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LAST MEETING

Eighteen members and two guests (one was a most mature eight year old!) attended the September meeting. Although we didn't have a guest speaker, all present were in fine spirits due to Hillary's positive performance at the first debate the night before.

Our officers gave their reports and club business transpired. An item of high interest was a summary of why our club was denied our request to register voters at Rim High School. President Mickey was passionate in her accounting of the discussions she had with the Superintendent and others. The end result was that she was assured that the county registrar of voters would be on campus to register students this month and that, in the future, the district would insure that voter registration takes place at the high school in a timely manner.

Mickey and VP Glen detailed what transpired at the County Central Committee meeting last week. Members of the central committee gave advice concerning the voter registration situation, information on how they will supply us with voting information in print form, and how we can access their data base of our local registered democrat voters. We will use this information to contact all on the list in the Lake Arrowhead zip code and do mailings to other areas in our area. A focused discussion ensued as to best use of our limited funds for the mailing. A motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously, to give the Board the ability to spend an additional \pm \$600 on mailings. Details on how our club members, as well as friends and family members, can do phone calls will be forthcoming.

Mickey distributed and then explained proposed updates to our By-laws. These changes will be voted on at our next meeting.

We still have Hillary 2016 buttons for sale! Contact Keith or Glen if you want some. They are \$2 each. And don't forget our Hillary Banner! Its available to use to any/all club members. Contact Keith or Glen.

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of Alpine Escrow in the Blue Jay Mall.

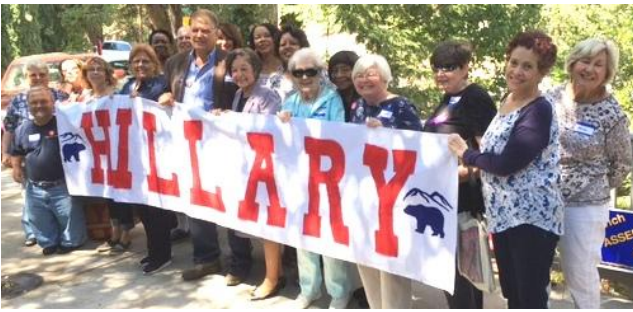
CLUB NEEDS

- **A Phone Tree Chairperson**
- **Voter Registration Chair**
- **Guest Speaker suggestions**

Contact Mickey Laws, (760) 567-6159

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IN THE COMMUNITY



The UNITY BANNER continues to spread across the country – and we're doing our part!



The Active Transportation Plan

The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District is developing an Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The Plan which will be developed over 3 years will identify opportunities for people to walk, bicycle, and use other forms of active transportation as alternatives to driving. The ATP will benefit education, public health and safety, as well as conserve the environment and enhance tourism & recreation which are important parts of our mountain economy. The ATP process needs your help in identifying needed alternative facilities including interconnected trails, bicycling facilities, connections to mass transit and safe routes to schools and other public improvements that will encourage physical fitness, reduce obesity and greenhouse gas emissions. One way to give your input is to participate in the [online survey](#). It is easy and will immediately add your perspective to the discussion.



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CALL FOR POLITICAL ACTION



Concerts Across America became a very large, peaceful protest and organizing effort to end gun violence in our country. Our Mountain Action for Peace & Justice sponsored the Concert Across America/Lake Arrowhead concert on Sunday September 25th. It was one of 350 concerts

across America to remember the victims of gun violence and to call for an end to such violence. There was a literature table with supporting articles and a petition calling for ending loopholes in background checks. Sherry Bailey, Chairperson of the event, spoke on the importance of protecting children, domestic partners and all people from gun violence.

The audience was entertained by Grits & Grady which included two songs by Bob Sherman; John Mc Gill; Highland Pickers and George Barton who ended with a sing along. The event was held at the Tudor House who provided important support for the venue and live streaming.

The local media was supportive with excellent articles in the Mt. News and the Alpenhorn. The Mt. Bear Democratic Club was helpful with publicity and volunteer positions. Thanks! The attendance was less than hoped for.

There were about 40 – 50 attendees over the course of the 3 hours. Some blamed the wind, some the Sunday afternoon slot and some the fact that mountain people don't like political/serious events. Despite the attendance, the event joined in the national campaign to end gun violence, provided widespread education through the media and made new friends through the organizing. Thank you to everyone who spread the word, attended or helped in any way.



