



Next Meeting

Manhattan Bread and Bagel
1808 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Manhattan Beach
Wednesday, October 26
7:30 PM

DUES ARE PAYABLE

BCDC memberships for the new fiscal year are due and payable. Dues are \$25 per person or \$40 for two at the same address. Please bring your check to the meeting or send it in to the club at PO Box 2192, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

Growing our Membership

You are invited to meet and greet our State and Local Officials, including State Senator Ted Lieu
Thursday, October 27, 2011
7:30 – 9:00 PM
RSVP to Diane
Wallace4the53rd@gmail.com for the address of the event in Manhattan Beach.

BEACH CITIES GREEN

By Dency Nelson

I'll continue my journey through my "sustainable day" in the new year, as next month I'll repeat my annual focus on sustainable holiday celebrating.



This month I want to highlight the "First National Plug In Day" and the largest gathering and parade of plug-in vehicles in history, right here in Santa Monica on Sunday, October 16.

My wife (the other Moira) and I participated with our Toyota RAV4EV with its 117,900 petroleum-free miles along with our brand new Nissan Leaf with its 4,350 petroleum-free miles. Both of these cars are powered for free from the sun and our home's rooftop photovoltaic solar array. BCDC past-President Ray Waters, who also fuels his brand new Nissan Leaf from his solar rooftop, also participated in the morning's events. As I am writing this just hours after the event, exact numbers of participating cars are not yet available, but estimates have the total above 200 plug-in vehicles. The parade headed out

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NEED TO BE BLUER

Kevin Sullivan

Today Republicans are openly calling for cuts to Social Security and Medicare in order to continue tax breaks and loopholes for millionaires and billionaires. In these tough economic times the super rich are asking for tax cuts and asking us to foot the bill.

Workers continue to be attacked the grocery strike was diverted through solidarity within their ranks now the gas company (Sempra) is utilizing the same tactics against their workers.

The beach cities are facing an uphill battle in keeping the beach blue. With so much on the line in the next election we need to be concentrating our efforts on voter registration, absentee ballots and GOTV in our upcoming election.

The state and county party is leading the way on these efforts and the local clubs are doing their part, especially here in the beach cities, where there is plenty of room for blue growth.

I'd like to thank the volunteers from the BCDC who volunteered to man the booths at the Hermosa Beach, Manhattan

Beach and LA County Fairs. These are the types of local efforts that help make our blue state bluer.

The membership committee is working on a membership party for the evening of October 27, 2011. The party will be at a home in Manhattan Beach. Check the website for details.

Our Treasurer reports that two thirds of our members from 2010 have sent in their dues due in August. If you haven't done so, you may do so on our website through Act Blue, at our meeting or by check.



Our treasurer, Edna Murphy, works the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair booth with new member Martha Hanley.



Dency chatting with environmentalist and filmmaker Chris Paine at the "First National Plug In Day" on October 6.

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southbound from Santa Monica's City Hall onto Main Street in two silent, emissions-free columns, stretching out over several blocks.

Before the parade, a press conference was held in front of Santa Monica City Hall. Speakers included South Bay Democrat and Iraq War Veteran Tim Goodrich, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, life-long environmental activist, Ed Begley, Jr., and environmentalist and filmmaker ("Who Killed the Electric Car?" and "Revenge of the Electric Car"), Chris Paine.



Left, cars line up for the "Plug In" Parade. Right, Congresswoman Janice Hahn addresses the crowd, with actor and environmentalist Ed Begley to her left. Photos courtesy of Dency Nelson.

Monroe's Ruminations

Monroe Weinstock

Most of us have heard the old platitude that it is better to be safe than sorry.

No one has ever drawn the line defining SECURITY. No one has ever been the Decider, except the college grade C president George Dubyah.

In 2004 the Government allowed itself the privilege of extending secret domestic intelligence gathering by the National Security Agency. The agency was permitted to gather records of anyone in the USA with NO public scrutiny. Today, new laws & technologies allow the government to rummage thru our lives as never before. One side of the coin may be seen in the exposure of Libya's dictator Gadhafi's maniacal accumulation of wiretap infor-



mation which could presage our future.

