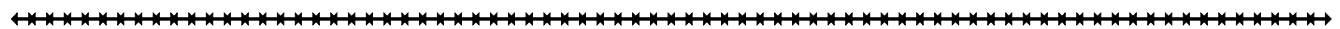


**JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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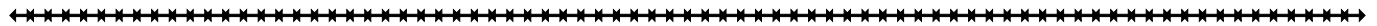
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**Special Guest: Outgoing Chair Fran Sdao  
Reports on the County Party -  
how we turned the OC Blue and Flipped the House!  
Club Election of the 2019 Board of Directors  
with Installation by Chair Sdao**

Tuesday, January 15, 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!

Another exciting January event: Saturday, the 26th, ADEM Meeting, COR AME Church, 45 Tesla, Irvine - come and support your club's candidates running to become delegates to the State Party from the 74th Assembly District. Conveners are Sue Dearing and Linda Nearing.



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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

Jan. 8, Tues. - 4 p.m. Resist street protest, corner of El Toro and Carlotta at In&Out Burger

Jan. 15, Tues. - Club Meeting; 7 p.m. CH 2

Jan. 19, Sat. - Third Annual Women's March

Jan. 26, Sat. - ADEM (see article below); 9:30 a.m.

## NEW MEETING PLACE!

Please don't forget: Our **Tuesday, January 15, meeting is in Clubhouse Two Main Lounge at 7 p.m. (club meetings are now on the third Tuesday of each month).** The Board of Directors will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Clubhouse Two, Grevillea Room.

We hope our new digs make room for even more Dems and friends!

## SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

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](mailto: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.**

## MEMBERSHIP - DUES PAYABLE NOW!

Welcome to our newest members! **Sharon Bogin, Vivian Clecak, Nancy and Terry Deming, Estelle and John DiNunzio, Roseanne and John Dorman, Rosalind and Tom Finkelor, and Sharon Rosen.**

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](mailto:letterlady@me.com). Use a credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2x47cl> to renew online with ActBlue.

## Women's March - Saturday, January 19

Please call **Rebeca Gilad** at 949-452-0464 to see if there are any seats left on our bus or if there are any contingency plans for transportation.

## BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Be sure to attend the club's January 15 meeting when Outreach/Fundraising Chair **Rebeca Gilad** unveils a brand new fundraising campaign geared toward helping out candidates in 2020!

LWDC Donations to Democratic candidates in 2018 totaled \$12,250, thanks to Rebeca's outstanding fundraising efforts and our anonymous matching donor!

## ADEM Elections

Election will take place Jan. 26 at COR AME Church in Irvine at 9:30 a.m. Club leadership Linda Nearing and Sue Dearing are conveners.

**Sue and Linda will need many volunteers on January 26 and will offer a training on Sunday, January 20 in CH 7 at 3:30 p.m. Please call Sue 949-463-4419 or Linda 949-460-0640 for more info and to sign up.**

The 74th AD (Assembly District) delegates who will be elected at this event (7 "self-identified females" and 7 "other than self-identified females") 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](http://cadem.org) for more information.)

The one candidate who is elected to serve as an Executive Board member is responsible for voting and representing their community at the semi-annual E-Board meetings.

The event schedule is as follows: Doors open 9:30 a.m.; candidate speeches begin 9:45; registration starts 10:15; registration ends 12:15 p.m.; ballot counting starts 12:15. Attendees may vote as soon as they are registered and leave as desired.

Two of your club's members are running - Gary Bennett and Tim Burns. They will appreciate your vote!

## 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, January 8, at 4:00 p.m. **(Please note that they are changing to Tuesdays instead of Fridays.)**

## 2018 General Election Result Report

To those volunteers who worked so hard to Get Out the Vote, did voter registration, canvassing, calling, postcard-writing, made contributions in service to our candidates, worked in other ways...give yourselves a pat on the back! **YOU HELPED CREATE THE BLUE WAVE!**

Laguna Woods Village went for Katie Porter for Congress in every precinct! As a matter of fact, the Village and its voting residents voted blue all the way down the ticket! We got our club member Mike Gaskins elected to the El Toro Water District board!

Our turnout was high, as you would expect, even higher than the 71% countywide turnout! All of our precincts clocked in with an 80+% turnout! **LW Democrats now trail registered Republicans by ONLY 76 voters! WE MUST TURN LW BLUE BEFORE 2020!**

**From the CDP:** "Democrats now hold a record 48 of California's 55 seats in the U.S. Congress. There are now a record 46 California Democrats in the House of Representatives (compared to just 7 Republicans) and we still hold both U.S. Senate seats. Democrats maintained our trifecta in California by holding the state Assembly, the State Senate, and the Governor's office.

Democrats have 89 of the 120 seats in the State Assembly and Senate. We picked up 5 seats in the Assembly (from 55 to 60) to maintain our supermajority. Republicans fell from 25 seats to 20.

In the State Senate, Democrats reached a supermajority by picking up 3 seats to go from 26 to 29. Republicans only hold 11 seats.

Statewide, Democrats won all 7 partisan statewide offices and an eighth Democrat won the non-partisan office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Democrats also won 3 of the 4 State Board of Equalization seats. Gavin Newsom held John Cox to the lowest percentage of the vote for Governor (38.1 percent) than any general election candidate since James Roosevelt in 1950.

We also saw an increase in diversity among our elected officials. 54 Women were elected in California into state and federal offices and 50 of those women are Democrats.

Three women hold statewide office together for the first time in history (four, if you include BOE member Malia Cohen) and they are all Democrats (Yee/Ma/Kounalakis). Four Latinos hold statewide office together for the first time in history (five, if you include BOE Member Tony Vazquez) and they are all Democrats (Becerra/Padilla/Lara/Thurmond)."

**OC ROCKS THE BIG BLUE WAVE!**



