

## JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
A MOST IMPORTANT YEAR!**

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### **JANUARY 2020 MEETINGS**

**Meet the Candidates and Learn About Ballot Measures.**

**INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**KATIE PORTER FOR CONGRESS, 45TH DISTRICT (INCUMBENT)  
COTTIE PETRIE-NORIS FOR STATE ASSEMBLY, 74TH DISTRICT (INCUMBENT)  
KATRINA FOLEY AND DAVE MIN FOR STATE SENATE, 37TH DISTRICT  
CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

**2:00 p.m. at Lortscher Hall, The Towers**

**Candidates, Legislative Action and Ballot Measures only  
(Voter registration in Towers lobby 12:00 noon 'til 2:00)**

**ALSO, Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse Two Main Lounge, plus Election of Club Officers and Directors**

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 Clubhouse 2 Grevillea Room at 6:30 p.m. **(Note date change in BOD meetings for 2020!)**

### **2019 Officers and Directors (See slate for 2020 on page two of this NL)**

**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; **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)**

## SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 18, Sat. - Annual Women's March, Santa Ana

Jan. 19, Sun. - Club Meeting, Towers, 2 pm

Jan. 21, Tues. - Club Meeting, CH 2, 7 pm; Candidates and Ballot Measures (same at Towers on Jan. 19)

Feb. 7, Fri. - GOTV Training, 9:30 am; CH 2

### MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE

Welcome to our brand-newest members: Robin Brooks, Sharon Kvas, Rahim Monajemi, and Bill Murawski. (Please note: We also have "returning" members who perhaps have not renewed for a year or so; sorry but you will not be mentioned here!)

Please remember: LWDC dues are on a calendar year - January through December. For questions, call Membership Chair Janet Means 760-458-5871, e-mail [letterlady@me.com](mailto:letterlady@me.com).

Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yxflhd2y> to sign up or renew online with ActBlue. **NO INCREASE IN DUES! PLEASE RENEW FOR 2020 NOW!**

### LISTING IN MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

January is the month when Linda Nearing begins to compile membership rosters for use by the Democratic Party - both county and state. Information is gathered from rosters kept by Membership Chair Janet Means.

As your president, Nearing is the only one on the board who "vets" each and every member (at least the ones in the Village) as to their registration status with the OC ROV.

"Regular Members" are registered Democrats. These are the members who will appear on the official club rosters for the Party. "Affiliate Members" are not registered Dems and can include those who vote elsewhere or are registered (or not) with any other political party. Citizenship status is never questioned.

If you have told us that you do not want your name and information on any roster, OTHER than the club's membership roster used only by directors and not disseminated elsewhere, we will honor your wishes.

### 2020 SLATE - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE CLUB

The following club members (and the committees they will chair) have agreed to run for the board of directors. Nominations from the floor were taken at the November meeting and again on December 17. There were none at either meeting. The election is at the January 21 club meeting in Clubhouse Two.

**OFFICERS:** President - Linda Nearing, Newsletter and Publicity; 1st Vice President - Sue Dearing, Program; 2nd Vice President - Rebeca Gilad, Fundraising; Treasurer - Pat Leftwich, Budget; Secretary - Allan Feldman, Alternate Associate Member of the DPOC's Central Committee

**DIRECTORS:** Jonathan Adler, Legislative Action; Janice Burstin, Activism; Penny Cline, Hospitality; Nancy Hensel, Special Events; Heide Krueger-Gerson, Associate Member of the DPOC; Jeanne Lepowsky, Outreach; Janet Means, Membership; Maureen Mehler, Nominating & Elections; Jeanette Peck, Get Out the Vote; Mary Ribando, Voter Registration.

**NOTE:** All candidates are incumbents, except Penny Cline (former director) to chair Hospitality and Pat Leftwich, elected by the board as the new Club Treasurer.

### GET OUT THE VOTE NEWS

During the month of December, Mary Ribando [marytribando@gmail.com](mailto:marytribando@gmail.com) (949-540-9607) and her volunteers distributed flyers with information on the new voting processes in 2020 on one side and news of the 2020 census on the other.

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. If YOU would like to help this important activity, contact Jeanette Peck, GOTV Chair, at 760-213-0956 or e-mail [jeanettepeck@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettepeck@gmail.com).

### DEMS GAIN IN DECEMBER!

Orange County went BLUE in early August 2019! **At print time, there are now 560,833 Dems and 545,909 Reps in the OC - we are up by just under 15,000!**

**LW has 5,191 Dems and 5,064 Reps, a difference of only 127, so let's register MORE Village residents as Dems!**

## 37th State Senate Candidates

At the CDP endorsing convention in November, neither candidate - Dave Min or Katrina Foley - received the State Party endorsement. Min won 53.2% of the vote; Foley had 46% and one vote for no endorsement, .01%. These candidates will speak at our January meetings or have a surrogate speak for them.

In the meantime, the Board is putting the function of endorsement (or not) to our members in good standing. If you receive this newsletter by e-mail, you have received an e-mail already from Sue Dearing from the club's Yahoo account. If you receive this newsletter by snail-mail (USPS), a hard copy is included.

To receive our club's endorsement, a candidate must receive 60% of the votes of the members in good standing. Further instructions are printed on the ballot. Please be sure to vote!

**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/>.

### 2020 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

It's not too early to contribute to **Fundraising Chair Rebeca Gilad's 2020 Vision Campaign**. The club plans to operate a campaign office (perhaps with other OC clubs) for two or 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!**

### SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

There is a food drive scheduled for Saturday, January 25. Short shifts, generous shoppers, fun to serve! To volunteer (or for more info), **please call Service Project Coordinator Sue Snyder 714-329-3386.**

**Greetings from your president (and I don't mean the orange man):**

It has been a politically tense year and that's taken its toll on our sense of well-being. Hope and hard work will be our best tools in 2020.

There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer, and I hope that each one of you will make an effort to help Democrats win across the board (there's the "hope" thing).

Best wishes to all for a happier, healthier, successful new year. - *Linda*