



Laguna Woods Democratic Club

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Village TV is every Wednesday in April from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

CLUB MEETINGS FOR APRIL

By: Sue Dearing

There will be two candidate forums in April:

- **Monday, April 11 at 2 p.m. in Lortscher Hall at the Towers (For Towers Residents Only)**
- **Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in Clubhouse 2**

Both meetings will feature some or all of the following candidates:

- **Dr. Asif Mahmood for Congress**
- **Judie Mancuso for CA Assembly**
- **Sherine Smith for Board of Education**
- **Pete Hardin for OC District Attorney**
- **Katrina Foley for Board of Supervisors**
- **Rick Foster for OC Assessor**
- **Possible Judicial Candidate**

The meeting at the Towers will be preceded by Voter Registration in the lobby from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The April 19 meeting will include club business and legislative action.

Dr. Asif Mahmood for U.S. Representative 40th CD: A pulmonologist and doctor of internal medicine, Asif came to the U.S. from Pakistan and has lived in California since 1999. Asif has been a leader in non-profit and philanthropic organizations across Southern California. He serves on the CA Medical Board and on the board of the Valley Rescue Mission and is the chair of the Organization for Social Media Safety which fights cyber-bullying and cyber-exploitation of children. He has been endorsed by the CA Democratic Party and many prominent CA public servants including Governor Newsom and Senator Padilla.

Judie Mancuso for CA's 72nd Assembly District: Judie founded nonprofits to protect and save animals and has led organized opposition against some of the world's largest special interest groups to stop legislation that would negatively impact animals and the environment.



Dr. Asif Mahmood



Judie Mancuso

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LAGUNA WOODS Democratic Club

Welcome to the Laguna Woods Democratic Club. We promote Democratic values through education and activism.

The Democratic Club serves as the meeting and gathering place for registered Democrats and friends of the Democratic Party in Laguna Woods.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Tarik Almarzouk
- Ray Dapp
- Will Magliolo
- Bob McKee
- Gay Page
- Georgeanna Stark

The Southernmost O.C. Democratic Clubs met in late February to meet representatives from the campaigns of candidates running for office in the clubs' districts, and to share informational strategies. Representing our club were Jeanne Lepowsky and Mary Ribando.

2022 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS

- President Sue Dearing
- 1st V.P. Rebeca Gilad, Outreach & Fundraising
- 2nd V.P. Nancy Hensel, Special Events
- Secretary Allan Feldman, Central Committee Associate Member and Program
- Treasurer Pat Leftwich, Budget

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- Jonathan Adler, Legislative Action
- Dana Barraclough, Bylaws
- Janice Burstin, Activism
- Debra David, Membership
- Heide Krueger-Gerson, Historian
- Jeanne Lepowsky, Field Organizer & Campaign
- Maureen Mehler, Nominating
- Debo Orrill, Publicity, Website & Newsletter
- Mary Ribando, Voter Registration and Campaign



DID YOU KNOW?

By: Rebeca Gilad

We talk a lot about our home, Laguna Woods Village, as being a diverse place to live. And it is. We have residents that were born in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, India, China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Hungary, Ukraine, Vietnam, Israel, Lebanon, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, El Salvador, and many other places around the world.

But how much do we really know about those places? What do we know about how our daily lives have been positively impacted by those far-away places?

When the topic of immigration and immigrants is touched, it is generally a shouting match between one side filled with hatred and the other showing pity for “those poor uneducated people.”

Well, my friends, get ready to be impressed by what these immigrants have brought to their adopted country, to all of us.

Starting in April, and every two months, you will be able to learn a little bit of their countries' history, culture and customs through our Village TV. And we'll learn a lot about how we have benefitted from these immigrants' places of origin. The name of the program is: “DID YOU KNOW?” and it airs every Sunday in April at 3:30 p.m.

First program: India. Then, every two months you will learn about another country represented by residents from our Village. Meanwhile, all I can tell you is that you will be so amazed at the end of each episode, all you will say is: I did NOT know that! WOW! I can't wait to meet them. I want to know more.

MONTHLY MEETING *(continued from page 1)*

Judie Mancuso—In 2019, Mancuso was named in the top ten of the top 100 most influential people in Orange County. In 2021, Mancuso was voted Vice Chair of the Laguna Beach Environmental Sustainability Committee. Mancuso’s early career was spent in the Information Technology industry over a span of 20 years.



