

SAVE THE DATE

July 2, Thurs. – 4 p.m., Second Silent Street Rally for Black Lives Matter; meet on El Toro between Laguna Woods City Hall and Gate One; wear a mask; bring a sign or get one from the club. *(Read the article below about the terrific Page One Los Angeles Times report of our first street rally by friend and fellow Democrat, Journalist Gustavo Arellano!)*

Aug. 15, Sat. – Club's Annual Luncheon – special this year! Guest will be **State Controller Betty Yee** – virtually! See article following.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON – EXCITING NEW PLANS!

Special Events Chair Nancy Hensel and her committee have been working diligently on the logistics for our Annual Luncheon on Saturday, August 15. Plans were made to distribute Jolanda's boxed lunches at Clubhouse 3 (Performing Arts Center) and delivered to The Towers to those who have signed up. The flyer is included with this newsletter.

Attendees may pick up their meals, then join the meeting remotely from their homes to hear **State Controller Betty Yee** speak, giving new meaning to the significance of the country's 19th Amendment to the Constitution – women's suffrage, the right to vote.

In addition, Congress Member Katie Porter, State Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris and State Senate Candidate Dave Min will speak, either live or on video.

Each meal will contain at least one surprise! Please support your club this year during its Annual Luncheon, even though we cannot hold it in person as we have in the past.

'BLACK LIVES MATTER' RALLIES CONTINUE

Activism Chair Janice Burstin got our first silent street rally together on Friday, June 12, on El Toro between our own Gate One and the Laguna Woods City Hall. We had about 50 in attendance. Our friend, Los Angeles Times journalist Gustavo Arellano, likes to be in the loop about our activities; learning about this one, he came along with a photographer!

His piece was "Column One" on the front page of the Times on Wednesday, June 17. He ran photos from the day.

A club photo of Arellano, along with club members Dottie Hawkins and Janice Burstin, ran on the front page of the Laguna Woods Globe on Thursday, June 18.

COME JOIN US THIS THURSDAY, JULY 2, FOR THE SECOND 'BLACK LIVES MATTER' RALLY!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Thanks to our volunteers who have called Democrats in the Village. Many have become members. Please welcome: **Benedicte Butaye, Marcia and Lee Goldstein, Elaine Grist, Barbara Page, Judy and Neil Perlman, Sharon and Willie Phillips, Edna Reid, Bill Tuohy, Jose Vergara and Donna Vincent.**

For information on membership, contact **Membership Chair Debra David** at 949-462-9781 or debdavid48@gmail.com.

WE'RE ZOOMING ON OUR OWN NOW!

Our multi-talented Treasurer and PAC Reporter Pat Leftwich has set up the club's own Zoom account! For a few months, DPOC Regional Organizer Lindsey Lefebvre has been setting up our club, board, and committee meetings and has been monitoring them.

Now we can do our own! Zooming does not lend itself to hundreds of participants, so we Zoom our monthly club programs, then they are edited and broadcast on Village Television, Channel 6 and put on YouTube.

Just so you know...**Zoom** is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local, desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to meet online, with or without video. Now you know.

YOUR CLUB MADE DONATIONS IN JUNE

Last month your club made the following donations: \$250 to WAVE (Women for American Values and Ethics Political Action Committee) to sponsor their "Take Back the White House" training program with Sara Al-Amine; \$200 to Sergio Contreras, running as a Democrat for the OC Board of Supervisors; and \$500 to the Democratic Party of Orange County (they are unable to hold their annual fundraiser, the Truman Dinner).

Many individuals donated men's underwear and socks for collection by **Service Project Coordinator Sue Snyder**. We partnered with the OC Veterans Democratic Club's support of "Wound Walk" servicing unhoused veterans. Sue reports a total of 505 pairs of socks and 414 pairs of briefs. Thanks to our many members who gave generously.

WE WALK THE WALK...NOT JUST TALK THE TALK

Members from your club and from the African-American Heritage Club (a Village group) will be getting together to have a small discussion group, perhaps four or five from each club, to discuss Black Lives Matter.

There has been racial profiling against at least one of our African-American residents that we know of, and it's very distressing.

Those of us who have enjoyed (or did not even notice) "white privilege" have a deep desire to understand more completely how that has affected the lives of our fellow humans. It's way past time for a big change.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have a new neighbor, or if you have recently moved, changed your name, or wish to change your registration, our **VR Chair Mary Ribando** will be happy to register residents. Please contact her at marytribando@aol.com or 716-984-9480.

GET OUT THE VOTE ACTIVITIES

The first phase of the DPOC's "Turn Up OC" has been working well for us! Phone calls made to resident Democrats who do not yet belong to the club has yielded at least a **dozen new members!**

Working with tools and training provided by the DPOC, the end goal is to ensure that Democratic and NPP voters turn up to vote in November. The first of three phases began in June; thanks to the volunteers who made those phone calls.

We are going to need more volunteers to help **GOTV Chair Jeanette Peck** ((760-213-0956, jeanettepeck@gmail.com) and **Outreach Chair Jeanne Lepowsky** (lepowsky@comline.com, 949-636-9123) to contact voters by phone or canvassing to give information and reminders to vote in November.

Postcard writing will become a more important part of our outreach efforts, perhaps for Sergio Contreras, running for OC Board of Supervisors and for Dave Min, candidate for State Senate. Until LWDC starts its own program led by **Voter Registration Chair Mary Ribando**, we suggest Postcards to Voters at postcardstovoters.org.

In October, we will distribute door hangers. Knocking on doors may become a possibility later this year.