

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY EASTER!
Happy Passover!

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MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2019
7:00 PM, CLUBHOUSE 2 MAIN LOUNGE
(Note new venue for 2019 - more room!)

Special Guest: UCI PROFESSOR CHARIS KUBRIN

Immigration and Crime: Is the Narrative Fact or Fiction?

The current political zeitgeist and public sentiment suggest immigrants are far more likely to engage in illegal acts than those who are American born. True or False?

Tuesday, April 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 **(All area codes are 949)**

SAVE THE DATE

April 6, Sat. - CH 5, 10-2; Voter registration at Village Bazaar; volunteers needed; Mary Ribando 716-984-9480

April 7, Sun. - Redistricting Commission Public Info Forum, 12:30-2:30pm, 15 Riparian View, Irvine; free

April 16, Tues. - Club Meeting (see first page)

April 22, Mon. - Earth Day

April 29, Mon. - CDP Region 18 Meeting; 6:30-9, Norman Murray Center, Mission Viejo (CDP Chair candidates)

April 29, Mon. - 9 a.m.; voter registration at Village Games Closing Ceremony, CH 5; call Mary Ribando 716-984-9480

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.** At the March meeting, she donated a check for \$200 for SCO!

MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE NOW!

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

Our paid membership roster (of registered Democrats) which will determine how many representatives we can send to the Pre-Endorsement Conference on Saturday, October 5, has a cut-off date of May 1. Please help your club by renewing your membership NOW and giving us a voice in which candidates will run in 2020. Candidate endorsement begins at the grassroots level and that's US!

Welcome to our newest members!

Linda Kleinman, Lewis Marcus, Roslyn and Marty Rhodes (Marty is a former City Council member), Warren Walker, and Lucinda Whitney,

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.

ELECTION REPORT

Despite a Herculean effort by club member **Jeanne Lepowsky** and her volunteers - postcard writing over 1,000 postcards, phone banking - Democratic candidate Loretta Sanchez lost the election for Third District Board of Supervisors. Many thanks for this great effort. Voter turnout made all the difference - it was very low but more Republicans turned out to elect Donald Wagner than Dems.

BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Outreach/Fundraising Chair **Rebeca Gilad** continues 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: more than \$5,000 has already been raised! You may donate at either of these websites: <https://tinyurl.com/y8x9rn8m> or <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2020lwdcvision>

ACTIVISM REPORT

Activism Chair **Janice Burstin** and her volunteers have been busy. Janice and **Mary Ribando** attend the Laguna Woods City Council meetings, among other activities.

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

DNC REPORT

Our Democratic National Committee member is Melahat Rafiei, former Executive Director of the DPOC and the first Iranian-American member of the DNC and a longtime friend of our club.

She gave a report at the recent County Committee meeting. The State of California has 530 delegates (11% of the total) to the DNC

Democratic National Convention in August of 2020 in Milwaukee.

After the 2016 presidential election, many changes were made at the DNC. No longer may "super delegates" supercede the vote of the other delegates.

In Milwaukee, Democratic presidential and vice presidential candidates will be chosen, the DNC will adopt its platform, and adopt a set of rules, including the presidential nominating process for the next election cycle.

For more info on the national committee, go to democrats.org.

MIND THE GAP!

No, we're not in "Jolly Old" in a "tube".... but we are noticing the decades-old gap between registered Republicans and Democrats in the Village has shrunk! Maybe disappeared!

As of March 21, Dems were at 5,082 and Reps were 5,078! These numbers seem to change daily, and, as of press time for this newsletter, the stats were: 5076 Dems and 5073 Reps. Still leading but minimally.

You can view this data by going to ocvote.com, clicking on the tab marked "Data," then scrolling on the drop down to "Voter Registration Data," click on it, which brings up a new screen. At the bottom left is a box with "Orange" in it; click on it and scroll down to "Laguna Woods." *Et voila!* You can see for yourself!

County-wide, Reps lead Dems by fewer than 10,000 voters. Every voter we register as a Dem cuts down their lead.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON - JUNE 29

Special Events Chair Nancy Hensel and her committee are busily planning the annual luncheon on Saturday, June 29, at Clubhouse Seven. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**