

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

STAY SAFE; STAY WELL.
Happy Spring!

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The **May meeting**, featuring **Rick Barton**, speaking on the politics of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia - causes of and potential solutions for the current rise in both - is now on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLhwVGkGEXQ>



Rick Barton



Susie Shannon

The **June meeting** with **DNC Delegate Susie Shannon** was taped on May 29 and will be shown every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in June on Channel 6; YouTube link tba. Executive Director of Poverty Matters and Southern CA Vice -Chair of the CDP Progressive Caucus, Susie was a driving force behind sweeping changes to the way California confronts homelessness. A 2016 law she championed behind the scenes pushed the state to move homeless Californians struggling with underlying medical conditions into permanent housing as part of their path to better health. Susie has been a member of the DNC since 2016 and was just recently re-elected.

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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.** **COVID-19 has changed this information.**

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

June 15, Mon. – Zoom Meeting for Phone Bank training

June 20, Sat. – Club co-sponsors WAVE event online (article follows)

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

GOOD WORKS FOR THE UNHOUSED

Thanks to the club's **Service Project Coordinator Sue Snyder** who oversaw the effort, many volunteers put together care, breakfast, or lunch kits to give to South County Outreach. Totalling more than 500 kits, they were distributed to the unhoused and low-income residents of the county.

Your Board of Directors voted to donate \$200 to another effort to provide food and serving items to formerly unhoused veterans now residing in motels in the OC. The photo shows Sue Snyder with the total.

Other club members and residents also donated to this effort. Thank you, everyone, for your generous spirit and kindness.



Democratic Party of Orange County

Central Committee meetings are now being held online as Zoom events. You can check on news from the DPOC by going to ocdemocrats.org.

ANOTHER EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE UNHOUSED

In support of the OC Veterans Democratic Club, we are collecting men's underwear for the unhoused living on the streets. June 17 is the deadline for your generous donation of any kind of men's socks and men's size large briefs.

The group behind this is called Wound Walk and our local contact is Sue Snyder; contact her at suesnyder0625@gmail.com, 714-329-3386.

WAVE EVENT WITH SARA EL-AMINE

Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE) invited the Laguna Woods Democratic Club to partner with them on June 20, 2020, for another exciting morning of inspiration, motivation and training with **Sara El-Amine** by offering the opportunity to play a vital role in this unique and important event.

WAVE asked local Democratic Clubs to co-sponsor this event to coalesce efforts to change the course of our nation on November 3, Election Day. Your Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to become a co-sponsor.

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. As it is likely that clubhouses will not be reopened by that date, plans were made to distribute Jolanda's boxed lunches at pick-up points to those who have signed up. Meal choices will be provided.

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. Stay tuned for more details!

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

Working with tools and training provided by the DPOC, the club is launching a campaign called "Turn Up OC." The end goal is to ensure that Democratic and NPP voters turn up to vote in November. The first of three phases begins this month, so expect to get requests soon from either **Jeanette Peck** or **Jeanne Lepowsky** for volunteers for Phase 1 tasks.

Phone calls will become a more important part of our outreach efforts, as will post-card writing, the latter led by **Mary Ribando**. Until LWDC starts its own program, Mary suggests Postcards to Voters at postcardstovoters.org. In October, we will distribute door hangers. Knocking on doors may become a possibility later this year.

Save the Date for Monday, June 15 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. for a Zoom meeting for Phone Banking training. Link to join up tba.

PLEASE TREAD GENTLY

There has been disturbing news from club members who were showered with obscenities when asking another resident to don a mask. There were written diatribes against mask-wearing posted in laundry rooms. (Security was alerted and took them down.)

The facts posted against wearing a mask were in no way based on science. We wear a mask to prevent others from getting the virus from us – if we are so afflicted and perhaps have no symptoms!

Even though our city went blue last year, we still have a fair number of those who follow and indeed applaud the occupant of the White House. It is not your job to speak out, if it makes you feel afraid.

What we can do is ask the powers-that-be in our community to remind all to wear masks, even though there is ample room for social distancing while walking our streets.

You may also wish to contact **Nichole Quick**, MD, MPH, the OC County Health Officer, 714- 834-3155 or direct an e-mail to ETeam@ochca.com indicating your support for the mask mandate.

OUR NEW LOGO

Thanks to our talented **member Debo Orrill**, we have come up with a logo for our club. It uses the DPOC's logo and adds our name. It is similar to what other OC clubs have done and gives us identity with our county party.

