



## General Meeting — 7p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2020 Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue Meeting Program: The Housing Crisis and Homelessness: An Alternative Analysis

President's Message by Pete Rockwell

## Our next fundraiser is March 22— DRAG QUEEN BINGO at Hamburger Mary's

Thanks to all who supported the Installation and Awards Luncheon last month. It was a fundraising success. We sold seven full page ads in the program book, and a number of smaller ads. Also, we sold more tickets to the luncheon than last year.

### Drag Queen Bingo

Many of you know that I'm kind of new to the Club. I first joined after Trump won the White House. I went to my first Club fundraiser a couple of years ago—Drag Queen Bingo. I went to support the Club, not because I thought I would be likely to enjoy myself. Well, surprise: I liked it!

### It's really a comedy show

You pay twenty dollars at the door and they give you a bunch of Bingo cards. The audience sits at tables and orders drinks and hamburgers and a drag queen calls the Bingo numbers while doing a stand-up comedy act. About ten people win prizes by winning at Bingo, and at least one of the prizes is worth at least a hundred dollars. All the prizes are gift baskets with various items, such as bottles of wine.

Since the show starts at six in the evening, and it's in West Hollywood, we are going to organize carpooling. If you need a ride, or can give somebody a ride, email [CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com](mailto:CulverCityDemClub@gmail.com)

If you can't make it to the show, maybe you know somebody you could recommend it to. You definitely *don't* have to be a Club member to attend.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 2, 2020

Culver City Bearcat survey closes. Let the City Council know your thoughts about the armored vehicle purchase.  
<https://www.culvercity.org/how-do-i/get-involved/bearcat-emergency-rescue-vehicle>

### March 3, 2020

Last day to vote in the California Primary Election

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Deadline is 8 p.m. to apply to run for DNC delegate  
<https://cadem.org/our-party/national-convention>

### March 9, 2020

Culver City Council meeting

## Vote 16 Culver City is on the Agenda!

Culver City Hall — 9770 Culver Blvd. — 7 p.m.

### March 11, 2020

Culver City Democratic Club General Meeting

### March 22, 2020

Drag Queen Bingo – A fun fundraiser!  
Hamburger Mary's – 6 p.m.  
8288 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Hollywood  
\$20 at the door and you get a pile of Bingo cards

### April 19, 2020

Caucus to Vote for DNC Delegates

**April 22, 2020 • 50th Anniversary of EARTH DAY**  
CCDC General Meeting In the GARDEN ROOM

## Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

On Saturday, February 15, at Blanco Park in Culver City, LA City Council President (and candidate for District 2 Los Angeles Supervisor) Herb Wesson and his lovely wife Fabian had a get-together with hot dogs. Among the attendees were Ed Johnson, who works in Herb's office, Amy and Darryl Cherness, and myself.



Sunday, February 16, the Club held its annual Installation and Awards Luncheon at The Courtyard by Marriott in Culver City. The emcee was our own Councilperson Daniel Lee. He also installed the incoming 2020 officers. We thank Daniel for doing a wonderful job.

The new officers for 2020 are President

Pete Rockwell, First Vice-President John Williams, Second Vice-President Jeanna Harris, Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Hart, Recording Secretary Shannon Theus, Treasurer Eric Fine, and Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg.

The recipient of *The Trudy and Hal Cherness Democrat of the Year Award* was Rick Tuttle. Presenting was Darryl Cherness. President Pete Rockwell presented Sarah Hager with the *Rising Star Award*. Sarah is the first person to receive this award.

Attending were Scott Houston, West Basin Municipal Water District Director, District IV; Ed Johnson, from Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson's office; and District 54 Assemblyperson Sydney Kamlager. Culver City Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells, Councilmember Thomas Small, Los Angeles Fire Commissioner

Jimmie Woods Gray, and Los Angeles Assessor Jeffrey Prang also attended.

Special thanks to Ronnie Jayne and Karim Sahli for doing a great job with our ad book.



On Sunday, February 23, Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson, who is a candidate for District 2 Los Angeles Supervisor, had a "meet and greet" at Janga by Derrick's Jamaican Cuisine in Culver City. Attending were Ed Johnson, who works for Herb Wesson; Herb's wife, Fabian, and their family; Albert Vera and his girlfriend Kimberly Griffith; and Club member Robert Neff. Culver City Councilmember Thomas Small, Los Angeles Fire Commissioner Jimmie Woods Gray, Amy Cherness and I also attended.

If I have forgotten anyone I apologize.

## Representative Ted Lieu has a message for you

When Representative Lieu spoke at a recent candidate forum in Culver City, he had strong words about the census. Census letters will begin arriving at all American addresses starting March 12. It's incredibly important that you respond by phone, online or by mail.

Representative Lieu cited the stunning statistic that for every person who is not counted, our state loses \$2000 per year. And it gets worse. Because of demographic changes in the last ten years, California is pretty sure to lose one congressional seat. But if there is an undercount in the census, we could lose more than one seat. After we all worked so hard to flip the House, we can't let that happen.

