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October 2016 Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Social time: 2pm

OCTOBER MEETING

DATE: Sunday, October 16th

MEETING TIME: 2:30 - 4:30pm

LOCATION: Peninsula Center Library Community Room; 701 Silver Spur Rd, RHE

TOPIC: The PV League of Women Voters explain the November 8th propositions

SPEAKERS: LWV representatives

NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE: Sunday, November 20th

MEETING TIME: 2:30 - 4:30pm

LOCATION: Peninsula Center Library Community Room; 701 Silver Spur Rd, RHE

TOPIC: TBD

SPEAKER: TBD

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October Membership Meeting

PV League of Women Voters Explain the November 8th Propositions

Confused about the vast array of propositions on the November 8 ballot? We are, too. Looking at the list, one sees an education bond, a Medi-Cal funding measure, a vanity measure put forward by a right-wing multimillionaire, a measure to give special interests new powers to block legislative action, an extension of the millionaires tax to fund education, a cigarette tax to fund healthcare, an advisory vote on Citizens United, two death penalty acts, a drug price relief act, an adult film measure, a marijuana act, and on and on and on.

If you think this system of legislating by ballot box has hit critical mass, you are correct. Luckily, we have the PV League of Women Voters to explain the measures to us and to add some clarity to a confusing situation. The League studied the ins and outs of the various measures so you and I don't have to, saving us uncounted hours of our precious time.

As you know, the League is a nonpartisan group that works to ensure voters have access to the ballot box and are informed about candidates and issues. This year they will be conducting a candidate forum on Thursday, October 6 at Hesse Park in RPV at 7 pm. If you miss that one, they will be conducting another at Toyota Hall in the Torrance civic center. The candidates for US Representative and for the 66th Assembly District will answer questions submitted by the public.

So, please come to our meeting on October 16th, at the Peninsula Center Library. Come at 2pm to network and enjoy our homemade goodies. The program will start at 2:30 pm. See you there.

September Meeting Report

by Carol Moeller

EDUCATORS' INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (EIHR) Empowering teachers to repair the world



According to speaker **Catherine Leys**, the mission of EIHR is a teacher-to-teacher partnership with countries recovering from conflict to enable their educators to better understand the history of mass atrocities, including the Holocaust, and teach these lessons to their students in order to create a more tolerant, educated, and peaceful future. Defining genocide as the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political, or cultural group, Leys went on to list the gradual precursors as follows:

1. Classification of peoples (i.e. Tutsis vs Hutus)
2. Symbolization of peoples (i.e. "Mexicans as rapists")
3. Discrimination
4. Dehumanization
5. Denial of past genocide

PV Dem Club President Lynn Bommer noted that many of Trump's remarks could apply to this list.

Leys gave Rwanda as an example of the success of such a program. Now run by Rwandans, the Genocide Prevention Program was begun by EIHR and patterned after lessons learned in the aftermath of the Holocaust. During the first year of instruction, teachers work on curriculum, and in the second and final year of training, teachers attend workshops on how to incorporate this

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into their teaching. In the USA, teaching about genocide begins in the 8th grade.

The genocide in Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge resulted in a loss of 20% of the population. Even after the genocide, active land mines have killed 20 thousand more. Although Cambodia and Rwanda are just a couple of the areas in which EIHR is working, Leys suggested viewing the 2014 award-winning documentary "Watchers of the Sky" (available on Netflix).

The Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2016 (s.2551) was Introduced in February 2016 by Democratic Senator Ben Cardin, but not yet voted on. It would establish a U.S. policy to regard the prevention of mass atrocities and genocide as a core national security interest and a core moral responsibility. This bill is supported by Senators Boxer and Warren.

Superior Court Judge Seat 42 Candidate

We had already heard from **Alicia Molina**, one of 2 Democrats running for seat 42 of the Superior Court, so we invited the other Democrat in the race, **Efrain Matthew Aceves** to come speak to us. Also a UCLA undergrad and Law School grad, Aceves is *Superior Court Judge Seat 42 Candidate* the only Democrat in this race rated Well Qualified by the LA Bar Association. His early years were as an immigrant and one of 7 children, and the only one of his siblings to finish college. The majority of his more than 100 jury trials as a prosecutor were waged against crimes



*Efrain Aceves,
Superior Court Judge
Seat 42 Candidate*

perpetrated against women and children. He has served three terms on the Whittier City School District school board, and currently serves as president. He is endorsed by the LA County District Attorney, Jackie Lacey and State Assembly Speaker, Anthony Rendon, the LA Times and various labor unions. His website is <http://www.acevesforjudge.com>.

Meet and Greet for Al Muratsuchi

On September 10th, Rascha and David Hall hosted a Meet and Greet for Al Muratsuchi, our Democratic candidate for State Assembly District 66. It was attended by about 25 people, and \$1,170 was contributed to his campaign as a result of the event. Thanks are due to PV Democrats who attended.

Opportunities to Help Support Al Muratsuchi

We don't want another 2 years with Hadley, right? Then it's up to us to help Al win in November.

Meet at Al's new office at 1513 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, CA 90501 (just east of Western) for the following:

Precinct walking: Saturdays starting at 10am and Sundays starting at 11am until 5pm

Phone Banking: Monday through Thursday starting at 5pm until 8pm

Envelope stuffing, etc.: Monday, Wednesday and Fridays starting at 10am until about 3pm.

Women of the 66th Special Event: Sunday,



Rascha Hall with Al Muratsuchi


*Al Muratsuchi
speaking at
Rascha and David
Hall's home*




Oct 9th from 11 to 4pm. Lunch, plus walking and/or phone banking.

