



MOUNTAIN DEMOCRAT

Oct - Nov, 2012

VOTE 2012

Candidates

Barack Obama	PRESIDENT
Dianne Feinstein	U. S. SENATE
Jack Uppal	U. S. CONGRESS

Propositions

30 Funding for schools and local public safety	YES
31 Locks California into permanent underfunding	NO
32 Special exemptions for billionaires and Super PACS	NO
33 Auto insurance rate hike	NO
34 Replaces death penalty with life without parole	YES
35 Increases penalties for human trafficking	YES
36 Reforms "Three Strikes" law	YES
37 Labeling of genetically engineered foods	YES
38 Munger initiative	NO
39 Adjusts taxes for multi-state corporations	YES
40 Approves State Senate district boundaries	YES



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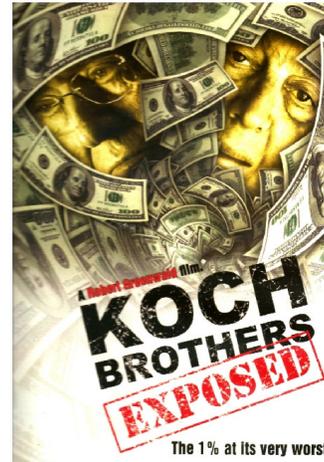
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YosemiteDems.net or MariposaDemocraticClub.org



BRINGING HOME THE

TRUTH Rally 



Saturday,

October 27th

7:30PM

MET Cinema

40015 Hwy. 49

Oakhurst

Brave New Foundation's Feature Film

and live link-up with

"Fahrenheit 9/11" filmmaker

Michael Moore!

FREE ADMISSION

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Hypocri-Tea, Anyone?

By Les Marsden

The Tea Party loons in repro-tricorn and mock powdered wigs are living proof of Alexander Pope's adage that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. But that's actually a generous phrase to describe what most of these historically-hysterical loudmouths mentally possess.

I hate to paint with a broad brush and I've tried to objectively consider their arguments. But I've yet to meet one with a truly open mind, who is actually informed about the reality of our nation's Founders' writings and who isn't—well, let's face it—selfish.

Why selfish? Because so many squeal about being "Taxed Enough Already." And yet—America is one of the less-taxed of developed nations, and we're at a historic low of tax rates. As of 2011, ours is the second-lowest corporate tax rate in the world. Only Turkey, Chile and Mexico boast lower personal tax rates than those of the US. And I'd bet that many Tea Partiers belong to Mitt Romney's now-infamous "47%" Club—those who pay little to no taxes at all. Those Romney described as "dependent" on government, think of themselves as "victims," and who will never "take personal responsibility for their lives." Sounds like Tea-folk, right? Though Mittsy was dead wrong when he claimed that all 47%-ers will vote for President Obama: huge numbers of non-taxpayers live in red states or areas. States which take an inordinately high amount of Federal benefits from the blue states which provide them. Areas that also harbor higher numbers of Tea Party members. But they don't care if it takes money to pay for police, fire protection, national security, infrastructure including roads and bridges they use every day: all they know is they're "Taxed Enough Already" though they're not. And even though they're clueless about the reality of good citizenship: taxes are the price of living in a free society. And I can guarantee Mittens that at least THAT huge segment of the 47% WILL throw away their votes on him, voting against their own interests.

Most Tea Partiers are also confused about patriotism—a word they use as both weapon and shield. Patriotism is NOT ignorance nor stuffing fake lines into the mouths of the Founders—words our forebears would have disagreed with vehemently—in a feeble effort to make their selfish form of "Taxed Enough Already" anti-American rhetoric somehow valid. Jefferson was profoundly AGAINST corporate interests and warned against their attempts to take over government even in his day. Those same corporate types like the Koch Brothers who today surreptitiously foot the bill for much of the Tea-movement's dirty work. I've read incredible crap from the Tea Party attributed to Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Franklin—and they should be ashamed to call themselves Americans for lying about the men who risked their all to create an America the Tea Party is clueless about.

Which brings me to one of the most hypocritical elements of the Tea Party: the Founders favored "citizen legislators"—those who would rise from the populace, serve a limited number of years, and then return to the ranks of the citizenry. Limited-term citizen-representation is a concept many Tea Partiers (rightfully) profess. And yet: our local Tea Partyista loudly, hypocritically supports career politician Tom McClintock over TRUE citizen-representative Jack Uppal—running for political office for the first time. McClintock? A career politician who flits from here to there in search of his latest tax-payer provided position; he doesn't even live in our CD04. The poster child career politician the Founders warned against, a cynical, lifelong feeder at the public trough with no real profession other than politics—a carpetbagger who since age 26 has run for a dizzying number of offices all over California during the past 30 years—the precise opposite of what Tea Partiers claim to favor. And yet: they're hypocritically backing McClintock tooth and nail.

Which all leads me to view them as largely ill-informed, selfish, and simply: intellectually lazy. And they can shove that into their tricorns and smoke it...

Up! Up and Away!