Our own House approved a landmark attack on the Bill of Rights by extending the Patriot Act for another FOUR years. The Act permits a secret court to issue warrants for any & all types of personal, financial, medical records. The Act allows the FBI to wiretap at random. The Act allows the FBI to monitor electronic messages without showing "cause". It must also be said that the FBI has performed about 50,000 searches & has been flagrant in its repeated misuse of this power.

The ACLU has discovered absolutely NO evidence of these searches having made us more secure or safer from attack. Electronically, the FBI has probably committed upwards of 40,000 violations since 9/11...with no punishment for any agent. I think it's time to again quote good Ben Franklin who said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

A couple of more tweaks...and there goes our liberty, freedom & security. The temporary Patriot Act has morphed into a re-write of our Bill of Rights. Without privacy....we have NO security!!!

Update from the Planning Committee for the 66th ADDC

Diane Wallace

Interested Dems from throughout the new 66th AD have been meeting to plan the establishment of the 66th ADDC. A new type of club management has been proposed - shared leadership.

The group is considering selecting three Co-Chairs - with one representing each of the areas of the 66th - Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance/Gardena, and Beach Cities. The group is hoping to take the proposal to the CADEM Organization and Development Committee at the E-Board meeting in November.



September Recap

Following is an edited version of the minutes from our September 28 meeting, courtesy of Kathy Campbell.

Treasurer's Report

Among other matters, it was confirmed that a \$100 donation has been made to the Jenny Oropeza Scholarship fund.

Regarding the Durkee embezzlement scandal, Edna Murphy reported that San Pedro and West LA clubs are not sure how much they lost. They can't even find out how much they have in the bank right now. Durkee filed the BCDC reports for us, but fortunately did not have access to our funds or bank account.

Edna is evaluating the services of Gary Crummitt to file our reports going forward. As with Durkee, he would not have access to our bank account.

Lori Geittmann reported that County Committee has lost more than \$200,000 and are having trouble paying their staff. She suggested that members make a donation to LACDP online.

Edna suggested that we send out a reminder to past due members and Kevin suggested that we remind lapsed members to pay dues online.

Edna reported that our current bank is One West, which is not charging us account fees. Edna Murphy & Shirlee Brown (deceased past Treasurer) are the signatories on our current bank account. Edna suggested deleting Shirlee and adding President Kevin Sullivan.

Communications

Kevin Sullivan read a Thank You letter from CSULB for the donation we made to the Jenny Oropeza scholarship fund.

Next, Karla Salazar, Delegate "On the ground in Wisconsin," was introduced by Diane Wallace. Karla works as political action rep for AFSCME nationally and previously worked for CDP.

Karla was sent to Milwaukee Wisconsin for 45 days prior to the recall election. They organized 350 volunteers for GOTV weekend. Democrats won two of three seats statewide. In addition, the work



Karla Salazar, AFSCME Rep reporting from Wisconsin.

helped build coalition infrastructure there for the future. They are now working to make sure that Gov. Walker does not win re-election.

Karla is leaving for Ohio next week to repeal SB5 against workers' rights. She suggested that we also keep an eye on Michigan, where the Governor wanted to pass Emergency Management Legislation to go into small cities and remove Mayors and City Managers and replace them with his own appointees. AFSCME will be sending field organizers to Florida & New Jersey as well.

Karla mentioned an upcoming proposition, nicknamed "payroll deception," that limits how union members' dues can be used. She also invited members to friend her on Facebook.

Congratulations to the UFCW on averting the grocery strike! Kevin Sullivan announced that workers got their health and welfare benefits and they seem to feel it was a reasonable contract. He described how well organized the campaign was.

New member Chelsea Davenport reported that the benefits program was funded and employers no longer require a doctor's note for all sicknesses; stores are also reducing the number of positions to be eliminated. The new rules limit required transfers, and do not eliminate the highest paying jobs.

