

# The Official Newsletter of DEMOCRATS OF HEMET-SAN JACINTO

Democrats of Hemet-San Jacinto is a chartered club of the Riverside County  
Democratic Central Committee and the California Democratic Party



All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that  
good men do nothing  
*Edmund Burke*

Come Join Us in building a Better America



Our goal is to promote the election of Democrats for local, state, federal offices  
and to promote activities of the Democratic Party.

Marie McDonald, President - Dick Gale, Editor - March 2016, Issue 1

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

(Unless stated differently, all activities are at the Democratic Headquarters, 530 ½ E Florida Avenue)

### March

- March 3 DOHSJ Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- March 10 DOHSJ General Meeting (Visitors Welcome) 6:30 p.m.  
Speaker will be San Jacinto City Manager
- March 11 Deadline for turning in Candidate endorsement signatures
- March 12 Voter Registration - Grace & Mercy Apostolic Christian Center  
1122 S. State St, San Jacinto, Ca
- March 12, 19, 26 Voter Registration – Los Altos Hispanic Market, Hemet, 10:00 – 1:00
- March 14 Riv. County Democrat Central Committee, Moreno Valley 6:30 p.m.
- March 14 -17 Voter Registration - Mt San Jacinto College
- March 16 Morning Coffee with Friends. Come Join Us. [See below](#). 10:00 a.m.
- March 23 Chamber Mixer – Romona Bowl Amphitheater 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Free Admission, NO RSVP Required [See Below](#)
- Every Wednesday and Friday, Citizenship Classes, 7 – 9 p.m.
- Every Saturday Basic English 2 – 4 p.m.

### April

- April 7 DOHSJ Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- April 14 DOHSJ General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 17 Riverside County Democratic Party Golf fund Raiser ([More Info Below](#))

### May

- May 13, 14 Yard Sale. Bring items to office during office hours.

### July

- July 8 Ice Cream Social

**Vote June 7<sup>th</sup>**

## Current Activities Detail

**Morning Coffee** with Friends will be 10:00 a.m. at our office at E. Florida and Franklin

**Chamber Mixer** will be held at 27400 Ramona Bowl Drive in Hemet from 5:30 – 7:30

**For Riverside Democratic Golf** Outing, [click here](#)

**Meet Brent Brown from Mosinee, Wisconsin.** He never voted for President Obama, but in June, he wrote to the President thanking him for saving his life.

### A letter to President posted on [Whitehouse.gov](#).

To My President,

I sincerely hope that this reaches you, as far too often praise is hard to come by. Apologies to people who deserve it perhaps even less so. I did not vote for you. Either time. I have voted Republican for the entirety of my life. I proudly wore pins and planted banners displaying my Republican loyalty. I was very vocal in my opposition to you—particularly the ACA.

Before I briefly explain my story allow me to first say this: I am so very sorry. I understand written content cannot convey emotions very well—but my level of conviction has me in tears as I write this. I was so very wrong. So very, very wrong.

You saved my life. I want that to sink into your ears and mind. My President, you saved my life, and I am eternally grateful.

I have a ‘pre-existing condition’ and so could never purchase health insurance. Only after the ACA came into being could I be covered. Put simply to not take up too much of your time if you are in fact taking the time to read this: I would not be alive without access to care I received due to your law.

So thank you from a dumb young man who thought he knew it all and who said things about you that he now regrets. Thank you for serving me even when I didn’t vote for you.

Thank you for being my President.

Honored to have lived under your leadership and guidance,

Brent Nathan Brown

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MARCH 2016

Judy Rice and I drove up to San Jose to attend the California State Democratic Convention last weekend. While we each had planned to attend various caucuses, we were unable to attend all of them because of the security measures that were caused by the attendance of our Vice-President Joe Biden at our convention. However, to my mind, the one hour long speech he gave more than made up for standing in lines literally for hours. He very clearly told us why the financial collapse occurred in 2008, what our country's current status was, including all of the positive steps and accomplishments that President Obama has accomplished, as well as where our Republican Congress has blocked further positive actions. By looking back at our history, he told us exactly how to alleviate the inequality and loss of jobs that we now suffer and how we can pay for those actions.