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VOTING NEWS

The [Supreme Court](#) is now 2-1 for expanding voting rights. A suit was rejected that would have given Ohio even more time to both vote and register, but it also would have gone against the State's intent, and that was deemed unnecessary.

Online registration with Snapchat . . . can online voting be far behind?

"Now you can register to vote in Snapchat," by [Mashable's Kerry Flynn](#): "The mobile storytelling app is running a public service campaign in partnership with nonprofit Democracy Works' TurboVote that encourages voter registration and allows users to check their eligibility and register all within Snapchat. Any Snapchat user in the U.S. who is 18 and older and therefore eligible to vote can see the video ads between Snapchat Stories and Discover that direct to a voter registration mobile webpage within the app that's powered by TurboVote. The campaign began on Sept. 15 and lasts until Oct. 7."



Every vote counts in this election, and every policy change during the next administration will have repercussions. One repercussion might not be what you expected – the end of the separation of church and state, as [Chris Hedges explains](#).

There are those who seem to stubbornly refuse to see reason . . . at least from the perspective of a Democrat. A writer for the online ExtraNewsfeed, David A. Hill, had a very open and revealing discussion with a supporter of the GOP nominee. His article, "[I Listened to a Trump Supporter](#)" is a very good read.

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LOCAL CANDIDATES

Scott Markovich on Education

Public education funding formulas need to be adjusted for smaller and rural districts. They should reimburse unique costs. For example, the transportation costs of a district like Rim of the World Unified are more than the state reimburses. Rim has to make up the deficit from their general fund. This causes the district to make cuts in other areas. The cost of transportation in urban schools is significantly less, but the state funding formulas are the same for both rural and urban districts. Both are required to get every child to school by mandate.



If I get elected to the state assembly, this will be one of my main objectives. Assembly District 33 has many small rural school districts that need transportation funding addressed fairly to reflect actual costs.

JOIN US SATURDAY

1 pm - 5 pm at

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FREE ADMISSION

Dr. Rita Ramirez

This will be a fun-filled day of entertainment and connection with the Democratic candidates for office in our area. It will be from 1pm – 5pm and is Hosted by Dr. Rita Ramirez – CD 08, Scott Markovich – AD 33,



Johnathon Ervin – SD 21, and Blanca Gomez and William Berghoff, both candidates for Victorville City Council.

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LOVE TRUMPS HATE

Poverty makes for hungry people, and hungry people become desperate. When you support Charter Schools that cripple the minds of young people and loans to high school graduates that cripple their lives, you end up with teens who just can't get enough food to be healthy. We should all pay attention to [this study](#).

It seems incredible we're seeing anti-semitism on the rise in our own country. [Victoria A. Brownworth](#) is very much worth a 'follow' on Twitter.

CALIFORNIA POLITICS



The international direction of California Politics . . . is currently pointed toward cleaning up the mess left by the GOP nominee. This [Politico article](#) explains why Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de León is headed to Mexico.



Adelanto rejects small rate increase after a heated debate. Councilman Jermaine Wright led the charge against the plan, drawing from two points of contention: Infrastructure upgrades, he claimed, have yet to occur since the last hikes and, plus, Adelanto residents couldn't afford even a minuscule increase. This [Victorville Daily Press article](#) lays it out for you.

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California Politics (cont.)

Sam Mahood is the Press Secretary for California's Secretary of State. He is tasked with helping the voters understand the measures we'll be deciding upon in November. For each measure placed on the ballot, the Voter Information Guide contains a great deal of useful information for voters. Each measure in the guide is accompanied by an impartial analysis of the proposal and the potential costs to taxpayers as prepared by the Legislative Analyst's Office, arguments in favor and against it prepared by proponents and opponents, the text and a summary prepared by the Attorney General or the Legislature, as well as other information. The California Democratic Party thinned it down to two pages.



Sick of being given the run-around, a non-profit has been formed to sue the MEMBERS of the Coastal Commission . . . for malfeasance. This LA Times article explains how that may cause bodies that refuse the will of the people to pay the price.

For faith based colleges there are exemptions available for those that refuse to support certain laws. Requirements to post their intent to discriminate are now law . . . for the protection of the students. This Newsweek article explains the results of California SB-1146.



