

# Beach Cities Democratic Club



P.O. Box 2192, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

November, 2006

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 7:30PM  
David K. Hayward Center  
2000 Artesia Boulevard  
Redondo Beach

## It's About Winning

We will be recapping the election results, so expect lots of gloating! Our speaker isn't confirmed yet but we're planning for an academic perspective. Come share in the winning-Democratic spirit.

## BCDC Holiday Party!

This year we'll be enjoying the hospitality of Dale and Ken Petrulis in their beautiful Redondo Beach home.

**Saturday, December 10**  
**Time: 5 to 8 PM**  
**607 Ruby**  
**Redondo Beach**

Cost: \$35 per person. Please bring your check to the November meeting.

RSVP to Edna Murphy at  
310-545-6292 or  
frizzy020@adelphia.net.



## FROM THE EDITOR

As I do every year, I take this opportunity to thank the people who have contributed and helped with the newsletter. It was sad to see the end of Monroe's wonderful column, which drew in so many readers, but everybody deserves to retire sometime. (Monroe, come back anytime!) Do we have a volunteer to replace him?

President Lee is no slouch of a writer himself, and his column has livened up these pages all year.

We've also enjoyed contributions from Dilip Adarkar, Steven Zucker, and Diane Strack. Tammy Minion and Tony Hale continue to mail the hardcopy issues, Steve to manage the labels and database, and Jim McGreevy to repurpose and post the electronic

version to our excellent BCDC website.

I should tell you that I really need these contributions and more. The newsletter shouldn't reflect just my views, and I'm not always tuned into all the political happenings in our area. I encourage you to write in, share your news, your opinions, your photos, and your correspondence with our public officials.

We sure have a lot to celebrate this holiday season. Democrats rule in both houses of Congress. We have six new Democratic governors, including Massachusetts' first black leader. And wins for most of our endorsements on the California ballot. Let's all share the joy this season and keep up the good work as we head for 2008.

*Moira Zucker*



*Jane Harman and friends enjoyed their most recent Bike at the Beach day Saturday, October 28. Here she is at the Manhattan Beach Pier with Councilman Jim Aldinger. Nick Tell was also present for the occasion.*

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Visit our Website at [lafn.org/politics/bcdc](http://lafn.org/politics/bcdc)

## From the President

### Speaker Nancy Pelosi



On January 3, 2007, Nancy

Pelosi will become the first woman to be the Speaker of the House of Representatives in United States history, the first Californian to become Speaker, and, as third in line to the Presidency, the highest ranking woman in American history.

And most importantly, she will be the first Democratic Speaker in 12 years.

Election Night 2006 was a good night for Democrats—and a good night for America. Two years ago, we suffered a close and disheartening defeat in the national elections. But after six years of the Bush Administration, the American people have made their voices clear. A Democratic wave swept the country this month. Democrats took over control of the House by picking up 30 seats that had been in Republican hands, and picking up 6 seats to gain a majority in the United States Senate. Our historic gains have shifted the balance of power in America. No longer will this administration have an unchecked reign of power.

Even while admitting that it was a “thumpin’,” President Bush tried to claim that it was close—it was not. Democrats won 24 of 33 Senate races—72% of the seats in play this year. Yes, there were four close races that went late into the night and even into the next day, (with Democrats winning three of them) but we won 21 races in landslides to the 9 total seats that Republicans won. 54% of Americans voted for Democrats for the House of Representatives. Our margin of victory was nearly four times as large as the “mandate” that

Bush claimed two years ago (and don’t forget—he lost in 2000).

With our new power comes great responsibility. Having been in the wilderness for six years, and out of power in Congress for twelve, we will now face the challenge of offering solutions for the problems that our country faces. This, however, is a challenge we welcome. Democrats want to redeploy our troops in Iraq, raise the minimum wage, and provide universal healthcare. And we know that if President Bush vetoes our ideas, we remember that the centerpieces of President Clinton’s first year in office was enacting bills (the Family Medical Leave Act and the Motor Voter Act) that his predecessor had vetoed.

In California, we did well too. While we were not able to knock off Arnold, we were able to elect seasoned leaders such as John Garamendi as Lt. Governor, Jerry Brown as Attorney General, and Bill Lockyer as Treasurer, while sending two local Democrats—Debra Bowen and John Chiang—to statewide offices to which they are uniquely qualified.

There are many people who are responsible for these great results locally—Tony Hale, as Executive Director of the Democratic Action Center, Jim Aldinger, Edna Murphy, David Greene, Diane Strack, Ray Waters, Tammy Minion, Dency Nelson, Teresa Bird, and the campaigns of Ted Lieu, Jenny Oropeza, and Jane Harman, and tens of volunteers, students, and many others who made this possible. Over the last two years, I have been known to stand in front of crowds, on chairs, or tables, and yell that we were going to take back Congress. That seemed unlikely two years ago, but today, we know we were successful.

Now we know, all of this is precursor to our most important challenge—taking back the White House in 2008!

Let’s win in 2008!

*Lee Fink*

## October Recap

### Dialing for Votes

Stalwart club members turned out to make GOTV calls on their mobile phones at the October meeting. We mainly urged Democrats to go the polls on election day and reminded them who was on the Democratic ticket and which races were the critical ones. When asked, we explained what the Party endorsements were on the propositions.

Many club members were working that evening at the Democratic Action Center mobilizing students from area high schools to help walk precincts and hold up signs. We energized scores of budding Democratic kids to help get out the vote.

A few announcements followed the phone banking. Teresa Bird announced that Jenny Oropeza has given \$3,300 to help Debra Bowen in her close race.

