

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**HAPPY GROUND HOG DAY!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!**



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“Exactly How Income Inequality Has Risen in America and Why”

David Brady

Professor in the School of Public Policy, and Director of the Blum Initiative on Global and Regional Poverty at the University of California, Riverside.

He is the author of *Rich Democracies, Poor People*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse Two Main Lounge

Regular meeting date of the Club; this meeting will also include Legislative Action, refreshments and a raffle; 6:30 for membership, voter registration, and club volunteer opportunities.

Please bring nonperishable food for donation to South County Outreach.

Bring recyclable cans and bottles, proceeds to SCO also.

For more information, call Sue Dearing at 949-855-6965.

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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 **second Tuesday** of each month in the **Pine Room of the Administration Building at 6:30 p.m.**

2020 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) Pat Leftwich; **Activism** Janice Burstin; **Campaign & GOTV** Jeanette Peck; **Club Election & Nominating** Maureen Mehler; **DPOC Associate Member and Historian** Heide Krueger; **Hospitality** Penny Cline; **Legislative Action** Jonathan Adler, 581-2178; **Membership** Dana Barraclough and Debra David; **Outreach** Jeanne Lepowsky; **Special Events** Nancy Hensel; **Voter Registration** Mary Ribando; *(All area codes are 949)*

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 3, Feb. 5, Feb. 11 - 1-3, Elm Room, Postcard Writing for Board of Supervisors Democratic candidate (see article)

Feb. 6, Thurs. - 6:30 p.m., CDP Region 18 Meeting, Norman Murray Center, Mission Viejo

Feb. 7, Fri. - GOTV Training, 9:30 am; CH 2 (see article)

Feb. 18, Tues. - Club meeting; CH 2; 7 p.m.; Income Inequality

Feb. 29, Sat. - Primary Ballot advice, drop-in; CH 3 Conf.Rm.10-4.

VOTER INFORMATION - MARCH 3 PRIMARY

Jan. 23-Feb. 22 - Orange County Voter Information Guides mailed; Feb. 3-28 Vote by Mail Ballots mailed to all voters; * Feb. 18 Last day to register to vote, except at vote centers; Feb. 22-28 Early vote centers open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including Laguna Woods City Hall; Feb. 29-March 3 Clubhouse 7 vote center and all city hall vote centers are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*If you do not receive your Information Guide or your Vote-by-Mail Ballot, contact the Registrar of Voters at 714-567-7600.

The Club will have 1/2-page voter guide ads in the Laguna Woods Globe on two Thursdays: Feb. 13 and Feb. 27. Drop by Clubhouse 3, Conference Room, on Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., to mark your Primary Election ballot among friends. Best news: No postage necessary!

MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE

Welcome to our newest members: Marleen Gillespie, Wendy Hager, Johanna Morfesis, Anne O'Hollearn, Janet Petersen, Laura & Charlie Prater, Glenda Rosen and Mary Lou Williams. (We also have "returning members" who perhaps have not renewed for a year or so; sorry but you will not be mentioned here!)

We ended 2019 with 384 paid members. To date, we have close to 200 sign-ups for 2020 - either new or renewals. Please remember: LWDC dues are on a calendar year - January through December.

Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yxfld2y>
NO INCREASE IN DUES! PLEASE RENEW NOW!

DEMS GAIN IN DECEMBER!

Orange County went BLUE in early August 2019! At print time, there are now 569,342 Dems and 550,734 Reps in the OC - we are up by more than 18,000! LW has 5,287 Dems and 5,131 Reps, a difference of only 156, so let's register MORE Village residents as Dems!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS!

Many thanks to Janet Means who served as Membership Chair for almost five years. She has turned over this job to two club members - Dana Barraclough and Debra David. These two were elected as Special Directors by the Board of Directors at its January meeting and confirmed by club membership on January 21.

For any questions about your membership, contact Dana at 714-658-8905 or dfbarraclough@yahoo.com or Debra at debdavid48@gmail.com.

POSTCARD WRITING

Voter Registration Chair Mary Ribando is holding three postcard-writing events in the Elm Room of the Administration Building. This is our effort to support Ashleigh Aitken, running against Don Wagner, to get another Democrat elected to the OC Board of Supervisors (District 3 - not our own district, tho).

The first is Monday, February 3, from 1-3 p.m.; second is Wednesday, February 5, same time; third is Tuesday, February 11, same time (1-3 p.m.) February 11 is also a drop-in event for those who wish to mark their March 3 ballots among friends or need some advice!

Contact Mary for info or to become a volunteer marytribando@gmail.com or 949-540-9607.

GET OUT THE VOTE NEWS

On Friday, February 7, prior to the very important Primary Election on Tuesday, March 3, there will be a GOTV training at 9:30 am in Clubhouse Two's main lounge. Refreshments will be served. If YOU would like to volunteer and attend this event, contact Jeanette Peck, GOTV Chair, at 760-213-0956 or e-mail jeanettepeck@gmail.com.

