



**ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING
MARCH 19, 2016 11:30AM**

David Murphy

**Executive Director of the International
Rescue Committee in San Diego**

Our annual luncheon meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 11:30 AM in the Coronado Golf Course Clubhouse.

Lunch will be \$20 per person. Reservations must be in by March 5th.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. David Murphy, Executive Director of the International Rescue Committee in San Diego.

The IRC was founded in the 1930s by Albert Einstein to help those displaced by World War II. For over 80 years, the IRC has worked to aid those affected by war, conflicts or persecution around the world. In San Diego, the IRC helps refugees to rebuild their lives with programs for Resettlement, Economic Empowerment, Community Integration and Youth Programs. More info: www.rescue.org

In addition to hearing our guest speaker, we will be voting on new board members for the 2016-2018 term. Reservation form is at the end of the newsletter.

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**Proposed Slate of
Officers for the
2016-2018 Term**

The nominating committee composed of Judy Bambace, Carol Grimaud, Marilyn Lindsay, Connie Pinkus and

Mercy Mandelbaum propose the following slate of officers for the 2016-2018 term: Carol Grimaud, Secretary and Sylvia Silverman, Treasurer. Both of these women have agreed to remain on the board for a second term. For Vice President, Frank

King, and for President, Ron Mandelbaum. This slate will be presented and voted upon at our March luncheon meeting. At that time we will accept nominations from the floor should anyone wish to be considered for any of the positions.

President's Message



Judging by the first two primary contests of this year's presidential campaign, 2016 is going to be an interesting and exciting year. Who would have guessed that a socialist and a TV reality star would be leading in their respective races for the nomination of their party?

The club endorsed Marty Block for State Senate at our January meeting so it was a big

surprise to learn he dropped out of the race several days later. Toni Atkins our present Assembly representative has an excellent chance of winning that Senate seat in November. Toni is a good friend of the club and we look forward to working with her as she undertakes her new role as our State Senate representative.

In January we sent out a mailer to about 1,200 registered Democrats in Coronado inviting them to join our club. I've been told that a 1% percent return, which would be 12 new members, is a very good response.

As of this writing we have had 30 new members join our club. Checks are still coming in,

so that figure will probably go higher. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and thank them for joining our club. Please join us at our various events and feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions or suggestions.

I want to also thank all our present members for their support and contributions to the club. They have been supporting our club year after year, quietly helping out in a multitude of ways without any recognition. Your presence at our meetings, 4th of July parade and other club activities is highly appreciated.

- Ron Mandelbaum

WE NEED YOU - NOW MORE THAN EVER

As noted in the last newsletter it is time to pay your 2016 membership dues. Many of you have already done this and we thank you for such a quick response. For those of you who have put off renewing your membership this message is for you.

Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Dues should be paid no later than February 29th. After that date we purge our roster of those who are delinquent in their payment. This means you will no longer be informed of club activities, meetings or special events. Please don't let this happen, fill out the application (found in this newsletter) and submit it as soon as possible.

Remember you can now also pay by credit card. Just go to our website coronadodemocrats.com and fill out the application.

Remember only those who have paid their dues for the current year are eligible to run for office or to vote on any issue that calls for a vote of the membership. Lastly, it is important that you fill out an application form each year, as it is our permanent record of memberships. Please note on your application any changes in information, phone number, home or email address etc. We want to keep you in the information loop.

If you have questions or comments please contact Mercy Mandelbaum at 435-1911 or at ycrem613@gmail.com

HUMANITY AND POLITICS *Michael J. Lavin*

Compassion and American politics are seemingly contradictory. Opposition and rudeness rule the day. Never do you hear a red senator tell a blue senator how they admire their work done with the homeless in their political district. Likewise, you would never hear Republicans saying, "Mr. Obama, I never voted for you nor would I ever vote for you, but your work on our economy is exemplary;" or a Democrat utter, "I have to praise my red colleagues for blocking all House bills since you were doing exactly what your constituency mandated."

Politics in our country, in recent years is neither passionate nor sympathetic but is attack dog and ruthless. Kindness, civility and forbearing have been replaced with inhumanity and malice. I personally maintained that negative prototype of politics and politicians for many years, until last year when my political boldness swerved. It was the night Joe Biden appeared on Stephen Colbert's Late Show. That was months ago, before debates, and before Bernie and Donald.

Biden's name characteristically fueled most talk shows with his notorious misquotes and body antics. I expected the same from his host. That was not to be: "Please welcome the 47th Vice President of the United States", Colbert announced. The interview opened with Colbert praising Joe because, "We know who you are, Mr. Vice President. You have few inherent fallacies, facades, or misconceptions. The major reason we like you, Joe is how you handled the recent death of your son, Beau. You did that with such dignity." The interview turned emotional. Colbert asked the Vice-President what Beau was like and what empowered him to get through such a profound loss.

