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Democratic Club
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Newsletter—November 2020

Laguna Woods Democratic Club

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

November Meeting Speaker: Michelle Bratcher Goodwin

Chancellor's Professor at University of CA, Irvine School of Law

Topic: The Implications of the Appointment of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court and the Settled and Future Rights At Risk.

Michele Bratcher Goodwin, Chancellor's Professor at UCI Law School. Professor Goodwin's constitutional law dossier addresses legal questions related to freedom of speech, religious exercise, equal protection, due process, race and sex discrimination, reproductive rights, slavery, and LGBTQ equality. Her scholarship has been referenced by national media, legislators, and civil society organizations.



Fight for the things that you care about,
but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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.

MAIL YOUR DONATIONS

We know some of you would rather send checks directly to our candidates, so here are their addresses.

***Use the first line when making your checks out.**

Biden for President
PO Box 58174
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Cottie Petrie-Norris for California State Assembly
2091 Business Center Drive,
Suite 150
Irvine, CA 92612

Dave Min for State Senate*
P. O. Box 5959
Irvine, CA 92616-5959

Katie Porter for Congress
P. O. Box 5176
Irvine, CA 92616-5176

*Request an envelope from Mary Ribando at 660 Avenida Sevilla #D., Laguna Woods, CA

2020 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

- **President, Newsletter & Publicity** — Linda Nearing (949) 460-0640
- **1st V.P., Program** — Susan Dearing, (949) 855-6965
- **2nd V.P., 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 & Historian** — Heide Krueger
- **Hospitality** — Penny Cline
- **Legislative Action** — Jonathan Adler (949) 581-2178
- **Membership** — Dana Barraclough & Debra David
- **Outreach** — Jeanne Lepowsky
- **Special Events** — Nancy Hensel
- **Voter Registration** — Mary Ribando

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Since we are not meeting in person to take nominations from the floor, we will request them through emails and the newsletter. We are always looking for new people to join the board and the various committees which make our club work so well! You can also become part of the above committees without being on the board. Please respond to the newsletter with nominations and/or specify the committee you are interested in joining.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Nov. 3, 2020: General Election

Nov/Dec 2020: Governors **must** certify results no later than Dec 14

Dec. 8, 2020: State “Safe Harbor” Deadline: States must resolve disputes over appointment of electors

Dec. 14, 2020: Meeting of Electoral College. Electors meet in their respective states on that day and cast their votes.

Dec. 23, 2020: Receipt of Certificates of Electoral College must be received by the Senate and the Archivist.

Jan. 3, 2021: NEW CONGRESS IS SWORN IN as set by the Constitution

Jan. 6, 2021: Joint Session of Congress where they open electoral certificates, consider any objections and resolve them under federal law, and counts electoral votes.

Jan. 20, 2021: End of Current Presidential Term at 12Noon as set by the Constitution

Jan. 20, 2021: At 5PM God willing and the creek don't rise we raise a glass in thanks for the end of our nightmare.

BECAUSE OF YOU

By: Rebeca Gilad

As we get close to the end of 2020, and even closer to the Presidential election, many of us feel at a loss about what is waiting for us in the near future. We used to take for granted going places in our daily lives. We used to plan trips months in advance. We used to take for granted that if our children and/or grandchildren go to school, they will find a job, and thus, live a secure and healthy life. But 2020 happened and a Pandemic happened, and Trump happened. And here we are.

Never mind that we have had a difficult year. We have not succumbed to fear, to doubt, to powerlessness. No, my friends. We have marched, we have made calls, we have written cards and letters, we have taken care of each other, and in my case, I have closely witnessed your generosity with the donations you made to our 2020 Campaign.

We started the LWDC 2020 Campaign on September 2018. The Campaign closed September of 2020. Together, we were able to raise **\$17,000**. And we did it thanks to you! Some of you contributed once, others contributed monthly from beginning until the end of the Campaign. Many did not miss one single month (hurray for these superheroes!). In case you are wondering how the donations were disbursed, here is the list:

- \$1,000 Joe Biden for President
- \$5,000 Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
- \$5,000 Dave Min for CA Senate (37th District)
- \$2,500 Katie Porter for Us. Representative (45th District)
- \$2,500 Cottie Petrie-Norris for CA Assembly (74th District)
- \$2,500 Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee
- \$1,024 Sergio Contreras for O.C. Board of Supervisors
- \$1,000 Democratic Party of Orange County
- \$ 500 Farrah Khan for Mayor, City of Irvine
- \$ 500 Maricopa Democratic Offices (Phoenix HQs was firebombed)
- \$ 250 Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club (Airplane PR)
- \$ 200 Ed Wong for Saddleback Valley USD (Area 1)
- \$ 200 Krista Castellanos for Capistrano USD (Area 5)
- \$ 200 Jan Vickers for Laguna Beach School District
- \$ 200 Kelly Osborne for Laguna Beach School Board

Now, as we wait for the results of our votes, as we hope and pray for a good 2021, as we Zoom, and call family and friends, and try to take care of ourselves, we should be proud of the things we did accomplish in these difficult times.