By Peter Cavanaugh

With Election Day 2012 on Tuesday, November 6th approaching faster than a speeding bullet, the Oakhurst Democratic Club is about to unleash local efforts more powerful than a locomotive, enabling our candidates to metaphorically leap tall buildings or election hurdles in a single bound.

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Barack Obama—about to enter his second term in office—no longer constrained by conciliatory visions of Republican compromise—about to engage in four solid years of finally implementing changes earnestly promised and long overdue.

And there's Jack Uppal—Getting his name and message out there in the face of incredible odds—taking on an entrenched, powerfully funded, hard-line, Tea Party Conservative, who basically promises no more than rote adherence to party line politics and faithful obedience to political masters.

As Republicans circle their wagons in a last ditch effort to hold down Fort Romney, please circle these action dates on your calendar:

On Saturday, October 6th, we'll be reviewing a collective game plan at our regular 9 AM monthly meeting at the Ol' Kettle. Terry Newland, President of the Mountain Area Literacy Council, will be our guest speaker—discussing the Council's efforts to address serious community concerns and suggest viable remedial activity. Ed Estes will bring us up to date on organized phoning; Madera County Democratic Chair Susan Rowe will have late word on Party activity and we hope for breaking news on other important fronts, including Move To Amend and Proposition 37—dealing with proposed labeling requirements for genetically modified food.

On Wednesday, October 10th, a special "Meet and Greet" for Jack

Up! Up and Away! (continued)

Uppal, Democratic candidate for the newly reconfigured Fourth California Congressional District, will be held at The Queen's Inn on Highway 41 from 5:30 until 7:30 P.M. This event will provide ample opportunity for extensive local press coverage about Jack and, most importantly, the extraordinarily pronounced differences between him and his opponent. I am hoping we can maximize attendance by being there in support and bringing along as many friends, relatives and, especially, REPUBLICAN FRIENDS AND RELATIVES willing to provide fair consideration.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 13th and 14th, the Club will be participating in the Twentieth Annual Fall Festival in Oakhurst Community Park with an attractively configured, impressively decorated booth. We'll be registering voters, passing out important goodies, shaking hands, making friends, signing up new members and spreading the positively progressive word among all attending.

On Saturday, October 27th, the Oakhurst Democratic Club will present "Bringing Home the TRUTH Rally"—A Pre-2012 Election Rally—at 7:30 PM at the Met Cinema on Highway 49 in Oakhurst. Featured will be a screening of "Koch Brothers Exposed" from Brave New Foundation and a live audience link-up with Academy Award Winning Film Director, Michael Moore, who will discuss his endorsement of Jack Uppal for Congress and accept extended questioning from the audience. Free admission. Donations accepted.

Then on Saturday, November 3rd, our last monthly meeting will be held prior to the Election that following Tuesday, as we organize our forces for anything we might think of to increase Democratic chances locally, statewide and on the evermore critical national front.

It's SHOWTIME!

Jack Uppal Town Hall Meeting

By Rosemarie Smallcombe

At a Town Hall meeting on August 1st, Jack Uppal proved once again that he is better suited to represent people in our district than the incumbent. In his opening remarks, Jack affirmed his dedication to saving Medicare and Social Security, bringing new jobs to the Sierra Foothills and ending wasteful spending in government. He then provided clear, well-reasoned answers to questions ranging from his position on high-speed rail to building a visitors' center in Mariposa -- both of which he supports.



Jack Uppal for Congress Putting People First

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Uppal</u>	<u>McClintock</u>
Privatizing Social Security	Against	For
Vouchers for Medicare	Against	For
Transportation & Jobs Act	For	Against
Returning Our Tax Dollars to Our District	For	Against
Lowering Student Loan Costs	For	Against
Rural Development Funding	For	Against
Children's Health Care	For	Against
Children Stay On Parents' Health Insurance	For	Against
Equal Pay for Women	For	Against
Violence Against Women Act	For	Against
Food Safety Act	For	Against
Homeland Security	For	Against
Funding For Our Military	For	Against
Campaign Disclosure Act	For	Against
Employment Discrimination Law	For	Against
Payroll Tax Cuts	For	Against
Science & Technology Funding	For	Against

For More Comparisons Go To: JackUppal.com

PHOTOS



Rebecca Martinez, Madera County Clerk Recorder



Charles Richie leading a discussion on the California Propositions

PHOTOS



Mariposa Democratic Club Booth at the Mariposa County Fair

Mortimer Mouse Sez...