2020 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

It's not too early to contribute to Fundraising Chair Rebeca Gilad's 2020Vision Campaign. The club plans to operate a campaign office (with several other OC clubs) for three months prior to the November General Election. Contributions also go to unbudgeted but board-approved donations to Democratic incumbents, candidates, and causes.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8x9rn8m> or
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2020lwdcvision>

PLEASE - DONATE TODAY!

The Orange County Registrar of Voters is recruiting paid help for the 2020 elections. For information, go to <https://www.ocvote.com/volunteer/volunteer-position-descriptions/>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

Thanks to all who answered our recent questionnaire about endorsement and contributions.

Because there was no endorsement at the State Convention, we are not allowed to "endorse" either candidate for 37th State Senate District. However, you thought we should contribute to both campaigns and list them on our voter guide handouts and Globe voter guide ads as "Vote for either Katrina Foley or Dave Min."

These things we have done, and we thank you for your participation.

KATIE PORTER WAS IN THE HOUSE!



Photo courtesy of Bethany Gilboard

Your 2020 Officers and Directors
Installed by Representative Katie Porter!

CHANNEL 6 AND YOUTUBE STARS!

On January 9, Club Secretary Allan Feldman interviewed Janice Burstin and Jonathan Adler, candidates for the county party's central committee.

Their program will be broadcast on Village TV, Channel 6, on all Thursdays in February at 2:30 p.m. (Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27). YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/4lyQZtyCHqc>

The club's January 21 candidates forum was taped by Channel 6 and will be shown all Sundays on Channel 6 at 3 p.m. and will also be put on YouTube.

Our own long-time members/directors, Jonathan Adler and Janice Burstin, are running for Central Committee of the County Party (DPOC) from the 74th Assembly District. Here are their candidate statements. Please be sure to vote for them on your March 3 ballot, along with four others of your choice.

Jonathan Adler

Honestly (not falsely-modest): Valuable hard-working CC Elected 2012-20, Alternate 2009-12. DPOC's Parliamentarian 2015-20. Executive Committee: Member-elected 2017-20, Alternate 2013-16. Committees 2009-20: Bylaws/Rules, Resolutions, Legislative. Meetings rarely missed. CDP Delegate 2008-19. ADEM-elected 2008-11. Respected editor/draftsman. Experienced "institutional memory." CC re-election well-earned. Parliamentary law teacher. DPOC's/CDP's Bylaws/Rules, Election Code, caselaw grounding unexcelled – DPOC's "rule-of-law." Purpose: Efficient democratic action; protect individuals'/body's rights.

L.W.D.C.'s Legislative Action Committee Chair 2005-20 (Concerned Citizens' too) – research, prioritize, advise Board, draft, present actions (petitions, letters, postcards) on key issues: impeachment, money-in-politics, gerrymandering, election-protection, voter-suppression, healthcare, gun-safety, immigration, climate-change, peace, income-inequality, entitlements, tax-giveaways, money-bail, many more. 7 meetings, 2-4 issues/month, 15 years, total: About 450 actions. Impeachment history talks, Founders' writings, expertise. Unsurpassed "legislative nerd"??

Harvard, Yale, law review, clerkship, directed public-interest "test-case" litigation. Legal/political achievements: Nationally newsworthy. Progressive groups: Many. Dislikes: Token-gestures. Politics: Adlai-to-Bernie. Re-elect achievement, reputation, experience, judgment, fairness, professionalism. "If-it-ain't-broke, don't-fix-it."

Janice Burstin

I am seeking re-election for my 3rd term as a member of the Central Committee representing the constituents of A.D. 74. Since January 2013, I have had the honor to be a Central Committee member attending monthly meetings at the DPOC. Among the responsibilities of a member are voting on Resolutions presented by that Committee, deciding on potential candidates who want the DPOC endorsement for their various races, discussing issues that are brought to the DPOC and how we would bring it back to our districts. I have participated in Pre-Endorsement meetings to vote for candidates prior to the State Convention and Endorsement Caucuses at the State Convention which I am proud to say that my attendance over the past 7 years has been 100%!

I have been on the Outreach Committee in the past and would like to be on the Endorsement Committee if I am so fortunate to be re-elected, bringing my experience, knowledge and understanding of how the Central Committee functions successfully!

Please enjoy some photos from our first food drive of 2020 for South County Outreach. Led by longtime Service Project Coordinator Sue Snyder, many of these volunteers have worked numerous shifts over the years; we thank them (FYI - there had been NO food drives for us since July of 2019!). On Saturday, January 25, these volunteers collected more than 1,000 pounds of food and \$200 in cash!



Judy Rizzo and Ray Perlstein



Maureen Mehler and Bob Bainbridge



Sue Snyder and Donna Crewe



Marcia Goldstein and Jeanette Peck