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## August 2014 Newsletter

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### COMING EVENTS

#### AUGUST MEETING

**DATE:** August 17th

**TIME:** 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 26825 Rolling Hills Rd, RHE

**TOPIC:** The Supreme Court's 2013-14 Session

**SPEAKER:** UCI School of Law, Featuring Erwin Chemerinsky

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING

**DATE:** September 21st

**TIME:** 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Peninsula Center Library 701 Silver Spur Rd, RHE

**TOPIC:** Nov. 4 Election

**SPEAKER:** League of Women Voters

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#### The Supreme Court Term in Review – Featuring Dean Erwin Chemerinsky

**Please note: Our Sunday, August 17 meeting, at 2:30 pm will be held at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church 26825 Rolling Hills Rd, Rolling Hills Estates (just north of Kelly's Corner).**

I don't know about you, but each year, for the last few years, as the Supreme Court nears the end of its term, I get nervous. Can't help wondering, "What will they do to us this time?" We're going to find out as we view a video of UCI Law School's annual panel discussion of the Supreme Court's latest term, which ended in July.

The panel consists of Moderator Rick Hasen, UCI Law and panelists Jennifer Chacón, UCI Law; Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, UCI Law; Jeffrey Fisher, Stanford Law; Dahlia Lithwick, Slate.com; Bert Rein, Wiley Rein LLP; and Mark Sherman, The Associated Press.

This panel discussion is intended for attorneys and is worth credit towards their continuing legal education requirements. But the program is very accessible and understandable even to us non-attorneys and moves along at a good pace in an entertaining fashion.

Each panelist chooses two cases he/she wants to analyze and highlight for the audience, bringing their many years of legal scholarship and Supreme Court observation to bear. Then they discuss the cases among themselves, adding another layer of understanding for the audience.

After we view this panel review of the Supreme Court session, Tom Long, former mayor of Rancho Palos Verdes will lead a discussion of the program.

Tom is an attorney and graduate of Stanford Law School and will add his own insights to the topic.

Please come for the program, but also enjoy our yummy refreshments and the chance to converse with like-minded Democrats. See you there.

#### June Meeting Report by Carol Moeller and Jerry Parker

The Palos Verdes Democrats' 2014 installation meeting included two South Bay city council members, our State Assemblyman, and our State Senator (who we all expect soon to be our Congressman). President Connie Sullivan started by thanking her present board and detailed a short overview of what she felt to be the most noteworthy achievements during her three years in office, although those in the audience counted many more than she listed. We all recognize that our club has been lucky to have had outstanding presidents in the past, and Connie has been no exception. We've had meetings so engaging, that members had to be shooed out of the library as it closed! Our treasury has never been better,



Carol Moeller presenting Connie Sullivan with a gift of appreciation from the club

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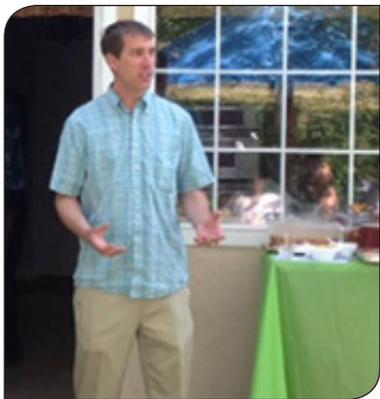
our membership has steadily increased and our meeting attendance has as well. All of this takes a lot of work, and nobody has worked harder than Connie Sullivan.

Next, recently elected Hermosa Beach city councilwoman Nanette Barragan gave an inspiring account of her life: growing up



*Hermosa Beach City Councilwoman  
Nanette Barragan*

without luxuries, but within a loving family and supportive network of teachers all of whom recognized and encouraged Nanette's



*Torrance City Councilman Tim Goodrich*

### Membership Renewal Reminder

It's now the time to renew your PV Democrats membership. You can renew online at [www.pvpdemocrats.org](http://www.pvpdemocrats.org), or complete the form on the back of this newsletter and send in your dues. Fabulous speakers, access to elected officials and informed camaraderie ... what a deal!

education through UCLA undergrad and USC law school.

Also recently elected Torrance city



*State Senator Ted Lieu presenting Connie Sullivan a Certificate of Recognition*

councilman Tim Goodrich added his own uplifting story, highlighting patriotism through military service to educational achievement (MPA from USC) as well as a dedication to public service. Both of these young office holders are shining examples of the upcoming Democrats on the horizon.

Both State Senator Ted Lieu and State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi personally thanked Connie for her invaluable help with their campaigns, and each presented Connie with a Certificate of Recognition.



*State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi presenting Connie Sullivan a Certificate of Recognition*

Then the new board was installed: President, Carol Moeller; Vice President, Lynn Bommer; Corresponding Secretary, Sheila Papayans; Recording Secretary, Judy Pang; Treasurer, Al Shadbourne; Parliamentarian, Teresa Savo; Membership Chair, Susie Boone; Publicity Chairs Paul and Margaret Paez; Hospitality, Marta Leipzig; Newsletter Editor, Jerry Parker; Newsletter Designer, Ann Nye. All acknowledged that they have a tough act to follow but are eager to get to work.

