



General Meeting — 7p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2019 Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue Meeting program: Report from Club members on the California Democratic Party convention in San Francisco

President's Message by Pete Rockwell **Is Trump the whole problem? Or is the entire Republican Party trying to destroy our democracy?**

*"It did not start with Donald Trump.
He is a symptom, not the cause."*

—Barak Obama

In spite of his campaign slogan, Trump is not looking out for the interests of American citizens. On the contrary, he's trying to twist our government into something that caters to the super rich even more than it does now.

But is Trump an aberration? If we succeed in getting him out of the White House next year will the country be a place where working people have a fair chance to take care of themselves and their families? Will our children get a first class education in public school and be able to afford college? Will workers have the right to join a union without fear of reprisals from their boss? No. They won't.

The reason for this is the Republican Party and what it has become. The party of Abraham Lincoln has been transformed into the party of would-be oligarchs like the Koch brothers.

As bad as Trump is, he didn't start the Iraq war. That was Dick Cheney and George W. Bush leading the charge.

Trump didn't turn trickle-down economics into Republican Party orthodoxy. That was Ronald Reagan.

Trump didn't block Merrick Garland from the Supreme Court. That was Mitch McConnell and the Republican Senate.

Trump takes credit for the 2017 tax

cut for the rich, but he couldn't have done it without the help of a Republican Congress.

My point is, let's don't kid ourselves that getting rid of Trump will solve this country's political problems. We're going to have to get rid of as many Republican senators and congressmen as we can and take over state governments from coast to coast. We're going to have to find a way to stop our elections from being dominated by oceans of money from a few anonymous billionaires.

To do that we're going to have to get people who say they don't care about politics to start paying attention, get off the sidelines, and take our country back from the forces of evil.

"Trump did not create the Republican Party. The Republican Party created Trump."—William Rivers Pitt

Vote to endorse legislation

At the June 12 membership meeting we will vote on whether to endorse three bills that we heard about from the California Clean Money Campaign at our last meeting. They are:

SB 47, the Petition Disclose Act;

SB 636, the Ballot Disclose Act; and

AB 1217, the Issue Ad Disclose Act.

The purpose of all three of these bills is to require much greater transparency and more information about ballot measures for California voters. (The California Clean Money Campaign's website is www.caclean.org)

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**7:00 PM Wednesday,
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6:45 PM — Refreshments
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave.
and Culver Blvd.

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Letter from Sylvia Moore

Hi Culver City Democrats,
I have a humble request. As some of you know, I left my job as an organizer for Common Cause in December. I spent 3 1/2 valuable years there and learned a lot about organizing, digital and in the field. But I felt it was time for me to move on, and I'm hoping I can get your help in letting me know about job openings. I'm interested mainly in finding another position on a political campaign, political advocacy or another non-profit focused on social, economic or environmental justice. I'm also open to positions with legislators. For those of you who are newer to the Club, I served as Recording Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and eventually President for 2 years. My background before Common Cause was a journalist for

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Di's Corner:

by Diane Rosenberg

Have some THANK YOU'S from myself and Andy to the following:

April 7 — Club member Albert Vera of Sorrento's Market for supplying the food for Herb's funeral.

Commander Bruce Lindenbaum and bartender Ben Overcash from the American Legion Post #46 here in Culver City for allowing us to have our Memorial get together on such a short notice.

April 8 — Our Culver City Mayor Thomas Small, Vice Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells, and City Council Members adjourning in Herb's memory.

April 10 — Club President Pete Rockwell in adjourning our general meeting in Herb's memory.

Want to thank Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson and Council members for adjourning in Herb's memory.

April 29 — Our Assemblyperson Sydney Kamlager-Dove and the Assembly members adjourned in Herb's memory.

Darryl Cherness, member of the Civil Service Commission, and members for adjourning in Herb's memory.

May 9 — Two of Assemblypersons staff members Victoria and Cesar showed up at our house and presented me with a Certificate of Memoriam.

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several years, and I also have a JD (but haven't taken the bar exam). While at Common Cause, I also did quite a bit of public speaking. If anyone has any leads on positions that I may be qualified for, I would so appreciate you sending information my way! I can provide a resume as well. Please let me know at sylden2@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

— Sylvia Moore

Club Notes

Electronic Newsletter:

Send your email address to
pete_rockwell@hotmail.com and
ask to get the newsletter by email.



Culver City Democratic Club Fourth of July Picnic

Blanco Park • 5687 Sawtelle Blvd. • Culver City

July 4, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Bring your own food to be put onto the barbecue and a dish to share.

The club supplies the watermelon, ice, cold drinks, and charcoal.

In the spirit of our Green Dream pledge, please bring your own reusable plates, cups and silverware.

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: \$_____

Please make your check payable to:

Culver City Democratic Club

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

OR 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 **paper** newsletter in the mail ☐

Please renew for 2019 if you haven't already done so.

The dues period runs concurrent to the calendar year.