I thank again each one of our Campaign donors. I hope you got my thank you cards. Please know that you have filled my heart with hope and love and your donation has made a difference in many political races. Please stay well my friends. Let's keep working together for us, and for the next generations to come.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have a new neighbor, or if you recently moved, changed your name, or wish to change your affiliation, our Voter Registration Chair Mary Ribando, will be happy to register residents and answer your questions.

You can contact her at (716) 984-9480.

marytribando@aol.com

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

Contact the
O.C. Registrar of Voters

(www.ocvote.com)

(714) 567-7600

or

go to a

Vote Center

(Oct. 30 - Nov. 3)

JUST ASK!

There are still
Biden/Harris
signs, bumper
stickers & buttons
available.

Call **Maureen Mehler**

(949) 951-3557

BALLOT MEASURES

VOTE YES:

14, 15, 16, 17, 18,
19, 21, 23, 25

VOTE NO:

20 & 22

NEUTRAL:

24

LAGUNA WOODS VOTE CENTER & DROP BOX

VOTE CENTER @ CITY HALL

Oct. 30 - Nov. 2

(8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Nov. 3

(7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

DROP BOX @ CITY HALL

Oct. 5 - Nov. 3

**Sign Your
Envelope!**

JANUARY CLUB ELECTION

It is time to plan for LWDC's election in January 2021. As usual, the Board has prepared an excellent slate of candidates:

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

At Large Directors

- Jonathan Adler, Legislative Action
- Dana Barraclough, Bylaws
- Janice Burstin, Activism
- Debra David, Membership
- Heide Krueger, Historian
- Jeanne Lepowsky, Field Organizer
- Maureen Mehler, Nominating
- Jeanette Peck, Campaign
- Mary Ribando, Voter Registration

Special Director (To be appointed by Board in Jan. 2021)

- Debo Orrill—Publicity, Website & Newsletter

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to Heide Krueger-Gerson for her hard work putting out lawn signs for our Democratic candidates outside of the Village! It is not an easy task and requires tricky driving and parking. It has not been made easier by the people who are stealing and defacing the signs, which Heide then has to replace.

According to existing CA law: A person who takes, possesses, damages, reuses, or moves any political sign or signs without authorization from the owner of the sign or signs and with the intent to prevent, substantially alter, or substantially obscure the communication of the sign, is guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor. Upon a second or subsequent conviction of a person under this section, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or both.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

By Mary Ribando

"I would like to send a personal thank you to all the AMAZING volunteers who wrote postcards for some local races. You all wrote 1006 cards for OC Board of Supervisors candidate Sergio Contreras, 740 for Irvine Mayoral candidate Farrah Khan, and an incredible 5100 cards for our next State Senator, Dave Min. Thank you all for your hard work. Our Club is the BEST!"

PROTECT THE VOTE

November 3, 2020

General Election: This is the method all states have chosen for appointing electors. Date set by federal law.

(See 3 U.S.C. §1.)

November/December 2020

Governors Ascertainment of Results (ASAP, no later than December 14, 2020): The executive of each state is required to certify his/her ascertainment of the state's election results to the Archivist of the United States "as soon as practicable" but no later than the date the Electoral College meets. Date set by federal law.

(See 3 U.S.C. §6.)

December 8, 2020

State "Safe Harbor" Deadline (December 8, 2020): This is the deadline for states to resolve disputers concerning the appointment of electors (Pursuant to laws enacted before Election Day) in order to have those appointments treated as "conclusive" by Congress. Date set by federal law.

(See 3 U.S.C. §5.)

December 14, 2020

Meeting of Electoral College (December 14, 2020): Electors meet in their respective states on the same day to cast their votes. Date set by federal law (but required to be the same for all states).

(See 3 U.S.C. §7; U.S. Const. art. II §1, cl. 4.)

Information provided by: www.protecttheresults.com

You've got to vote, vote, vote, vote.
That's it; that's the way
we move forward.

Michelle Obama

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

President:

JOE BIDEN*

Vice-President:

KAMALA HARRIS*

U.S. Rep. 45th District:

KATIE PORTER*

State Senate 37th District:

DAVE MIN*

State Assembly 74th District:

COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS*

OC South Community College

District, Area 1:

CAROLYN INMON*

OC South Community College

District, Area 6:

RYAN DACK*

Laguna Woods City Council:

VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENTS

The following may or may not appear on your ballot, depending where you live:

Saddleback Valley USD,

Trustee Area 1:

ED WONG

Capistrano Unified School

District, Trustee Area 5:

KRISTA CASTELLANOS

Laguna Beach School District:

JAN VICKERS* &

KELLY OSBORNE*

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and/or Democratic Party of
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