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# LAST MEETING



Our featured presenter was Crestline resident Gretchen Davies, candidate for our local school board. Gretchen was born and raised on our mountain and is a graduate of Rim High School, class of '98. She is credentialed to teach, and has taught, elementary education through high school and adult education, and has a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. Gretchen believes that every child can learn and be successful through a differentiated

approach to their education. She believes that students today have more knowledge of technology than many adults and that this should be harnessed and used by our schools. Gretchen wants to entice parents of home, private, and charter schooled children to send their students to our public schools by making our schools more inclusive of all cultures and beliefs. She believes that the safety of our students trumps their freedom of speech.

Phone banking for Dr. Rita Ramirez (Congress) and Scott Markovich (Assembly) was reviewed, with hands-on demonstrations and audience participation. The value of this system to get out the vote was emphasized, as was the availability of scripts and computer [log-in system](#) through the County Party to assist the caller and prevent unwanted duplicate calls.

Candidates for Chamber of Commerce Board, Tricia DuFour, Grant Dunning, Tonja Graff, and Francisco J. Manzano, John Connor, Terri Ebert, Michelle Wimmer were discussed, with members providing what information was known about each. The Club decided to vote for Ms. DuFour, John Connor and Terri Ebert, as Club members were familiar with them and willing to vouch for their worthiness.

## NEXT MEETING



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of Alpine Escrow in the Blue Jay Mall. Our special presentation will be from the [Rim of the World Educational Foundation](#). You won't want to miss this meeting! As our last meeting of the year, be prepared for special offers to usher in 2017, and opportunities to end 2016 properly.

Club members are invited to bring a potluck treat to share and to enjoy a glass of mulled wine or cider as we toast the coming year!

## 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 [Virtuosos of Yakutia](#), an ensemble of incredibly talented musicians, performed at the Lake Arrowhead Resort Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. See the group perform in [THIS VIDEO](#). The program was enjoyed by an enthusiastic crowd, as the

pianist and eleven violinists treated us to beloved classical pieces and medleys of show tunes and movie themes. A great thanks to the [Lake Arrowhead Mountain Sunrise Rotary Club](#) and the [Lake Arrowhead Arts Association](#) for this rare opportunity to enjoy such talent!

Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in the same room we hold our Club meetings. This is a good opportunity to meet the representatives from both government officials and the non-profit agencies and groups that keep our community working. The meetings begin at 8:00 and usually last an hour and a half to two hours, and are open to the public.



**COUNTYWIDE PLAN**  
OUR COUNTY - OUR FUTURE

The Countywide Plan is moving forward. This is your chance to be involved. Follow the [LINK for DETAILS](#). THIS THURSDAY, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. County of San Bernardino Government Center, Covington Chambers - First Floor, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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# CALL FOR POLITICAL ACTION



Nationwide, a disparity between students of color and white students has been identified. Then bomb threats were received by a [Seattle school](#) when a black empowerment program was planned. So teachers (2,000 of them) wore their commitment to work, and boldly declared their stance.

Recently, we lost Tom Hayden, a legislator in Sacramento and a lifelong pain in the butt for 'the old way' of doing things. This [SacBee article](#) begins a much deserved eulogy.



Tom Hayden and his FBI file.



Back in 1982 the Equal Rights Amendment ran out of time . . . and a decades long effort to declare womens' rights for all was abandoned. That may not remain the case for long after January! This banner

was first draped over the Statue of Liberty and then marched down the streets of New York as the House passed the ERA on Aug. 10, 1972.

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# VOTING NEWS

## Cindy Noble Cole

[I did not change a single letter of this Facebook post so you can see why my admiration of Facebook and my friends on it is so high – ed.]



My Early Voting Memories...

I grew up in Amarillo, Texas. My home was with my grandmother and my mother. It was, by any stretch of the imagination, a shack. Literally.

We were very poor. Grandma worked as a seamstress in a fancy downtown store. She did the rich ladies alterations and sewed the bead pearls on high end wedding gowns. Grandma also sewed all my clothes herself.

For a poor kid I was dressed quite fancy. I always had the prettiest dresses to wear at church. Right down to my underwear. We did not have money to spare but somehow we had the money to buy me

fancy ruffle panties and full can-can slips.

Let me tell you something about those can-can slips.

They scratched you. Left you itching everywhere they touched. They certainly held your skirts out wide and the slightest reach down would expose your underwear.. that is why fancy ruffle panties were a must have for little girls. No self respecting child was going to get dressed up without her ruffle panties on.

Grandma had her own underwear issues. Back in the day she had to layer her underwear. Not like these days where we can throw on a bra and panties and be done with it. Frankly, now days, even bra and panties are optional.

