

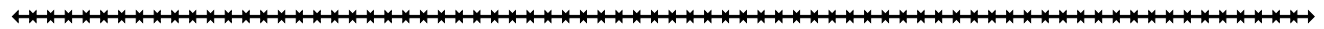
AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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**REGULAR CLUB MEETING - TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019
7:00 PM, CLUBHOUSE 2 MAIN LOUNGE**



Hate crimes around the world have risen in number over the past several years, even in Orange County. There is vitriolic rhetoric toward minorities and immigrants and a resurgence of hate groups. Join our special guest and learn the facts.

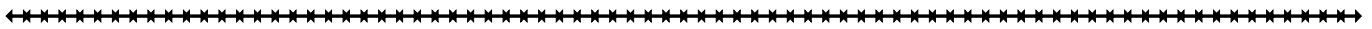
Special Guest: *Cynthia Valencia ACLU SoCal*

Come early for membership and volunteer opportunities. August 20 meeting also includes Legislative Action, Committee Reports, Refreshments and a Raffle!

Members free; guests \$3 at the door.

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

*Please bring nonperishable food items for South County Outreach.
Please also bring recyclable cans and bottles; proceeds to South County Outreach.*



Paid for by Laguna Woods Democratic Club FEC# C00447185 FPPC# 1307188Laguna Woods Democratic Club - 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 **fourth Tuesday** of each month in Clubhouse 2 Grevillea Room at 6:30 p.m.

2019 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; **Acting Treasurer** (Budget) Janet Means; **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

Aug. 3, Sat. - Annual Luncheon; **SOLD OUT!**

Aug. 17, Sat. - DCCC's Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Farwell Avenue, Irvine 92602; bring a dish to share; pizza provided by the DCCC; speakers tba; reservations required:
<https://www.mobilize.us/dccc/event/103044/>

Aug. 20, Tues. - regular club meeting; 7 p.m., Clubhouse Two; ACLU's Cynthia Valencia.

Aug. 24, Sat. - 12:30-2:30 pm; the DCCC's 19th Amendment Anniversary Picnic with Rep. Katie Porter; Northwood Community Park, Irvine

Aug. 28, Wed. - 4-6 p.m., at the DPOC; "Blue Breakthrough" press conference

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

Another successful food drive in July! It brought in 1,270 lbs of food and \$279 in monetary donations. Thanks to the volunteers: Donna Crewe, Ilene Freemond, J.J. Hurst, DLaura Loughrey, Ginny Mareks, Maureen Mehler, and Marion and Irwin Spirn. **Please call Sue Snyder for info 714-329-3386 or to volunteer!**

MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE

Welcome to our newest members! Colleen Baker, Mary Beavins, Abdi Ferdowsi, Margaret Malliet, Barbara and Leonard Rosenbaum, and Ruth Yeh.

For questions, call Membership Chair **Janet Means 760-458-5871**, e-mail letterlady@me.com. Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2x47cl> to renew online with ActBlue.

BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Fundraising Chair **Rebeca Gilad** reports that we are already HALFWAY to our goal - we now have **more than \$10,000** in donations and matching funds! The **2020Vision Campaign** exists to raise funds for a campaign office next year and to donate to Democratic incumbents and candidates. We are in a current pledge drive: <https://tinyurl.com/y8x9rn8m> or <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2020lwdcvision> Our Democratic incumbents are being targeted by the right wingers who cannot stand our 2018 wins! **PLEASE - DONATE TODAY!**

DPOC'S TRUMAN DINNER

Exciting news - DPOC's annual event September 28 will feature several of the more prominent Democratic presidential candidates! (No word yet which ones, tho.)

The club purchased two tables of ten and all 20 seats have been taken. Thanks to those who signed up - it's going to be a terrific event!

*Laguna Woods Voter Stats from the ROV
As of this printing, LW has 65 MORE
Dems than Reps registered - 5,110 Dems
and 5,045 Reps! We are still HOLDING!*

SPECIAL GUEST - KATIE PORTER

Congress Member from our 45th District



Your club directors have been working on hosting our Representative Katie Porter for a free Town Hall in the Village Performing Arts Center later this year or next year. Stay tuned. We will keep you updated.

ASIAN AMERICANS RISING is putting on a presidential candidate forum on Sunday, September 8 in Segerstrom Hall. The club will have a block of 50 seats set aside. The club will not be liable for the cost of any unsold tickets, as they will be released to the public.

We will advise you all of the website to sign up and the date and details asap.

TV Stars Strike Again!

Rebeca Gilad, our Fundraising Chair and Chair of the Annual Luncheon Silent Auction and Allan Feldman, Club Secretary, went on "This Day" with Ken Goldenberg on July 22 to talk about our sold-out luncheon with Katie Porter, among other things.

You can view this segment on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X33p2lymjQE&feature=youtu.be>

WHO DO YOU LIKE FOR OUR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT NEXT YEAR?

While putting together the Democratic presidential and vice presidential candidate slate is the difficult task of the Democratic National Committee next year, with so many candidates currently in the race, you get to choose which one you personally like and would support at this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Any officer, director, or member of our club is entitled to support and endorse any of these 20+ candidates as an individual.

However, the club does **NOT** endorse or support any candidate until the DNC has done its work. It's just not our job.

So please....do not post anything on social media which may indicate that your club has any preference for any candidate, and do not indicate that you personally speak for the club....because that's a big no-no!

BUT HERE'S HOW THE CLUB CAN INFLUENCE ELECTIONS!

Four delegates (who are members of the CDP's Central Committee by virtue of being appointed by the County Party (Jonathan Adler, Janice Burstin, Sue Dearing, and Linda Nearing), along with 13 representatives (club members registered as Democrats) who volunteered and were appointed by the club's board, will attend the Pre-Endorsing Conference on Saturday, October 5.

These 17 people will vote for one candidate in our Congressional District 45, State Assembly District 74, and State Senate District 37.

We will meet soon to talk over the rules of the conference, to plan, and to further educate those new to this event. With 17 votes available to the club, we can perhaps make a difference.

Representative Katie Porter is the incumbent and will run again next year. So far she has **NO** other Democratic challenger but many Republican ones.

State Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris is the incumbent and will run in 2020. She also has no Democratic challenger but plenty of Republican ones.

So far as the State Senate seat for the 37th District, we have two Democratic candidates whom some of you met at the Annual Picnic on June 29. They are Katrina Foley, currently mayor of Costa Mesa, and Dave Min who ran for Congress last year. They both will speak again at our August 20 meeting.

How we 17 from Laguna Woods vote may make a difference in this Pre-Endorsing Conference.

As they did last year, club leaders Linda Nearing and Sue Dearing will be helping Region 18 Director Deborah Skurnik by handling the vote count.

CDP HOLDS THEIR ENDORSING CONVENTION IN NOVEMBER IN LONG BEACH!

This year the CDP has two conventions. The Organizing Convention was in San Francisco at the end of May. The second one is called their Endorsing Convention and takes place November 15-17 at the Westin in Long Beach.

If you have any desire to attend or volunteer at this convention, contact cadem.org or e-mail Emma Harper at emma@cadem.org.

Look for more updates in next month's newsletter.