

Laguna Woods Democratic Club
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SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY LABOR DAY!
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REGULAR CLUB MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
7:00 PM, CLUBHOUSE 2 MAIN LOUNGE

Special Guest: Christopher Hilger **Citizens Climate Lobby**

“Climate Change - a Challenge and Opportunity, not an Unsolvable Problem”
Understanding carbon fee and dividend and H.R. 763.

Chris Hilger had a distinguished career as a Public Defender. Now that he’s “retired,” he is an in-demand speaker for Citizens Climate Lobby. Come hear his expert opinion on how we all might address encroaching climate change.

ALSO, Justine Chen, Field Representative from the Los Angeles office for the United States Census Bureau, with news about the upcoming 2020 national census.

Come early for membership and volunteer opportunities. September 17 meeting also includes Legislative Action, Committee Reports, Refreshments and a Raffle! Members free; guests \$3 at the door.
For more information, call Sue Dearing at 949-855-6965.

Please bring nonperishable food items for South County Outreach.
Please also bring recyclable cans and bottles; proceeds to South County Outreach.

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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; **Acting Treasurer** (Budget) Janet Means; **Activism** Janice Burstin; **Campaign & GOTV** Jeanette Peck; **Club Election & Nominating** Maureen Mehler; **DPOC Associate Member and Historian** Heide Krueger; **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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We're on Facebook!

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SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Sept. 8 - AAPI and Asian Americans Rising Forum, presidential candidates; info below
Fri., Sept. 13 - 6-8 pm; Pre-Endorsing Training for Representatives, Norman Murray Center, MV
Tues., Sept. 17 - 7 p.m., club meeting, CH 2
Thurs., Sept. 19 - 2-4 pm; CH 1 - International Peace Day (see article)
Sat., Sept. 28 - DPOC's Truman Dinner

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

Please call Sue Snyder for info 714-329-3386 and to volunteer for future food drives!

MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE

Welcome to our newest members! Mary Jane Burns, Marsha Gandin, Diane Gross, Nancy Keller, Pat Leftwich, Karen and Robert Napack, Brenda Rader, Dr. Lois Rubin, Katherine Stephens and Bill Yates!

For questions, call Membership Chair Janet Means 760-458-5871, e-mail letterlady@me.com. Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2x47cl> to sign up or renew online with ActBlue.

BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Fundraising Chair Rebeca Gilad reports that we are more than halfway to our goal - we now have in excess of \$11,000 in donations! The 2020Vision Campaign exists to raise funds for a campaign office next year and to donate to Democratic incumbents and candidates. <https://tinyurl.com/y8x9rn8m> or <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2020lwdcvision> PLEASE - DONATE TODAY!

ANNUAL LUNCHEON REPORT

Thanks to Special Events Chair Nancy Hensel, Silent Auction Chair Rebeca Gilad, and all the committee members and volunteers who helped make our Annual Luncheon with Rep. Katie Porter such a success.

We had a limited capacity this year with Clubhouse Seven and apologize to those who could not attend. We sold out the entire room in just nine days.

Our Silent Auction and Live Auction produced over \$3,000; the mimosa donations yielded \$400 which went to South County Outreach.

Thanks to everyone who donated items or solicited gift cards from local merchants for the Silent Auction. Thanks to those who purchased the Auction items.

Representative Porter got a standing ovation when she arrived and again when she left! We love our Katie!

LET'S ALL MAKE SURE WE DO ALL WE CAN TO GET HER RE-ELECTED IN 2018. Katie is one of the congress members being targeted by the opposition.

For photos, click on <https://photos.app.goo.gl/F2cjinrwxvMnyXiz6> (Thanks to Joel Goldstein for photos! Thanks also to Bethany Gilboard for her photos.)

BIGGEST NEWS OF AUGUST!

Orange County went BLUE in early August! The DPOC's Chair Ada Briceno gave a press release shortly afterwards and the news literally echoed around the globe! Print media, radio, TV and of course Facebook and other social media rang out this awesome happening!

At print time, there are 550,807 Dems and 548,426 Reps in the OC! LW has 5,123 Dems and 5,053 Reps on the voter rolls.

DPOC'S TRUMAN DINNER

Exciting news - DPOC's annual event September 28 honors the four members of Congress elected in the OC in 2018, including our own Rep. Katie Porter!

The club purchased two tables of ten and all 20 seats have been taken. Thanks to those who signed up - it's going to be a terrific event!

If YOU wish to attend, call the DPOC at 714-634-3367 or go to <https://orangecountydemocrats.com/truman/>

ASIAN AMERICANS RISING is putting on a Democratic Presidential candidates forum on Sunday, September 8 in Segerstrom Hall. Seats are still available. Go to <https://www.scfta.org/events/2019/asian-democratic-presidential-forum>

CLUB CO-SPONSORING WITH CONCERNED CITIZENS CELEBRATE INTERNAT'L PEACE DAY

Concerned Citizens, co-sponsored by six LWV clubs, is celebrating International Peace Day on Thursday, September 19, in Clubhouse One from 2 to 4 pm. Co-produced by Latifah Taormina and Carol Shallin, the event stars members of the Old Pros, The Theater Guild, and more, in a program consisting of stories, readings, poems, songs and music. Light refreshments will be served, plus a unique display of Tibetan Peace Flags made especially for the occasion.

The program is free to all. Please join us and bring your friends.

VOTER REGISTRATION DATES

VR Chair Mary Ribando has dates for voter reg events at Saddleback Community College, 10 am-2 pm, on 9/4, 9/16 and 9/17. October dates will be with the Dems of UCI on their campus. Call Mary at 949-540-9607 or e-mail marytribando@gmail.com for info.

WHO DO YOU LIKE FOR OUR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT NEXT YEAR?

While putting together the Democratic presidential and vice presidential candidate slate is the difficult task of the Democratic National Committee next year, with so many candidates currently in the race, you get to choose which one you personally like and would support at this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Any officer, director, or member of our club is entitled to support and endorse any of these 20+ candidates as an individual.

However, the club does NOT endorse or support any candidate until the DNC has done its work. It's just not our job.

So please....do not post anything on social media which may indicate that your club has any preference for any candidate, and do not indicate that you personally speak for the club....because that's a big no-no!

CDP ENDORSING CONVENTION IN NOVEMBER IN LONG BEACH!

The second CDP convention of the year, called the Endorsing Convention, takes place November 15-17 at the Westin in Long Beach.

If you have any desire to attend or volunteer at this convention, contact cadem.org or e-mail Emma Harper at emma@cadem.org.

JEANNE LEPOWSKY, OUTREACH CHAIR, REPORTING

Changes to 2020 Voting Procedures

CA's presidential primary election will be March 3, 2020. This earlier date means that we must plan Get Out The Vote (GOTV) activities starting this autumn and into the winter months.

Jeanette Peck and Jeanne Lepowsky are contacting volunteers from our latest election cycle and recruiting new ones.

New Vote Centers are coming to Orange County, enabling voters to vote prior to election day, with the ability also to vote at any poll location within the county. This will eliminate many provisional ballots which are the last to be counted by the ROV.

The transition is happening right now and will be complete by November 2020. More details on the Vote Centers can be found at <https://www.ocvote.com/fileadmin/vc/>.

It is likely that Laguna Woods Village will have its own polling place at Clubhouse Seven, details tba.