Grandma had to start with her panties. They were BIG. They covered her from the top of her thighs to past her belly button. There was not a millimeter of skin showing.

Next came the bra. Not some little wisp of lace and nothingness. This was a full on armor over her breasts. Heavy cotton, maybe with a small amount of detail, wide straps over her shoulders and strong clasps to keep her breast for any hint of jiggle or softness.

Now for the girdle. This was an elastic torture device designed to squish away the hint of soft flesh. It was built to withstand the onslaught of being

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a woman. Known as a foundation garment, it fit the name. You could smash a woman into one and she was hard as a brick wall. The girdle ran from the thighs to just under the breasts. It has garters attached. These were lengths of elastic with snaps that would sometimes pinch your tender thighs. If they were pinching you kept a straight face and never even hinted of the discomfort.

Now came the nylons, if you could afford nylon. If not, you put on stockings that were a bit heavier.

Grandma was now covered from toe to chest in various garments for modesty.

Next came the slip. It could be a full slip or a half slip. If a half slip she added a camisole. The slip was pretty. It felt silky and had some lace detail. Not too heavy.

I loved the feel of Grandma's slips. The cool softness.

Now, finally, she was able to add her dress. It buttoned up the front and went to her neck. Grrandma never wore a sleeveless dress although mom did. The dress fell to just under her knees. A belt was cinched around her waist.

Her hair was sprayed, AuqaNet style. Seriously, you could have knocked someone out with that lacquered helmet. She styled it once a week, sprayed it and slept, cooked, cleaned and worked without a single hair moving.

The high heels, earrings, a bit of paste jewelry and she was finally dressed well enough to open the front door.

To actually leave the house she had to add gloves and a hat.

Okay, so now Grandma and I are dressed and leaving the house. Did I tell you that I had on gloves and ruffles socks. Plus I had on shoes that had been shined with Vaseline. They were always either too big or too small. Shoes were expensive so bought a little big. I could grow into them and wear them until it was not longer possible to force my foot into them.

I had a childhood of smashed toes and blisters.

Okay.. add the heavy coat and according to the weather a couple of more layers to survive the elements.

Time to go vote.

We didn't have a car. This meant walking up the dirt road to the bus stop. In the November wind.

In Amarillo, Texas.

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Where the wind would slice you into and the cold so bitter it left your eyes running.

I remember standing waiting on the bus and thinking I would not survive the cold. It would finally arrive and Grandma and I would take the nearest seat behind the driver. It was always safer to sit just behind the driver according to Grandma. I have no idea why that was so, but we always took that seat.

We would go a distance and get off the bus, walk a few blocks in the wind. It would be blowing so hard it would catch my breath. It would also kick up the gravel on the road and send it pinging into my legs. Harsh pain like a million needles being jabbed. If Grandma was not with me I would have squatted down and used my can can slip to help cover my legs and stop the pain. However, Grandma was with me and proper girls did not squat on the roadway.

We learned to tolerate the physical pain.

Grandma and I would finally arrive at the polling place and she would vote. Now for the return trip.. back through the wind, the bus ride, the walk down the dirt road to the shack that Grandma and I called home.

That is my earliest memory of voting.

My grandma did not ever own a car until I was an adult yet she voted in every election.

She dressed as was proper, in her eyes, walked in the wind, rain, snow or sun to the bus stop.

She made it to the polling place and cast her vote.

Grandma valued voting so much that she went through all of that to exercise her right.

This year, I am wearing white to honor her, She could never have imagined the chance to vote for a woman President. Grandma was not even allowed to buy her own house without a man signing for her.

Hopefully, as you dress to go vote this year you will also remember those men and women who went before you.

This is going to be a powerful election.

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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.

## Dr. Rita Ramirez



Against all predictions by the 'smart, experienced' people in local politics, Dr. Rita managed to win the second highest number of votes in June's primary election. Now, despite having to rely on grass roots efforts and without her opponent's support from the Tea Party, she is fast approaching the win.

You can help make the "unlikely" possible by calling whenever you have a few minutes. The script on the phone banking system is simple and it will encourage possibly reluctant, distracted or uninspired people to cast their ballots. We CAN take back the House, but only if Democrats can be inspired to vote. Give them a reason to do so: support [Dr. Rita Ramirez for Congress](#)!

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# LOVE TRUMPS HATE

Training women and minorities in the STEM courses is all well and good, but our efforts to make use of these vital demographics can't end there. [This article](#) describes the very solid dividers between them and the career jobs they deserve.

North Carolina is learning the true cost of institutionalizing hate. The actual costs of HB2, the overtly hateful and discriminatory "[bathroom bill](#)" are becoming known, and the \$300 BILLION just seems too expensive for the average resident, according to the [Charlotte Observer](#).

