



Active Democrat

General Meeting – January 12, 2011

Club Officer Elections & LA Community College Board Candidates' Forum/Endorsement



President's Letter:

Wow, ... how time flies! This is my final President's message. Next month you'll be hearing from the person

who will be guiding this Club through the next year. I'd like to thank our 2009 and 2010 Board members for all of their help. In addition I want to thank every one of you who has contributed to the well-being of this Club and furthering Democratic goals – all of you who have staffed our Fiesta booths, participated in phone banks, helped with our mailing parties, registered voters, donated to our events/auctions, and otherwise responded when we needed you! I intend to keep up the good fight, and I know you will too.

And speaking of a good fight, ... How about that "Lame Duck Congress"?! I'll be darned! Last month I put in my wish list –

getting rid of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", ratifying the START Treaty, and extending unemployment benefits and middle class tax cuts without giving a break to millionaires and billionaires. Oh well, ... 2 out of 3 is a lot more than I expected!

When our new Congresswoman Karen Bass takes office on January 5, she'll have many challenges with the Republican House. She knows she will have our support in promoting Democratic values and helping our families.

Finally, our Club plans to have many interesting activities and speakers in 2011. Thanks again to Tom Hayden, who ended our year with a fascinating talk about War, Peace and Politics.

That's it for now. Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and New Year!

Take care,
Ronnie Jayne, President

Monthly General Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday, January 12, 2011
6:45 PM – Refreshments
Rotunda Room
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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Club Notes

January Meeting Sponsors:
Diane and Herb Rosenberg - celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary!

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:
Show your support for ending the war in Afghanistan every other Friday 5:30 – 6:30 PM across from the Culver Hotel.

Renew Your Club Membership for 2011!

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Candidates Nominated for Club Officer Elections

At the December meeting the Club Nominating Committee Chair, Bob Manley, announced the committee's nominees for our 2011 Club Officers. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor during the meeting in January. Here are the statements from each of the nominees:

President - Karlo Silbiger:

Karlo Silbiger has been an active member of the Culver City progressive Democratic activist community since his mom ran for school board in 1993. He has served on the board of the Culver City Democratic Club since 2007 first as Political / Legislative Affairs Chair and for the past 2 years as First Vice President. In addition to his work with the Culver City Democratic Club, Karlo has been active as an elected Culver City School Board Member, a Delegate to the California Democratic Party, an Education Commissioner for Assembly Speaker Emeritus Karen Bass, a teacher, and a leader within his local of the California Teachers Association.

First Vice President - Bill Wynn:

Bill Wynn as been an active member of the Culver City Democratic Club. He is currently serving as Second Vice President. While serving as Second V.P he introduced a Movie Night as a Fund Raiser for the club. He has also served a two year term

as Chair of Culver City's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Planning Committee. He presently serves as Past Chair of the committee. "The old adage remains working together we can make a change.

Second Vice President - Meghan Sahli-Wells:

Many thanks to the committee for nominating me for the position of second vice president of the Culver City Democratic Club.

If elected, I will be pleased to lead the Club's fundraising efforts, in order to ensure its continued success as a vital Culver City institution.

Raised in Culver City, I am a life-long Democrat. In 2010, I was elected Democratic Woman of the Year by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party for the 47th Assembly District. Chair of the Downtown Neighborhood Association, I am also a founding member of the Culver City Neighborhood Action Network and the Culver City Bicycle Coalition. From 2009 - 2010, I served as First Vice-Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and currently serve as Secretary of the Linwood E. Howe School Site Council and member of the Advisory Committee on Redevelopment (ACOR). My recent campaign for City Council taught me a lot about successful fundraising. With this experience, I believe I can help CCDC achieve its financial goals for 2011.

Thank you.

Treasurer - Eric Fine:

Eric Fine is a Beverly Hills High Graduate. He went on to be Student Body President of Santa Monica College in the Spring of 1985. He was also President of the Hillel Club from 1983-1984. Eric was also Vice-President of the Santa Monica College branch of Americans for Democratic Action club from 1984-1985. Eric then transferred to The University of Nevada at Las Vegas where he graduated from in 1988 with a Bachelors degree in business management. Eric, now owns and manages property and lives in Beverly Hills.

Eric get's the occasional part in commercials. He is also currently the Treasurer of the Westside Progressives. Eric is also active with Medical Marijuana groups and marijuana legalization groups.

Recording Secretary - Sylvia Moore:

Sylvia Moore is a blogger, who writes about single payer health care and media issues. She has been a member of the Culver City Democratic Club for two years, and has been serving as Recording Secretary for the past year. Sylvia is also a member of and blogger for L.A. Media Reform (<http://lamediareform.wordpress.com>), a local group of volunteers dedicated to helping people become citizen mediamakers and critical consumers of corporate mass media.