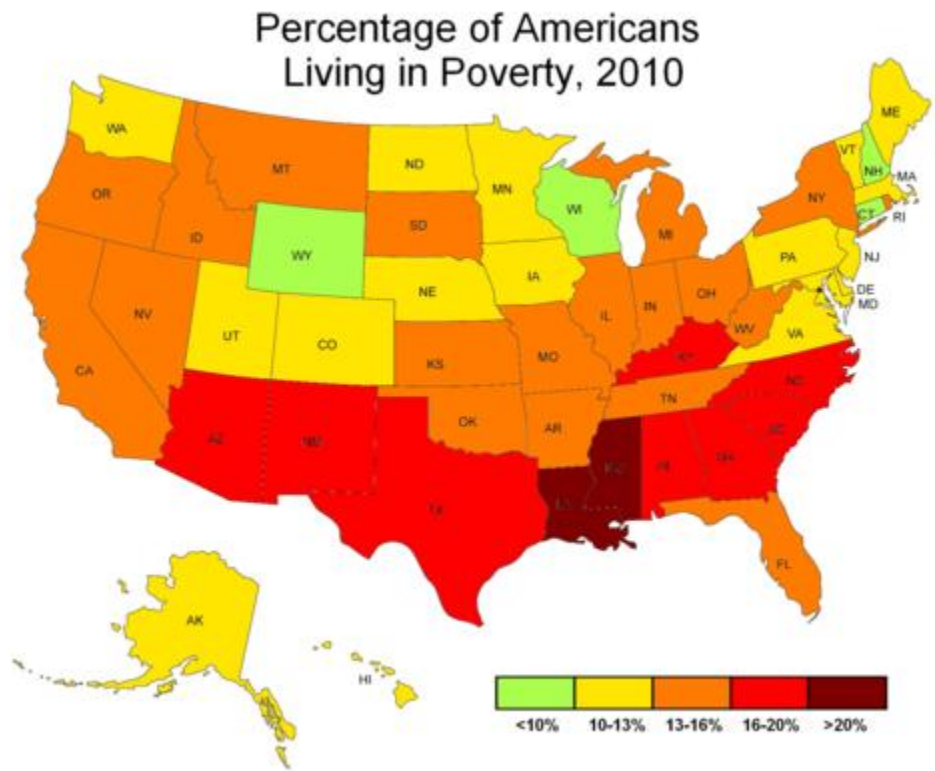
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BUSINESS AND NATIONAL POLITICS

Middle class income has finally risen . . . a little. The middle class and poor have had the best year since GW Bush left us with the Great Recession. It just seems a bit difficult for some to feel like celebrating, as this [Washington Post article](#) points out.

This map shows information gathered during the last census.

Unemployment in San Bernardino and Riverside counties stood above 6% in August. In Imperial County, unemployment reached 23% — the highest rate in the state. This [LA Times story](#) breaks it down for us.



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General ELECTION News

So many are confused about the motivation behind otherwise logical or thoughtful people who still support the GOP nominee. An article in [Daily KOS](#) tells one person's story.

The GOP's nominee is accused of doing more business with our enemies than with the few countries he still calls 'friends.' In any other election year, this would end the GOP candidate's run for the office. But this is an election like no other. [Newsweek's breakdown](#) of those dealings have been shrugged off by most in the media.

BEFORE the first debate the [New York Times set out this list of lies](#) told by the GOP nominee – and how outlandish they were. [Norman Lear](#) found the media's attitude toward the two candidates not only unfair, but ridiculously incompetent – or complicit.

For your convenience, this is the [Presidential Debate Schedule](#).

Many undecided voters (despite the increasingly disproportionate evidence of qualification) support the GOP nominee or refuse to vote for Secy. Clinton. This professor of Historical Studies at S.U.N.Y. thinks they're missing a chance to enjoy this election. "[I am incredibly enthusiastic about voting for Hillary Clinton. Here's why.](#)"

As of the publication date of this newsletter, here is the Daily KOS evaluation of the [Presidential election](#) outcome.

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California ENVIRONMENT



So our plant friends will keep global warming from getting too bad, right? Not so much. It seems that what humans are doing is not that easily fixed by plants as once thought. A [Stanford study](#) reveals increased levels of CO² is making them suffer, too.

A Judge halts the opening of a new oil field because fracking hazards were not addressed. This may signal a new stage in California's fight against the controversial method of crude oil extraction, as this [SFGate science article](#) explains.

Big money makes money on . . . you guessed it . . . Global Warming and the threat of man-made Climate Change. The [IFG reports](#) on wealthy oligarchs that benefit from climate crisis. THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON GLOBALIZATION (IFG), founded in 1993, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, global research and educational center composed of leading activists, authors, economists, and scholars providing critical analyses of the cultural, social, political and ecological impacts of economic globalization.

