



Active Democrat

General Meeting – February 11, 2009

Candidate Forum and Endorsement Vote for 26th State Senate District



President's Message: Ronnie Jayne

Hello Democrats!

This is my first message as President of the Culver City Democratic Club. Thank

you for your support and good wishes. ... And now for the "Good News – Bad News" part. Good News – The Democrats are in control of the House, Senate and Presidency. Bad News – We've been left to clean up the mess of the last 8 years! The Inauguration was inspiring, giving us much hope. President Obama has hit the ground running, but there is so much that needs to be done!

This year, in addition to our Candidate Endorsement Forums, your Culver City Democratic Club meetings will deal with a number of issues near and dear to our hearts, minds and wallets. We will do our best to balance Culver City, State, National and International topics – and give you something to think about. Just as important, we will give you things upon which you can act. Look for Club email blasts – informing you of critical issues and action items. We can all help

make the change that is needed!

I hope you will all attend our Installation Luncheon on February 21, 11:30 AM – 2 PM at the Radisson. We are giving our first "Elected Leader of the Year" Award to our very own Speaker of the CA Assembly Karen Bass. Speaker Bass has spent her life working toward positive change – in private life, and now as a public figure. We will be installing our new Board and presenting Ruth and Dave Weisman with the "Trudy Cherness Democrat of the Year" Award. Also, please consider being a Sponsor or placing your message in our Ad Book.

There will be many opportunities for you to be an Active Democrat this year. I ask you to participate at our meetings, register voters, attend our FUNdraisers, respond to our action alerts, lobby your elected representatives – No, you don't need to do ALL of these things! But find something that stirs you to action – and then act! I am open to your suggestions.

Here's to a year of positive change, ... and don't forget to take a little time to have some fun!

Monthly General Membership Meeting:

**7:00 PM Wednesday,
February 11, 2009**

6:45 PM – Refreshments
Rotunda Room

Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave. and
Culver Blvd.

What's Inside?

- 2: **Karen Bass Honored at Installation Luncheon**
- 2: **Gaza, Another Perspective**
- 3: **Endorsements for Community College Board**
- 2: **Di's Corner**

Club Notes

Renew your membership! We are now accepting payment for dues for 2009. Please use the form on page 4 to supply your renewal information.

Electronic Newsletter:

Submit your email address to Info@CCDemClub.org and ask to get the newsletter by email! Save a tree and save our club the postage!

Join the Culver City Peace

Vigil: Protest the Iraq war every Friday 5:30 – 6:30 PM across from the Culver Hotel.

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Karen Bass Honoree at the Officer Installation and Award Luncheon
Come celebrate the installation of our new Club officers while we honor Speaker of the California Assembly, Karen Bass as Elected Leader of the Year. The Trudy Cherness Democrat of the Year Award will be presented to David and Ruth Weisman.

When: 11:30 AM, Saturday, February 21 at the Radisson Hotel in Culver City.

Tickets \$35 with parking included.

Gaza, Another Perspective by Darryl Cherness

While I am pleased that the bloodshed in Gaza has come to an end, at least temporarily, I am not pleased by the superficial and one sided coverage by the news media regarding the conflict in Gaza between Israel and Hamas.

The media has been fixated on the suffering of Palestinian civilians while ignoring the underlying cause of the conflict, the nature of Hamas, and the very real suffering of Israeli civilians.

Since 2001, Hamas and other terrorist organizations have launched more than 10,000 rocket and mortar attacks against Israel (source: American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Memo 12/31/08). Since 2005, when Israel withdrew from Gaza, there have been more than 6,300 rocket and mortar attacks launched against Israeli citizens (source: AIPAC Memo, 1-6-09).

In June of 2008, Israel accepted a proposal from Egypt for a 6 month lull in fighting. Hamas used the lull to launch 400 rocket and mortar attacks against Israel, expand its rocket inventory, increase the range of its rockets, and expand its tunnel system for smuggling weapons into Gaza from Egypt (source: AIPAC Memo 12-31-08). In mid December, Hamas announced that it would not renew the lull and resumed rocket attacks against Israel striking major cities such as Ashdod and Beersheba.

Israel's military operation was undertaken with the express purpose of stopping Hamas' missile and mortar attacks against Israel. While reasonable people and nations should always be willing to find a peaceful resolution to conflict, it should be

Seeking Submissions

We would like your articles and letters to the editor. Let your voice be heard!
Submissions will be published as space allows. Submissions may be edited for length.

The Club's Executive Board reserves the right to determine suitability of submissions for inclusion in the newsletter.

noted that Hamas refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist and was established with the express purpose of destroying Israel. During the past 20 years, Hamas has murdered 500 civilians, including 24 Americans, in suicide bombings and terrorist attacks within Israel. Hamas has been designated as a terrorist organization by both the United States and the European Union (source: AIPAC Memo 12/31/08).