Some of us are old enough to feel a chill down our spines when the KKK and other white supremacists are invited out of hiding. A blogger explains this increasingly rare experience and how "[The Greatest Generation](#)" should not be forgotten.

There are no nuclear weapons reduction negotiations at this time. A nuclear weapons ban treaty can't seem to get a handle. Why? [The Guardian](#) examines this volatile issue.

## CALIFORNIA POLITICS

### BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Here they are – along with the Democratic Party's endorsed votes. Check them out for yourself and mark your ballots accordingly!

[Prop 51](#) **-YES-** Supports the state issuing \$9 billion in bonds to fund improvement and construction of school facilities for K-12 schools and community colleges. A school bond for repairing facilities across the state.

[Prop 52](#) **-YES-** Would extend permanently an existing fee imposed on most private hospitals that is scheduled to end Jan. 1, 2018.

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[Prop 53](#) **-NO-** Changes the way California funds large projects. If passed, the Legislature will have to hold a statewide referendum (similar to this ballot) to determine if bonds or fees to cover a needed expenditure will be sold or assessed. It puts advertisers, opposing politicians and contractors more deeply into the process for responding to unforeseen crises.

[Prop 54](#) **-NO-** Causes a delay in legislation and requires televised and internet display of pending legislation. Supported by an influence selling legal firm, conservative coalitions and many demanding a smaller, less effective government.

[Prop 55](#) **-YES-** Extends a tax on the largest income tax bracket - \$250,000 per individual, \$500,000 per married couple. The money is aimed at essential services — primarily education, with a small portion for healthcare.

[Prop 56](#) **-YES-** Tax increase of \$2.00 per pack on cigarettes. The majority of the money generated would go toward increasing spending on Medi-Cal, the state's health care program for low-income residents.

[Prop 57](#) **-YES-** a measure that will encourage nonviolent offenders to use their prison time to improve themselves. Prop. 57 will also put the decision of whether to try a juvenile as an adult in the hands of a judge — not a prosecutor.

[Prop 58](#) **-YES-** would eliminate the English-only mandate. Instead, school districts could adopt any approach they see fit to teaching English learners, as long as they get community input and ensure that all students master the English language.

[Prop 59](#) **-YES-** asks if voters want the state's elected officials to take steps to try to reverse Citizens United and related cases. Advisory only.

[Prop 60](#) **-NO-** Once a suit against a movie/scene is filed, the plaintiff would have the right to find those pornstars involved, their real names, their addresses – the court would in fact compel the studio to give that information to the plaintive in discovery. Repeats a law in existence.

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## PROPOSITIONS (Cont.)

Prop 61 **-NO POSITION-** in California would be a major step toward reining in Big Pharma's prices. Proposition 61 would prevent California state government from spending more for medications than the lowest price paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs, a national organization with more bargaining power than the State.

The number of ads and the many ways being used to deceive the public may be even more important than the measure in the long run. Pharmaceutical companies reported pumping another \$22 million into the campaign opposing the drug price control measure. According to a [Field/IGS Poll](#) last month, the initiative was leading 50 percent to 16 percent among likely voters. But 34 percent of likely voters were undecided. Large buys for one ad that misleads on how strong the resistance to the measure is within the Veterans' community. [SacBee's Christopher Cadelago](#) relates "There also is no truth to the suggestion the measure increases the cost of a veterans' copay. VA recipients have fixed co-pays, while some qualify for free health care altogether. Some veteran groups opposing the measure have received between \$500 and \$4,000 for meetings, appearances and other expenses."

[Prop 62](#) **-YES-** Eliminates the death penalty for incarcerated persons and future convicts in favor of a life sentence without possibility of parole.

[Prop 63](#) **-YES-** Prohibits the possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines and would require a background check in order to purchase ammunition.

[Prop 64](#) **-YES-** Legalizes the growth and use of marijuana for recreational purposes.

[Prop 65](#) **-NO POSITION-** Companion legislation to Prop 67 – a “no” vote completes a “yes” vote to the ban on single use bags.

[Prop 66](#) **-NO-** Reinforces and removes safeguards from the existing laws in California regarding the death penalty but keeps it in place.

[Prop 67](#) **-YES-** Bag Ban is realized according to voter wishes from 2014.

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# BUSINESS AND NATIONAL POLITICS



Immigrants are blamed for many social and economic ills by the GOP – but the [truth is very different](#). When you step back and look at the United States as a whole, both legal and undocumented immigrants benefit the economy by a wide margin. That's "[not controversial](#)," Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the Economic Policy Institute, told the *New York Times*.