Lundquist fundraiser for Al: Oct 23 at noon

Come to any of these even if you can only give an hour or two! All of us should be able to help out in some way.





JOIN OUR LOCAL WOMEN LEADERS AND WOMEN OF
THE 66TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT IN SUPPORTING

AL MURATSUCHI

FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016
11:00AM - 4:00PM

MURATSUCHI FOR ASSEMBLY 2016 HQ ★
1513 SEPULVEDA BLVD
TORRANCE, CA 90501

**PRECINCT WALKS
PHONE BANKING
LUNCH PROVIDED
& SPECIAL GUEST**

★ TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT:
info@alforassembly.com or (424) 237-8520 ★

**Please consider attending the
Roosevelt Dinner on October 23**
By Connie Sullivan

The Roosevelt Dinner is the Los Angeles County Democratic Party's main fundraiser of

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Lundquist Fundraiser for Al Muratsuchi October 23 Senator Ben Allen Will Be Guest Speaker

For the 5th time since 2012, Melanie and Richard Lundquist are opening their magnificent estate to host a fundraiser for Al Muratsuchi. Senator Ben Allen, our state senator, will speak and be available for one-on-one conversations with attendees.

If you've never attended an event at their home, you'll enjoy seeing one of the best homes and views in Palos Verdes Estates. The expansive veranda faces Santa Monica Bay and sports one of the largest and unobstructed views of Santa Monica Bay. The home itself is built with unparalleled quality and workmanship and decorated with gorgeous antiques.

The doors will open at 12 noon and a light lunch will be served. Please attend this event and support our great Democratic candidate to replace the Republican who now serves as our Assemblyman.

Come and support our candidate and our club members! RSVP to 562-981-2111

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the year. Luckily for us in the South Bay it is usually held near us. This year it will be at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel at 6101 West Century Blvd. By the way, the LACDP holds these events at unionized hotels only, which precludes many hotels in the County.

The doors open at 6:00 pm for the reception and silent auction. The dinner and awards program starts at 7:00 pm. The awardees from our assembly district this year are Redondo Beach City Councilman Bill Brand and Susana Medina of the Gardena Valley and Mexican American Democratic Clubs.

Bill has led the charge against the AES power plant in Redondo Beach and his dogged determination paid off and the power plant has been decommissioned. Now, Bill is turning his attention to the replacement for the power plant and is working to prevent over-development of the site.

Susana has been a stalwart of the Democratic community in the northeastern part of our 66th Assembly District. The assembly district caucus wanted to honor her for all her great work over the years.

Tickets to the dinner cost \$135. The PV Democrats' board voted to subsidize up to 4 members wishing to attend. The subsidy will be \$25 per ticket. If you'd like to attend and take advantage of the subsidy, please call me at 310-378-1554.

If you're in the mood for a good old-fashioned

political event chock-full of speeches by well known Democrats, this is the event for you.

Have You Ever Noticed Our Logo?

By Carol Moeller

It was created by political cartoonist, Paul Conrad, winner of 3 Pulitzer prizes, in a career that lasted 5 decades. As chief editorial cartoonist for a fairly conservative Los Angeles Times, Conrad pushed the envelope for a more liberal perspective. He addressed the social justice issues of the day—poverty in America, movements for civil rights, the Vietnam War, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as corporate and political corruption. During his Presidency, Conrad's cartoons often made fun of Ronald Reagan, prompting Nancy to complain to owner Otis Chandler. As a point of pride, Conrad appeared on Nixon's famous Enemies List, yet ironically was chosen as the Richard Nixon Lecture Chair at Whittier College, Nixon's alma mater.

Come Support Hillary!

Dear Volunteers,

As you know, the race is tight! Trump could win this! We can't let it happen! You will be really sad if it does happen and you didn't help enough to prevent it! If you have been volunteering, thank you. If you haven't yet, now is the time!

So take action! Stop watching the news and join us to make calls for Hillary! You'll feel better, I promise!

SUNDAYS, every week 1:00 to 4:00
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
11 Ponderosa Lane, 90274

MONDAYS, every week 6:30-8:45
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
3250 Martingale Dr, 90275

TUESDAYS, every week 4:00 to 8:00
HERMOSA BEACH
540 24th Place, 90254

AND, EVERYDAY at the campaign Headquarters! Watch for special events! Bus trip to Nevada every weekend!.

For details and to RSVP go to:
www.Hillaryclinton.com/events.

Win Hillary!
Lynn Bommer
Beach Cities for Hillary

A resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, Conrad was a devout Catholic (he sculpted the altarpiece at St. John Fisher) yet he eventually embraced women's reproductive rights. A member of our club who passed away in 2010, we are indebted to Paul Conrad for the logo that graces our newsletter and website.





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the Palos Verdes
Democrats,
you can:

- Meet other Democrats
- Meet and get to know your elected officials, raise funds and work for candidates
- Attend special events and monthly meetings
- Hear speakers and discuss issues of local, state and national import

Please send your membership form to P.O. Box 2234, Rolling Hills Est. Ca 90274
Please fill in all items to ensure that we have your full and correct current information.

Name _____ ☐ I am a registered Democrat

Name* _____ ☐ I am a registered Democrat

* Fill in if Applying as a Family - two memberships

Residence Address _____ Phone _____

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*Select One: ☐ Individual: \$ 25.00/Year ☐ Family Membership \$40.00/Year

☐ Young Adult \$10.00/Year

Amount enclosed _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Please contact me to help in the following areas:

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☐ Voter Registration ☐ Campaign Work ☐ Website/Facebook ☐ Phone Tree

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