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General Meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Report from Assemblymember Holly Mitchell's Office Sydney Kamlager, District Director



President's Message:

We are the 99%. We don't get to pay less in taxes than our secretaries. We don't get to live off of our inheritance

without working every day. We don't get to live our entire life without any sense of fear that we could be unemployed at any time. We don't get to buy the politicians who protect our status. We are the 99%.

I often tell my government students that the United States is the most unique country in the world where the poor and working class majority fight every day to keep the rich wealthy. Our country has spent over 100 years trying to convince everyone that the mythical American Dream is alive and well, that any of us who works hard will be successful and rich some time in the future. The myth has successfully convinced many people that if they force the rich to pay their fair share in

taxes and do their civic duty by supporting the country, then all of us will pay the price when we become wealthy. They never mention that the chance of anyone moving their social status by more than a miniscule step is highly unlikely.

So even though the Republican economic policies are built for the rich super minority and the Democratic economic policies are built for the rest of us, they have for years won the communications war. But I have a feeling that a seismic shift is occurring as we speak.

By framing this decades-long struggle as the 99% versus the 1%, we can impress upon the masses that the policies of corporate deregulation and outrageous tax incentives for the wealthy (as proposed *ad nauseum* by Boehner and company) are hurting us NOW, not helping us in some mythical future that can never be. We are once and for all drawing a line in the sand and (See President, Page 2)

Monthly General Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday, November 9, 2011
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.

Election Endorsement - CCUSD Board of Education
Nancy Goldberg
Vote Tuesday, November 8

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(**President** from Page 1) forcing everyone to take a side: are you for the rich or are you for the 99%.

By the way, this is not just a federal issue, it impacts the way that we do business in Culver City as well. When you hear politicians asking city and school district employees to take pay cuts, furlough days, and health care reductions and then blaming the union for the budget impasse, that is an issue of the 99%. Most public workers are part of the working class and asking them to work without sufficient pay while the salaries for the richest among us continue to go up is an attack on the whole working class. When you hear members of the community criticizing candidates because they are “too close to the unions,” that is an issue of the 99% (why shouldn't our local elected officials support workers' rights?). And when elected officials refuse to support corporate tax increases (including hotel taxes) because it could potentially hurt businesses, that is an issue of the 99%.

The presidential election is coming up in about a year. Between now and then we will elect two new members of our School Board and potentially up to four new members of our City Council. We need to stand up for the 99% and put into office people who represent the needs of the

According to *Time Magazine*:
The wealthiest 1% of the U.S. have experienced a growth of **275%** of their after tax income from 1979 to 2007.

populace, not the economic elite. Luckily we have just such an elected official in Holly Mitchell, our state assemblymember. Ms. Mitchell has been the leading voice in Sacramento for holding the line on social services and education funding. She has made it clear that we cannot balance the state's budget deficit on the backs of the poor and working class. Holly's representative, Sydney Kamlager will be coming to speak to us at this month's general membership meeting. Let's take a collective lesson from both the President and those protesting in New York and throughout the country and join together as part of the 99%.

Nominating Committee and Officer Elections

For those of you who've been members for more than a year (and that's many of you) you probably already know that the end of the year for our Club means nominations for officers and elections of the officers for the next year. As prescribed in our Club's constitution a nominating

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.

committee is formed at our November meeting. The committee will consist of five current Club members with the chair and one member appointed by the President and the other three members elected at our November meeting.

Karlo, our President, will be announcing his appointments to the committee at the November meeting and we will be electing the three other members of the committee at that same meeting.

Once the nominating committee is formed the committee's one and only task is to find and nominate members who are qualified and willing to serve as our Club's officers for 2012. If you have a desire to work with fellow Democrats and want to see our Club continue to be successful you should consider taking on a role as an officer for the Club and seek a nomination from the committee. However, keep in mind that a member does not have to be nominated by the committee to run for an officer position and can run from the floor at the January meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee as either an appointed or elected member, or would like to run for a Club officer position for 2012, please contact our President at (310) 202-7255 or email President@CCDemClub.Org

Di's Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

On October 20, 2011 the National Women's Political Caucus L.A. Westside honored our second V.P., Meghan Sahli-Wells, in the 2012 Remarkable Women Calendar along side women leaders such as CA Attorney General. Kamala Harris, Assemblymember Holly Mitchell, and Assemblymember Betsy Butler. The National Women's Political Caucus' mission is to recruit, train and support pro-choice women to achieve appointed or elected public office. The club sends their congratulations to Meghan.

