

## OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Happy Halloween!

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## Two Important Meetings in October

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse 3, Dining Room 2**

**MEET LOCAL CANDIDATES** - including club member **Mike Gaskins** running for El Toro Water District; **Carol Moore, Joe Rainey** and **Judith Troutman** running for Laguna Woods City Council; **Barbara Schulman and Dan Walsh** for Saddleback Valley Unified School Board, - and discussion of the **eleven Ballot Measures**. Handout on **eleven ballot measures!** Regular meeting date of the Club, also including Club business, Legislative Action, refreshments and a raffle. 6:30 in the lobby for membership, voter registration, and club volunteer opportunities. Please bring nonperishable food or cash for donation to South County Outreach and bring recyclable cans and bottles for Cathy Aubert!

**ALSO - Thursday, October 11, 2018 - 2:00 p.m. at The Towers**

**74TH AD; DUKE NGUYEN FOR SHERIFF, PLUS Mike Gaskins** running for El Toro Water District, **Carol Moore and Judith Troutman** running for Laguna Woods City Council, **Barbara Schulman** running for Saddleback Valley Unified School District  
**AND ELEVEN BALLOT MEASURES!**

(Voter registration in Towers lobby 12:00 noon 'til 2:00)

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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 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 **third** Wednesday of each month in the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Club members are invited to attend.

### 2018 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/Fundraising** Rebeca Gilad; **Special Events** Nancy Hensel; **Voter Registration** Arline Burgmeier  
**(All area codes are 949)**

# Announcements

## SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 2, Tues. - GOTV Training, CH 7, 1 p.m.

Oct. 9, Tues. - Vote-by-Mail Ballots mailed by the ROV

Oct. 10, Wed. - Club meeting, CH 3, DR 2, 7 p.m.

Oct. 11, Thurs. - Club meeting, The Towers, 2 p.m.

Oct. 13, Sat. - "Mark Your Ballot" party: CH 3, DR 2, 10-noon

Oct. 15, Mon. - "Mark Your Ballot" party, The Towers, 11::30-1:30

## CLUB ELECTIONS COMING UP!

Club Elections/Nominating Chair **Maureen Mehler** and her committee will be preparing a slate for the 2019 officers and directors of your club. If you have a desire to serve on the board of directors, please [contact her at 949-951-3557](tel:949-951-3557). Nominations from the floor will be taken at the November and December meetings. Election and installation are at the January meeting.

### GOTV TRAINING - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, CH 7, 1 p.m.

Come and get trained to call, canvass or flyer your neighbors in the Village. Contact Jeanette Peck 760-213-0956 or [jeanettepeck@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettepeck@gmail.com). **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Getting out the vote is JOB ONE! A light lunch will be provided.

## SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

The next club project for SCO will be to fund the Adopt-a-Family programs for Thanksgiving and year-end holidays. We will pass the basket at the October and November meetings for these projects. For info on this service project and to volunteer for food drives or other activities in the future, contact Sue Snyder 714-329-3386: or e-mail her at [suesnyder0625@gmail.com](mailto:suesnyder0625@gmail.com)

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 for Cathy to each meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members! **Susan and Sam Fannon, Mariann and Bob Keenan, and Diane and Kalman Levin.** To check the status of your membership, call our **Chair Janet Means at 760-458-5871 or e-mail her at [letterlady@me.com](mailto:letterlady@me.com)**. Use a credit card with ActBlue. at <https://tinyurl.com/ycx2xk76> to renew online.

## BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Thanks to **Rebeca Gilad**, our Outreach Chair and also Chair of this year's Fundraising Campaign. Thank you to **Gloria and Bert Moldow and Julie and Robert Shin** for their recent donations.. Our wonderful members and friends make us proud! Your generosity is amazing!

**P.S. A new fundraising challenge will be introduced at our Holiday Party in December and recent donations will count for that challenge.**

# WHAT A LUNCHEON WE HAD!

## September 22, 2018 - CH 2



Thanks to almost 175 reservations, a fabulous Silent Auction, an awesome Guest Speaker - author and journalist Gustavo Arellano - and most of all, our volunteers - Nancy Hensel, Special Events Chair; Rebeca Gilad, Silent Auction Chair; Anne Pearson for rounding up the volunteers; the entire Luncheon Committee, including Heather Bennett, Penny Cline, Heide Krueger-Gerson, and Maureen Mehler; Marilyn Gross for the "British Christmas cracker" decorations; Debo Orrill for the luncheon program; Kathie Gaskins and Frank Mulvaney for tending bar for mimosas (proceeds to South County Outreach); the check-in crew, greeters, directors on tap for membership, voter registration, and get out the vote, Sue Dearing for logistics and oversight and keeping the pace moving, to those who donated to the Silent Auction or collected gift certificates from local merchants - we had the best and second largest event ever!

As our major fundraiser of the year, we made a profit of close to \$3,000! The Silent Auction yielded more money than ever before, we got two new memberships, one new voter registration, and many more volunteers for get out the vote!

All in all, an affair to remember.

# MARK YOUR BALLOT PARTIES!

The General Election on Tuesday, November 6, may be the most important election of a lifetime! Here's a popular way to mark your ballot - come join others for refreshments, a slide show of the official ballot, and even stamps to mail in your vote-by-mail ballot!

Make SURE you vote as you intend and vote the entire ballot! Let us guide you through another long one.

Dates are Saturday, October 13, in Clubhouse 3, Dining Room 2, from 10 until noon, and on Monday, October 15 at The Towers from 11:30 until 1:30. **Light refreshments served at both events!**

## Postcard Writing Events - Contact Mary Ribando

Mary and her merry band of volunteers have completed and mailed **1,000 postcards** to Village NPP's (no party preference voters), encouraging them to vote on Nov. 6 and including some political messages. Join them on Friday, October 5 and again on Friday, October 26 at 1:30 in CH 1, DR 2. **Call Mary at 716-984-9480.**

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration Chair **Arline Burgmeier** has scheduled the following dates for assisted living facilities: Tuesday, October 2, 10-2, at Via Valencia; Wednesday, October 10, 10-2, at The Regency; and Thursday, October 11, 10-12, at The Towers. **Call Arline at 949-354-8548**

Arline's assistant **Mary Ribando** has scheduled the following at community colleges: Saddleback Wednesday, October 3; UCI Thursday, October 11; and Irvine Community Monday, October 15 and Thursday, October 18. **Call Mary at 716-984-9480.**

## ACTIVISM - The "Court of Public Opinion" Can Make a Difference

Club Activism Chair Janice Burstin is always busy organizing members and carpools to attend the various rallies and protests in the OC. Call her at 949-583-9064 for info.