### Culver City Democratic Club

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General Meeting — Wednesday, December 12, 2018 Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue Corner of Overland Avenue and Culver Boulevard Celebration of Democratic Victory—BLUE WAVE!

# President's Message by Amy Cherness Dems took back the House and HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This year ends on many levels, good and bad. I will start on the positive.

The Democrats won back the House, and our Club helped by getting out slate cards with the Club's recommendations on candidates and ballot measures. This year we sent out over eight thousand slate cards to people in Culver City—one of our Club's largest yet! Almost everyone we endorsed won, and most of the measures went our way. Top winners were: Gavin Newsom for Governor, Karen Bass for Congress, Holly Mitchell for State Senate, Sydney Kamlager for State Assembly. For the rest of the winners go to lavote.net

Unfortunately, there were many negative things that happened this year too. Starting with one of the deadliest attacks against Jews in U.S. history, the shooting of eleven worshippers at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pitts-

burgh. Such a tragic thing to happen to people who thought they were safe in their sanctuary.

Then were the shootings at the Borderline Grill in Thousand Oaks. Another terrible tragedy, this time in a place where young people went to have a good time. twelve people were killed. Last but not least have been the terrible wildfires in Paradise, Woolsey, Malibu and Thousand Oaks. Over fifty people were killed. Many more have not been found.

I want to end my message on a hopeful note. I know it is hard to see a light at the end of the tunnel, but everyone can and should at this time of year learn to help each other and care for each other. Good and bad things happen to everyone, but I hope that all of you and your families have a happy and healthy new year.

Monthly General
Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday,
December 12, 2018

6:45 PM — Refreshments Veterans Memorial Building 4117 Overland Avenue Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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### An open letter to newly re-elected Rep. Karen Bass

by Cynthia Hart

Congratulations on all the hard work you and your wonderful staff at SeaChange did to help Flip the House! Now Democrats have a little power to slow down the Trump agenda and hold this corrupt administration accountable. Use that power. Your constituents that gave of their time, talents, and money, sacrificing their weekends week after week during the campaign. did not do that so that the Democrats could "extend a hand across the aisle" and compromise their principles. In Donald Trump's America, there are worse things than gridlock. Your constituents voted for you. Please don't disappoint us.

## Where to find up-to-date election results on the internet

The above commentary reflects preliminary election results as they were known as of the date it was written. According to the California Secretary of State's website, election results are updated as often as new data is received. County elections officials plan to complete their work by December 7, 2018. The results must be certified by December 14, 2018. For the most up-to-date counts, go to https://lavote.net/home/voting-elections/current-elections/election-results for Los Angeles County results and vote.sos.ca.gov for statewide results.

### Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

Update on Herb Rosenberg: On Tuesday, October 30, Herb was transported out of Marina Del Rey Hospital ICU back to Kindred Hospital into a room where he is now. He is doing alright. It's a slow recovery. Like normal—good days and bad days; mostly good days. Right now they are slowly weaning him off of the breathing machine again. Cross your fingers and pray that everything continues to get better. More updates to come.

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Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, was a candlelight vigil here in Culver City for those who were murdered in the Pittsburgh Synagogue. The vigil started at 6:30 p.m. at Lindberg Park and the walk ended at Temple Akiba where Rabbi Shapiro lead an Interfaith Service. Attending from our Club were: President Amy Cherness and Darryl Cherness; Diane Rosenberg; Culver City Mayor Thomas Small; Vice Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells and her husband Karim Sahli; Culver City Councilmembers Daniel Lee and Alex Fisch; Club members Disa Lindgren, Michelle Weiner, Deborah Weinrauch. Carlene Brown, Rebecca Rona Tuttle and her husband Rick Tuttle. Leaders from several churches around Culver City and from the mosque also attended. The Temple's sanctuary was packed with standing room only.

On Saturday, November 3, former Club President Sylvia Moore and Club member Aldin Baroza were married at The Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. Attending from our Club were President Amy Cherness and Darryl Cherness; 1st V.P. Andrew Rosenberg; Diane Rosenberg; Rebecca Rona Tuttle and her husband Rick Tuttle; Scott Houston (recently re-elected to the West Basin Water Board) and Adam Galia; Club Recording Secretary Shannon Theus and her friend Adam; Ronnie Jayne and Tom Camarella; Carlene Brown; Michelle Weiner; Jim-

mie Woods Gray; Patricia Levinson;

Councilmember Daniel Lee; and Vice

Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells and her husband Karim Sahli.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, was election day. After the polls closed Scott Houston had an After Election Celebration at the Culver Hotel. Club members who attended were Andrew Rosenberg, Diane Rosenberg, President Amy Cherness, Darryl Cherness, Khin Khin Gyi, former Councilmember and Mayor Jim Clarke, and Shannon Theus. We were watching the results. Happy to say that Scott was re-elected.

