

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Happy Thanksgiving!

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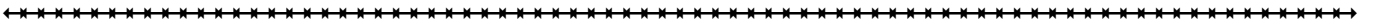
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017; CH 3, DR 2; 7:00 PM



Professor Jennifer Koh
Professor of Law and Director, Immigration Clinic
Western State College of Law
addresses one of today's hottest topics:
**IMMIGRATION - THE NEED FOR
HUMANE REFORM**

Club business will include introduction of the slate of nominees for the 2018 board.
Membership, voter registration, volunteer opportunities in the lobby at 6:30. Members free; guests \$3 at the door.
MEETING INCLUDES CLUB BUSINESS, LEGISLATIVE ACTION, A RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS!
For more information, call Linda Nearing at 949-460-0640

Please bring nonperishable food for donation to South County Outreach



Laguna Woods Democratic Club - Club meetings are held the **second** Wednesday of each month in Clubhouse 3, Dining Room 2, at 7 p.m., except occasionally when a special event pre-empts a regular meeting; the date or location of any meeting may be changed due to holidays; members free, guests are asked for a \$3 donation at the door.

Meeting flyers are posted in each clubhouse at least two weeks prior to every meeting, whether regular or special event. Board of Directors meets the **third** Wednesday of each month in Clubhouse Two, Grevillea Room, at 6:30 p.m. Club members are invited to attend.

2017 Officers and Directors: **President** (Newsletter & Publicity) Linda Nearing, 460-0640; **1st VP** (Program) Susan Dearing, 855-6965; **2nd VP** (Bylaws) Anne Pearson; **Secretary** Allan Feldman; **Treasurer** (Budget) Gary Bennett; **Activism** Janice Burstin; **Campaign & GOTV** Jeanette Peck; **Club Election & Nominating** Maureen Mehler; **Historian** Heide Krueger; **Hospitality** Heather Bennett; **Legislative Action** Jonathan Adler, 581-2178; **Membership** Janet Means; **Outreach** Rebeca Gilad; **Special Events** Penny Cline; **Voter Registration** Arline Burgmeier (All area codes are 949)

Announcements

Save the Date

Nov. 7, Tues. - UCI Democrats holding 45th Candidates Forum; some free tickets may still be available. Call Janice Burstin at 949-636-0501.

Nov. 8, Wed. - Regular LWDC Meeting; CH 3, DR 2, 7 p.m.

Nov. 13, Mon. - Village Games Closing Ceremonies; 9-11 a.m. Your club was a proud sponsor of these Games.

Dec. 13, Wed. - SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR WONDERFUL HOLIDAY PARTY! STARTS EARLIER - CHECK GLOBE OR FLYERS IN CLUBHOUSES! Special Guest is our great friend Betty Yee, California's Controller, and spouse Steven Jacobs!

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH REPORT

At our October 11 meeting, we were able to collect \$365 in cash and checks for SCO's "Adopt-a-Family" program whereby the club adopts an SCO client family and provides gift cards to supermarkets for a Thanksgiving and also an end-of-year holiday meal. Also for the end-of-year holiday, gift cards are given to all family members. Thank you, kind members and guests, for once again stepping up.

We will also collect nonperishable food items at our November 8 meeting. Please remember; be generous.

To find out other ways to help SCO, call our Service Project Coordinator Sue Snyder at 714-329-3386. Thanks to everyone who has helped in the past.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration Chair Arline Burgmeier has dates planned for the Spectrum and assisted living facilities.

Club director Jeanette Peck has a schedule at local community colleges: Irvine Valley College on Thursday, November 2, from 10:30-1:00 and Saddleback Community College on Thursday, November 9, also 10:30-1:00.

There is no voter registration planned during the holiday season, but events will resume in January.

Thanks to Membership Chair Janet Means for the terrific job she has been doing. It's not easy to process 415 members! Welcome to our newest members: Margaret Campbell, Caryl Feldman, Amikam Gilad, Michael Maw, Jo Ann Panitch, Myra Posert, and Jane Warthen. Please help your club by becoming a volunteer!

2018 MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID NOW. For Questions about membership, call our Chair Janet Means at 760 458-5871 or e-mail her at letterlady@me.com We will have an ActBlue link to sign up or renew your membership using a credit card; go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ycx2xk76> (works like a charm!).

There was a Rally for Healthcare on Wednesday, September 27 at Saddleback Memorial Hospital. Activism Chair Janice Burstin arranged carpooling and about 40 people attended. It was arranged by Zane Rice, a young OC activist, and attended by Janice Burstin, Heide Krueger-Gerson and Nancy Nadel from the club, Connie Lawson and Dr. Bill Honigman, PDA (all pictured below).



A "Celebration of Life" (pictured below) was recently held for longtime club member and director emeritus Betty Brodsky.



GRF RAISES ROOM RATES FOR 2018

At the recent Presidents Club meeting of the Golden Rain Foundation, it was announced that Village room rental rates would be raised next year. Please note that this will have little impact on our club and that the club's **2018 DUES HAVE NOT BEEN RAISED!**

SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR 2018

It's that time of year when we present our slate of officers and directors to the membership at our October and November meetings. We will ask for nominations from the floor as well. There were none at the October meeting.

Every director is expected to chair one or more of our Standing Committees and nominees declare which one(s) when nominated.

Club Nominating Chair Maureen Mehler has put together the following slate of 2017 officers and directors who have consented to run again for 2018 and one new nominee:

Officers: Linda Nearing, President, Newsletter and Publicity Committees Chair; Sue Dearing, 1st Vice President, Program Chair; Anne Pearson, 2nd Vice President, Bylaws Chair; Gary Bennett, Treasurer, Budget Chair and PAC reporter; Allan Feldman, Secretary.

Directors: Activism, Janice Burstin; Campaign & GOTV, Jeanette Peck; Club Election & Nominating, Maureen Mehler; Hospitality, Heather Bennett; Legislative Action, Jonathan Adler; Membership, Janet Means; Outreach, Rebeca Gilad; Special Events, Nancy Hensel (NEW); Voter Registration Arline Burgmeier.

In addition, the Board of Directors may create Special Directorships. Heide Krueger has served in that capacity as Historian for the club. Directors nominate and elect Special Directors at board meetings to serve for one calendar year and then ask the membership to vote upon them at the first club meeting thereafter.

So many of you are new members, but you have attended our meetings and know what we do. Won't you stand up and volunteer your services - for a committee, to chair or co-chair a committee, or to run for a future Board of Directors?

Directors must be paid-up registered Democratic "Regular" Members of the club.

Donations are the lifeblood of this club. Please consider naming the club in your will or, better yet, donate while you are still with us!