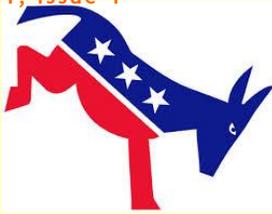


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Presidents Message February 2014

A hearty welcome to all our fellow and future Democrats as the year 2014 blossoms. I would first like to thank our new Club officers for donating their time to help our organization.

This New Year is a new time for progressive change and hope for the future. I hope that you don't mind me stating the obvious: that one of the biggest hazards to our future is the massive tidal wave of corporate cash that continues to exert significant influence at every level of our government. Ignoring the periodic natural tendency for private commercial interests to rule their nations and seek worldwide domination of commerce would ignore past historical lessons. These examples include the French Revolution and our own American Revolution that began by the corporate over-reach of the East India Company. Ignoring the reality of our current plutocracy would be to forget the last time the same cycle led to runaway corporate influence approximately 90 years ago. That earlier cycle led to catastrophic consequences in America in the 1920's and spread to Spain, Italy and Germany in the 1930's and 1940's.

The Castro Valley Democratic Club started off the year with a bang as we were well represented in San Francisco on Jan. 31st. At an anti Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) rally and march. The TPP is yet another corporate scam like NAFTA or CAFTA. We gathered for a rally in front of minority leader Nancy Pelosi's office, then marched to Sen. Feinstein's office. As we know, both Sen. Reid and Rep. Pelosi would not vote to allow a FastTrack approval of TPP in their respective chambers.

This is an illustration of what people power can do. We Democrats of this area can exert significant influence on political decisions through the Castro Valley Democratic Club in 2014 and into the future. As a good friend said to me recently: "If you pay attention you realize it is all about politics. And if you don't it is STILL politics." With that fact it is clear that all Americans should make politics a part time job. And it starts with you. I am looking forward to lots of good times this year as we work to make America all it can be for our children and the next generation. Our next meeting will be Tuesday Feb. 25th, 7pm in the Graydon Room of the Faith Lutheran Church 20080 Redwood Rd. (across from the old Castro Valley Library.) Speaker will be Karen Monroe, Candidate for Alameda County Superintendent of Schools.

Sal Tedesco Tribute- Please take a moment to check the wonderful tribute to our member Sal Tedesco that Bob Swanson has put up on our website. Sal was a loyal Democrat and a great person. He will be missed. A Celebration of Sal's life will be held on Sat. March 1st from 2pm-6pm, 5675 Greenridge Rd. Drop by and share your memories of Sal.

On going Events

Peace & Pizza
2nd Friday of Month,
510-581-6118 for info.
Meet fellow
Progressives, watch
movies, lively
discussions!

Coffee&Consciousness
1st Saturday of month
1:30pm @Don Jose's
Talk politics! Fun!

Climate Change Community Forum

.A community forum titled "What? Sharks in my Backyard!" will take place on this Saturday at 2pm in the Castro Valley Library. Learn about the effects of climate disruption on the East Bay. Sea levels are projected to rise 16 inches by the year 2050 and 55 inches by 2100, inundating the Oakland Airport, the City of Alameda, and directly affecting 80,000 East Bay residents. Come and learn from the panel of experts what we can do. This is going to be an excellent event so come early to get a good seat.

Save the Dates: March 20th St., Pats Dinner @Carpenters Hall 5:30 -10pm. 1050 Mattox Rd, Hayward.

Candidates Endorsement Forum w/ Hayward Demo's Local endorsements 3-21-14, State & Federal 3-28-14 at Walpert Center.

St. Pats Parade with Ellen Corbett, 3-15-14 in Dublin