Katrina Foley for O.C. Board of Supervisors, District 5: Katrina is a community leader, successful businesswoman, working mom, and attorney who was elected as Orange County's newest Supervisor in 2021. She served four years as Costa Mesa's Mayor and previously was on the Costa Mesa City Council for twelve years. Supervisor Foley's accomplishments while in office cover many areas including affordable housing, homelessness, protecting the environment, public safety, infrastructure improvements, supporting public schools and fiscal responsibility.



Sherine Smith for O.C. Board of Education, District 5: Sherine has been a teacher, principal, and deputy superintendent of education. She capped her career as the superintendent of Laguna Beach Unified School District. Sherine held the Chair of the Orange County Superintendents’ Organization and in 2016 was honored as the Orange County Superintendent of the Year. As a fiscally conservative administrator, she knows how to keep our tax dollars in our public school classrooms and how important public school education is to our future.



Pete Hardin for O.C. District Attorney: Pete is a former Judge Advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy District Attorney, Special Assistant United States Attorney, and one of Southern California’s leading litigators. After departing public service, Pete worked at two of the nation’s premier litigation law firms before starting his own law practice. He is running to enhance safety, heal victims, and to restore integrity and professionalism to the Orange County District Attorney’s Office.



Rick Foster for O.C. Assessor: Rick is uniquely prepared to be Orange County’s Assessor, not only because of his extensive experience in the housing and mortgage industries, but because of his work ethic and compassion for those in need. He founded multiple companies and currently serves as the Founder and Managing Member of Universe Properties LLC, where he works to provide homes for seniors, disabled veterans and battered women transitioning from shelters to housing.

The races for Board of Supervisors, District Attorney and Assessor could be final June 7, if any candidate receives more than 50% of the votes. Please consider donating to their campaigns as LWDC has done:

Katrina Foley: <https://secure.numero.ai/contribute/KatrinaFoleyforSupervisor2022-donate>

Pete Hardin: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/petehardin-digital_website

Rick Foster: <https://secure.numero.ai/contribute/RickFosterforOrangeCountyAssessor2022>

The race for Board of Education WILL be final June 7, so it is important that we do everything we can to support Sherine Smith. She is running against an extremely conservative, charter school supporting, anti-mask incumbent. Please consider a donation to Sherine's campaign: <https://votesherine.com/donate/>

Looking forward to seeing you on either April 11th or 19th.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY – APRIL 1ST

April Fool’s Day occurs every year on April 1st. Also known as All Fool’s Day or Foolish Day, this is a day to play practical jokes and pranks on your friends and family. A tradition that is celebrated in several countries, the origins of April Fool’s Day remain mysterious until today.

OUR MEMBERS: MARY RIBANDO

By: Rebeca Gilad



Mary Ribando

Rebecca: Mary, I know you were a young non-political person in New York, and now you have become an LWDC Board member, in charge of developing and organizing a very successful voter registration program in Laguna Woods Village. How did that happen?

Mary: I am the oldest of four siblings. I was always busy helping my mom who was a great mom, but not very organized. Thus, I became a very well-organized person, which helps a lot in my work here. I was in college during the Vietnam war era, and even though I regret to say I was not tremendously involved, I did learn to respect opposite opinions. I had friends who were serving in Vietnam, and I also had friends who refused to participate.

Rebecca: When did you get involved in politics?

Mary: When Trump was elected, I decided to try the Laguna Woods Democratic Club. I remember my first meeting in Clubhouse 3 in a room packed with people and Linda Nearing, the club's president, asking for

new members to introduce themselves. I stood up and said: I am a transplant from New York, and I am ready to protest. And indeed I was ready to do a lot more than what I had done in the 60's.

The energy emanating from the members, listening to how much they knew, how interested they were, and how willing they were to work hard for their values, made a big impact.

Rebecca: What have you found as a club activist?