We are saddened that we lost one of our members Eleanor Haburton who passed away on Wednesday morning, October 12, 2011. She was the Grandmother of our 2nd V.P. Meghan Sahli-Wells. The club sends condolences to Meghan, her husband, children and family.

Donations Needed for Our Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser

As the end of the year approaches our Club once again needs to refill the coffers that make it possible to do the work we do in making endorsements and getting the Democratic word out to thousands of households in Culver City. As in years past we will have a silent auction at our December meeting.

Our silent auction has reliably provided much needed funds for the Club and some very welcome fun as well. However, the auction doesn't just happen by itself. It takes plenty of hard work and organization by our club members and in particular Ronnie Jayne. One way you can help is by soliciting donations from local businesses that you patronize or by donating services or brand new goods yourself.

Another way to help is by working with Ronnie Jayne to help pick up donations, organize the displays, help collect the payments, help write the thank-you notes, etc.

If you can help with donations or in any of the other myriad tasks for the auction please contact Ronnie at (310) 836-7557 or our Second VP, Meghan at (310) 839-5926 or email SecondVP@CCDemClub.Org

Renew Your Club Membership for 2012!

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, 2012.

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

Supplies Needed for Occupy LA

Over 1000 people have been encamped in Downtown Los Angeles to demand change from Wall Street and from our government. According to sources in Occupy Wall Street and Occupy DC the Los Angeles encampment is now the biggest in the country.

Unfortunately, there is not any reliable source of food or supplies for the occupiers. They have been relying on donations from individuals and occasionally from donations by restaurants but many are lucky to get one full meal a day.

In coordination with the Westside Progressives, Culver City Democratic Club is asking that if you can, please donate needed supplies for Occupy LA.

Here's a list of what they need:

- peanut butter
- applesauce
- bread
- canned fruit
- salt and pepper
- salad dressing
- sugar, creamer
- food
- veggie peeler
- blankets
- tents/tarps
- big white boards
- world map
- gloves
- socks

- scanner
- printer
- IP Cameras
- walkie-talkies
- flashlights
- lights, solar
- large plastic bins for storage
- large binder for research library
- quest book
- AAA batteries
- emergency victim tablets
- all kinds of tape
- alcohol swabs
- feminine products
- First Aid Kits
- tables
- organizational bins
- large hanging see-through organizer
- sunglasses
- massage table
- exam paper
- SD cards

For further information please contact our President, Karlo at (310) 202-7255 or email President@CCDemClub.Org

2011 Club Officers and Committee

Chairs:

President: Karlo Silbiger
President@CCDemClub.Org

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Treasurer@CCDemClub.Org

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Sylvia Moore

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Lee Welinsky

Membership Secretary:
Diane Rosenberg

Newsletter: Greg Valtierra

Renew your membership!

Now collecting dues for 2012.
Dues for 2012 are due by
January 1, 2012. 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.

Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, November 9**
Monthly General Meeting:
Report from Holly
Mitchell's Office

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
Public is welcome. Call Karlo at
(310) 202-7255 or email
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► **Saturday, November 19**
Monthly Board Meeting:

9:00 AM at the Rosenberg's home.
All members welcome. Call Bill
at (310) 253-9046 or email
FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Wednesday, December 14**
Monthly General Meeting:
Club Holiday Party & Silent
Auction

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
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(310) 202-7255 or email
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► **Wednesday, January 11**
Monthly General Meeting:
Club Officer Elections

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
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Mitchell's Office
Sydney Kamlager, District Director

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CCUSD Board of Education

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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

Special Rate: Remainder of 2011 plus 2012 membership \$45

Member \$30

Student \$20

Supporting Member \$75

Sustaining Member \$125

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to:

Culver City Democratic Club

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

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Please renew for 2012 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.