After the headlines comes the down and dirty accounting – THEN the decision making. This is a healthy development. [RenewEconomy](#) looks at the tools we have for making environmental decisions and the skill it requires to do so.



Guess who is preparing for winter? The 'meat bees' as this [San Francisco Chronicle article](#) reveals.

Pipeline leaks are not rare events . . . they are the norm. Why is this not news? Even the online availability of this information is being attacked, so look up "[Native Americans Document HUNDREDS of Pipeline Leaks and Oil Spills Kept Secret by North Dakota Government](#)" if this link fails to work (again).

Meanwhile, President Obama has [created more National Parks](#) than any President since Roosevelt. Will it be enough? Only time will tell.

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THE SUPREME COURT AND LAW

Students find themselves without a voice in Sacramento – and some actually do something about it. [The Student Senate](#) is working to represent those they were intended to.



Police in California will be tracked with a new system for EVERY act that causes harm. AP's [Amanda Lee Myers reports](#) that from a broken bone to a fatal shooting, all 800 police departments in California must begin using a new online tool to report every time officers cause serious injuries. Launched Thursday, the tool's developers hail it as the first statewide dataset of its

kind in the country and a model for other states. Considering that some states have passed legislation to withhold body camera images from the public, we should be proud that our state is taking this step toward greater transparency.

Russia is apparently resurrecting the KGB. Older people may experience a chill that runs down their spine with this news reported by the [Moscow Times](#).



Pleading the Fifth can be seen as an admission of guilt. Law professor James Duane discovered that saying ANYthing to a policeman might cause you more trouble than you expected. Just say, "I want a lawyer." [This article explains](#).

A new law may have prosecutors facing their own jail terms if they are caught cheating. This [Huffington Post](#) article explains.

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RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP

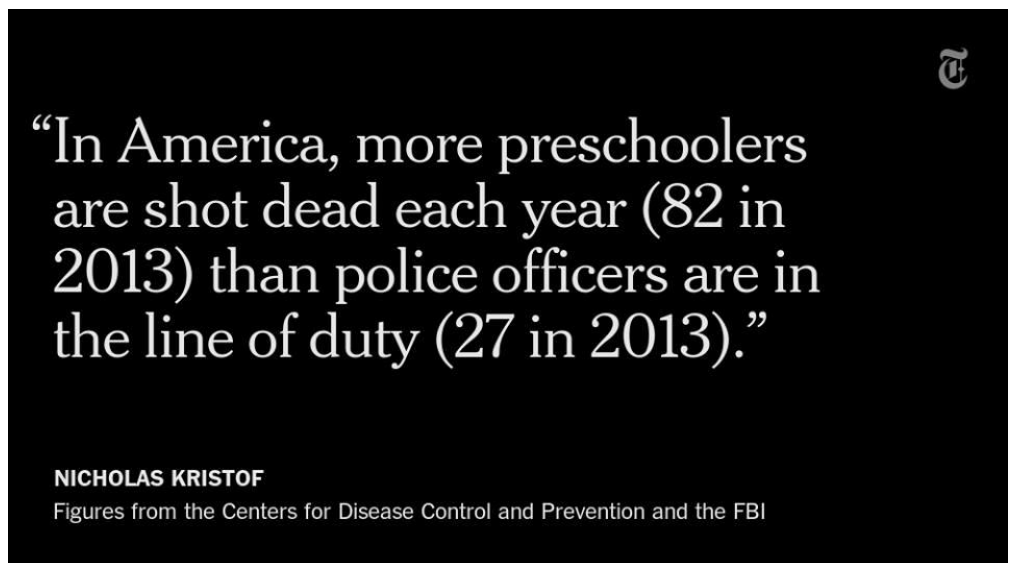
Felons in California and elsewhere are keeping their guns because nobody is making sure they're taken away. [LATimes' Patrick McGreevy reports](#) that a



national gun control group that helped write California's Proposition 63 released a study Thursday indicating that thousands of felons disqualified from owning guns are keeping their firearms in this state and most others because of the lack of an effective enforcement mechanism.

Meanwhile, dedicated and earnest people are trying everything in their power to make people aware of the effect guns have on our lives.

Read about the [Concerts Across America](#) and [Moms Demand Action](#) if you feel compelled to act.