Mary: First of all, I have made good friends. It feels so easy to participate, to do whatever needs to be done. I am always ready to do it. Seeing the club's accomplishments feels like a personal reward. In other words, the commitment of the LWDC members is very gratifying to me. Developing and organizing the voter registration program has been very rewarding because of the response I have received. The volunteers I have found are always happy to go the extra step. No matter how many postcards we need to complete, or where we need to go to deliver registration forms, there is always someone who will do it. Besides, they always make me feel appreciated. It is such a good feeling. I always feel I have accomplished something whenever I am working for our club.

FOLLOWING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Katrina Foley: Board of Supervisors

By: Maureen Mehler

But, you say, Katrina is not OUR member on the Board of Supervisors. Aha! But she will be.

If you noticed in our February newsletter we talked about the Census of 2020. It made some major changes in who our elected officials will be. Sadly, most of us will no longer be in Katie Porter's district but will work hard to elect Asif Mahmood.

But wait for it. . . we will be in Katrina Foley's district (as those of you who came to the March meeting know) and she is now on the Board of Supervisors, and we need to work hard to keep her there. Why, you ask, do we worry about the Board of Supervisors (BOS)? Well, if you read February's newsletter and the article by Ezra Klein, you'll know that local politics are VERY important.

Katrina won her position on the BOS in March 2021 in a special election. Prior to that she was the Mayor of Costa Mesa. She has some serious credentials and is working hard to promote the values we hold dear here in what was once a solid red district.



THE V.P. CORNER

By: Rebeca Gilad

Have we learned anything from history?

One hundred years ago, in 1922, Sergei and Rachel Bialik, a very young couple from Kyiv, decided they had to flee their home, leaving their country and family, because they were afraid for their lives.

Just a few days earlier, Rachel's younger sister, Leah, hadn't returned home. She had been assaulted and killed in the streets of Kyiv on her way back from school, the Music Conservatory, where she was an opera student. Raped and killed by a group of Russian Cossacks.

Reason: She was recognized as being a Jew. That incident sealed the young couple's destiny. They applied for visas to go to Mexico since their visas to the United States had been denied several times and Mexico was the only country that would take them in.

Why had they been denied U.S. entry? The quota to welcome Jews from Eastern Europe into the USA had been reached and closed. With their 12 year old daughter Clara, and their six year old son, Liova (Leon) in tow, they took a train to the closest port and crossed the Atlantic, leaving behind their parents, siblings and grandparents.

1924: They arrived in Veracruz, Mexico. Mexico was their new home. It was the first time they heard a word in Spanish; and the first time they saw a pineapple or a mango. They traveled to Mexico City where they rented a downtown one-bedroom apartment across from the synagogue on Justo Sierra Street. Rachel opened a lunch place for newly arrived immigrants in her dining room.

1935: Leon, their son, met Pola, a young immigrant from Kovle (Ukraine). They fell in love.

1938: Leon and Pola got married.

1939: Leon and Pola's grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins were put on trains. They never returned.

Reason: You know the reason: Being Jewish.

Leon and Pola bore four daughters. Their home in Mexico was a happy place where immigrants from all over the world were welcomed with open arms. And as if a circle was completed, two of Leon and Pola's daughters emigrated to the USA, where both became citizens and activists.

So, what is different now, one hundred years later? The President of Ukraine, governing from Kyiv, is a Jew himself. What hasn't changed? The "Cossacks" are still killing innocent people. Hatred is still rampant around the world.

I forgot to mention that I am one of the two daughters who became a proud citizen of the United States, my adopted country. And, oh, yes, all immigrants are welcome with open arms in my house too. Just like almost one hundred years ago, my grandma Rachel, from Kyiv, did in Mexico. And my great-grandmother Malka did in Radovitch, Ukraine, when frightened people in horse carts were fleeing from one place to another, running outside of her home, located in the crossroads between two large towns. I wish I could have met them both. I know they live within me.



WHAT'S UP WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF O.C.

By: Allan Feldman



As you might imagine the DPOC is gearing up for the CA State Primary on June 7th. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, running for reelection, spoke for five minutes. Marc Levine, Democratic member of the Assembly

from northern CA, who is running against Commissioner Lara, also spoke. It sounds like this is going to be a hard-fought campaign. Assemblyman Levine harshly criticized the incumbent. It appears he will run an aggressive campaign.