**When you get your census letter, fill it out. Get others to do the same.**

Census day is April 1, 2020, but don't get April fooled! Word is that the Republicans have sent out a mass mailing that closely resembles the actual census form and even uses the word "census" on it. It seems they are hoping to confuse us into filling out their fake form and disregarding the real one when it comes.

Comments expressed in the newsletter are the opinions of the authors and do not necessarily represent the position of the Culver City Democratic Club

### 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](http://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 2020 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.**

# Why join a Democratic Club?

by Cynthia Hart

When Pete and I met our soon-to-be nephew-in-law for the first time, it wasn't long before talk came around to the Club, and he asked me: "So why do you do all this? What do Democrats get out of being a member of a club?"

The first thing that zinged through my head was access. A Democratic club is a portal into the halls of power. From where I sit, the party is an intermediary between the voters and power. A Democratic club is the means for the grassroots to speak truth to power.

A single Democrat speaking is maybe not very loud, but our Club has more than a hundred voices, and when we all speak as one, we get heard. (And our Club's Facebook group has nearly 400 voices.)

Our Second VP Jeanna Harris likens a Club to a school of small fish. One small fish alone is a big fish's breakfast. But a school of them can convince Mr. Big Fish to turn around.

And, consider fall of 2018. The move-

ments of a whole heckuva lot of schooling blue fish actually generated a Blue Wave that flipped a mighty House!

As a club, look what we gain in activism efficiency, when we share energy and resources on a wide variety of the issues. If there had to be a separate club for each issue, each would have the burden in time and expense of keeping the lights on and the bills paid and the FPPC reports filed on time, etc.

Or maybe instead of a school of fish, our clubs are more like little beacon fires, maintaining the light of resistance against tyranny. In his book *On Tyranny*, Timothy Snyder gives us twenty lessons on resisting tyranny. In the Club, we fulfill four of those lessons:

**Defend institutions:** We defend our club, party, and democracy itself by getting out the vote.

**Beware the one-party state:** The Republicans are plotting to attain a permanent majority. Let's not let them!

**Be wary of paramilitaries:** Our Club

has adopted a resolution opposing Culver City's purchase of a Bearcat for the police department.

**Contribute to good causes:** In joining together in Club activities, Snyder writes, "...we are creating civil society."

But the best reason of all to join our Club is the camaraderie! In this Club, I have met some of the most interesting, well informed, and fun people ever! Thanks for being my Club-mate!

Speaking of fun! On March 22, 2020, at 6 p.m., we will have a chance to come together for an evening of camaraderie and laughter and PRIZES at Hamburger Mary's Drag Queen Bingo! After the March 3 primary we will have totally earned a night off from our labors! (Not to mention, we need to replenish the Club's war chest!) It's only \$20 at the door and you get a whole pile of bingo cards.

I highly recommend the book by Timothy Snyder *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*. It's a quick read and a real page-turner!

## VOTE 16 Culver City Gets its Day!

Last summer, our Club voted unanimously in support of lowering the voting age to sixteen for Culver City municipal elections. The City Council will consider the issue at its March 9 meeting! If your schedule permits, please come to the meeting to support our young voters of the future and our very own Rising Star, Sarah Hager!

If you can't make it in person, you can email the Council at [citycouncil@culvercity.org](mailto:citycouncil@culvercity.org) and remind them of why we support the Vote16 Culver City initiative.

We believe expanding the electorate to these younger citizens would:

- promote civic engagement and start them on a lifelong habit of consistent voting
- revitalize interest in the study of civics
- increase voter turnout



Leaders of Vote 16 Culver City—Piper Samuels, Sarah Hager, Rebecca Rottenberg and Xochitl Madison—are asking Club members to support them on March 9.

Sixteen-year-olds live, drive, work, pay taxes, and can be tried as adults for crimes. They are directly impact-

ed by local issues such as schools, taxation, employment, parks, recreation and emergency services.



## Culver City Democratic Club Endorsements for the March 3 Primary Election

State Assembly District 54

**Sydney Kamlager**



U. S. Congress District 37

**Karen Bass**



Culver City Measure "CC"

**YES**



LA County Supervisor District 2

**Holly Mitchell**



LA County District Attorney

**George Gascon**



LA County Central Committee

**Khin Khin Gyi**

**Jeanna Harris**

**Jacquelynn "Jackie"**

**Hawthorne**

**Ronnie Jayne Solomon**

**Jimmie Woods-Gray**



President

**No consensus**

Don't forget to renew your Culver City Democratic Club membership for 2020. You can fill out the form on page two or you can join online through ActBlue at: <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/ccdcmembership>



The Installation and Awards Luncheon in February was a great success. Among those in attendance were (clockwise from left) Culver City Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells, Leah Pressman, Culver City School Board President Dr. Kelly Kent, Pat Levinson, Donna Kent, Wende Museum Executive Director Justinian Jampol, Culver City Councilman Thomas Small, and Culver City Democratic Club President Pete Rockwell

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**Meeting Program: The Housing Crisis and Homelessness: An Alternative Analysis**



# Drag Queen Bingo

## Hamburger Mary's

Sunday, March 22, 6pm

\$20 at the door

Good food & drinks

Great Prizes! Hilarious show!

8288 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046

Benefiting Culver City Democratic Club



## ENDORSEMENTS

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