We also heard a short report from Stephanie Martin of Planned Parenthood, who is speaking to groups about Prop 85 (Parental Notification). Ms. Martin urged volunteers to visit [noon85.org](http://noon85.org) and sign up to help.



*BCDC members calling voters at the October meeting.*

### Reminder to '05-'06 members

Dues for the current membership year (July 1 '06—June 30, '07) were due on July 1. If you haven’t paid your dues, please send them with the membership form in this newsletter, or your membership will expire on December 31.

## Election Aftermath

Excerpts from the online progressive outlets...

FROM THE NATION

POSTED NOVEMBER 9, 2006

...By expressing their disgust, voters have made three great gains. It's true these gains are not yet fully secure. Bush still holds power. ... But power relationships in Washington have been utterly altered.

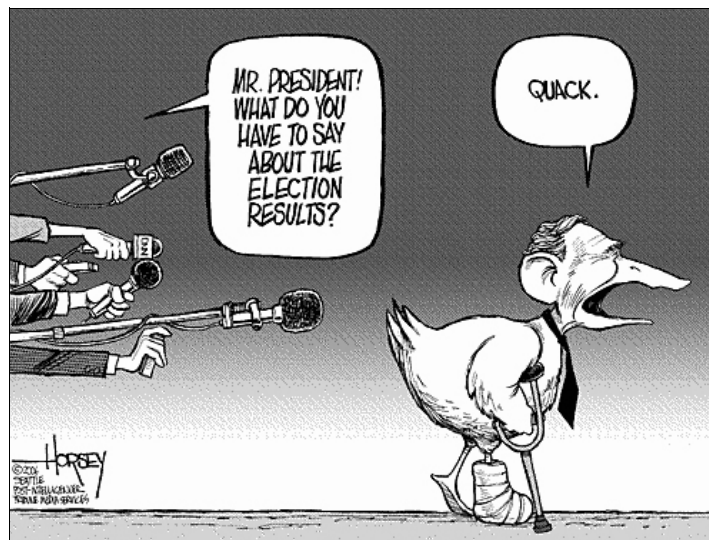
The first is the repudiation of Bush and his corrupt presidency, in which everything was for sale, and scandals—corporate and personal—became commonplace. Bush is now naked in his weakness. In some ways this could make him more dangerous in the two years ahead, but Democrats have the power to stop his outrages and excesses. There will be talk of “bipartisanship,” as there is after every election. But this fight is not over, and there is no room for compromise with boneheaded intransigence.

The second is the antiwar victory. Candidates of all types ran against the war and won everywhere, demolishing blue state-red state stereotypes on this great issue. Americans want out of this disastrous war—now, as soon as possible. Bush will no doubt hold out for a fig leaf to cover his decisions. But Democrats must not forget the voters' message. If they [do]..., they will pay the price themselves in future elections.

The third is the collapse of the conservative order—the right-wing economic agenda that has reigned for a generation and produced so many great injuries to society and the general well-being. Republicans will argue among themselves about how to put

Humpty Dumpty back together again, but the “market ideology” cannot be repaired. This year, unlike in previous elections, many Democrats ran on the economic issues vital to ordinary people—trade, declining wages, the destruction of the middle class, corporate greed. Led by Senator-elect Sherrod Brown of Ohio, these Democrats will be a new force in Washington—committed to pushing real solutions instead of stale palliatives.

ROBERT KUTNER



Posted on Slate.com in October, 2006.

THE AMERICAN PROSPECT  
NOVEMBER 13, 2006

...Bye-bye, bipartisanship. Mercifully, the sunny bipartisan mood will last only until the lame-duck Republican Congress, now repudiated by voters, makes one last effort to lock in such administration goals as permanent abolition of the estate tax, passage of illegal spying on Americans, and the confirmation of John Bolton as UN ambassador, and as the Senate begins exploring the sordid past of Robert Gates.

Forget treachery calls to come together to solve national problems. There are huge, principled differences here. The voters rejected the policies of the gov-

erning party and gave Congress a mandate to help regular people for a change.

Pelosi has said her first actions will include legislation to raise the federal minimum wage and create an effective prescription drug benefit under Medicare. If Bush signs these progressive bills, we can all sing bipartisan Kumbaya. If he vetoes them, Democrats can keep reminding voters which party serves whose interests.

MOLLY IVINS

STAR-TELEGRAM.COM

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May I remind you what this election is about? Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo, unprecedented presidential powers, unmatched incompetence, unparalleled corruption, unwarranted eavesdropping, Katrina, Enron, Halliburton, global warming, Dick Cheney's secret energy task force, record oil company profits, \$3 gasoline, FEMA, the Supreme Court, Diebold, Florida in 2000, Ohio in 2004, Terri Schiavo, stem cell research, golden

parachutes, shrunken pensions, unavailable and expensive healthcare, habeas corpus, no weapons of mass destruction, sacrificed soldiers and Iraqi civilians, wasted billions, Taliban resurgence, expiration of the assault weapons ban, North Korea, Iran, intelligent design, Swift boat hit squads, and on and on.

This election is about that, but much more—it's about honor, dignity and comity in this country. It's about the Constitution, which gives us this great nation.



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# Beach Cities Democratic Club Membership Form



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I (we) understand that only registered Democrats, or those intending to register, may join the club.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Distribution of the club newsletter via e-mail saves money. Check this box if you would like to receive yours by e-mail.

I volunteer to:

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Register Voters  Programs  Legislative  Membership  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for two at the same address.

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