

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY PRIMARY ELECTION DAY – MARCH 3
BE SURE TO VOTE! VOTE BLUE!
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

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

DPOC Chair Ada Briceño

What's Chair Ada Briceño's take on the March 3 Primary Election results (if final results are in), and what's going on at the county party level? Come meet Chair Ada and get an update. She was the lucky chair who got to see the OC turn blue in 2019! The DPOC chartered Laguna Woods Democratic Club in 1964! Our connection runs deep.

Regular meeting date of the Club; Come at 6:30 to enjoy refreshments, socialize, and explore membership, voter registration, and club volunteer opportunities. Meeting also includes Legislative Action and Committee Reports. Members attend free; guests are asked for \$3 at the door.

Please bring nonperishable food and recyclable cans and bottles, proceeds to South County Outreach.
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

Mar. 3, Tues. - Primary Election Day – PLEASE VOTE!

Mar. 17, Tues. – 7 p.m., CH 2; regular club meeting (see page one)

VOTER INFORMATION - MARCH 3 PRIMARY

Most of you have probably already voted. All voters rec'd a vote-by-mail ballot. **If you have misplaced yours or need a replacement**, please go to a Vote Center – either City Hall in Laguna Woods or Laguna Hills (open 2/22-3/3) or Clubhouse 7 (open 2/29-3/3) in the Village. Thanks for voting! Please vote the entire ballot.

Thanks to club members Jeanne Lepowsky and Janet Means for serving as staffers at the ROV's Vote Centers!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Welcome to our newest members: Rosemary Ash, Brigitte Bellande, Angela Brown, Wendy Hames, Don Joynt, Robin Royer, Kathleen Shea, Von Seodora and Bridget Tucker. Thanks to those who have already renewed for 2020.

There are three ways to renew – by cash payment at any club meeting, by check given at a meeting or snail-mailed to P.O. Box 2254, Laguna Hills, CA 92654, or by using the link below to pay with a credit card.

Because the club is a PAC (Political Action Committee), **dues are not tax-deductible**. All new and renewal memberships each year must be accompanied by a completed membership application (enclosed with this newsletter).

If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact **Membership Chair Debra David** at debdauid48@gmail.com or 949-462-9781.

Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yxflhd2y>
NO INCREASE IN DUES! PLEASE RENEW NOW!

DEMOCRATIC GAINS INCREASE!

Orange County went **BLUE** in early August 2019! At print time, there are now **582,171 Dems** and **558,434 Reps** in the OC - we are up by more than **23,737!** LW has **5,389 Dems** and **5,195 Reps**, a difference of **194**...not bad, but let's keep on registering MORE Village residents as Dems!

Membership Rosters Due Soon

The club must submit membership rosters to the Recreation Department of GRF by March 31. The roster for the DPOC is due by April 1.

If you have indicated that you do not wish to be included in any roster other than the one our club directors may use, we will honor your wish.

The roster for GRF will include Regular and Affiliate Members and those who live outside the Village. For the DPOC, that roster will only be Regular Members (registered Democrats) living in the 74th Assembly District.

2020 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Rebeca Gilad's 2020 Vision Campaign was created to raise funds for our campaign office (scheduled to open August 4, location tba) and stay open for three months prior to and just after the November General Election. It also will provide funds for unbudgeted but board-approved donations to Democratic incumbents, candidates, and causes. So far it has raised more than \$16,000!

Many thanks to several anonymous donors and especially our anonymous "mystery matching donor" for generously participating in this great fundraising cause.

These donations are also not tax-deductible because of our designation as a PAC. Both the Federal Election Commission and California's Fair Political Practices Commission require stringent reporting. For that reason, **cash donations are not appropriate for this fund.**

Checks may be made payable to the club; donors may request anonymity or agree to have their names published in these newsletters.

To donate by credit card, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y8x9rn8m> or to <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2020lwdcvision>
PLEASE - DONATE TODAY!

Report on GRF Club Presidents Meeting

On February 20, Linda Nearing and Sue Dearing attended a meeting in Clubhouse 5 of the leaders of clubs in the Village.

Last year the Recreation Department of the Golden Rain Foundation (oversees recreational facilities in the Village) struggled with 280+ clubs, all trying to rent facilities. In 2019, it was decided to limit the number of clubs to 250.

It was also decided to add a yearly fee for clubs of \$50 and to levy fees on meeting facilities rollover processing. Your club's 2020 fees totaled \$75...the exact same yearly "chartering" fee we pay to the county party.

Because of these new charges, many of the very small or moribund clubs dropped out and the number of clubs is now down to 255 – only five away from GRF's goals.

This should hopefully make renting a room much easier when our club decides to rent a facility not already on our schedule.

Our members and friends should be ever grateful that our club has facilities available to it for very little money. Most of the other Democratic clubs in the county struggle to find venues for their meetings and many pay much more than we do.

OUR MEMBERS - OUR HEROES

This new column brings a glimpse of the lives of our Club Members – otherwise known as "Our Heroes"

Labels are used to describe a person we don't really know. So, when describing **Cathy Aubert**, some would say "she is the lady who collects bottles", or "she is the lady that knits a lot".

What is behind these labels? In Cathy's own words: "When Trump became President it was obvious that the disparity of fortune would intensify, so I decided to help those who help. At the same time I thought I needed to do something for the planet. Recycling was a good place to start. And that's when I started recycling bottles, giving the proceeds away to South County Outreach, and to our LWDC 2020 Vision Campaign. At the same time, I recycle clean paper and plastic bags for the "Upscale Resale" store so they can help others."

Originally from Switzerland, Cathy teaches piano and gives concerts, exercises 5 times a week, dances 3 to 5 times per week. She knits lap robes for veterans and covers for babies. She attends meetings and let's not forget, she is a mother and grandmother too.

Rebeca Gilad, Club 2nd Vice President