

Castro Valley Democratic Club Newsletter September 2011

## **Greeting Democrats:**

At our last meeting local activist, Billy Bradford spoke about the twists and turns of bringing about the recent Castro Valley Gay Pride Rally. While things went very well with local officials, there is a faction in Castro Valley that seems bent on denying rights at any cost! These folks have turned on the local churches that "allowed" the rally and now protest at the church gates! Thank you Billy for your dedication to helping gay teens in our community and your activism! (And for speaking to our Club too!)

**FALL FESTIVAL- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**- The Fall Festival is Sept 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers are needed to staff the booth. The Sunday AM shift is especially in need of help. The booth sets up at around 9:30 and the festival ends at 6:30. We try to have 2-3 people in the booth to register new voters, answer questions, and recruit new members for the club. It is really a lot of fun and a good way to meet your fellow Democrats. Please contact Karl Hodges to sign up, 889-8132.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE UPDATE** Volunteers are needed to register new citizens to vote at the New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony in Oakland. This is held at the Paramount Theatre. Shifts are 7:30 to 9:00AM (6-8 volunteers needed) and from 10 AM til Noon (10-12 Volunteers needed) Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612. This is a very meaningful experience for volunteers and new voters alike. Dr.Jennifer Ong will have materials for volunteers to hand out to those waiting and will coordinate the morning shift (drjenniferong@gmail.com)

**Ceremony Dates:** Wed. September 7<sup>th</sup>, Wed Sept.27<sup>th</sup> Wed Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wed. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, and Wed. December 14<sup>th</sup>.Chinese and Spanish speakers are needed for both shifts. Please **RSVP** via email to Sharon Ball (sball45050@sbcglobal.net)

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