representatives, otherwise known as Wackadoodle Town. He doesn't just say he'll work well with others—he's always done it. He is decidedly sane. And he's the only thing that will rescue the nation from the horror show that San Diego knows all too well. Save us, Scott Peters; you're our only hope! If you're in the 52nd, for the love of all that's holy, please vote for Scott Peters. 'Nuff said. Please help us elect Scott Peters in November.

President's Message



Our by-laws list three purposes of this organization: To unite the Democrats of Coronado in an organization to promote democratic principles, to encourage increased understanding of the party objectives and to support the Democratic platform and nominees for office. Over the years your board has tried to be mindful of these objectives when planning programs and events for the membership. Admittedly some programs have been more successful

than others both in content and in drawing a sizeable attendance. Whatever the reason, the speaker, the weather, the time of day etc, I think it is time to look at our programs and to ask you our members for input. This need to come to you became all too clear several weeks ago when the club hosted a City Council Candidate Forum. Two of the three candidates are virtually unknown to the Coronado community. I thought that would attract many of our members who would want to meet and evaluate these candidates. That assumption turned out to be wrong. The attendance was embarrassing dismal. Obviously our members were not interested in this type of program. But why?

“We need to hear how you feel as we go about fulfilling the purposes of this club...”

The lack of attendance came as a surprise to me since I do not know how anyone can make an informed decision on whom to vote for without hearing them speak in person. Relying on their written answers to questions in the Eagle Journal is not the same as hearing them articulate their positions and answering questions on issues that will affect us all.

It's important for us to know why so few of our membership chose not to attend the forum. I'm not addressing those who were out of town, sick or had a conflict with another event. Was it the time of day? Was it that you feel there are more than enough opportunities to hear these candidates? Was it that you are not interested in a local non-partisan race? We need to hear how you feel as we go about fulfilling the purposes of this club. Please take a moment and e-mail me your thoughts and any suggestions you may have.

Ron Mandelbaum

THANK YOU TO TOM BERNITT

The Club wants to give a big thank you to Tom Bernitt for the wonderful job he is doing with the Go Team. We recognize that he has undertaken this project despite being overloaded with other responsibilities. We also know that he has been able to inspire his team to get out canvassing their precincts in spite of the worst record breaking heat wave this area has ever seen. It is still not too late to volunteer for the Go Team. Remember the Scott Peters-Carl DeMaio race for the 52nd District will

be very close and Scott Peters will need every vote we can get for him. So, if you are interested in re-electing Scott Peters and the Democratic slate please contact Tom at bernitt@aol.com



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on our website.

Our goal of 200 members has not yet been reached. We all know other Democrats, so please explain to them how important it is to have a strong, vibrant Democratic club here in Coronado and encourage them to join.



Useful tools and relevant articles are being added all of the time. Please make a commitment to the club by pledging to check out the site at least weekly, and in turn, we will make the promise to keep adding great content!

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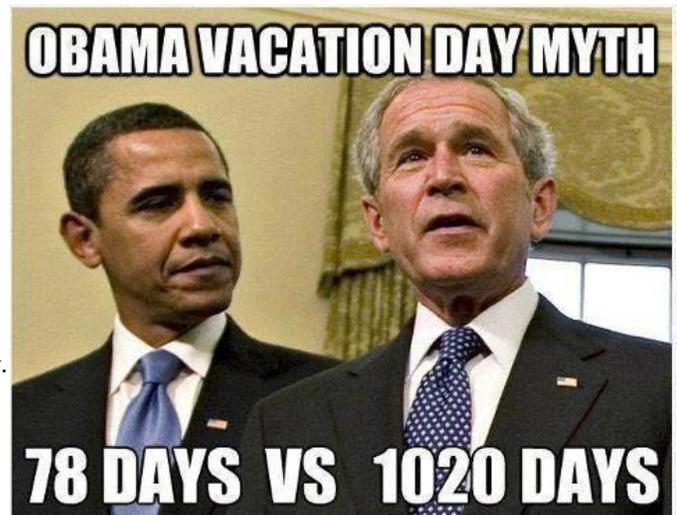
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CDC Mythbuster Image of the Month



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 4th, 2014 Election day. Remember to vote!
- Nov. 15th, 2014 General Meeting - Library Winn Room 11 AM - Refreshments served beginning at 10:30
- Dec. 13th, 2014 Holiday party - 4-7 PM - . See details in this newsletter.