

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!



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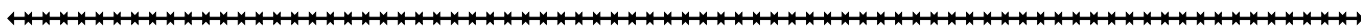


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
7:00 PM, CLUBHOUSE 2 MAIN LOUNGE
(Note new venue for 2019 - more room!)

Special Guest: MICHELE BRATCHER GOODWIN
UCI PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF LAW

“Thirteenth Amendment: Slavery, Capitalism and Mass Incarceration”
(The 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude. 1865)

Tuesday, February 19, meeting also includes Legislation Action, Committee Reports, Refreshments and a Raffle!
Members free; guests \$3 at the door. For more information, call Linda Nearing at 949-460-0640.
Please bring non-perishable food items for South County Outreach.
Please also bring recyclable cans and bottles for Cathy Aubert!



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Laguna 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** (Outreach and Fundraising) Rebeca Gilad; **Secretary** Allan Feldman; **Treasurer** (Budget) Gary Bennett; **Activism** Janice Burstin; **Campaign & GOTV** Jeanette Peck; **Club Election & Nominating** Maureen Mehler; **DPOC Associate Member and Historian** Heide Krueger; **Hospitality** Heather Bennett; **Legislative Action** Jonathan Adler, 581-2178; **Membership** Janet Means; **Special Events** Nancy Hensel; **Voter Registration** Mary Ribando

(All area codes are 949)

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 2, Sat. - "Walk for Loretta Sanchez," 10 a.m. out of the DPOC office, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 582 1916 W. Chapman Ave. Orange, CA 92868

Feb. 8, Fri. - GOTV for Loretta Sanchez (see article below)

Feb. 8, Fri. - Planned Parenthood Annual Luncheon, Gloria Allred, guest; contact: suly.sanchez@pposbc.org

Feb. 18, Mon. - Presidents Day Protest Rally in planning stages; call Janice Burstin at 949-583-9064 or jburstin@comline.com

Feb. 19, Tues. - Club Meeting (see first page)

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

At our first meeting of the year, although it was pouring rain, we had 75 in attendance and collected 56 pounds of food for SCO. For info on this service project and to volunteer for food drives or other activities in the future, contact the club's Service Project Coordinator **Sue Snyder** 714-329-3386: e-mail her at suesnyder0625@gmail.com

Club member **Cathy Aubert** collects bottles and cans for their CRV value, giving the money she collects to South County Outreach and also to the club. Please bring your empty CRV-recyclable plastics/cans to Cathy at each regular club meeting. In January, she donated a check for \$200!

MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE NOW!

Welcome to our newest members! **Beverly Balardo, Barbara Bozman, Stephanie Colantoni, Paul Landman, and Neera Singhal.**

For questions about the status of your membership, call our Chair **Janet Means** at 760-458-5871 or e-mail her at letterlady@me.com. Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2x47cl> to renew online with ActBlue.

DONATIONS FROM THE CLUB

At its recent meeting, the board of directors voted to donate \$200 to the Laguna Food Pantry in Laguna Beach, a charity which stepped up to help furloughed federal workers during the government shutdown.

Another \$200 was donated to Loretta Sanchez's campaign for 3rd District, OC Board of Supervisors. She is the only Democrat on the March 12 ballot; there are six Republicans running. Supervisor Todd Spitzer vacated his seat on the BOS when he won election as OC District Attorney replacing Tony Ruckaukus.

BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Outreach/Fundraising Chair **Rebeca Gilad** revealed her new 2020 Vision Campaign to raise funds for a campaign office in 2020 and to donate to candidates next year. You may donate at either of these websites:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2020lwdcvision> or <https://tinyurl.com/y8x9rn8m> **Note: \$2,425 has already been raised!**

LOCAL RESIST PROTESTS CONTINUE

Our local Resist movement, led by **Jim Gibson**, has decided to continue its protests at the corner of El Toro and Carlotta - in front of the In&Out Burger, on Tuesday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m. **(Please note that they are changing to Tuesdays instead of Fridays.)**



ADEM Elections

The 74th ADEM event took place Jan. 26 at COR AME Church in Irvine. Club leadership Linda Nearing and Sue Dearing (pictured) were conveners. Our wonderful 30 club volunteers registered a total of 860 voters for 62 candidates. Seven women (and two runners-up) and seven men (and two runners-up) were chosen after hours of ballot counting. In addition, a woman (and one runner up) was chosen as the representative to the CDP's Executive Board.

The 74th AD (Assembly District) delegates who were elected at this event vote on behalf of the community they represent at State Party Regional Meetings and at the State Convention. (This year's Convention is in San Francisco, May 31-June 2; visit cadem.org for more information.) Club member Tim Burns was elected.

The one candidate who was elected to serve as an Executive Board member is responsible for voting and representing their community at the semi-annual E-Board meetings of the State Party. All results need to be certified by the State Party.

NEW CLUB SIGN, NEW CLUB BUSINESS CARDS, AND A NEW OUTDOOR SIGN AT CLUBHOUSE ONE!

Reflecting the change of venue, the club had a local union printer make a new club sign - posted at every meeting - new business cards for our directors to use, and soon there will be a new outdoor sign on a column at Clubhouse One to replace the one which has stood up to the elements since 1964! The outdoor sign was made for us by a Midwest firm - union of course!



NEWS ABOUT OUR OWN MIKE GASKINS

There was a terrific article in the January 24 issue of the *Laguna Woods Globe* about our own club member Mike Gaskins, elected in November to the El Toro Water District.

Mike has been named by his fellow directors to head the Human Resources duties of the water board and also

named as Chair to the Citizens Advisory Group. He recently attended his first water conference as a director.

GET OUT THE VOTE FOR LORETTA SANCHEZ - HELP A SECOND DEMOCRAT GET ELECTED TO THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS!

Club member Jeanne Lepowsky is holding GOTV sessions for those who wish to do phone banking or hand-write postcards to Democratic voters in the Third Supervisorial District (fyi, Laguna Woods is in the Fifth District) because it is essential that we get a second Dem on the BOS!

Contact Jeanne is you wish to get involved - lepowsky@comline.com or 949-636-9123. Events for postcard writing and phone banking are on Feb. 8 and 22 and March 8 (all Fridays) from 1-3 p.m. in the Pine Room, Community Center.

At their very first meeting in January, 200 postcards were hand-written and mailed to registered Democrats and NPPs in Irvine! Beat that!