



GENERAL MEETING - "FAKE NEWS"

MAY 12, 2017 11:00 AM
SOCIAL TIME 10:30AM

Please join us May 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Coronado Library Winn Room to hear Karin Winner, former editor of the San Diego Union-Tribune, discuss "Fake News" and its effect on our current political and social worlds.

For 16 years Karin Winner served as Vice President/ News & Editor of the San Diego Union-Tribune (which won two Pulitzer Prizes under her leadership). She retired in 2010 after 33 years with the U-T.

Today, she chairs the board of inewsource, a nonprofit investigative journalism organization that partners with KPBS, San Diego's public broadcasting station, and serves on the boards of The Old Globe Theater, San Diego State University's Campanile Foundation, the KPBS advisory council and the Chancellor's Community Advisory board at UCSD. She is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club 33, The Wednesday Club, Women Give and the International Women's Forum. A graduate

of The Bishop's School and the University of Southern California (BA, Journalism), Karin was the recipient of the Ellen Browning Scripps Distinguished Alumna from The Bishop's School; San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's "The Courageous Leadership" award; the outstanding alum award of the USC School of Journalism and a Girl Scouts' "Cool Women" honoree.

Coffee and snacks served starting at 10:30 AM.



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President's Message



"The partisan primary system, which favors more ideologically pure candidates, has contributed to the election of more extreme officeholders and increased political polarization. It has become a menace to governing."
— Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY)

During my conversations with fellow Democrats, the subject of ideological purity v. winning elections occasionally arises. We in California are fortunate to have all statewide constitutional offices, and majorities of both houses of the Legislature and our Congressional delegation safely in the hands of the Democratic Party.

Primary election voters of both Democratic and Republican parties often have a tendency to vote for the most ideologically pure

candidate. This isn't necessarily a problem in states or districts where the general election outcome isn't in doubt; however, in "swing" states or districts, general election voters (including independents) may prefer candidates who reside closer to the center of the ideological spectrum.

Some election reforms have been tried in an effort to moderate primary election outcomes. One is the "open" primary, in which any voters may vote in a party's primary election. Another is the "top-two" primary (sometimes called "jungle" primary), in which candidates from all parties are grouped together on one ballot, and the two candidates receiving the most votes advances to the general election. California is one of three states that uses a top-two primary in partisan elections (the others are Louisiana and Washington; Nebraska uses an open primary for its officially non-partisan legislative races).

The idea behind "open" and "top-two" primary elections was that if all voters, not just those registered with a particular party, could vote for any party's candidates, it would

result in more moderate candidates advancing to the general election. Whether this is the case remains a subject of intense research and discussion among political scientists.

In recent special elections, those Democratic candidates who managed to get elected in traditionally Republican states or districts held positions that hewed more closely to their electorate's beliefs than Democratic candidates one might find in a Democratic stronghold. In California, we have an opportunity to "flip" a number of Congressional seats from "red" to "blue;" two of these are all or partially in San Diego County. Would an ideologically pure candidate or one who is perceived to be more moderate have a better chance of winning such a contest?

Some primary voters "sincerely" vote for candidates who adhere to their own personal beliefs; other, "strategic" voters will try to elect the candidate who has the best chance of winning the general election for their party. Which kind of voter are you?

- *Frank King*

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

A very big thank you must go out to eight of our fellow club members who gave up their Saturday morning to register voters. Rather than sleeping late or lounging about with their coffee they were at 3rd and B Street in Civic Theater Plaza meeting, congratulating and registering new citizens who had just completed their Naturalization Ceremony in Golden Hall.

Thank you Judy Bambace, Patricia Cowett, Lori Doyle, Diana Greenspan, Jerry Greenspan, Kathleen Kilby, Connie Pinkus and Barbara Simon for a job well done.

Once a month (on Wednesday mornings) this Naturalization Ceremony takes place in Golden Hall and volunteers are always needed to help these new citizens with the process of registering to vote. Our club had committed to having volunteers there once a year, however any of us can volunteer to help when it is convenient for you. Take along a friend on any of the following dates. They will be 4/18/18, 5/16/18, (both meet at 10:00 AM) 6/20/18 & 7/11/18 (will have two sessions, 10:00 AM and again at 2:30PM. For more information call or email Mercy Mandelbaum at (619) 435-1911, ycrem613@gmail.com

Coronado's Annual Independence Day Parade

Yes, it's time to mark your calendar and join us to march in Coronado's Fourth of July parade. When you participate in this city-wide event, you 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 :

1. Ride a bicycle, or walk, children on scooters or wagons, etc. are welcome too.
2. We have electric cars and a convertible

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

You will receive an email with the location and time we'll meet prior to the parade.