Corresponding Secretary - Mollie "Lee" Welinsky:

I have been a member of the club since 1994. I have been president for three terms. Corresponding Secretary for at least five terms. I have run for County Committee four times successfully and have been a member of the State Party for years. I originally ran every two years until I started to run for the County Committee. One of the perks of County Committee is the allowance of many spots on the State Party to those that are elected on the ballot. I am a Liberal Democrat. Mollie "Lee" Welinsky Vote for me. (See **Officer Nominees**, Page 3)

Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

The Club congratulates club member Holly Mitchell on her election to the California State Assembly as our Assemblyperson representing the 47th District. She replaces termed out Speaker Karen Bass.

The Club also congratulates Karen Bass on being elected as our Congresswoman. She replaces Diane Watson who has retired.

The club has lost one of its members Marjorie Stokell. Our condolences go out to her family. This obituary is excerpted from 12/28/10 Los Angeles Times:

"Marjorie Stokell was born Feb. 27, 1915 and passed away Dec. 24, 2010. She passed away in her Culver City home after a very brief illness.

Marjorie was beloved mother and mother-in-law to Gregg and Lynne Stokell of Thousand Oaks, devoted grandmother to Taryn, Eric, Scott, and Zachary Stokell."

(Officer Nominees from Page 2)

Membership Secretary - Diane Rosenberg:

I first became membership chair in 1996. In 2000-2004 I was a delegate to the 47th A.D. In that time 2002-2003 I was President of this club.

I went back to being membership chair in 2003. For seven years I have held this position with the club. I thoroughly enjoy being chair and a board member of the club.

In 2011 I would very much like to serve again as membership chair.

Los Angeles Community College Board Candidates' Forum

In addition to the Club officer elections our next meeting will also have a candidates' forum and endorsement vote for the Los Angeles Community College Board elections that will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. As specified in our charter the Culver City Democrat Club can only endorse candidates who are registered Democrats. Not all the certified candidates are necessarily registered Democrats. The Club will be working to identify which are Democrats by the club meeting.

There are 4 seats open on the board, Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7.

The certified candidates are:

Seat 1:

Mona Field, Community College Professor
Gwen Walker, Retired Educator
Oswaldo "Ozzie" Lopez, Community

Center Director
Derric Mims, LA City Workforce Boardmember
Jozef "Joe" Thomas Essavi, LA County Commissioner

Seat 3:

Joyce Burrell Garcia, University Professor
Steven Veres, Community College Teacher

Seat 5:

Manuel "Manny" Aldana, Jr., Neighborhood Council Boardmember
Mark Lee, Neighborhood Council Boardmember
Lydia A. Gutiérrez, Teacher/Neighborhood Boardmember
Scott Svonkin, School Board Member
Nicole Michelle Chase, Youth Advocate/Consultant
Octavio Pescador, University Professor
Pamela R. Bolin, Neighborhood Council Treasurer

Seat 7:

Erick Aguirre, Small Business Entrepreneur
Miguel Santiago, Community College Boardmember

California Democratic Party 47 Assembly District Delegate Election

On Sunday, January 9 the California Democratic Party (CDP) will be convening a meeting to elect delegates to represent the 47th Assembly District. We currently have several Club members serving as delegates and several of our members will be seeking election or reelection for the next term. Six men

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.

and six women will be elected.

The voting is open to any registered Democrat living in the assembly district. During the meeting each of the candidates will be given the opportunity to speak.

The meeting and election will be in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Ave. (at Culver Blvd.), Culver City. Registration starts at 1 PM and ends promptly at 3 PM after which the meeting will commence. You are able to register and then vote without having to stay for the meeting. There are many candidates running so expect a crowd. For further information contact Deana Igelsrud (digelsrud@yahoo.com).

2010 Club Officers and Committee Chairs:

President: Ronnie Jayne
President@CCDemClub.Org
First Vice President: Karlo Silbiger
FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org
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Treasurer@CCDemClub.Org
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Corresponding Secretary: Lee Welinsky
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Renew your membership!

Now collecting dues for 2011.
Dues for 2011 are due by
January 1, 2011. 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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January 12, 2011 - Meeting Program:
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Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, January 12**

**Monthly General Meeting:
Officer Elections &
Community College Board
Forum/Endorsements**

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

► **Sunday, January 9**

**California Democratic Party
Delegate Election**

1:00 PM at the Multi-Purpose Room,
Veterans Memorial Building. Open
to all registered Democrats.

► **Saturday, January 29**

Monthly Board Meeting:

9:00 AM at the Rosenberg's home.
All members welcome. Call Karlo at
(310) 202-7255 or email
FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Wednesday, February 9**

**Monthly General Meeting:
Culver City Manager, John
Nachbar**

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 12**

**Club Officer Installation and
Awards Luncheon**

Honoring Elected Leader of the Year,
Mark Ridley-Thomas & Democrat of
the Year, Sally Gardner. Save the
date, further details to come. Call
Ronnie at (310) 836-7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

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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P.O. Box 4254, Culver City, CA 90231-4254

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Please renew for 2011 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.