The actions he spoke about are doable and affordable if we follow his recommendations. All we need to do is to keep the White House, take back the Senate majority and make substantial inroads on our Republican House!

It will be up to us during the rest of this year to make certain we register sufficient new voters, enthuse sufficient Democrats to send in their ballots or go to the polls, and exert pressure on our Republican friends to function in Washington as sane and reasonable legislators.

Please join me in this so-important effort. We need every Democrat to stand up and vote for our values in June and in November.

Marie McDonald



Everyone who hear Vice President Joe Biden's speech at the convention thought it was the best speech he has ever given. Your club President and your editor highly recommend you take the 55 minutes to listen.

[See the entire speech.](#)

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A little over a year from being saved from being turned over to the Riverside County Fire Department, the Hemet Fire Department is making the most of its limited budget by adding full paramedic services at Station 5 on the east side of the city. [See more about this issue.](#)

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Hemet City Council has voted to place a 1% sales tax increase on the June 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. This is the result of an independent survey conducted late last year which showed residents are very concerned about public safety. [See more about this issue.](#)

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## DID YOU KNOW – DOHSJ – MARCH 2016

Scientists Are More Confident Than Ever in Troubling Sea Level Rise Projections. Charles Warsinske has a daunting and unusual task for a city planner; move a town out of the way of climate change. “If you think about it too long it’s somewhat overwhelming”, said Warsinske, manager of the Quinault Indian Nation Community Development Planning Department. “It seems like the climate change thing is certainly on everybody’s minds right now and it’s a very, very complicated thing”. [Read more.](#)

When the Poetry of Campaigning Becomes a Cheesy, Dirty Limerick. Political rhetoric in the GOP has degenerated into name-calling and petty insults. For a politician or a journalist, there was a time when citing the classics – as long as it wasn’t done in a pedantic or pompous manner – was a mark of wisdom and experience. If a candidate or reporter does it today, there’s a good chance they’ll be trolled and ridiculed for high-handed pretention. Cue Donald Trump shouting “Loser!.” [Read more.](#)

Hillary Clinton’s Green Evolution. Bernie Sanders’ strong climate plan has provided an ideal that activists are pushing Clinton toward. With Tuesday’s primary returns and caucus results now tallied, commentators are declaring that Bernie Sanders faces a tougher path to victory than ever. [Read more.](#)

## TRUTH BYTES – DOHSJ – MARCH 2016

AP/NORC Poll: Dems Favor Tougher Regulation, Reducing Economic Inequality. A large majority of Democrats call income inequality a very important issue, and half of them think regulation of financial markets after the 2008 financial crisis did not go far enough .... [Read more](#)

Damning Flint Emails Show Snyder Could Have Emergency ‘at Any Time’. This lie goes to the heart of Snyder’s painfully slow and inadequate response to the Flint Water Crisis. [Read more.](#)

Senators Mark Kirk and Susan Collins are first break in Republican dam of Supreme Court obstruction. One vulnerable Republican incumbent senator can read the way the blue state polling winds are blowing and is breaking with the rest of the party group over blocking President Obama’s eventual Supreme Court nominee. [Read more.](#)

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Donald Trump is not fit to be President of the United States. [See the entire article](#) published by the Los Angeles Times on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Dear DNC Member,

Super Tuesday has passed, and it's becoming clearer every day that we must elect a Democrat as the 45th President of the United States in order to keep Republicans from dragging our country backward. Tuesday's election results brought a man who has wavered on whether to disavow the KKK one step closer to becoming the Republican Party's nominee. Meanwhile, both Democratic candidates for President have offered smart and substantive visions for the country, while continuing to show that they have the right priorities and the right temperaments to be our Commander-in-Chief.

