



# Active Democrat

## General Meeting – October 13, 2010 Diversity Panel Discussion



### President's Letter:

Well, I just got back from vacationing in Italy. I'm re-energized, and ready to do all I can

to get Democrats elected. The new Westside Headquarters is up and running, and so am I.

So, this message is going to be short and sweet: Volunteer in any way you can! Phone bank, knock on doors, call or email your friends and family. We can't be complacent. If the Democrats lose the House and/or Senate, the results will be disastrous. We must Get Out The Vote! ... and we must start that effort NOW – as the all-important Absentee Ballots have gone out to our most frequent voters.

Coincidentally the State Democratic Party Westside HQ is in the identical building as our Film Fundraiser – 3916 Sepulveda Blvd. Please come to see "The End of Poverty?" with us on Saturday, October 16, at 7:30 PM. It will be a great evening, with a few surprises. Your \$ 25 ticket

helps pay for our Endorsement mailers.

Which brings me to a sad note: Our Club just completed its Endorsement Card Mailing Party for the November elections. Thank you to all those who helped get this job done! We really missed the presence of Sally Gardner, who passed away a little over a week ago. As you know, Sally was our past Recording Secretary. She was also a dedicated peace activist, volunteer and great gal. Sally always helped out at our Mailing Parties – and usually brought a friend or two. We will miss her.

Take care,  
Ronnie Jayne, President

P.S. For those of you who remember my "Don't Let The Rain Come Down" message of a year ago, ... Tom is still in Italy – watching the guys who are replacing the roof on our 350 year old house. Yes, ... we've bitten the bullet, and are finally having the work done. So next year we can use our buckets for something more fitting – like stomping grapes!

Monthly General Membership Meeting:  
**7:00 PM Wednesday, October 13, 2010**  
6:45 PM – Refreshments  
Rotunda Room  
Veterans Memorial Building  
4117 Overland Avenue  
Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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**Club Notes**  
**Renew your membership!**  
Please use the form on page 4 to supply your renewal information.

**Electronic Newsletter:**  
Submit your email address to Info@CCDemClub.org and ask to get the newsletter by email!  
Save a tree and save our club the postage!

**Join the Culver City Peace Vigil:** Show your support for ending the war in Afghanistan every other Friday 5:30 – 6:30 PM across from the Culver Hotel.

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## Club Endorsements from Our Recent and Prior Meetings

On September 15 the Club conducted our final set of discussions and votes on the items appearing on the ballot in November. We tackled the last of the local offices and Propositions 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26. The votes were uncontroversial as there was a general consensus on how the club should endorse most of the issues. The one exception was the endorsement for County Assessor for which the 60% threshold for endorsement could not be reached for either candidate.

Our complete endorsements for the November election will be sent to Democratic households in Culver City through our now traditional endorsement cards. The cards should be reaching Culver City households as this newsletter goes to press. Our endorsements include endorsements we made during the primary election season back in the Spring. For your convenience here is the entire list of endorsements from all our endorsement votes for this election:

- U.S Senate: Barbara Boxer
- U.S. House of Representatives – 33rd District: Karen Bass
- CA State Senate – 26th District: Curren Price
- CA State Assembly – 47th District: Holly Mitchell

- Governor: Jerry Brown
- Lieutenant Governor: Gavin Newsom
- Secretary of State: Debra Bowen
- Controller: John Chiang
- Treasurer: Bill Lockyer
- Attorney General: Kamala Harris
- Insurance Commissioner: Dave Jones
- Superintendent of Public Instruction: Tom Torlakson
- Board of Equalization: Jerome Horton
- Superior Court Judge – Office 28: Mark K. Ameli
- Superior Court Judge – Office 117: Alan Schneider
- Los Angeles County Assessor: No Endorsement\*
- Proposition 19: Vote YES
- Proposition 20: Vote NO
- Proposition 21: Vote YES
- Proposition 22: Vote YES
- Proposition 23: Vote NO
- Proposition 24: Vote YES
- Proposition 25: Vote YES
- Proposition 26: Vote NO
- Proposition 27: Vote YES

\*60% of ballots were required for endorsement. Endorsement voted on by Club members at general

## Seeking Submissions

We would like your articles and letters to the editor. Let your voice be heard! Submissions will be published as space allows. Submissions may be edited for length.

The Club's Executive Board reserves the right to determine suitability of submissions for inclusion in the newsletter.

meetings held on March 10, April 14, August 11, & September 15, 2010.

## Why We Need More Sally Gardners

by Greg Valtierra

Sally Gardner's passing has left me sad and appreciative of her rare qualities. During her tenure as Recording Secretary for our Club she was polite, considerate, hardworking, and dedicated to Democratic issues. She took her responsibilities as an officer very seriously and strove to make her reports as accurate and prompt as possible. She was a peace activist. I spent numerous hours sitting with her registering voters and got to hear her concerns for her daughter and granddaughters and how she was hoping to leave the world a little better for them. She was always the first to volunteer for club activities and was a dependable resource for our Club. If there were 10,000 more people like Sally the world would be a much better place.

## Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

With deep sadness we inform the club members of the sudden passing of our former recording sec. Sally Gardner. She truly will be missed by all who knew her in the Club.

Our condolences go out to her daughter Katie, her son-in-law, two young granddaughters, her brother, and her sister-in-law.

Stay in touch on **Facebook** at [www.Facebook.com/group.php?gid=150471021643221](http://www.Facebook.com/group.php?gid=150471021643221)

On **Meetup** at [www.Meetup.com/CulverCityDemocraticClub/](http://www.Meetup.com/CulverCityDemocraticClub/)

## Panel Discussion on Diversity

Bill Wynn, our Club's Second VP, has organized our second annual Diversity Panel Discussion for our upcoming meeting. He's lined up a great set of distinguished and varied speakers to present their take on diversity issues from differing perspectives. The speakers will include:

Frank Holiman, former representative during Jesse Unruh's era for the 51st Assembly District which included the city of Inglewood.

Buashie Amatokwu, Ph.D who works for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce in the U.S. Census Bureau.

Saira S. a Culver City resident and a member of the Muslim community.

Justin Serulneck, an independent filmmaker.

And there may be one or two more.

Last year's discussion was widely praised by all so we are expecting another engaging meeting this time. Please be sure to come and find out what these speakers have to say on diversity.

## "End of Poverty?" Screening and Club Fundraiser

Bill Wynn has been extra busy this month working for our Club as he's organized a fundraiser for the evening of Saturday, October 16, at 7:30 PM. Our Club will be hosting a screening of the award-winning documentary "The End of Poverty?"

Renowned actor and activist, Martin Sheen, narrates the daring, thought-provoking and very timely feature-length documentary directed by award-winning director, Philippe Diaz. It reveals that poverty is not an accident. It began with military conquest, slavery and colonization that resulted in the seizure of land, minerals and forced labor. Today, global poverty has reached new levels because of unfair debt, trade and tax policies – in other words, wealthy countries exploiting the weaknesses of poor, developing countries.

"The End of Poverty?" asks why today 20% of the planet's population uses 80% of its resources and consumes 30% more than the planet can regenerate.

Here's some additional information from the film's web site:

"Poverty is a huge topic. With a limited travel budget we had to narrow our focus. We chose five countries with two criteria: first, countries with governments that were open to acknowledging and talking about the poverty challenges they faced; and secondly, countries that represented a specific issue in the broader scheme, such as land

rights in Kenya. Unfortunately, we weren't able to make it to Asia although we spoke with activists from Asia while we were filming at The World Social Forum in Nairobi, Kenya."

"The making of the film brought us to four continents: South America (Venezuela, Brazil, Bolivia), Africa (Kenya and Tanzania), Europe and North America. In addition to the experts, these are the people and social movements fighting against poverty who were featured in the film (organized by the order in which we visited their countries)."

After the screening there will be a "Wine and Cookie" reception with a discussion led by a guest speaker.

The screening will be held at 3916 Sepulveda Boulevard (between Washington Place and Venice Blvd.)

Tickets are \$25.00 per person. All proceeds will go toward funding our Club's operations.

For more information call Bill Wynn at 310-253-9046 or email Bill at BillWynn2002@yahoo.com

### Get Ready for the Coming Year! Renew Your Club Membership for 2011!

Our membership chair, Diane Rosenberg, will gladly accept your renewal for the coming year. You can use the form on Page 4 to update any of your contact information and select the level of membership. Dues are due by January 1, 2011.

For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328

#### 2010 Club Officers and Committee

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**Renew your membership!**

Now collecting dues for **2011**.  
Dues for 2011 are due by  
January 1, 2011. Current  
dues must be paid by  
renewing members before a  
vote to get a ballot at the  
general meeting. New and  
lapsed members must have  
paid dues at least 25 days in  
advance to vote at a meeting.

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**October 13, 2010 - Meeting Program:**  
**Diversity Panel Discussion**

**Upcoming Events**

► **Wednesday, October 13**

**Monthly General Meeting:  
Diversity Panel Discussion**

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,  
Veterans Memorial Building. Public  
is welcome. Call Ronnie at (310) 836-  
7557 or email  
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Saturday, October 16**

**"The End of Poverty"  
Screening with Speaker**

7:30 PM at the 3916 Sepulveda Blvd.  
Open to the public. Tickets will be  
\$25. Proceeds to benefit the Culver  
City Democratic Club. Call Bill Wynn  
at (310) 253-9046 or email  
SecondVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Saturday, October 23**

**Monthly Board Meeting:**

9:00 AM at Tom Camarella & Ronnie  
Jayne's home. All members welcome.  
Call Karlo at (310) 202-7255 or email  
FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Tuesday, November 2**

**Election Day!**

Make sure to vote for our endorsed  
candidates and propositions. Don't  
forget to have your friends and  
neighbors vote also.

► **Wednesday, November 10**

**Monthly General Meeting**

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,  
Veterans Memorial Building. Public  
is welcome. Call Ronnie at (310) 836-  
7557 or email  
President@CCDemClub.Org

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

Additional Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to:

**Culver City Democratic Club**

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For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at  
(310) 398-5328

**Please renew for 2011 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.