

Laguna Woods Democratic Club
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MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!
HAPPY SPRING!
HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

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TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
7:00 PM, CLUBHOUSE 2 MAIN LOUNGE

(Note new venue for 2019 - more room!)

Special Guest: JUDGE LYNNE RIDDLE, RET.
OC'S FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT CHYA

Religious conservatives have stonewalled many school districts from fully implementing the state-ordered California Healthy Youth Act. This public education has been deemed vital to the emotional health of youngsters facing questions about gender and sexuality with no previous guidance, as well as those who just have the wrong - and hurtful - information. Come hear about this far-right effort to thwart education and the importance of electing Democrats to county office.

Tuesday, March 19, meeting also includes Legislation Action, Committee Reports, Refreshments and a Raffle!
Members free; guests \$3 at the door. For more information, call Linda Nearing at 949-460-0640.

Please bring non-perishable food items for South County Outreach.

Please also bring recyclable cans and bottles for Cathy Aubert!

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Laguna Woods Democratic Club - Club meetings are held the **third Tuesday** of each month in **Clubhouse 2 Main Lounge**, at **7 p.m.**, except occasionally when a special event preempts 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 **fourth Tuesday** of each month in Clubhouse 2 Grevillea Room at 6:30 p.m.

2019 Officers and Directors

President (Newsletter & Publicity) Linda Nearing, 460-0640; **1st VP** (Program) Susan Dearing, 855-6965; **2nd VP** (Outreach and Fundraising) Rebeca Gilad; **Secretary** Allan Feldman; **Treasurer** (Budget) Gary Bennett; **Activism** Janice Burstin; **Campaign & GOTV** Jeanette Peck; **Club Election & Nominating** Maureen Mehler; **DPOC Associate Member and Historian** Heide Krueger; **Hospitality** Heather Bennett; **Legislative Action** Jonathan Adler, 581-2178; **Membership** Janet Means; **Special Events** Nancy Hensel; **Voter Registration** Mary Ribando

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SAVE THE DATE

Mar. 8, Fri. - 1-3 p.m.; phone banking and postcard writing for Loretta Sanchez; Pine Room, Community Center (see article)

Mar. 9, Sat. - 12:30-4, Clubhouse One, International Women's Day; \$20; rsvp cecesloa@gmail.com text/voicemail 949-683-1278

Mar. 10, Sun. - Daylight Savings Time begins! Spring ahead!

Mar. 11, Mon. - 10-12 a.m., phone banking, CH 2, Grevillea Rm.

Mar. 16, Sat. - 6-9 p.m.; Third Annual "Making HERstory, Irvine; info at womensjourneyfoundation.org

Mar. 17, Sun. - St. Patrick's Day! Wear some green!

Mar. 20, Wed. - First Day of Spring!

Mar. 23, Sat. - 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Santa Ana: **Women For OC; Great American Write-In** @ Delhi Center, 505 E Central Ave

SCOOP! HOT OFF THE PRESSES! ROV HAS VICTORY!

At its special meeting on Tuesday, February 26, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to fund vote centers. Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters, had presented all the reasons why changing the way the OC votes can save money, provide more voter convenience and flexibility, and implement some of the provisions of the California Voters Choice Act, which the BOS refused to fund in June of 2017. Perhaps already having a Democrat on the BOS (Doug Chaffee) for the first time in twelve years, and with the possibility of adding another Dem on March 12 (Loretta Sanchez), made the right-wingers on the BOS change their minds! **Thanks to all who attended the BOS meeting!**

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

For info on this service project and to volunteer for food drives or other activities in the future, **contact the club's Service Project Coordinator Sue Snyder 714-329-3386** or e-mail her at suesnyder0625@gmail.com **Please bring nonperishable food items to each meeting!**

Club member **Cathy Aubert** collects bottles and cans for their CRV value, giving the money she collects to South County Outreach and also to the club. **Please bring your empty CRV-recyclable plastics/cans to Cathy at each regular club meeting.** In February, she donated a check for \$200 to SCO!

ACTIVISM REPORT

Activism Chair **Janice Burstin** and her volunteers have been busy. They attended the Laguna Woods City Council's latest meeting, which included a proclamation for February as Black History Month.

Twenty activists appeared for the first "He's Not My President" protest rally in Laguna Hills on February 16; once word got out, more than 100 attended the next event on February 18!

To find out what rallies or protests are being planned, contact Janice Burstin at 949-583-9064 or jburstin@comline.com

MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE NOW!

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Every two years, our club, as a chartered club of the Party, participates in a **Pre-Endorsement Conference** called by the State Party whereby we have delegates who can vote to endorse Democratic candidates who have applied for endorsement.

The latest Pre-Endorsement Conference was last year, but the next one is this November because the 2020 Presidential Election Primary has been moved up to March in California, so all Party functions had to be scheduled earlier as well.

The club roster which determines the number of delegates we may have is due this May. For each 20 registered Democrats we have on the club's membership roster, we have ONE delegate to the Pre-Endorsement Conference.

This is a DIRECT WAY our club and its members can participate in endorsing candidates for election. **Last year we had 14 delegates**, the most in the State Regions which include the OC. It was based on a much higher number of paid Dems than we are currently seeing on our 2019 roster. **Based on this year's paid Dems, we would have fewer than 10!**

PLEASE - PAY DUES NOW! RE-UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP. HELP INCREASE YOUR CLUB'S REPRESENTATION AT STATE PARTY FUNCTIONS THIS YEAR!

Please note that all rosters will be updated at the end of March; if you have not renewed, you will no longer be considered a member! PLEASE - PAY NOW!

Welcome to our newest members! **Peter Barry, Deborah Bonetti, Lillian Rifkin, and Sandra Sullivan.** For questions about the status of your membership, call our Membership Chair **Janet Means** at 760-458-5871 or e-mail her at letterlady@me.com. Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2x47cl> to renew online with ActBlue.

GET OUT THE VOTE FOR LORETTA SANCHEZ - HELP A SECOND DEMOCRAT GET ELECTED TO THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MARCH 12!

Club member **Jeanne Lepowsky** is holding GOTV sessions for those who wish to do phone banking and postcard writing to Democratic voters in the Third Supervisorial District (fyi, Laguna Woods is in the Fifth District) because it is essential that we get a second Dem on the BOS!

Event for phone banking and postcard writing is on March 8 (Friday) from 1-3 p.m. in the Pine Room, Community Center and phone banking only on Monday, March 11 from 10-12 at Clubhouse Two, Grevillea Room.

Contact **Jeanne** if you wish to get involved - lepowsky@comline.com or 949-636-9123.

Planned Parenthood Annual Luncheon Report

Our club had a table at the recent (February 8) Annual Luncheon of Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties. Guest speaker was the dynamic attorney **Gloria Allred**. The event was sold out and the energy level was absolutely awesome!

Your club makes annual donations to PPOSBC, as the current administration is trying to undermine women's reproductive rights, including making Roe v Wade's demise their top priority.

You can donate to them at www.pposbc.org

BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Outreach/Fundraising Chair **Rebeca Gilad** revealed her new **2020 Vision Campaign** to raise funds for a campaign office in 2020 and to donate to candidates next year. An anonymous donor matches dollar for dollar!

Note: close to \$3,000 has already been raised! You may donate at either of these websites: <https://tinyurl.com/y8x9rn8m> or <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2020lwdcvision>

Thanks to the following for their generous donations: **Dana Barraclough, Arline and Lyman Burgmeier, Paul and Selma Bukstein, Ann Joynt, Arlene and Harold Mukamal, Jo Panitch, and Steve Stanfill and Larry DeLira (sustaining!).**