While it is undeniable that innocent Palestinians have suffered in this conflict, due to the provocations of Hamas, it is equally true that Israelis have also suffered. The Israeli city of Sderot in the western Negev, 1 mile from the Gaza Strip, has been a constant target of Hamas. From mid June 2007 to mid February 2008, 771 rockets and 857 mortar bombs were fired at Sderot and the western Negev. 30% of the residents suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (source: Wikipedia).

It is possible for peace to come to the Middle East. However, this possibility can only be realized if Hamas recognizes Israel's right to exist, renounces violence, and ceases to smuggle weapons into Gaza. Until that day arrives, Israel has the same right as any other sovereign nation to protect its citizens from terrorism.

Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

On Sunday Jan. 11 the re-construction of the 47th Assembly District was held at the Vets Auditorium in the Garden Room to elect delegates to the California Democratic Party. Five club members were running to become delegates and all five got in. They are Tom Camarella, Robert Cole, Chata Manley, Karlo Silbiger and Ronnie Jayne Solomon. We congratulate them.

At our General Meeting Wednesday Jan. 14 was voting for our Executive Board for 2009. We want to congratulate for President Ronnie Jayne, First Vice President Karlo Silbiger, Second Vice President Roger Maxwell, Treasurer Eric Fine, Corresponding Secretary Lee Welinsky, Recording Secretary Sally Gardner and Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg

Endorsements for the Los Angeles County Community College Board

The election on March 3 will be held for four positions on the Community College Board. During our General Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, the Club held a forum for the candidates for the LA Community College Board. All Democratic candidates for the four offices were invited to attend and five of the Democratic candidates for the four offices participated in the forum.

The participants were: Angela Reddock - Office 2, Kelly Candaele - Office 4, Robert Nakahiro, Greg Akili, and Nancy Pearlman for Office 6. The four incumbent board members are running as a slate which includes Angela Reddock, Kelly Candaele, Miguel Santiago, and Nancy Pearlman. Kelly Candaele and Miguel Santiago do not have any Democratic challengers for their positions.

The results of the first ballot are as follows:

Office 2: Angela Reddock - (27)
Total votes cast - 30, 1 invalid vote, 29 valid votes surpassing the 60% number 18.

Office 4 - Kelly Canaele - (27)
Total valid votes cast 30,
surpassing the 60% number 18

Vote Tuesday March 3: Los Angeles Community College Board Endorsements

Office 2 - Angela Reddock

Office 4 - Kelly Candaele

Office 6 - Nancy Pearlman

Office 7 - Miguel Santiago

Vote Tuesday March 3:

required.

Office 6 - voting did not result any candidate garnering over 60% (18)

Office 7: Mr. Santiago - (24),
Total votes cast - 30, No
Endorsement - 3, Invalid - 3.
(60% required =17.)

A second ballot was held for Office 6 with the following results:

Office 6 - Nancy Pearlman (20),

Robert Nakahiro (7), Greg Akili (2). Total valid votes cast 29. (60% required=18).

2009 Club Officers and Committee

Chairs:

President: Ronnie Jayne
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Renew Your Club Membership for 2009!

Our membership chair, Diane Rosenberg, will gladly accept your renewal for next year. You can use the form on Page 4 to update any of your contact information and select the level of membership. Dues are due by January 1, 2009.

For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328

Renew your membership!

Now collecting dues for 2009. Dues for 2009 are due by January 1, 2009. Current dues must be paid by renewing members before a vote to get a ballot at the general meeting. New and lapsed members must have paid dues at least 25 days in advance to vote at a meeting.

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February 11, 2009 - Meeting Program:
**Candidate Forum and
Endorsement Vote for 26th
State Senate District**

Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, February 11**
**Monthly General Meeting:
Endorsement for Special
Election for 26th State
Senate District**

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at
(310) 836-7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Saturday, February 21**
**Installation and Award
Luncheon:**

11:30 AM, Radisson Hotel, Culver
City. Tickets are \$35 a person.
Parking is free to attendees. All
members welcome. Call Ronnie
at (310) 836-7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Saturday, February 28**
Monthly Board Meeting:

1:00 PM at Diane and Herb
Rosenberg's home. All members
welcome. Call Karlo at (310) 839-
9793 or email
FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Tuesday, March 3**
**Election for LA Community
College Board:**

Don't forget to vote. See our
endorsements on Page 3.

Culver City Democratic Club
Application/Renewal Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____

I declare that all the individuals listed for membership are registered Democrats.

Signed: _____

Membership Dues: Dues may be waived for financial hardship

- Member \$30 Student \$20
- Supporting Member \$75 Sustaining Member \$125

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to:

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Please renew for 2009 if you haven't already done so.

The dues period runs concurrent to the calendar year.
Renewals are due by January 1, of each year.