New 66th assembly district: Diane Wallace sent out a report to people who attended the first meeting and those who expressed interest in attending this week. At last month's meeting, attendees brainstormed concepts for bylaws. The notes

from that meeting have been circulated to attendees.

It was announced that Republicans Nathan Mintz and Steve Napolitano, former councilman from MB, have announced plans to run for the Assembly in the South Bay, along with AI Muratsuchi. Mike Gin is not running, and has endorsed Mintz.

Membership Committee Report.

Lori Geittmann announced that the committee is waiting for a list from DAC of the volunteers in our area to mail. Tony asked the Board how they felt about sharing their volunteers' emails without their permission, and they did not feel that was appropriate. He is willing to put it to a membership vote. In the meantime, Tony stated that he's happy to send out an invitation to his list on behalf of the BCDC of any upcoming events.

Lori asked for Tony to specify who is on the DAC board. They are: Tony Hale, Marianne Tyler, Edna Murphy and Gerry Parker.

Diane said that Ted Lieu will attend our upcoming membership party, and they have invited Henry Waxman.

Bylaws Committee Report

The Committee will present their first report in October or November. Teresa Bird raised issue of Bylaws limiting officers to only BCDC positions. Edna Murphy said that it is difficult to get people to volunteer for some positions, such as Treasurer; this will be an issue for the Bylaws committee to address.

Report from Elected Officials

Veronica Zendejas from Ted Lieu's office reported that they are waiting to hear if some bills will be signed: banning tanning booths and pet microchips. They said that \$35k was raised for the Jenny Oropeza scholarship fund.

Bobbi Buescher reported for Betsy Butler. AB 475, plug in electric vehicles, was signed, also AB1272, the annual surplus property bill. Waiting on 1319, BPA bill; the Chemical lobby is fighting it. Also state & county property tax loan program and AB 1044 are waiting.

Betsy is moving to the 50th AD and

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**Beach Cities
Democratic Club**



assured us that she's still focused totally on our issues. She worked with the Redondo Beach Seaside Lagoon on their issues with the Water Quality Board, and preliminary water quality results are improved as a result.

Other Democratic Clubs and Announcements

Democratic Action Center

DAC is the only full-time Dem HQ in the LA basin. They plan to meet in the next few weeks, elect new officers and review bylaws. They were depending on large donations from Ted Lieu and other elected officials whose funds have been frozen due to the Durkee scandal.

If all clubs can support one candidate early, they will offer their HQ for free to help them save money. The United Dems of South Bay in Carson use free redevelopment zone spaces. They are planning a 10/29 Halloween Party with a Labor Theme, "Night of the Living Wage!" probably to be held in a union hall.

Warren Furutani was endorsed by LACDP. The DAC will do phone banking next weekend for him.

LAX Club

They held a special presentation from Warner Everetts on desalinization plans. Eric Baumann spoke.

Palos Verdes

Rancho City Council will be electing city council members, three Dems running, but our member doesn't know them well, and isn't sure that a Dem endorsement would help them in that region.

Other Business

Edna Murphy asked for volunteers to help staff the booth this weekend at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair.

Al Muratsuchi, candidate for the Assembly, introduced himself. He has been a Torrance school board member 6 years and is a prosecutor for Dept of Justice. A Berkeley student activist on civil rights issues, he worked with house committee on civil rights.

Dency mentioned that HB City Council race is coming up with 2 seats open. It's a nonpartisan race. Dency doesn't feel that either Dem deserves our endorsement as

they do not truly embody Democratic values. Dency plans to support Pete Tucker, a Republican, because he's been right on the HB issues. Tony Hale suggested submitting a survey during the debates asking if the candidates will take a stand on worker pensions. Teresa Bird is worried about splitting and alienating voters when we need unanimity for the 66th AD. Edna mentioned that those whom we endorse rarely actually join the club.



Al Muratsuchi