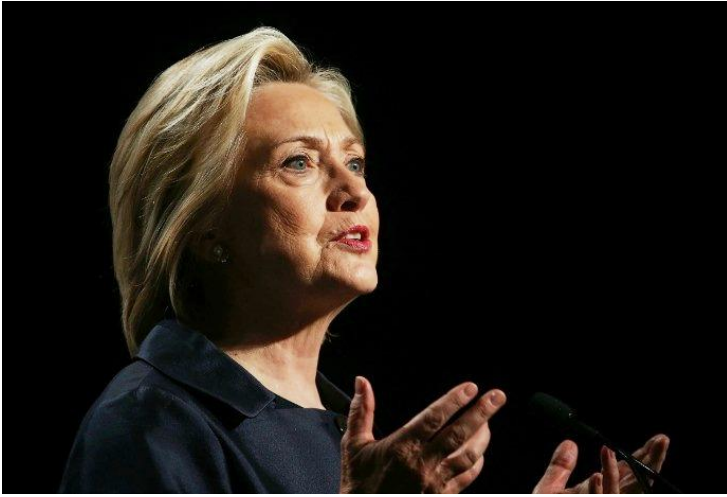


“In America, more preschoolers are shot dead each year (82 in 2013) than police officers are in the line of duty (27 in 2013).”

NICHOLAS KRISTOF
Figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FBI

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THE PRESIDENT



As always, it's more productive to look to [The Guardian](#) for [op-ed pieces of substance](#) . . . "If we care about our future as a non-blown-up planet, it's time to stop treating the Democratic candidate as if she's barely better than a literal white supremacist"

Literally hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to smear

Secy. Clinton over the last quarter century. Some are beginning to fight back, but honestly, they need your help debunking the [conspiracy theories and lies](#).



"Can I just say I am really into electing Hillary Clinton?" Obama told the crowd, which enthusiastically greeted him. "This is not me just going through the motions here. I really, really, really want to elect Hillary Clinton."

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EDITOR'S PAGE

I got tagged at a recent potluck to say clearly why I, an individual citizen, am voting for Hillary Clinton as our next President. I promised to write it out; not just spill it out over a glass of wine. So here it is:

When Ms. Clinton spoke to the press as First Lady and announced, "I'm NOT going to stay in the kitchen and bake cookies for high tea," I was rattled - down to my core.

I immediately got my research cap on and found out everything I could about this dynamo. I've never stopped since. Had she stopped there - with the establishment of a health care program for 8 Million disadvantaged children, she would still be head and shoulders above the other 'competitors' for the Presidency. But she didn't.

She served two terms as one of the most respected Senators from the state of New York - home to the most argumentative citizens of the entire country. Then she challenged the soon to be President, Barack Obama, and impressed him so much she was convinced to become Secretary of State. In that position, she returned our country to the status of World Leader from a condition of laughing stock.

On the way, she was voted the most admired woman on the PLANET for a total of a record 20 times. She has seen the press become toxic - willing to slit her throat for a fraction of a percent of a viewer share. Rising above that, she has gathered support from both sides of 'the aisle' - adding promises of votes from former First Ladies and Presidents who once claimed to be rock solid Republicans.

So when you ask me, "how can you vote for Hillary Clinton?" I must ask you in return: "How, given what I KNOW, could I do otherwise?"

Hillary Rodham Clinton is the most qualified, bar none, candidate for the office of President of the United States of America. She has proven herself, for more than two decades, as the most qualified candidate in history. She has done so despite decades of slander and propaganda. She has done so with class, dignity and demeanor befitting the highest office in the land. But beyond all of that, she has done so carrying the added burden of being female - in a process and a country still thickly coated with misogyny.

Editor's Page (cont.)

For all these reasons, and for a huge, dense volume of other reasons, I will vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton as the next President of the United States of America. Not because she is a woman (she not only IS a woman; she is an excellent, shining example of womanhood), but because she is ALSO a leader and a policy 'wonk' and a skilled negotiator. Not because she is ridiculously qualified, but because she is UNIQUELY qualified. Not because she has done so much in her career, but . . . because I honestly can't WAIT to see what she does NEXT!

Glen Thompson

Mountain Bears Democratic Club was founded in 2004. We are located in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. We hope to do our part to inform and educate the public and bring newcomers to the party by registering new Democrats. The Democratic Party believes that the American Dream should be within the reach of all people. We welcome and encourage people from all walks of life to join us in discussion and debates regardless of your political affiliations.

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