

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF OCEAN HILLS GENERAL MEETING

JULY 22, 2015

President Barbara Hazlett called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. Assemblyman Rocky Chavez led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Barbara welcomed the guests.

Speaker: Assemblyman Rocky Chavez is running for the United States Senate seat currently held by Senator Barbara Boxer. There are 16 candidates in this race, seven Republicans, seven Democrats, and two undeclared. Only three of these candidates have ever held office: Rocky, Loretta Sanchez, U. S. Congresswomen 46th District of California and Kamila Harris, Attorney General of California. Rocky feels his strong points are his knowledge of issues voters are concerned about and his ability to connect with voters. California is a blue state and now even San Diego County is beginning to turn blue.

Important issues: Voters are concerned with veterans and their needs, education, infrastructure, the economy and water. He is a retired Marine Lt. Colonel and understands the problems veterans face with solutions for their needs.

The California economy is so large that if it were a nation, it would be the seventh largest in the world yet thirty percent of all Californians live in poverty. Taxes and regulations on small business help to contribute to this along with failing schools. Water is a huge issue with California.

Rocky explained why he voted against the Vaccination bill recently passed by the California Assembly. The bill takes away the right for parents to have informed consent. Children in California get thirty (30) vaccinations before entering kinder garden. Parents can have a child tested to see if he has enough or too much serum. This test is very expensive and not all parents can afford it. Parents, even those who disagree with this bill, willingly permit vaccinations, but feel strongly that this bill being mandatory takes away parental rights. This is one of those laws where one size fits all.

The California Latino Chamber of Commerce: is hosting a forum, Rocky is invited to San Francisco to participate with Loretta Sanchez and Camilla Harris in this debate in August. Rocky is looking forward to this.

Campaign funds: Rocky is addressing this issue early. Raising funds in a blue state is a challenge. He is confident and optimistic that as the campaign progresses that large and small donations will come in. He needs all of us to help in the run for the Senate.

Treasurers Report and minutes are distributed on the tables along with the Club Newsletter.

Membership: The Club now has 73 members. Barbara read the names of members with birthdays in July.

Correspondence: Secretary Judy Buoniconti sent a thank you note to Jordan Marks, District Director for State Board of Equalization member, Dianne Harkey.

Oceanside City Councilman Jerry Kerns is also running for the 76th Assembly seat currently held by Rocky Chavez. The City Council did not meet in July. Downtown Oceanside is changing dramatically with building and remodeling Fed Ex is building a 60,000 sq. ft. building in Oceanside. Other commercial and industrial construction is also taking place in Oceanside.

Jerry said this next election is a great opportunity for Republicans. Locally, we have some good candidates running for local office. RCOH's Newsletter editor, Tommy Thompson is running for City Council.

Candidate Forum: San Diego Young Republicans will host a 76th Assembly District Candidates Forum on August 31st. at the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, Dove Library in Carlsbad. Candidates Jerry Kerns and Phil Graham will discuss the issues that matter to voters. RCOH will be well represented at the forum with many members going to show our support for Jerry.

Fund Raiser: Rocky Chavez will have a fund raiser on Friday July 24th. Several members of the Club plan to attend.

New Business: Barbara is building a website for the Club. It should be up and running by the end of July.

Evy Sanfilippo resigned as Voter Registration Chairman due to prior commitments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Sally Booth

Judy Buoniconti conducted the Opportunity Drawing.