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General Meeting — 7p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue
Meeting program:
Voter registration training by Field Team 6

President’s Message by Pete Rockwell

Herb Rosenberg passed away quietly on Tuesday evening April 2nd. I’ll miss him. I didn’t know Herb for very long. I met him when I started going to meetings of the Culver City Democratic Club a couple of years ago. Herb was the chair of the Hospitality Committee. It looked to me like the committee consisted of just Herb and his son, Andy, but they made everyone welcome. Especially Herb. He always made sure that I knew there was plenty of food, and that I knew I was welcome at the meeting.

According to the obituary that appeared on the front page of the Culver City Observer “Herb was born on September 21, 1935, in Philadelphia.

“He served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1959.” Herb met his wife, Diane, at the Jewish Community Center in West Los Angeles. They were married for more than fifty years.

“Herb served his community well. He was President of the Friends of the Library, a member of the Culver City Democratic Club and was on the Airport Advisory Committee for nine years.”

We’ll all miss Herb.



The program at the May 8 meeting is a training session on how to register voters. I’m convinced that next year’s presidential election will be won by Democrats only if we sign up millions of new voters. The electoral college makes presidential politics difficult for Democrats right now. Hillary Clinton beat Trump by three million votes in the popular election in 2016 but she

lost in the electoral college. To me that means Democrats will need to get a landslide in the popular vote to win the White House. The best way to do that is to register brand new voters and voters that have not voted in awhile.

Speaking of presidential politics, I saw a pie chart on the internet that supposedly represents the number of votes in 2016 that went to Hillary Clinton, the number that went to Trump and the number that went to neither one, either because the voter didn’t vote or because they voted for a third-party candidate:

Clinton = 65,853,625

Trump = 62,985,105

Neither = 108,856,312

That’s an awful lot of people who either didn’t vote for president or voted for a third-party candidate. We know that most of those hundred million people didn’t vote at all.

So we’ve got a lot of work ahead of us. We have to register new voters and convince voters who used to vote but don’t anymore that the stakes are too high in this presidential election to sit this one out. Or to make the perfect the enemy of the good. Or not to realize that the greater of two evils is truly evil this time.

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Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday,
May 8, 2019
 6:45 PM — Refreshments
 Veterans Memorial Building
 4117 Overland Avenue
 Corner of Overland Ave.
 and Culver Blvd.



Herb Rosenberg

Sponsors for May meeting: Diane and Andy Rosenberg. In Memory of beloved husband and father Herb Rosenberg who passed away April 2nd 2019



Diane and Herb Rosenberg

Di's Corner: by Diane Rosenberg

Update: For Club members who hadn't heard or didn't know that my beloved Herb passed away peacefully at Marina Pointe here in Culver City on Tuesday evening April 2nd 2019.

The funeral was this past Sunday, April 7, at Mount Sinai Cemetery, Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles. So many friends and family were there to say their goodbyes. They came from San Marcos, CA, Murrietta, CA, Los Gatos, CA, Moreno Valley, CA. Family: Erika Miller (niece) from Tacoma, Washington. Doug Rosenberg (nephew) Sacramento. Mikhael Rosenberg and his wife Kristee (nephew and niece) with their two children Noah and Ryanne drove up from Lake Elsinore. Doug, Army veteran now in the reserves, contacted March Air Force Base for an honor guard for his uncle Herb. Erica, Army veteran. From British Columbia cousin Michael Kierszenblatt. Attending were long-time friends Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson and his wife Fabian; and Ed Johnson. LAFD Commissioner Jimmie Woods

Gray, Los Angeles West Basin Water District #4 Director Scott Houston. From Culver City: Vice Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells and her husband Karim Sahli, Councilmembers Daniel Lee and Alex Fisch. Former Mayor and Councilmember Jim Clarke. Former Councilmember, C.C. School Board Member and Director of DMV Steve Gourley and his wife Sharon. Former presidents of the Club Amy and Darryl Cherness, Khin Khin Gyi (and her husband Bruce Enos), Sylvia Moore, Ronnie Jayne Solomon and Tom Camarella. Karlo Silbiger who is former president of the Culver City School Board. Also present were Recording Secretary Shannon Theus, Club president Pete Rockwell and his wife Cynthia Hart, who is the Club's Corresponding Secretary.

Besides myself along with Andy we both thank everyone.

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Fundraiser for Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum was a success

by *Kimberly Ferguson*

There was a fantastic turnout for the Culver City Democratic Club's benefit preview screening of BEST OF ENEMIES in support of the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum at the Culver City Arclight Cinemas on Thursday April 4. Tickets to the event were sold out swiftly and the Club was able to raise just under \$600 to donate to the preservation of the Library and Museum. Steven Fisher and Lloyd Clayton (son of Mayme A. Clayton) were on hand and offered words of thanks for the donations, as well as appreciation for our efforts on behalf of the museum.

