

Laguna Woods Democratic Club  
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**MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**HAPPY MAY DAY!**  
**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**

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**MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019**  
**7:00 PM, CLUBHOUSE 2 MAIN LOUNGE**  
(Note new venue for 2019 - more room!)

**Special Guest: BROOKE WEITZMAN**  
Co-Founder of Elder Law and Disability Rights Center (ELDR Center)  
Litigation reshaped the conversation about criminalizing poverty  
in Orange County...BUT...are seniors being left behind?  
**Fact: Fastest growing group of homeless are senior women!**

**Tuesday, May 21**, 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** (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; **Outreach** Special Director Jeanne Lepowsky; **Special Events** Nancy Hensel; **Voter Registration** Mary Ribando; **(All area codes are 949)**

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## SAVE THE DATE

**May 8, Wed.** - 5 p.m. OCTA/CalTrans at PAC (CH3)  
**May 21, Tues.** - Club meeting (see first page)  
**May 31, Fri.-June 2, Sun.** - California Democratic Party Convention in San Francisco; several directors are delegates or volunteers.

### NEWS ABOUT YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At its April 23 board meeting, directors elected **Jeanne Lepowsky** as a Special Director, heading our Outreach Committee. At the May 21 meeting, regular members (registered Dems) will be asked to confirm her election.

Director **Janet Means** who is our Membership Chair is also our Acting Treasurer (in the absence of Gary Bennett who moved out of area). Many thanks to her for taking on this task! If you or anyone you know could create our PAC reports, please let Linda Nearing know: 949-460-0640 or [nearinglinda@yahoo.com](mailto:nearinglinda@yahoo.com)

Club member **Jo Ballantyne** has taken on the position of Hospitality Chair after serving many years on the committee and bringing wonderful home-baked goods to our meetings.

Thanks to these members for their service to our club.

### HELP IN THE VILLAGE

Those of us who live in the Village are lucky to have **The Foundation of Laguna Woods Village** which helps those residents who fall on hard times. If you or someone you know has food insecurity, trouble purchasing necessary medication, or is suffering from another financial setback, **call 949-268-2246 for help.**

### SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

There is a food drive scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at Stater Bros. Thanks to those who are volunteering: **Donna Crewe, Estelle DeNunzio, Louise Doslu, Marilyn Freeman, Ginny Mareks, Maureen Mehler, Ray Perlstein, and Lily Rifkin.**

For info on this service project and to volunteer for food drives in June or July, 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](mailto: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 April meeting, she donated another check for \$200 for SCO!

## MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE NOW!

Welcome to our newest members! **Carol Friedman, Carol Melton, Stacie Muir, Sandra Smolinsky, and Dorothea Vincent.**

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](mailto:letterlady@me.com). Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2x47cl> to renew online with ActBlue.

### BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

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! We are in a current pledge drive.

We know you get a lot of requests for your money - every e-mail seems to beg. But this is **OUR GRASSROOTS OPPORTUNITY** to make a difference in elections next year by funding a campaign office which will support all those who will be running for re-election, such as **Katie Porter** for U.S. Congress and **Cottie Petrie-Norris** for California Assembly and our friend **Dave Min** who is running for State Senate.

There will likely be a rather contentious presidential election next year, so our campaign office will be high-profile because the OC went blue last year, as did our districts. There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer at that office. **Meanwhile, any amount of donation will be appreciated.**

**Note: more than \$6,500 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](mailto:jburstin@comline.com) She often can arrange carpooling.

## 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. More details soon! PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!** We need donations to the silent auction at that luncheon - help us get gift certificates from restaurants and local merchants, current and bestselling books, and made-to-order food items.

If you can volunteer to solicit merchants, please contact **Rebeca Gilad** at 949-452-0464

### FUTURE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT THE 'Y'

To help Village Residents understand how the I-5/EI Toro Road interchange project will impact the Village, an informational meeting will be held at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Wednesday, May 8, at 5 p.m. The meeting's lecture-style format will share the same information presented at the public hearing held on April 18, including the 3D renderings video and the display boards.

For more information about the I-5/EI Toro Road interchange improvement project, contact **Logan Selleck, OCTA Outreach, at [LSelleck@octa.net](mailto:LSelleck@octa.net) or 714-560-5573** or visit [octa.net/EIToroInterchange](http://octa.net/EIToroInterchange).

### DPOC'S TRUMAN DINNER

Your club is purchasing one table at the DPOC's Annual Truman Awards Dinner on **Saturday, September 28**. Five of the ten seats at our table have already been reserved.

The club is subsidizing part of the dinner ticket price, so your price (as a paid-up member of the club) will be \$100.

The first five additional reservations made with Linda Nearing 949-460-0640 or [nearinglinda@yahoo.com](mailto:nearinglinda@yahoo.com), with checks sent to Linda at 700 Avenida Sevilla, #N, LW 92637, will secure the last seats available at our table. Your check made out to LWDC will be deposited to the club account immediately; there will be no refunds. If you cannot make the event, you may give your seat to another club member, if you wish.

The DPOC is planning to host several of the more high-profile Democratic presidential candidates, so this is sure to be a sold-out event. It's at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel, a union venue.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Your board of directors authorized support for several California Assembly and Senate pending bills, and letters on behalf of the club were posted to the Legislature's online site. These included issues such as gun safety measures and the bill authored by Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva to move the proposed veterans cemetery back to its original site on the closed EI Toro Air Base.