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This is the seventh 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 secretary@santabarbaragop.org or Monte Ward P/F567-0280, Email chairman@santabarbaragop.org about it.

At the October SBCRP meeting, the following was done: 1) We received \$3000 for distribution as a bounty for voter registration targeted toward UCSB College Republicans. Their plans for Santa Maria registration fell through and they registered nobody. We must invigorate this activity! 2) Joe Armendariz spoke at the meeting on taxes, spending and impact of November ballot propositions on local funding; 3) Our next meeting will be the Xmas party at Janine Blum's for members, alternates and big donors on Wednesday, 12/15/05 from 5PM to 8PM; 4) The committee endorsed sending a letter to SBCAG requesting that Hwy 101 funding be devoted to auto and bus transportation downplaying expenditures on rail; 5) Candi Corbani will work to get GOP exposure on local public television.

The election results were disappointing in that all measures lost. This poses a dilemma for our state because the Democrat controlled legislature is very uncooperative in trying to deal rationally with our fiscal and other problems and are beholden to the special interests such as public employee unions, trial lawyers, the ACLU, who fund their political activities. This is a real conflict of interest. Arnold will continue to reach out to them in order to accomplish something positive for the state because that is the only choice. The four major propositions, 74, 75, 76 and 77, are fundamental to saving our state from ruin and will have to come up again, hopefully when the electorate realizes that, like Prop 13, something will have to be done

We need to raise about \$50,000 more than before to keep our activities at a high pitch. Remember, the Democrats get over \$150 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. Next year, 2005, there is a statewide election with hundreds of candidates for national, state and local office. We need to work hard to overcome the dysfunctional Democrat majority and that will require more money than we had for 2005. Please help us do our job of organizing precincts, registering Republicans, getting winnable candidates to run for office and helping them get elected, etc.

Onward and Upward,

Monte Ward 10/2/05

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