The Central Committee endorsed several candidates for O.C. offices, including Rick Foster for Assessor and Sherine Smith for Board of Education, both of whom we can vote for. The endorsements were pretty much uneventful except for the 4th District Supervisor's office. Currently Democrat Doug Chaffee is the 4th District Supervisor but was soundly defeated by Sunny Park from Buena Park. It wasn't even close as Supervisor Chaffee had very little support. The committee that recommends whom to endorse had recommended a "no endorsement" for this race but people weren't listening. Seems Doug Chaffee voted with the Republicans on the Board of Supervisors a few times too many.

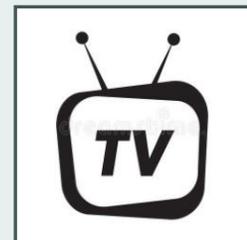
The O.C. District Attorney's race has gotten a little closer recently. Current District Attorney (D.A.) Todd Spitzer has generated a lot of criticism for musing about why black men date white women. According to D.A. Spitzer, this "tendency is a way black men can raise their standing in the community." Maybe in Todd Spitzer's community, but hopefully not the Orange County community, of 2022.

Don't forget the CA State Primary. Ballots will be mailed starting in early May and must be returned by June 7th.

VILLAGE TV FOR APRIL

By: Sue Dearing

Henceforth Black in Laguna Woods will alternate with the Immigrants group presenting programs on Village TV. For April's exciting new program, which airs Sundays at 3:30 p.m., please look elsewhere in this newsletter for information!



The Democratic Club's regular meeting airs on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. April's program features two incumbents: Supervisor Katrina Foley, running for re-election in our district, and El Toro Water District Director Mike Gaskins.

Before being elected Supervisor, Katrina Foley was Mayor of Costa Mesa and on the Costa Mesa City Council and the Newport Mesa Unified School District Board of Trustees. She is a successful business-woman, working mom, and attorney. The program focuses on her many accomplishments while in office and her plans for future efforts. This election could be final with the June 7 primary. Supervisor Foley has two prominent Republican opponents, a former CA Assemblymember, and a former CA State Senator. So please consider donating to her campaign:

<https://secure.numero.ai/contribute/KatrinaFoleyforSupervisor2022-donate>

Mike Gaskins was elected to the El Toro Water District in 2018. He has over 40 years of professional experience as a water quality chemist/microbiologist and labor relations representative. A veteran, Mike lives in Laguna Woods Village. Mike is up for re-election in November, and we currently don't know if he will have any opponents.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

By: Mary Ribando

To be eligible to vote in the June 7th Primary, you must register to vote by May 23rd. If you are registered, you should make sure your voter registration is current. The Orange County Registrar will be sending out vote by mail ballots starting May 9th. If you've moved since the last election, you should update your address.



You can register or check that your registration has current information online by going to [OCvote.gov/registration](https://ocvote.gov/registration). There you can easily register or use the look-up tool to view the status of your registration.

If you or someone you know needs additional help with Voter Registration, you can email me at: marytribando@aol.com or call or text (716) 984-9480.

Every vote is important. Your vote is important. Make sure you can vote!

CALLING ALL READERS! Let's join to explore fascinating nonfiction

By: Kate Van Camp

For me, it takes a push to move past murder and mystery to nonfiction titles. I carefully track recommendations, then the titles languish in my phone. Let's link our voracious readers to inspire and lead well-intended members like me. With the promise of friends and lively discussion, even refreshments, let's read more. We'll pick our own books, set our own timeline, and find the best location.

I've chosen two books for the kickoff, both by Imani Perry. They're readable and affordable. The short one is *Breathe* (a four hour read) and the longer juicy book is *South to America*. Take a peek online. Reading one or both is definitely not required at the start.

Kickoff is April 26th, 6:30 PM. Finger food served. Contact/RSVP Kate Van Camp at cvc4joy@gmail.com or (773) 841-0287 (texts are OK).

TODAY AND ALWAYS

By: Rebeca Gilad



TODAY

To Olive Rego: Our best wishes for a quick and easy recuperation.
From: The Laguna Woods Democratic Club Board of Directors

ALWAYS:

To Jackee Berner: With deep sorrow for the passing of your sister, Shirley Goodman, may she rest in peace.

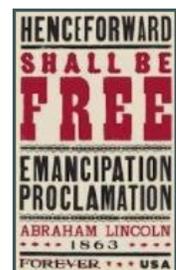
From: The Laguna Woods Democratic Club Board of Directors

To York Chen: Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved wife Terry.