Renewals are due by January 1st of each year. **NO REFUNDS.**

Club members Jeff Schwartz and Carlene Brown deliver petitions with over 1,000 signatures to save the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum and speak out at a meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors



Club members Pete Rockwell, Karim Sahli, Jeff Schwartz, Leah Pressman, Shannon Theus, Cynthia Hart and Michelle Weiner join other Culver City residents to protest the eviction of the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum from its home in Culver City.

Jeff and Carlene made the following comments to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on May 14.

My name is Jeff Schwartz. I have been a public librarian for the last 20 years. I am also a Culver City resident and the author of a reference book on jazz.

I am here to deliver petitions with over a thousand signatures opposing Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' eviction of the Mayme Clayton Library and Museum.

Papers were served April 18, but plans for the site have not been made public. As a civil servant, I know how long a public structure can take to design and fund. Why evict the Clayton now?

These petitions show the community wants it to stay. The Culver City Democratic Club has passed a resolution in support, as has the LA as Subject consortium of libraries and museums. The Supervisor's office did not respond to a letter from the Culver City Council. Mayors Thomas Small and Meghan Sahli-Wells brought him plans for a building housing the Clayton, a constituent services center, and affordable live-work spaces for artists. These were rejected without comment.

His recent press release on the Clayton does not mention its film, music, and other public programs. They welcome

African-American Genealogical Society, Karen Bass' Congressional Arts Competition, Culver High's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, and the recent African-American Leadership Forum organized by Councilmember Daniel Lee, which featured Holly Mitchell and Sydney Kamlager-Dove.

A year ago, Culver City elected Mr. Lee as our first-ever African-American Councilmember, and the community is beginning to address our history of discrimination in housing, policing, etc. We want and need the Mayme Clayton as a presence and a resource. Please stop the eviction and give them the stability and resources to catalog, protect, and display their collection, and to continue their public programs.

— Jeff Schwartz



As a resident of Culver City in Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's district, I am proud of Culver City's former mayor Thomas Small and our current mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells who have long fought to keep the Mayme Clayton Library and Museum of African American history housed in Culver City. As my colleague Jeff Schwartz has told you, they presented an excellent plan

to Supervisor Ridley-Thomas as an alternative to eviction. That plan was rejected with no comment.

I am pleased to know that our new teacher friend, who spoke here immediately following my colleague Jeff Schwartz, has voiced her support for keeping the Mayme Clayton Library and Museum housed in Culver City and stated that she would have signed the petition had she known about the eviction notice. I have a feeling that there are many more like her who would have signed the petition had they known.

I am pleased to have been part of the delegation that went to the Obama Avenue street naming celebration to gather petition signatures for keeping the Mayme Clayton Library and Museum housed in Culver City, where Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke had intended it be in perpetuity. We were met with an overwhelmingly positive response from the community, who were incensed when they learned about Supervisor Ridley-Thomas's eviction notice. One young African American man said, "Tell them to leave it alone!"

— Carlene Brown

Calendar of upcoming events

June 10

City Council Meeting

June 12

CCDC General Meeting

June 24

City Council Meeting

June 25

Fundraiser at
Hamburger Mary's

June 26 & 27

First Democratic Presidential
Candidates' Debates

July 4, 2019

Club Picnic – Blanco Park

**Bring your own reusable
plates, cups & cutlery**

Who wants to Represent our Club at the State Pre-Endorsement Conference?

At our June 12, 2019, meeting, our Club will be electing “potential representatives” to go to the Democratic Party’s pre-endorsement conference to be held in October 2019. Here is what you need to know:

Q: Who is eligible to be elected to represent our Club?

A: Any member in good standing as of May 1, 2019.

Q: What is a pre-endorsement conference?

A: The pre-endorsement conference makes endorsement recommendations to the state party for U.S. Congress, state senate, state assembly, and statewide ballot initiatives (not for President and not for county supervisor!)

Q: Why are they called “Potential” Representatives?

A: Because we won’t learn the number of representatives we get until after the deadline for submitting the names.

Q: Given that we don’t know how many representatives we can actually send, how many potential representatives do we plan to elect?

A: Five.

Q: What is the nomination/election process? Do I have to be at the June 12th meeting to be nominated?

A: At our June 12th meeting, we will take nominations from the floor. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring and cannot attend, you may ask another Club member to place your name in nomination. The vote will be carried out according to the Club by-laws (Article XI, Section 7).

Q: Where and when will the pre-endorsement conference be held?

A: The conference will be held October 5 or 6, 2019, in the greater Los Angeles area.

Q: How can I find out more?

A: Go to <https://www.cadem.org/vote/endorsements>.

Don’t forget to renew your membership in the Culver City Democratic Club for 2019. You can fill out the form on page 2 or you can join online through ActBlue at:
<http://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/ccdcmembership>



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Drag Queen Bingo
Hamburger Mary's
Tuesday, June 25, 7pm
\$20 at the door
Good food & drinks
Hilarious show!

8288 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046
 Benefiting Culver City Democratic Club