

**GENERAL MEETING
NOV 14, 2015 11:00AM**



Mayor Casey Tanaka

Coronado Mayor Casey Tanaka will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Coronado Democratic Club.

Casey Tanaka was elected Mayor in November 2008 and was sworn in as the 50th Mayor of the City of Coronado on December 2, 2008, after having served as City Councilman from 2002 to 2008. He was re-elected Mayor in November 2012.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th, at 11:00 AM in the Winn Room of the Coronado Public Library.

Mayor Tanaka will provide an update on several of the key issues facing our city as he enters the final year of his term.

There will be time for questions.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 14th, with refreshments being served beginning at 10:30AM.

As a reminder, that same evening, the Democratic candidates for President will hold their second televised debate.

Holiday Party

After considerable deliberation the Board has determined that we will forgo having a holiday party this December.

Sad to say, but for whatever reason the attendance at the December parties has been declining each year. We feel we should re-think what kind of social activities our membership would be interested in attending.

This past August we planned an informal picnic gathering at Spreckles Park where we could enjoy the music and visit with club members and their families. Here again the attendance was small. Twelve members attended and this included the committee who set it up.

If you have suggestions for club activities or if you feel that our by-monthly meetings offer enough opportunity to meet other Coronado Democrats please don't hesitate to let us know. We need your guidance.

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President's Message

A unique situation has developed in our State Senate District. Marty Block was elected as our State senator in 2012. Toni Atkins represents our district in the State Assembly. Ms. Atkins is being termed out and earlier this year she established an Atkins for Senate 2020 fund raising committee. Marty Block if re-elected would be termed out in 2020.

Several weeks ago, Toni announced she would challenge Marty for the Senate seat in 2016 rather than waiting until 2020.

Challenging an incumbent in your party is highly unusual and frowned upon by party leaders. Atkins endorsed Block in his 2012 run and donated to his campaign. The two lawmakers have nearly identical voting records. Both get high marks from core Democratic constituencies such as labor groups, environmentalists and gay rights advocates.

Spending money on a fight within the party for a safely held seat would have little appeal in any state, but even less so in California given the election rules enabling the top two vote-getters to advance to the general election regardless of party. That means the Block-Atkins contest could last until November, carrying a high price tag.

The money spent on this race means less money available for other more competitive races.

Toni Atkins has been an excellent legislator, a good friend of our club and someone I admire greatly. She has the right to run for the Senate in 2016 instead of 2020. However this raises the question: Is this action best for the interest of the Democratic Party or her own best interest?

Keep tuned in, as I am sure our club will invite these candidates to a debate and then we can vote to endorse one or the other, or decide not to endorse either candidate.

- Ron Mandelbaum

Coming Events Calendar

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10:30 AM greet and eat,

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Save the Date

January 31

1 PM

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San Diego, CA 92103

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San Diego County Democratic Party
pre-endorsement caucus

The San Diego County Democratic
Party will have a pre-endorsement
caucus on January 30th, 2016.

Each Democratic Club is able to
send representatives to this caucus.

The number of representatives is
based on membership. Our club can
send four (4) members. They will be
voting to endorse candidates
representing their Congressional,
Assembly and Senate districts. If you
have any questions or would like to
volunteer to be a representative to
this caucus, please call or e-mail me
at 435-1911 or
romerman1@gmail.com

GO TEAM

Attention Committed Democrats!!
(Not those Democrats you think
SHOULD be committed).

We will be holding GO Team tryouts
early next year. It's important that
you prepare diligently for a coveted
spot on the 2016 team. As a first
step, you must first pass the
qualifying exam by answering these
two questions:

1. Even if you have watched The
Apprentice (which you should
never admit publicly), did you
really think the Donald was
trustworthy back then, let alone
now?
2. Have you ever dreamed of Texas
seceding from the Union?

If you answered both of these
questions correctly, then you can
proceed to the next step which will
be unveiled at a meeting early in
2016. Good luck.
- Tom Bernitt

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