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**Newsletter of August, 2005**

This is the fifth monthly newsletter outlining GOP activities in Santa Barbara County. If you want to have something in the newsletter, please contact Janine Blum, Corresponding Secretary at P688-3749, F688-9227, Email [jjhblum1@msn.com](mailto:jjhblum1@msn.com) or Monte Ward P/F567-0280, Email [mrwrtdl@earthlink.net](mailto:mrwrtdl@earthlink.net) about it.

At the August SBCRP meeting, the following was done: 1) The meeting was held at Santa Maria at Casa de Lopez restaurant adjacent to Headquarters, 104 East Boone St Suite E. Catherine Hayes was approved as our new Executive Director starting in September. She has a big job coordinating all activities both in the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara offices. The phones for the offices are Santa Barbara, 805-569-1136 and Santa Maria, 805-922-2452. One of her main jobs is fundraising because, with a permanent employee, our expenses are more.

We need to raise about \$50,000 more than before to keep our activities at a high pitch. Remember, the Democrats get over \$100 million plus paid workers from unions alone while we count on local voluntary contributions to fund our activities. There are about 75,000 registered Republicans in Santa Barbara County. To raise \$50,000 means about 70 cents per registered Republican or, if only one in 50 gives, they must average \$35 per contribution from 1500 new donors. All money raised locally is spent locally. If we don't raise the money we need, we will have to curtail our plans drastically because, as good Republicans, we won't ever resort to deficit financing. This year, there are no countywide candidates to push for the important initiatives on the November ballot (reapportionment, state spending controls, teacher tenure and the like). Normally candidates spent a lot more money than the party does. This year, the party must assume that burden to sell the program, normally a candidate's job.

There is an Avocado Festival in Carpinteria from 10/7 thru 10/9/05 where we will have a booth at this "green event". In addition, there is an open house at the Santa Maria Office to celebrate its creation. Reserve Thursday, Sept 22, from 5PM to 8PM. Food and drink will be provided so come one come all!

This year's election will be mostly about initiatives, most importantly the Fair Districts Initiative. The fair districts initiative has survived intensive efforts by liberals to remove it from the ballot. We really need to vote this in because Arnold is faced with a dysfunctional Democrat dominated legislature that would apparently rather trash Arnold than fix anything. Let's get out in 2005 and support Arnold and rework the state by replacing Democrats with Republicans in 2006 after reapportionment.

Onward and Upward,

Monte Ward 8/25/05

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