Dakota tribes are still [resisting a pipeline](#) through tribal lands, and the authorities have sided with the oil company that is as strongly committed to building the pipeline. President Obama is [creating a plan](#) to re-route the pipeline.

The Coast Guard's enlistment bonuses certainly were attractive for politicians hoping to keep their elected seats. After Defense Secretary Ashton Carter ordered the Pentagon on Wednesday to suspend repayment demands for enlistment bonuses paid to California National Guard members, Rep. Cook jumped on the bandwagon.



At the Government Affairs meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, VP Glen Thompson corrected the Congressman's representative when it was announced this is 'new' information. The claw-back scandal was in the [news in 2010](#) and [again in 2013](#). It could have been handled then, but while Paul Cook WAS on the committee, no

objection was stated until weeks before the election. It wasn't until the Los Angeles Times [amplified the issue](#) over the weekend, shortly before Election Day, that everyone started waving the flag over a failed policy instituted when GW Bush was still President.

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# General ELECTION News

It has worked to the advantage of the media to present an equivalency between the candidates of the parties. But what if that is just not the case? [Salon argues](#) that If a fourth-grader proposed such ideas, like building a wall or banning all Muslims, these ideas would quickly be dismissed as far too simplistic. But when Trump says them, the media sensationalizes every word.

Who did this to our nation? [Here is a list](#) of those individuals and institutions that made a conscious decision to enable a ludicrously unfit reality television show star in his quest to become leader of the free world.



North Carolina slashed its early voting hours – so the population simply stood in longer lines. Good for you!

So just how nasty has it gotten with the encouragement of the Alt-right? [This National Review article](#) lays it out.



The rhetoric of the vile and disgusting GOP nominee is filtering down to children and teens according to [VOX](#). Make sure yours is not one carrying around fear and / or loathing as a result of it.

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# California ENVIRONMENT

Los Angeles is many things to many people, but its residents would like to see it become a shining example of how to reduce pollution.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/12/opinion/las-quest-to-cut-fossil-fuels.html?smid=tw-share>



Bringing the future back to ground level, an [autonomous bike/auto hybrid](#) shows many ways to replace automobiles.

Walk with me . . . through a mostly informative [quiz about bottled water](#). You should find out more than you currently know and it takes just a couple of minutes if you read fast.

# THE SUPREME COURT AND LAW



Dakota judge denies charges against reporter [Amy Goodman](#), and the State Prosecutor is unable to find a reason to proceed.

[Planned Parenthood](#) again prevails in the courtroom. Governors

absolutely are NOT allowed to say where women get the health care they need.

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# THE PRESIDENT

President Obama is supporting a number of candidates for Congress in an effort to ride a "Blue Wave" of opposition to the GOP nominee. This [LA Times](#) article has details.



Let's not forget that we support a TEAM, not just a person. Tim Kaine is formidable in his own right, as Gov. Pence discovered. Gov. Kaine didn't let anybody forget that even should the GOP nominee withdraw (or as has been admitted as possible by the candidate himself - step down, get tossed in jail, be indicted or just get

bored and walk away) the [Republican Vice Presidential nominee](#) would be ALMOST as bad!

There's really no reason to panic about the daily efforts by TV news programs to remain relevant. They've been promoting a false "choice between two candidates" (there's only one actual candidate and a pathetic reality TV star being ridiculously compared to her), and nobody can deny the public their spectacle. Ms. Clinton will masterfully handle this, as she has so many ludicrous attempts in the past. But



she will need us to give her breathing room in this charade and to stoutly remain by her side. The best way to do so is to make calls, allowing the recipients to know that we support the candidate and to urge them to show up at the polls so we can provide a Congress of honest representatives to help her in the coming years. [Anybody can do it!](#)

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## The President (continued)



The damage being done by the venom in this campaign is demonstrable, but both Ms. Clinton and the victims of the rhetoric are fighting back. Young Brennan Leach opened the discussion and the [response was clear](#).

Most of us know that

we can't even slow down after November 8<sup>th</sup>. Atty. Gen Holder and President Obama have some reassuring words for you; and even better? [A Plan](#).



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## EDITOR'S PAGE

Because of my age and heritage, I'm going to let Peter Yarrow and his daughter Bethany set the tone for the upcoming election. Watch the [sentimental video](#) and admire the lyrics:

Lift us up  
Make our stand  
Let Love triumph  
In our land  
Lift us up  
Make us strong  
Give us courage  
To right the wrong  
America our hopes and dreams  
Are truly all at stake  
Let not the hate divide us  
Let not our spirit break  
Let not our courage falter  
Let not our bravery fail  
Let unity bring victory  
Let love prevail !  
Lift us up  
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Let Love triumph  
In our land

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**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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