We would also like to thank the distributor, STX Films, along with production partners Astute Films and Material Pictures for donating the screening of the film and additionally Arclight Cinemas for the generous use of their theater for the event.

BEST OF ENEMIES is superbly directed by Robin Bissell with outstanding performances by stars Sam Rockwell and Taraji P. Henson. It is based on the true story of a reluctant partnership between civil rights activist Ann Atwater (Taraji P. Henson) and C.P. Ellis (Sam Rockwell), the leader of the Durham, North Carolina chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. They are forced to come together to discuss the issue of racial desegregation of schools in 1971 Durham, which eventually leads to surprising outcomes for them and the entire community.

For more information about how you can help save the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum you can go to their website: <http://www.claytonmuseum.org/connect/donate>

**Trailer for the film
Best of Enemies:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKM6fSTs-A0>**

Being what we have the courage to see

Letter to the Editor
by **Carlene Brown**

At our April 10th meeting, I was greatly inspired by powerful presentations from Dr. David Haake (Sierra Club), John Kerin (Sunrise Movement), and Bob Farrel (former LA City Council member). I was pleased that presenters applauded the leadership of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) on the Green New Deal. I was pleased that presenters invited us to participate in keeping the Green New Deal vision alive, even though our Democratically-controlled House under the leadership of Speaker Nancy Pelosi has voted against it.

The week following our April Democratic Club meeting, I saw an inspiring, artistic and visionary video co-written and narrated by Alexandria Ocasio Cortez. It opens with two ques-

tions: "What if we actually pulled off a Green New Deal? What would the future look like?" Even though "they" say the Green New Deal is "too big, too fast" and "not practical," AOC continues with her vision of what our future could look like, including a world in which we "stopped being afraid of each other." The film ends with this: "WE CAN BE WHATEVER WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO SEE."

I believe that the Culver City Democratic Club can exercise the courage to see beyond the view of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who recently demeaned AOC and her progressive congressional colleagues on 60 Minutes. It looked to me as if House Speaker Pelosi felt compelled to diminish progressives in order to defend her position that Democrats will "hold to the center." The centrist Democratic Party leadership appears to be afraid of progressives and their

vision for America's future.

Yet, we have an opportunity on the local level to rise above the current politics of polarization demonstrated by our national Democratic Party leadership. Because those of us who have been active in the CCDC for years truly appreciate and care for each other, regardless of age or where we stand on the political spectrum, I have great hopes that we can rise above our ideological divisions and fears to embody the spirit captured in AOC's video: "WE CAN BE WHATEVER WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO SEE."

— Carlene Brown, MA. Ed.

"A Message From the Future"
narrated by
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9uTH0iprVQ>

The following resolution on the Inglewood Oil Field was unanimously adopted at the April 10 general meeting of the Culver City Democratic Club

Whereas the Inglewood Oil Field (IOF) is the largest urban oil field in the United States, in operation since 1924, albeit with problematic incidents such as the bursting of the Baldwin Hills Dam in 1963 due to fluid injection too close to the dam. This resulted in the release of billions of gallons of water resulting in five deaths and destruction of two hundred homes at the time. This oil field abuts the communities of Inglewood, Culver City, Windsor Hills, Baldwin Village, View Park and West LA College in the County of Los Angeles.

Whereas the IOF has been poorly regulated such that there were releases of methane and hydrogen sulfide in 2005 and 2006 that led to the codification of regulations now known as the Community Standards District (CSD) in 2008. In spite of this, there was accidental release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at the Culver City Dog Park in 2010 that led to its shut down. The oil operator at the time, PXP, voluntarily abandoned the wells in question at the cost of 2 million dollars.

Whereas the IOF released 15 barrels of oil accidentally on Thanksgiving night, 2018, due to a failed

level controller that led to the overflow incident. In addition, on April 1, 2019, there was oil water leakage that travelled into a storm drain inlet. The cause of this leakage is still unknown.

Therefore, the common theme running through these incidents is that there is a failure of the alarm systems that would have warned the oil operator, Sentinel Peak Resources, of any impending and untoward incident.

Therefore, in the interest of public health and occupational health, we implore that the councilmembers of the City of Culver City and the Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles suspend the permits for oil operation at the IOF until there is an inspection, replacement of aging infrastructure, update and review of all spillage and leakage detection alarm systems before resuming further operations.

Respectfully submitted by Khin Khin Gyi, M.D., Ph.D., Delegate from AD 54 to the California Democratic Party and Board Member of Sierra Club, WLA Executive Committee, Past President of the Culver City Democratic Club.