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S DAY January 1, 2019?

Why not start the new year with a March for Housing? Follow the Rose Parade and Spread the Word! For details see the Bernie Sanders Brigade Facebook Page

# GRAB YOUR PUSSYHATS JANUARY 19, 2019

We are outraged. We are organized. They forgot that 5 million people lit the world on fire two years ago. On January 19, 2019, we're going to remind them when we flood the streets with sister marches in cities across the globe. Save the date. The #WomensWave is coming, and we're sweeping the world forward with us.

#### **WHEN**

Saturday, January 19, 2018 10:00 AM

#### **WHERE**

Pershing Square: 532 S. Olive Street Los Angeles, CA 90013

For more information, go to: https://actionnetwork.org/event\_campaigns/third-annualwomens-march-womenswave

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| I declare that all the individuals listed for membership are registered Democrats   |                             |
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| Membership Dues: Dues may be waived for financial hardship  |                             |
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| Please make your check payable to: <b>Culver City Democratic Club</b> P.O. Box 4254, Culver City, CA 90231-4254 <u>OR</u> Click "Join/Renew" on our web site: CulverCityDemocraticClub.com  For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328. |                             |
| Please check here to receive the <b>paper</b> newsletter in the mail $\square$  |                             |
| Please renew for <u>2019</u> 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. <b>NO REFUNDS</b> .   |                             |

### Congressmember Bass' Town Hall

by Khin Khin Gyi

On Sunday, November 18, our Congressmember, Karen Bass, held her first town hall after the mid-term elections at the Iman Center in Palms. The conference room (that's usually filled to only half its capacity) was filled completely. Although the counting of the ballots continues at the time of this writing, so far six congressional seats have flipped from Republican to Democratic in California. Across the country Democrats flipped almost forty House seats, including two native American women and two Muslim women.

What will congresswoman Bass be doing come January? At the town hall we received a preview of her legislative priorities. Ms. Bass is co-sponsoring HR1, which will focus on removing obstacles to voting by establishing automatic voter registration and reinvigorating the Voting Rights Act. The law will also close loopholes in government ethics law by expanding anti-bribery laws and requiring presidential candidates to make their tax returns public. Another part of the law will reduce the influence of political money by fighting the onerous Citizens United court decision with stricter financial disclosures.

Ms. Bass will be working on criminal justice reform by building on the passage of the First Step Act as well as on the Pregnant Women in Custody Act. She will be holding the Executive Branch accountable over the misuse of taxpayer dollars and help the kids at the border, while maintaining oversight over the Department of Justice. She will also re-introduce a Medicare for all bill that was first introduced in March of 2017. With the Democratic majority in the House taking over in January, we hope that we will be looking at a healthier and more just nation.

If you are receiving the newsletter in the mail and would like to save the Club some money you can email pete\_rockwell@hotmail.com and ask to get the digital newsletter by email.





# Drag Queen BINGO Hamburger Mary's

Sunday, December 9, 6pm \$20 at the door

8288 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046 Benefiting Culver City Democratic Club R.S.V.P. requested at culvercitydemclub@gmail.com

# Nominating committee selected for Club offices

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At the November meeting of the Culver City Democratic Club, a nominating committee was selected in accordance with our 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 Club by-laws state: "The nominating committee shall report a slate of candidates. Notices of the election meeting together with the nominating committee's slate shall be published in the Club's newsletter prior to the election meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting, with the written or verbal consent of the nominee. All such nominations from the floor may be accompanied by a nominating speech not to exceed two minutes and a seconding speech not to exceed one minute." The elections have traditionally been held at the January meeting.

Club President Amy Cherness selected Darryl Cherness and Andy Rosenberg to serve on the nominating committee this year. The three who were selected from the floor were Ronnie Jayne, Carlene Brown, and Khin Khin Gyi.

If any member in good standing is interested in running for an elected office please speak to one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

The by-laws state: "Nominees for President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer must have been members in good standing at least one year prior to nomination. Nominees for other offices must be members in good standing."

### Save the Date Sunday, December 9

The Club will be hosting another Drag Queen Bingo fundraising event December 9. Come to this event and have fun while helping the Club raise money to **CHANGE THE WORLD!** 

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### IT'S ALMOST 2019!



Don't forget to renew your membership in the Culver City Democratic Club for 2019.

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https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/ccdcmembership

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