From: The Laguna Woods Democratic Club Board of Directors

EMANCIPATION DAY– APRIL 16TH

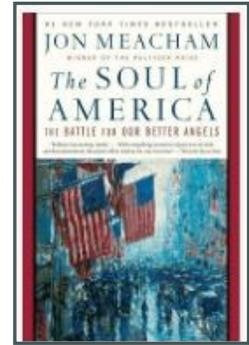
Emancipation Day on April 16 is a public holiday in Washington DC. It commemorates the day when, in 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act, which effectively abolished slavery in the District of Columbia. Slavery in other parts of the United States only came to an end in 1865. Firmly against the evils of slavery, then President Abraham Lincoln signed the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862, freeing around 3100 slaves living in Washington DC.



WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

By: Nancy Hensel

During President Biden's 2020 campaign, he talked about restoring the Soul of America, a phrase he borrowed from presidential historian, Jon Meacham. Meacham, in his book *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*, says that the soul is a continuing struggle "between the ideal and the real, between what's right and what's convenient, between the larger good and personal interest" rather than a set of beliefs. As individuals, we engage in this struggle as does our country. Meacham goes on to say that the soul is "the vital center, the heart, the essence of life." As Americans, we have a set of beliefs that our founders articulated in our Constitution. We believe that all humans are created equal and that we have the right to equal justice under the law. The Declaration of Independence clearly states these beliefs as a foundation for the American revolution. For most Americans, equality is deeply engrained in our concept of government. Equality is an essential element of our American soul.

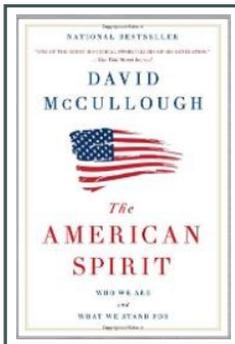


Consent of the governed or government for and by the people is the basis for our form of government and is articulated in our founding documents. The ability to participate in our government through voting is another integral part of our American soul. When asked "What Does America Mean to Me" at our 2021 LWDC holiday party, one of our members said America means "knowing and respecting other cultures, religions, shapes, and colors and the best of people." Other members mentioned freedom of thought and speech and the right to vote without interference. These freedoms are also part of our American soul. Another member said, "America is a collaborative miracle that we need to protect". This echoes Benjamin Franklin when after signing the Constitution, he responded to a woman who asked, "do we have a monarchy or a republic?". Franklin responded, "A republic, Madame, if we can keep it." Later Franklin said, "The first man put at the helm will be a good one. Nobody knows what sort may come next." After four years of an authoritarian president, we now know what came next and we must find ways to keep our own republic.

Biden talks about America as "an idea", the only government created from an idea. Our LWDC members understand the idea of equality, justice, and self-governance. President Biden in an optimist and frequently says he sees many possibilities for the future. To one LWDC member America means: "a generous, open heart to those downtrodden, hungry, homeless, needing a hand up. Let us not lose our tender hearts." Other members talked about "taking care of the vulnerable while allowing everyone the opportunity to reach their potential." Someone else said, "America is the place the world looks to for hope".

Ronald Reagan, in his farewell speech, imagined an America "... teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace, a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity... {America} still a beacon, still a magnet for all who must have freedom, for all the pilgrims from all the lost places who are hurtling through the darkness toward home."

David McCullough, author of *The American Spirit: Who we Are and What We Stand For*, commented after 9/11: "we are still the strongest, most productive, wealthiest, the most creative, the most ingenious, the most generous nation in the world, with the greatest freedoms of any nation in the world, of any nation in all time."



In the last six years we experienced an authoritarian president (fortunately defeated in the 2020 election), witnessed an insurrection that, had it been successful, would have changed the core ideals of our government, endured a brutal pandemic and subsequent financial crisis, and now are struggling to stop the destruction of Ukraine. We are a strong people and country, and we share with President Biden a hope for the possibilities of America's best future. We, as Democrats, believe in our core values of equality, justice, and self-governance and we commit ourselves to remaining a beacon and hope for the world and for our own grandchildren.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

The Sue Dearing Volunteer of the Year Award

By: *Rebeca Gilad*

The LWDC board has created the *Sue Dearing Volunteer of the Year Award* and we invite you to nominate someone for the 2022 volunteer award. We wish to honor a volunteer who has made a significant contribution to the success of the Laguna Woods Democratic Club.