ANNOUNCING
the
ALL NEW ** ALL COLOR
Red... White... and Blue
****MORTIMER MOUSE****
(pretty snazzy doncha' think)



August Mariposa Club Meeting

By Steve Smallcombe

At the August Mariposa Democratic Club meeting, Supervisor Kevin Cann gave a very good explanation of the need for H.R. 3640, a bill that would facilitate National Park Service acquisition of land to construct and operate a new visitors' center in the town of Mariposa. The current proposal calls for construction of the new center at the site of the current Mariposa County Visitor Center which is operated by the Tourism Bureau. The proposed plan would also move approximately 100 Park employees out of Yosemite Valley to an office site in Mariposa. More details of Supervisor Cann's presentation are available at the Mariposa Democratic Club's website, www.mariposademocraticclub.org



OCTOBER IS A BUSY MONTH IN OAKHURST

October 10, 5:30PM –7:30PM, Queen's Inn
41139 Highway 41
Meet and Greet Jack Uppal

October 13 – 14, 10:00AM – 4:00PM
Oakhurst Fall Festival
Mountain Democrats Booth
Oakhurst Community Park

October 27, 7:30PM, Met Cinema
Bringing Home the TRUTH Rally
Koch Brothers Exposed film
Live link-up with Michael Moore
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AND THEN IN NOVEMBER...

November 6, 5:30PM – 9:00PM
Election night pot luck
Home of Joanne Wagers
47697 Miami Highlands Court, Oakhurst

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September Mariposa Club Meeting

By Steve Smallcombe

At the September meeting of the Mariposa Democratic Club, three of the four candidates for the John C. Fremont Hospital Board of Directors spoke. Lynn Jacobsson also reported on information developed by the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) on four key propositions that will be on the November ballot and on some of the budget proposals that would adversely impact Medicare and Social Security.

For the first time in several years, Mariposans will have an opportunity to vote for candidates to fill open positions on the Hospital Board. The November ballot will include the names of four people and voters will be asked to vote for three of them to fill three openings on the Board. The candidates are Suzette Prue, Mike (Samuel) McCreary, Carl Wood and Candy Harrison. Suzette, Mike and Candy are incumbents; Carl Wood, pharmacist at Pioneer Market, wishes to join the Board. Suzette described equipment recently acquired by the Hospital, the Electronic Medical Records system that's being implemented and an arrangement with a neurologist with whom the Hospital can consult over the internet. Mike described the challenges faced by the Hospital because of Mariposa's demographics and discussed the Hospital's improving financial picture. He also noted that, if their balance sheet continues in the black for another year, the Hospital will be in a position to borrow money for capital improvements. Carl described his background and his interest in helping people. Candy was out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

Lynn discussed the following propositions: 30--Temporary Tax on Millionaires to Fund our State, 31--Changes the State Budget Process and Imposes Spending Caps and Limits, 32--Special Exemptions (Anti-Union Dues Initiative), 33--Changes Law to allow Auto Insurance Companies to Set Prices Based on a Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. Lynn, CARA and the Democratic

September Mariposa Club Meeting (Continued)

State Party recommend a Yes vote on Prop 30 and No votes on 31, 32, and 33. Lynn also alerted Club members to some of the proposals that would affect Medicare and Social Security and promised to come back with more information after the election.



Labor Day Activities in Mariposa

By Steve Smallcombe

Mariposa Democrats again entered a float in the Labor Day Parade and staffed a booth at the Mariposa County Fair. Lots of volunteers turned out to decorate and ride on the float and to prepare and staff the booth. Jack Uppal walked in the Parade and visited with on-lookers during and after the Parade. He also spent Saturday afternoon at the booth answering questions from Mariposa voters. Everyone had a great time at both events. Lots of people stopped by the Democratic booth for a chat (approximately 150 to 200) and lots more read the messages in the booth and watched two videos on the importance of consumers to economic growth. Here are a couple of photos —more are available at: www.mariposademocraticclub.org



A Do Nothing Congress

By Lucille Apcar

On Friday, September 21, 2012, the worst “do nothing” Congress in the history of the United States closed up and left Washington early in order to pursue their own selfish interests. Listen to the audio of President Obama’s Weekly Address at www.whitehouse.gov Saturday, September 22.

Deliberately left undone was the Veteran’s Job Corps Bill, designed to help our returning heroes.

Deliberately left undone was the much needed and anticipated Farm Bill to help farmers and ranchers cope with this year’s natural disasters.

Deliberately left undone was the Mortgage Refinancing Bill to bring homeowners interest rates down to present levels, saving them at least \$3,000.00 per year.

Deliberately left undone was the proposed Guarantee that 98% of Americans and small businesses would not see their taxes go up next year.

Let us face a few facts: We still have the matter of student loan burden unresolved. We still have judicial appointments waiting in line while courts are clogged with unheard cases. Those presently scheduled are waiting almost three years for resolution. What happened to speedy justice?

And all the while this do-nothing Congress voted over 30 times to repeal the Affordable Care Act, a worthless exercise.

I sincerely hope that every American voter will confront their Representative when he or she returns home to campaign, and let them feel the full weight of our displeasure. As well, I hope every news source in the United States will publish the names of these naysayers, so that every voter can go to the polls fully informed come November.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today’s Date: _____

___ Mariposa: Annual Dues are \$10.00 per person
\$15.00 family
Lifetime membership \$150.00

or

___ Oakhurst: Annual Dues are \$5.00 per person

___ New Member or ___ Renewal:

How did you find out about us? _____

Name: _____

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Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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