The [healthcare plan](#) that Donald Trump released this week is filled with the same vague, tired, and false talking points we've heard from the Republicans for years. Whether or not they want to admit it, the [Republican Party is in disarray](#), and its establishment leaders are trying to cobble together a last-ditch effort to stop Donald Trump. But last night's GOP debate in Detroit had the public [shaking their heads in disbelief](#). It was an ugly night for Republicans and an ugly night for American democracy. The GOP Presidential candidates missed the mark by ignoring one of the most devastating crises to hit Michigan. When the crisis in Flint, Michigan came up, the candidates first got quiet, and then proceeded to defend the Republican governor and his administration, who ignored the public health crisis for months. The Democratic Party will be holding a debate in Flint this Sunday, which will address the issues Americans actually care about.

The contrast couldn't be clearer. It's not just the Republican brand of divisive and ugly politics that's making their candidates unelectable. Their obstruction of even the most basic constitutional responsibilities of our government alienates the American people. While the Constitution says that the President shall appoint justices to fill vacancies on the Supreme Court, and [polling data](#) shows that Americans want the Senate to fulfill its constitutional obligation to fairly consider the nominee, Senate Republicans continue to obstruct the process and refuse to even meet with anyone the Presidents nominates.

Furthermore, the GOP's obsession with tax cuts for the few at the very top has been devastating for our economy and the American people. The February jobs report released this week showed that 242,000 new jobs have been created, and the unemployment remains below five percent. This report is yet another example of how the Democrat's efforts to rebuild the economy benefits all Americans. Private sector job creation has grown consecutively for six years. Read DNC Chair Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz's full statement on the February jobs report [here](#). Have a safe and happy weekend. Best, Stephanie

**Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake**

Secretary, Democratic National Committee

## The Progressive Movement.

Bernie Sanders has stirred a renewed interest in the progressive movement. He is not the first progressive nor will he be the last. In fact its origins can be traced back at least as far as pre civil war. At one time there was a Progressive Party but it disappeared after the 1952 elections. In [U-S-History.com](http://U-S-History.com), it states that “progressivism was rooted in the belief, certainly not shared by all, that man was capable of improving the lot of all within society.” They go on to say that “Progressivism also was imbued with strong political overtones, and it rejected the church as the driving force for change. Specific goals included:

The desire to remove corruption and undue influence from government through the taming of bosses and political machines

The effort to include more people more directly in the political process

The conviction that government must play a role to solve social problems and establish fairness in economic matters”

Perhaps this renewed interest will last longer and become more rooted in the American Society. There does seem to be strong interest among our younger voters and they may be able carry these principles beyond previous attempts. The economic failures resulting from conservative deregulation of large corporations and banks which led to the great recession of 2008 provides a strong argument for giving progressive ideas a try.

But the young who are deeply invested in the Bernie Sanders campaign need to understand that such a revolution will take time. If only political ideas and opinions were controlled by rational thinking, we might be a lot further down the path to a progressive society but unfortunately political thinking is led more by emotion than rationality. Even if Bernie Sanders is elected, he will not be able to get his ideas through a congress driven by old thinking, invested with emotion and history. It will take time.

Progress will be slow. I compare this progressive movement to the change in racist beliefs over the past 7 decades. For those who believe in equality, the pace has been far too small and we still have a long way to go but we are making progress. We have gone from literacy tests at the voting booths to electing a black President. But we also see how far we have yet to go by the size of the racist support for Donald Trump.

If the young hope for their progressive ideals to succeed, they must be ready and willing to engage in a long, protracted effort. Political ideas change slowly, sometimes by the painful experience of wrong choices. Bernie Sanders does not need to win the coming election for the progressive movement to continue and grow. He may not win the primary but the seeds have been replanted. If the supporters of this movement can muster the patience to accept small steps toward their goals, a progressive society may be reached someday. But if they want it all, right now, they may lose their opportunity for many more decades.

Hillary may not represent everything the progressives want, but she will keep the cause moving forward. Allowing a Republican to win the coming Presidential election will only hurt their cause. Choose and work hard for your favorite candidate for the democratic primary but commit to help the Democrat who wins the primary to win in November.