

# Active Democrat



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## General Meeting — Wednesday, December 13, 2017 Holiday Party and Movie

### President’s Message by Amy Cherness: End of year reflections for 2017

First of all, I want to thank everyone for electing me your club president this year. It has been a pleasure to serve all of you. Here is a list of memorable events that have taken place this year.

**January** — Donald Trump becomes President. Democrats go into mourning.

**February** — Trump slashes U.S. funding for the United Nations.

**March** — Britain begins process of leaving the European Union.

**April** — A man is taken by force on a United Airlines flight because of refusing to give up his seat.

**May** — Terrorist attack at Ariana Grande concert in London.

**June** — Computer virus affects 150 countries, done by North Korea.

**July** — Trump announces transgender military ban.

**August** — Nazi terrorist slams into crowd in Virginia. Hurricane Harvey hits Texas.

**September** — Mexican earthquake kills 49. Hurricane Irma hits Florida.

**October** — Mass shooting in Las Vegas. Hurricane Maria hits Puerto Rico.

**November** — Massacre shooting at mosque in Egypt. Roy Moore accused of molesting a 14-year-old girl. Mass shooting at church in Texas. Al Franken accused of

sexual harassment by 4 women. Congressman Conyers steps down as the top Democratic member of the House Judiciary Committee in response to multiple allegations of sexual harassment.

In conclusion, I hope that 2018 is a better year for our nation and the world. Let’s make 2018 a Democratic year! I am confident that with the active participation of the members of our democratic club and like-minded Democrats we can gain control of Congress, elect a Democratic governor in California, and retain a super majority in the state legislature. The American people want a change, let’s make it happen!

### What are you doing New Year’s Day?

Why not start 2018 with a March for Healthcare?  
**Follow the Rose Parade** and spread the word!  
Meet at Pasadena’s Singer Park  
651 S. Saint John Avenue  
at 7 AM.

For more information check out the Bernie Sanders Brigade Facebook page.

Monthly General Membership Meeting:  
**7:00 PM Wednesday, December 13, 2017**  
6:45 PM — Refreshments  
Rotunda Room  
Veterans Memorial Building  
4117 Overland Avenue  
Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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### Sponsor for December meeting Francesca Mastro Christmas Treats

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## State Senator Holly Mitchell held a series of hearings on women and inequality

SACRAMENTO – On Tuesday, November 13, Culver City’s State Senator Holly J. Mitchell convened a select committee continuing her statewide review of gender inequality. Nearly a dozen experts on equality and career occupations comprised the panel of speakers.

This was the third and final hearing of the year by the Select Committee on Women and Inequality, which Mitchell chairs and founded. This hearing focused on the status of “occupational segregation” by gender and its relation to implicit bias.

The Sacramento hearing also focused on public and private initiatives and other potential solutions to steering women into jobs that have been dominated by men. It was jointly hosted by the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee; the Legislative Women’s Caucus; and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

In California, women make up 5 percent of the workforce in natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations; 24 percent of the workforce in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and 19 percent of the key positions like director, writer, producer or editor in film and television.

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Diane and Herb Rosenberg with Pete Rose in Las Vegas

### Di’s Corner:

By Diane Rosenberg

On Tuesday Nov. 14, 2017, Herb and I flew to Las Vegas for a mini vacation. During our stay in Las Vegas we stayed at Bally’s Hotel which is owned by the Paris Hotel management people. We were told by all of our friends not to gamble at all in any of the casinos which we found was true. Not to throw good money after bad. While we were there we looked around to find ways to enjoy our stay in Vegas. We found a tour to Hoover Dam with Gray Line Bus Service, and it included lunch as well. They picked us up at our hotel around 9:00 am and brought us back at 5:00 pm. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Another was seeing a variety show with dinner at Planet Hollywood Hotel.

On our last day, which was on Sunday Nov. 19, before coming home Herb and I decided to have lunch at the Irish Pub in Mandalay Bay Place. By dumb luck we ran into a group of people lining up outside a sports store. Inside the store was a jolly old man signing pictures and autograph books. The man turned out to be no other than the “King of Baseball Hitters” Pete Rose. He was extremely friendly and nice. Herb and I never dreamt in our wildest dreams we would ever run into him. We got to talk to him at great length. Even had our picture taken with him.

All in all our trip to Las Vegas was a great success. We were thoroughly happy that we picked this time to go.