Colbert reflected an observable empathy for Biden since he too had lost his father and two brothers to a plane crash when he was just ten years old. Biden continued: "When Beau was four years old, he was in a terrible automobile accident when his mother and sister perished. Even when Beau had virtually all his bones broken, he kept saying, 'Dad, I will be all right.' Even at that age, he had the patience and perspective to tell his father not to worry. My son was better than I was. He was better than I am in almost every way." Beau and his brother Hunter raised me after the deaths of my wife and daughter." Biden began to weep lightly, "When Beau's cancer returned, he never felt sorry for himself. Beau repeatedly said, 'I will be all right, but you have to take care of yourself. Remember what you taught me, nobody is better than you and you are no better than anyone.'" Biden said that Beau's moral compass was always turned on right to the very end. The emotional tone eased. Colbert asked the Vice President if he would run for the presidency after everything he had gone through. Biden responded, "Listen Stephen; if you plan to run for the White House, you damn well should be able to tell Americans that his or her whole heart, soul and passion are in the race. I would be lying if I said I was there."

So back to the present with its flummoxed hyperbole, hodgepodge positions and logos, daily political polls, insipid front yard ads, hate-filled bumper stickers, PAC money, teabaggers, and Trump, the mutineer. Now I live in dissonance receding from that meaningful interaction between Colbert and Vice President Biden. There is political humanity out there but unfortunately very little.

Parts of this story were published in the Coronado Eagle last November.

Notes From The January General Meeting

Ann Marie Bryan

At the January meeting the Coronado Democratic Club hosted a debate between State Senator Marty Block and Speaker of the Assembly, Toni Atkins. At the time, both Mr. Block and Ms. Atkins were vying for the State Senate seat that is currently held by Mr. Block. Political Science professor and frequent KPBS commentator, Carl Luna, moderated the debate. After the debate the Club members voted for the candidate

that they felt would best represent Coronado in the State Senate.

While the votes were being tallied, U.S. Congressman Scott Peters addressed the audience and took questions from his constituents. After the debate, the Coronado Democratic Club voted to endorse Mr. Block. Ultimately, Mr. Block dropped out of the race, leaving the Senate seat a sure win for Ms. Atkins, as no Republican is vying for this seat.

(This is part of a larger article that was previously posted in the eCoronado.com newspaper.)

Announcements

ANNUAL ROOSEVELT DINNER

On Saturday, April 2, 2016 the San Diego County Democratic Party will sponsor the 36th annual Roosevelt Dinner. This is the one time each year that all the local Democratic clubs and organizations meet to celebrate past victories and talk about the upcoming elections. The event also features a silent auction with many unique items on which to bid.

Since this is a Presidential election year, we will be rewarded with many high profile Democratic office holders and candidates. It is interesting and informative to be able to speak with and listen to these people. The dinner guest speaker has not yet been announced but is always someone interesting and dynamic.

The event will be held at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Restaurant, One Park Boulevard in San Diego. Check-in begins at 5:30 PM, reception is 6:00 PM and dinner and awards begin at 7:00 PM.

Our club has reserved a table, and though the price of seats is \$110.00, we are charging our members only \$80.00 per seat. This event is one you do not want to miss. We anticipate that tickets will sell out, so get your checks in quickly. Make your check out to the Coronado Democratic Club and send it to:

Coronado Democratic Club
P.O. Box 18-1351,
Coronado, CA 92178-1351

Coming Events

Feb 26-28, 2016

California Democratic Convention
San José, CA

Feb 29, 2016

Membership Dues due

Mar 19, 2016

Annual Luncheon and election of officers
Coronado Golf Course
11:30AM

Apr 2, 2016

Annual Roosevelt Dinner
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Restaurant
6:00PM

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CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

LUNCHEON RESERVATION



_____ Yes, I (we) will attend.
Lunch will be \$20.00 per person.
Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Luncheon choices – Please choose one per person:

- _____ Baked Tilapia served on Wilted Spinach with Herb Polenta
- _____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
- _____ Vegetarian - Artichoke Ravioli in White Wine Caper Sauce

NAME(S):

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 5, 2016

Make check payable to: **Coronado Democratic Club** & mail to:

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P.O. Box 18-1351
Coronado, CA 92178-1351

Coronado Democratic Club Membership Application



Name

Street

ZIP

Phone Mobile

Email

New member Renewal
Registered Democrat? - Yes
- No

Annual Dues: Individual \$20.00 Family \$30.00 Sustaining \$35.00+

Additional donations toward: July 4th Parade \$_____ Special Events \$_____

Payment: Cash Check Credit/Debit Card

If paying by check please complete this form and mail it with your check to:
Coronado Democratic Club, P.O. Box 181351, Coronado, CA 92178-1351

If paying by credit/debit card please visit our website coronadodemocrats.com and follow instructions.

We always need volunteers. 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.

General Meetings setup/tear down <input type="checkbox"/> (usually every other month)	Grassroots Organizing Team (GO Team) <input type="checkbox"/>
Voter registration <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Events <input type="checkbox"/>
Precinct walking <input type="checkbox"/>	Supplying refreshments for General Meetings or special events <input type="checkbox"/>
The March Luncheon <input type="checkbox"/>	Also, are you are interested in joining a standing committee <input type="checkbox"/>
4 th of July Parade <input type="checkbox"/>	or becoming a Board member? <input type="checkbox"/>
December Holiday Party <input type="checkbox"/>	

How did you hear about the club?

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