On parade day we encourage everyone to wear any past Democratic Club tee shirt you may have whether you are in the parade or a spectator. So get out those old shirts and get them 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) (619) 437-1952 (C) (619) 206-7450 or ccnado@san.rr.com

We can't wait to celebrate with you and the rest of our city on July 4th

MEMBERS REQUIRING RIDES - THE OFFER STILL STANDS

While most of our general meetings are on a Saturday morning, once in awhile we do have an event in the evening. We have some members who would like to attend our meetings or events but need transportation. If any member needs a ride to a meeting or event, please do not hesitate to call any of the board members and we will provide transportation for you.

PRE-REGISTER at 16, VOTE at 18

Did you know that 16- and 17-year-olds in California can now preregister to vote? According to California's Secretary of State, Alex Padilla, more than 100,000 teenagers have already done so. This comes in the wake of a nationwide tide of youth activism over gun control that now has young people ready to take their collective power to the polls.

"We are seeing the impact that young people can have when they stand up and engage," Padilla said in a statement. "Since California launched pre-registration, 100,000 soon-to-be voters have answered the call to participate in their democracy. As Secretary of State, I want to do all we can to encourage civic engagement among our youth." According to the Huffington Post, young voters nationwide consistently have some of the lowest election turnouts of any age bracket. Studies have shown preregistration can help boost their numbers. A 2014 Duke University study found states that have introduced preregistration laws typically see an increase of youth voter turnout by an average of 2 to 13 percentage points. California is one of 13 states, along with the District of Columbia, that allow citizens as young as 16 years old to preregister to vote, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. This preregistration process allows youth to become automatically eligible to vote when they turn 18.

California youth who preregister to vote will have their registration become active once they turn 18 years old. Preregistering allows 16- and 17-year-olds to complete the online voter registration form (www.registertovote.ca.gov), providing sufficient time and opportunity to get ready to vote.

So, if you are the parent, grandparent, relative or friend of a teenager, please encourage preregistration. These young people have the potential to save our democracy. For more information, go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pre-register-16-vote-18

Announcements

TEAM UP WITH THE GO TEAM

Due to some unfortunate circumstances, the Coronado Democratic Club will not have a GO Team for this year's mid-term elections. However, you may not have noticed but one Donald J. Trump (so aptly characterized by his former Secretary of State) is still with us as a national embarrassment. Therefore, we encourage everyone, whether you were a GO Team volunteer in years past or not, to get involved. There are multiple opportunities where we can make a difference. Pick a contested race (can anyone say Duncan Hunter?), choose a candidate you like and contact their election headquarters to see where they need help, or volunteer for a phone bank to try and tip the scales blue (Wyoming governor's race comes to mind). Just to get you started, here are some websites that would provide preliminary information:

- sddemocrats.org
- www.scottpeters.com
- www.toniatkinsforsenate.com
- www.toddlgloriaforassembly.com

ROOSEVELT DINNER

On Saturday, April 7, the San Diego County Democratic Party held its 38th Annual Roosevelt Dinner, called "Building the Big Blue Wave," at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. Around 1,000 Democratic leaders, candidates, activists and friends came together to affirm our values, celebrate our successes, honor our heroes, and

recommit to fight for equality, justice and opportunity for all.

Among the guests attending were 10 members of the Coronado Democratic Club: Councilwoman Carrie Downey, President Frank King and his wife Joan, Vice-President Tom Bernitt, Treasurer Patrick Callahan and his wife Debbie, Patti and Chuck Charter, Edith Kaspin, and Judy Bambace. The event included a reception, silent auction, three-course dinner, and awards presentation. The highlight of the evening was keynote speaker Jennifer Granholm, the first woman to be elected as Michigan's Governor in 2002. She served two terms as Governor, leading a state with a \$40 billion annual budget and more than 55,000 employees. She pioneered clean energy innovation and economic development and led Michigan through the national economic crisis in the automotive and manufacturing sectors. Former Governor Granholm gave an impassioned, entertaining and inspiring speech, encouraging us to fight for victory in the upcoming elections and reminding all of us about the fundamental Democratic value of taking care of each other like family.

COMING EVENTS

MAY 12, 2018
General Meeting - "Fake News"

Winn Room, Coronado Library
11:00 AM Meeting

July 4, 2018
Annual 4th of July parade

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