Please submit a 500 word or less letter of nomination for a volunteer who meets the following criteria:

MUST be a present or past LWDC member. (Current LWDC board members are not eligible for the award).

Include name, email address, and phone number of nominee and the same information for the nominator.

Briefly describe:

- How the nominee promotes the mission and ideals of the LWDC and Democratic Party.
- The impact the nominee's work has on the lives of other people.
- How the nominee has gone above and beyond in providing services to Democratic ideals, not exclusively within LWDC.
- Creative ways in which the nominee has carried out the volunteer work.

Nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee and the final recommendation will be given to the Board of Directors of LWDC for approval. Award Selection Committee will be composed of 5 members of the Board of Directors of the LWDC. Nominations are due by June 1, 2022. Award Ceremony: Sept. 10, 2022, at the LWDC Luncheon.

Send the nomination letter (1 page) to "Selection Committee", 5585 Via Dicha, Unit "B", Laguna Woods, Ca. 92637 or by email: rebecagilad@gmail.com

EARTH DAY—APRIL 22



Earth Day is celebrated internationally on April 22. It is a day to educate people about the issues affecting the planet and to raise awareness for and celebrate the efforts in place to protect the environment. It sometimes extends to Earth Week, and is coordinated by the [Earth Day Network](#).

Senator Gaylord Nelson, the junior senator from Wisconsin, had long been concerned about the deteriorating environment in the United States. Then in January 1969, he and many others witnessed the ravages of a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, Senator Nelson wanted to infuse the energy of student anti-war protests with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution.

Senator Nelson announced the idea for a teach-in on college campuses to the national media, and persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair. They recruited Denis Hayes, a young activist, to organize the campus teach-ins and they chose April 22, a weekday falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, to maximize the greatest student participation.

The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with rallies and demonstrations happening in Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, and several other American cities. The day was very successful in raising awareness about the risks that face the planet. In 1990 Earth Day became an international celebration, with over 140 countries taking part in observing it that year.

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

Tuesday March 22, 2022

By: Sue Snyder



At 9:00 o'clock this morning, Danny drove up in his South County Outreach truck and picked up seven over-flowing barrels of non-perishable food to stock the warehouse at 4 Whatney in Irvine. As always, he was cheerful, strong, and helpful. Richard zipped out the front door and Rascaled* over to Danny, handing him an envelope containing \$400.00 in checks and cash. We shared a few photo-ops, and then Danny drove off to pick up more much-needed supplies.

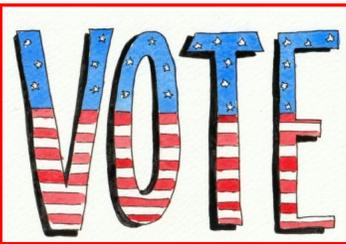
That kid loves his job and we folks in the Village love helping others. And volunteers at the food bank warehouse love to assist struggling families with food and utilities.

A big "Thank You" to all the LWDC club members, thoughtful friends, and neighbors who dropped off food and financial help. You are very much appreciated. We're hoping that some time soon we will be able to hold food drives at the market, but in the meantime, our breezeway at 907 Ronda Sevilla is always welcoming.



LET'S GET OUT THE VOTE!

By: Mary Ribando



California's primary election is coming up on Tuesday, June 7th and the **Get Out the Vote (GOTV)** committee will once again be calling on volunteers to help distribute door hangers to Village residents.

If you're not familiar with our door hangers they provide lots of information including what's on the ballot, who's running, when voter material will be distributed, where and how to vote and where to get help.

Every Primary vote is so important since with our 'top two' voting rule, the fewer Democrats who vote, the greater the risk that there will be no Democrat on the ballot in the general election. So, we're asking for your help to get the word out to every Democratic voter in the Village that their vote counts!

If you're interested in volunteering to deliver door hangers or making phone calls to voters, please email me at marytribando@aol.com. We will have a volunteer training session at Clubhouse 5 on Thursday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. If you are interested and can't make that session, we'll do our best to accommodate you.

