

MORONGO BASIN DEMOCRATIC CLUB
NEWLETTER
SEPTEMBER, 2015

SEPTEMBER MEETING

We meet this Saturday, September 12th at Bruce's Coyote Kitchen at Copper Mountain College. A \$10 breakfast is served at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 10:00.

Business includes voting to endorse two candidates for the November, 2015 elections, a proposed bylaws change, planning a candidates night, and much more.

We will also begin thinking about the 2016 elections.

Please join us !

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

Our bylaws require that membership dues be paid annually at the beginning of September. Therefore we ask that you pay your dues using one of these methods:

- 1] go to our website and use paypal to pay;
- 2] mail a check to us OR
- 3] come to the September meeting and pay then !

Individual Membership: \$ 24
Individual Supporting \$ 50
Couple Regular \$ 36
Couple Supporting \$ 75

Checks payable to MBDC or Morongo Basin Democratic Club



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DEMOCRAT

Check out this simple yet powerful description of a Democrat !

<http://sanbernardinodemocrats.org/get-involved/>

CLUB NEWS & REMINDERS

- **We are moving toward becoming a green club ! We will email reports and the agenda to members and hopefully project them for the meeting.**
- **We are also asking that members bring cups & glasses from home to avoid our using the Styrofoam cups available at the Kitchen.**
- **We have joined the four area Chambers of Commerce – JT, Yucca, 29 and Morongo Valley. We are sending representatives to each Chamber.**
- **Ron Cohen & Marc Greenhouse are very active with the county organization as well as the state. Our club is gaining visibility and prominence thanks to their work.**

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MEMBERSHIP

The executive board has set a goal to have 100 members by the new year. We are offering a modest award to the member who recruits the most new members – a free membership for one year ! Please invite friends and neighbors to join us !

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**REGION 19 REPRESENTATIVE
REPORTED TO US ON A HOST OF
IMPORTANT STATE ISSUES !**

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: The deadline to submit a resolution for consideration at the next Executive Committee meeting is July 15, 2015. A resolution must be sponsored by a member of the State Central Committee. Go to cadem.org/page?id=0066.

There is a list of current resolutions on the site.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

There are two subcommittees – State Legislation and Federal Legislation.

For information or help call Committee Staff at 916 743 2782.

BALLOT MEASURES

There are three certified for the November 2016 ballot, a Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Initiative; a Multilingual Education Act and Plastic Bag Ban Referendum. There is a long list of pending resolutions as well.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

You may view the platform at www.cadem.or/resrouces?id=0003.

DELEGATES TO 2016 CONVENTION

If you would like to explore becoming a delegate it is possible. The Convention is in Philadelphia July 25 – 29, 2016. Visit the website for more information.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE

The California Senior Legislature is a volunteer body whose mission is to gather ideas for legislation at the state and federal levels and advocate for laws implementing ideas to help Seniors. Currently there are 40 Senior Senators and 80 Senior Assembly members.

**SENATE BILL 128 – END OF LIFE OPTION
ACT**

The Senate passed this bill in June. It is now in the Assembly. Three committees must vote on the bill – Health, Judiciary and Appropriations before it reaches the floor. September 11 is the deadline so contacting members of each of these committees will help . If you go to www.compassionandchoices.org and click on Take Action you will be able to reach the appropriate Assembly members.

MARIJUANA INITIATIVES

There are several efforts to legalize marijuana and regulate and tax it like alcohol. LT. Gov Newsom supports this effort and is working to make it happen. Testimony is being received now. A report is scheduled for release in August.

**MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE
IN AMERICA**

This is a grass roots movement whose mission is to pressure companies who allow open carry in their stores to reconsider this decision. These stores have gun sense [have banned open carry] New Seasons Market, Panera, Sonic, Chili's, Target, Chipotle, Jack in the box, and Starbucks.

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