Thanks,  
Diane

## Gun safety advocate spoke at November meeting

At our November meeting Margot Bennett, Executive Director of Women Against Gun Violence, joined us. She shared with us prospects for change and offered suggestions on how we might help advance efforts to prevent gun violence. Ms. Bennett underscored the on and off attention given to gun violence. She urged everyone to make support for good legislation a voting issue. Speak up. Speak out! Advocates for unbridled access to guns do hang their vote on legislators' votes on guns. Ms. Bennett offered a useful tool for contacting legislators. By texting 520-200-2223 and providing your zip code you will be texted a list of names and phone numbers to contact your state and federal representatives. In the Congress there are several bills in the House of Representatives that would help prevent gun violence:

**HR 4240 — Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights**

**Protection Act** would “ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and provide a responsible and consistent background check process.” This bill has 120 cosponsors including 3 Republicans.

**HR 1478 — Gun Violence Research Act** would repeal the prohibition on the Department of Health and Human Services from sponsoring research on gun violence. Prior to this prohibition, researchers were able to fund research like that published in 2014 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* that found “Access to firearms is associated with risk for completed suicide and being the victim of homicide.” This bill has 118 cosponsors.

**H.R. 2380 — Handgun Trigger Safety Act** would make stolen guns useless. It would require advanced

technology to personalize guns so that only the owner could fire the gun. In a recent article published in the *New York Times*, Nicholas Kristof points out that “If someone steals my iPhone, it’s useless, and the same should be true of guns.”

These three bills are pending in Congress. With Republicans in control they won’t advance. Republicans are puppets to the corporate greed of gun manufacturers and they will not bite the hand that feeds them. Now is the time to let Democrats know we expect them to work to prevent gun violence. Lead and not follow the fear promulgated by the NRA. Culver City’s congressman Karen Bass has not signed up to cosponsor any of the bills discussed above. Now is the time to call her office and demand she step up and cosponsor these bills. Her Los Angeles office can be reached at (323) 965-1422. Remember she works for you.

## Nominating committee selected for Club offices

### Darryl Cherness, Bylaws Committee

At the November meeting of the Culver City Democratic Club, a Nominating Committee was selected in accordance with our Democratic Club By-Laws. Under Article XIII of the By-Laws, “Election of Officers,” a Nominating Committee of five is selected. Two are selected by the President and three are selected from the floor by the general membership.

The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of reporting a slate of candidates for the following year. After the slate is selected, the slate is published in the Club’s newsletter. Finally, the officers will be elected by the general membership at the January meeting of each year.

The five Club members who were selected were Darryl Cherness, Herb Rosenberg, Tom Camarella, Ronnie Jayne, and Alex Fisch. Our President, Amy Cherness, selected Darryl Cherness and Herb Rosenberg. The three who were selected from the floor were Tom Camarella, Ronnie Jayne, and Alex Fisch.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I want the general membership to know that we have a vacancy next year in regard to the Second Vice-President in charge of Ways and Means. Ronnie Jayne has announced that, due to a busy schedule, she will be unable to continue in this position next year. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I want to thank her for her out-

standing contributions to the Club in this capacity.

It is imperative that this position be filled so that the Club can continue to raise money to support Democratic candidates and issues and to pay for such expenses as the printing and postage for our newsletter and the rental of the Rotunda Room where we meet. If any member, who has been a member in good standing for at least one year, is interested in applying for this position, please contact Darryl Cherness at (310) 839-0953. Once I receive your information, your name will be placed before the Nominating Committee for consideration. Please volunteer so that the Club can run a full slate of officers.

# A Democratic Defender

by Shannon "Ziggy" Theus

We as citizens learn of an atrocity. We wish we could help. What we do next determines the type of person we are. Some swallow the injustice as just another fact of life. Others, who are empowered/empowering, seek to resolve the issue — these are the heroes of the planet.

If you are reading this, chances are you are part of the empowerment, for you have done the first step, you have joined an organization that can affect change. But, your action must continue. The club you joined needs your active participation in order to affect the change that you would like to see.

Each of us have unique talents to offer the Culver City Democratic Club. All talents are needed. The first step toward getting involved is just presence. You have to be present in the meetings. Being there in the room as decisions are being made is imperative to ensuring that your concerns are being addressed.

Our meetings are full of vibrant people with ambitions towards improving our democracy. Support these people. Help them protect your community. Come to our monthly meetings. They are consistent. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the Veterans Memorial in the Rotunda Room at 7pm. Do come; do empower.

## 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.

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### 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

Lifetime Member \$500

Additional Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**OR** Click "Join/Renew" on our web site [CulverCityDemocraticClub.com](http://CulverCityDemocraticClub.com).

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

**Please renew for 2017 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.