



MORONGO BASIN DEMOCRATIC CLUB
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DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER MEETING: It is Saturday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. at Bruce's Coyote Kitchen at Copper Mountain College. An optional \$10 breakfast is served at 9:00 a.m. The agenda includes seeking volunteers to serve on the Interview Panel. This panel meets with candidates who are seeking Club endorsement. Several volunteers are needed.

MBDEMS FUNDRAISER DECEMBER 15th.

Panda Express has offered MBDEms the opportunity to make some money while enjoying their food. On **Tuesday December 15, 2015.** anyone who purchases food after presenting a coupon will be making a donation to our club. The coupon will be sent as soon as it is available. You cannot go to Panda Express on the day of the event and receive a coupon. They must be given out in advance.

MBDEMS JANUARY AUCTION & POTLUCK

Friday, January 15, 2016, at the Aztec Park Clubhouse we will be holding our first, probably annual, Auction & Potluck Supper. Please save the date. Please also look for good items that you are willing to donate. Auctioneer Ron Cohen is receiving donations. The parking at Aztec is limited so we are hoping there will be carpooling.

We want to gather folks into our Club at this event. Please invite people who might become active members.

MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT:

Our successful endorsed candidates – Matthew Campos and Johnny Tolbert will be sworn into office on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Covington Park. The public is welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to report that the Club membership has climbed to 100 ! Because it happened so quickly we made the decision to set a new membership goal – 125. Earlier in the fall we decided to offer a prize to the member who brought in the most new members. We will announce the winner of the prize – free annual membership – at the January meeting.

CAMPAIGN AND CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting has been scheduled for December 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sawyer's home: 57929 Centerbury St., Yucca Valley – on the mesa.

SEEKING CANDIDATES

We have set a goal of having at least one candidate run for each open position ! We believe strongly that we can make a difference as more Democrats come forward to become involved. Please consider seriously running for an office. The openings are listed below.

- Yucca Valley town Council – 2 seats
- 29 Palms Council – 2 seats
- High Desert Water District – 2 seats
- Joshua Basin Water Board – 3 seats
- High Desert Memorial Health Care District – 3 seats
- Copper Mountain College Trustees – 3 seats
- Morongo Unified School District – 3 seats.

There are 18 open positions. The club recommends that if you are interesting in running for any of these positions that you start attending the meetings now – in order that you become familiar with the specific issues as well as become an informed candidate for the office. It is also important that you file a 501 – intent to run – document.

Marv Sawyer and/or Ron Cohen are both happy to talk with you about the process and about serving.

POLITICAL RESEARCH AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Newly appointed chairman Eric Diesel has been busy getting to know the voters in the basin. He found that keeping land available for OHVing and keeping guns available are important to basin residents. He also found that the Mental Health services available to us are very inadequate. He recommends that we sponsor or support events that teach appreciation for

the plants and very fragile lands that are the Mojave Desert. Education being one key to gaining support for land preservation and for understanding how fragile the desert truly is. He also recommends that the Board members become Wikipedia editors to keep information accurate.

WEBSITE

Please don't forget to check the website. Ron updates it regularly.

FACEBOOK

Morongo Basin Democratic Club is the group name. Missy Boyd and Rebecca Unger are updating it regularly. There is an old group so make sure you join the current and active one.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – DECEMBER 12

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 3

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