### PV Democrats Move Funds to Malaga Bank

By Carol Moeller

In the process of transitioning to our new club treasurer, it was discovered that our two separate state and federal accounts had been set up long ago in a less than ideal workaround manner. It had been necessary to do this at the time because our required club EIN (Employer Identification Number; likely acquired when the club was formed way back in 1952!) was missing. Since we could not find this number anywhere in the club files, incoming treasurer Al Shadbourne doggedly pursued this omission through what can only be envisioned as a Herculean phone adventure with the IRS....and he succeeded!

Having this EIN finally enabled us to move our club money out of one of the "Big Banks" widely held responsible for the fiscal collapse

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From left: Ron Moeller (mailings), Marta Leipzig (hospitality), Ann Nye (newsletter designer), Jerry Parker (newsletter editor), Susie Boone (membership), Carol Moeller (president), Al Shadbourne (treasurer), Lynn Bommer (vice president), Sheila Papayans (corresponding secretary), Teresa Savo (parliamentarian)

of 2008. We chose to move our funds to our local Malaga Bank, and we are happy to report that the process was quite easy, there are no apparent decreases in the services offered, and we do not appear to be required to pay any fees beyond what we had previously been paying. The PV Democrats took the advice of many progressives and "voted with our wallets".

**Book Suggestion: Enrique's Journey**  
Reviewed By Carol Moeller



Author Sonia Nazario

In 2003, Los Angeles Times reporter Sonia Nazario wrote a Pulitzer Prize-winning series of articles describing the terrifying efforts of one penniless Honduran boy to join his

mother in the USA. Later expanded into a best-selling book, Nazario explained that Enrique's mother entered here without documentation in a desperate attempt to provide money to feed her children back home. After years of separation, and armed only with his mother's North Carolina phone number, Enrique traveled from Honduras and then through the entire length of Mexico, primarily clinging to the top of a train. Merciless bandits forced many to jump from boxcar to boxcar or to the ground; the failures of these unfortunates have given this train the name El Tren de la Muerte (The Train of Death). Incredibly, the author

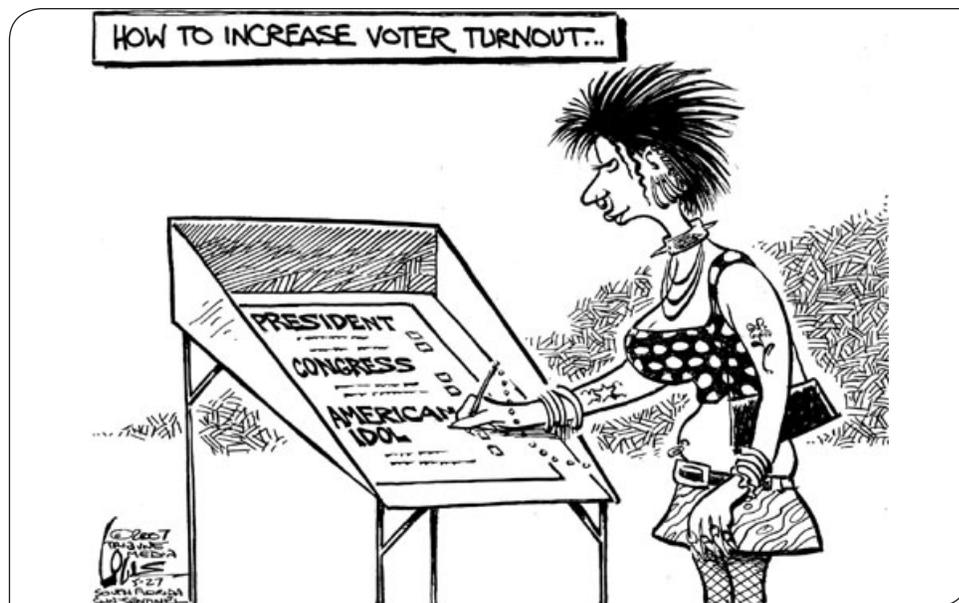
travelled atop that same train herself in her effort to paint an authentic portrait of the tribulations many of the undocumented children undergo even prior to the harrowing trip across our southern border.

**Fabulous Raffle!**

Be sure to bring \$\$\$ to the August meeting...we'll be having the BEST raffle opportunity!

There will be a fundraiser for Al Muratsuchi on August 24 at the home of Richard and Melanie Lundquist in Palos Verdes Estates. This gorgeous home features the most amazing queen's necklace view of the Santa Monica Bay. Since many elected officials frequently attend these beautiful events, this will give you another opportunity to have your voice heard.

The Palos Verdes Democrats will be one of the co-hosts for this event, and that entitles us to 4 tickets worth \$100 each. We will be raffling these tickets off in sets of 2. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20. That means for only \$5, you could win 2 tickets worth \$200! Collect money from your friends, sell your car, mortgage your house....this will be THE place to be on August 24th!



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- 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

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\*Select One:  Individual: \$ 25.00/Year  Family Membership \$40.00/Year  
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Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  Renewal  New Member

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