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**Newsletter—October 2020**

# Laguna Woods Democratic Club

## Candidates and Ballot Measures

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

The October Democratic Club meeting will feature important information for all voters:

- The Legislative Action Chair Jonathan Adler will explain 12 statewide ballot measures and 1 Laguna Woods measure.
- Ada Briceño, Chair, Democratic Party of Orange County
- Carolyn Inmon, DPOC is the endorsed candidate for South O.C. Community College District Trustee Area 1.
- Ryan Dack, DPOC is the endorsed candidate for South O.C. Community College District Trustee Area 6.
- Dr. Edward Wong, President of the Board of Education of Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

DPOC Chair Ada Briceño and the three candidates will each speak for 5 minutes. Jonathan Adler’s explanation of the ballot measures will be the rest of the program.

All Laguna Woods residents will have Carolyn Inmon and Ryan Dack on their ballots, but only those in gates 1-4 will have Dr. Wong on their ballot.

**RANDY RAINBOW—Brings a smile to your face!**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI8RZhh0BM0>



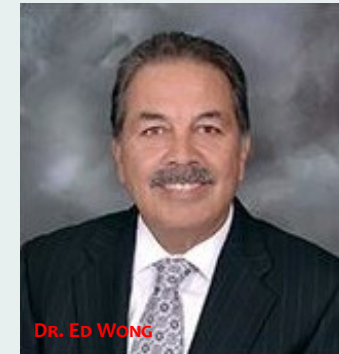
ADA BRICEÑO



CAROLYN INMON



RYAN DACK



DR. ED WONG

## 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.

## 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

“Voting is the right upon which all other rights depend.”

—Thomas Paine—

### 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

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Linda Nearing, LWDC Club President



Linda Nearing with California Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris

LWDC is proud to announce that Linda Nearing, President of the Laguna Woods Democratic Club, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Democratic Party of Orange County's 2020 Truman Awards Virtual Celebration. The virtual event will be held via Zoom on October 24, 2020.

Linda has been the President of the Democratic Club since 2011. She was a member of the Executive Board of the Democratic Party of Orange County Central Committee and Chair of the Truman Dinner Committee from 2013-2016.

Speakers at the event will be Senator Amy Klobuchar, Congresswoman Ro Khanna, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia.

**For information and tickets for the event:**

<https://orangecountydemocrats.com/truman/>

**We hope many of you will attend in honor of Linda!**

# RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Edited from an NPR Report



Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a historic figure. She changed the world for American women. For more than a decade, until her first judicial appointment in 1980, she led the fight in the courts for gender equality.

When she began her legal crusade, women were treated, by law, differently from men. Hundreds of state and federal laws restricted what women could do, barring them from jobs, rights and even

from jury service. By the time she donned judicial robes, however, Ginsburg had worked a revolution.

By the time she was in her 80s, she had become something of a rock star to women of all ages. But for the most part Ginsburg enjoyed her fame and maintained a sense of humor about herself.

As the chief architect of the battle for women's legal rights, Ginsburg devised a strategy that was characteristically cautious, precise and single-mindedly aimed at one goal: winning.

She viewed her dissents as a chance to persuade a future court. "Some of my favorite opinions are dissenting opinions; I will not live to see what becomes of them, but I remain hopeful."

## LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR CAMPAIGN

**Persistence is the key. You need to just keep writing!**

The DPOC Letter-to-the Editor campaign asked each Democratic Club in Orange County to write at least two letters every month until the November election to "Voice our Values" on a topic of the writers' choosing. In September, the Los Angeles Times published letters from Marcy Sheinwold, Marcia Goldstein and Barbara Siry. The letter writing group also includes Lydia Lewis, Carol Osman, Martha Spalding and Patricia Terry. Please congratulate these members for their efforts!

The odds of getting published are slim. Persistence is the key. You just need to keep writing. There is always value in expressing your opinion. At least you may be able to influence the editorial staff of the newspaper!

