



Join us for an interesting and informative meeting on May 21. Coffee served at 10:30am and the meeting begins promptly at 11:00am in the Coronado Library's Wynn Room.

This program will be of interest to anyone who drives a car, takes a bus or trolley, rides a bicycle or walks anywhere in San Diego County - in other words everyone. Our featured speaker will be Charles "Muggs" Stoll, Director of Land Use and Transportation planning for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in San Diego, California.

### GENERAL MEETING

**MAY 21, 2016 11:00AM (coffee at 10:30am)**

Charles Stoll, Director of SANDAG

The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG, the San Diego Association of Governments. This public agency serves as the forum for regional decision-making. SANDAG builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transportation, and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life. SANDAG is governed by a Board of Directors, composed of mayors, council members, and county supervisors from each of the region's 19 local governments. Councilmember Carrie Downey is Coronado's member of the SANDAG Board of Directors.

The scheduled subject of Mr. Stoll's presentation will be the recently approved 40 years regional plan known as San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. However, the Board of Directors is considering a potential expenditure plan which, if approved, would be of timely interest to our membership and may supplement or supplant the originally scheduled program. Please join us for this current and interesting discussion.

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### Welcome our new Officers for the 2016-2018 Term

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

Mercy Mandelbaum proposed 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. The slate was presented and voted upon at our March luncheon meeting and the officers were elected unanimously.

## President's Message



Just about every Republican office holder decries The Affordable Care Act aka Obama Care. Their mantra is "repeal and replace" What they intend to replace it with is never spelled out in detail. The fact is that the Republican Party has never ever put forth a plan to deal with the health insurance issue.

We hear Donald Trump and others talk about allowing insurance companies to sell policies across state lines so that there's serious competition among insurance companies.

The reality is we don't need to pass a federal law to allow insurance companies to sell policies across state lines. Nothing in federal law prohibits states from allowing out-of-state insurance companies selling policies to their citizens. So why aren't more companies selling in all states? The reason is simple, it doesn't work financially for many insurance companies.

What the Affordable Care Act did was establish an "essential benefits package" which lays out basic minimum standards all individual policies must meet, no matter where they're sold.

A license to sell insurance in a given state isn't the only thing insurance companies need in order to be able to actually sell insurance. They need to know the state, analyze the health care needs of its population, recruit

participants, build a network of providers, negotiate rates, and more.

If you're a huge insurance company like Blue Cross, you might have the resources to replicate this effort in states across the country, which is why you can get Blue Cross insurance in multiple states. But smaller insurance companies based in a single state have found that, even when offered the opportunity to sell across state lines, it simply isn't worth the hassle.

Since allowing insurance companies to sell across state lines is already permitted under federal law, this Republican proposal doesn't even count as an actual "idea". It's just a political talking point. When it comes to health care, Republicans still have absolutely nothing to offer the American people.

- *Ron Mandelbaum*

## GO Team Volunteers (and Wannabe Volunteers)

Thank you to all who attended our GO Team kick-off meeting recently. A very good turnout considering it was Sunday morning and lightning struck several folks on their way for missing church. However, Todd Gloria and Carrie Ann Downey got us off to great start by firing up the assembled multitude with Sunday morning fire and brimstone.

As a way of providing timely information to everyone who wants to be part of the team, including many who couldn't make the last meeting, please contact me so that I can make a

2016 GO Team email collective. I promise I won't sell them to Spamail, Inc., unless the price is right.

So remember, GO Team Members are wanted and needed. The more we have, the less we walk. What a deal. And the fringe benefits are better than a weekend at Trump Towers. Contact Tom Bernitt (619-921-7224 or [bernitt@aol.com](mailto:bernitt@aol.com)) if you're ready, willing, enthused, and willing to knock on doors, only for praise and the satisfaction of getting out the vote when it counts. Also, of course, the heartfelt thanks of a grateful nation.

Thanks for volunteering and looking forward to a successful election season.

*Tom Bernitt*

## THREE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Coronado Democratic Club has awarded \$500 scholarships to three deserving Southwestern Community College students. These students have shown outstanding academic promise, as well as dedication to the values of the Democratic Party. The awards will be formally presented at the May 21 general meeting. Be sure to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to meet these outstanding students and to recognize their accomplishments.

Scholarship Committee members Jean Seager, Carol Grimaud and Connie Pinkus were very impressed with the quality of the applicants and had a hard time selecting just three winners.

In alphabetical order, the winners of the 2016 John F. Kennedy Young Democrat Award are:

Rebecca James: Rebecca is an energetic full-time student who works two jobs and

participates in the Black Student Union and the Hiking Clubs on campus. In addition, for the past several years she has run a Girl Scout troop, an activity which she identifies as the most rewarding of all.

Lalena Janke: Lala is a gregarious, well-spoken, personable young woman who is working toward a career in biomedical engineering. She hopes to engage in research to help people with genetic diseases. In addition to her studies at Southwestern, Lala works as a tutor at the Writing Center. She participated in presidential primaries by doing phone banking for Super Tuesday last March.

Cassandra Wickstrom: Cassandra is a superior student who is active in the Student Association for Gender Equality and represents the club on the Inter-Club Council. As part of the International Women's Day celebration, Cassandra designed and produced a booklet outlining the history and importance of feminism. Copies of the booklet will be available at the May 21 meeting.

## CORONADO'S ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - THEME "AMERICA'S CELEBRATION"

Yes, it's time to mark your calendar to join your club in Coronado's 4th of July parade. When we participate in this city-wide event, we demonstrate to our community that there are many Democrats here in Coronado and that we have an active, vibrant club.

So plan now to be a part of this year's celebration. You, your family and friends can join the fun. We have electric cars and a convertible for you to ride. Or you can walk or bicycle the parade route. Children on scooters or wagons are welcome, too.

We will supply the decorations. All you'll need to do is RSVP your participation and then pick up festive decorations for the 4th at 442 I Ave, Coronado during the week before the parade.

You will receive an email with the location and meeting time prior to the parade.

On parade day we encourage everyone to wear any Democratic Club tee shirt you may have, whether you are in the parade or a spectator. So get those old shirts ready for the big day.

Further details will be forthcoming. If you need to ride in a car, want to RSVP, and/or have questions, contact Patti Flores-Charter at (H) 437-1952 (C) 206-7450 or [ccnado@san.rr.com](mailto:ccnado@san.rr.com)

We look forward to celebrating with you in the parade on the 4th!

# Announcements

## Coming Events

**May 21, 2016**

General Meeting - Wynn Room,  
Coronado Library

**July 4, 2016**

Annual 4th Of July Parade

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