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS

- Charles & Paulette Biggs
- Amy Gleason
- Rohini & Satish Joshi
- Robin Ligori
- Elaine Michals & Harvey Cohen
- Caren Myers
- Gail Okon
- Bobby Rosenfeld
- Greta Shewan-Fox & Robert Fox
- Dee Tucker
- Dave & Terry Whittington

## 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](mailto:marytribando@aol.com)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

**If You Don't Receive Your Ballot By OCTOBER 12**

Contact the  
**O.C. Registrar of Voters**

([www.ocvote.com](http://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!**

## GET-OUT-THE-VOTE IS GAINING MOMENTUM!

*Jeanne Lepowsky*



The first Get-Out-the-Vote (GOTV) Kickoff and Training was held on September 24th. The focus was on the distribution of the Door Hanger/Voter Guide. Our presenters did a fine job, and our volunteers asked excellent questions.

Even before the training, some volunteers had already begun to distribute their door hangers, and in at least one case completed the assignment. This level of energy is precisely what we need for the November election. By the time you read this, I expect we will have achieved our goal of delivering door hangers to 75% - 80% of all Laguna Woods residents. Many residents are not registered Democrats but are ready to cast their ballot in favor of Biden in order to avoid another four years of Trump and his supporters.

The second Kickoff meeting was on September 30th. This meeting focused on making phone calls to Democratic voters. Phone calling begins on October 7th, which is two days after voters begin receiving their ballots; and will continue through Election Day, November 3rd.

The phone calling phase of our GOTV effort is critical. The goal is to make sure each voter has a plan for voting. Can they answer these questions:

- Do they know how and where to vote?
- What should voters do if they make an error on their ballot?
- How can voters get help taking their ballot to a Drop Box?
- What should they do if they need a ride to the Vote Center?

These questions are crucial due to the Covid-19 pandemic especially considering the efforts undertaken by the White House.

Many of us are not fond of making phone calls, however these calls are critical, quick, and gratifying. Our goal is to inform every voter that they can safely cast their ballot, and that their ballot will be counted. I encourage everyone to make the extra effort to help make GOTV phone calls to our Democratic Laguna Woods neighbors a success.

If you were unable to attend the September 30th training, you can view a video of the training on YouTube. Contact Jeanne Lepowsky at (949) 636-9123, Jeanette Peck at (760) 213-0956, or Sue Dearing at (949) 463-4419 to find out how to access the training. Then get out your phone list and start making calls. **Go BLUE!**

## LWDC PROGRAM: BLACK IN LAGUNA WOODS

Since July several Laguna Woods Democratic Club Directors have been meeting regularly with several African-American residents of Laguna Woods to discuss relevant issues of concern. The meetings have been very productive and have resulted in the following:

- A meeting was held with Carlos Rojas, VMS Head of Security in order to discuss security in the Village regarding African American residents.
- A list of movies that may help Laguna Woods residents better understand their African American neighbors was sent to Village TV.
- Black Lives Matter street rallies continue monthly—stay tuned for a date for the October event.
- A monthly 30-minute program was scheduled on Village TV. Entitled **Black in Laguna Woods** it airs every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Allan Feldman, moderator of the program asks the three participants questions about their experiences in Laguna Woods. Participants in September's program were Sandra Townes Ward, Allan Williams and Dr. Fran Williams. October's program will include Sharon and Willie Phillips and Gloria Williams.



Carlos Rojas, VMS Head of Security

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The LWDC Volunteers wrote a LOT of postcards this month:

- Sergio Contreras for OC Board of Supervisors—1000 Postcards
- Farrah Khan for Mayor of Irvine—750 Postcards
- Dave Min for CA Senate—4000 Postcards

A Special THANK YOU to Mary Ribando, Voter Registration Chair for handling the organizing and to all of our volunteers!

“It should be the power of our vote,  
not the size of our bank accounts,  
that drives our democracy.”

– Barack 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  
Orange County*



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