

Next Meeting

Manhattan Bread & Bagel
1812 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Manhattan Beach
Wednesday, July 23
7:30 PM

The Beach Cities Democrats look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting.

This month's meeting will be an endorsement meeting for the 26th SD. Our Senate District's general election candidates, Ben Allen and Sandra Fluke, are both Democrats. At our June meeting we voted to hear from both candidates and consider an endorsement vote in this race. Please plan to attend and ask questions of our next State Senator!

A final meeting agenda will be circulated one week prior to our meeting. If you have proposed items for this or another upcoming meeting, please forward them to Kathryn Campbell at kathrync@hotmail.com. Of course, "new business" items may also be proposed at the meeting.

Best regards,
President—Kathryn Campbell
Vice President—Dency Nelson
Secretary—Teresa Bird
Treasurer—Edna Murphy

DUES ARE PAYABLE

Our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. We are now requesting dues payments for the 2014—2015 year. Annual dues remain \$25 per individual and \$40 for more than one at the same address. Please use the membership signup form on the last page of this newsletter, and/or bring your check to the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a pleasure to write to you for the first time as the newly elected President of Beach Cities Democrats. I am so proud to be a part of the BCD, and to work with such smart, dedicated, experienced activists. We have a proud history behind us, and an exciting future ahead of us.



The new eBoard has already held our first meeting (which was no mean feat between everyone's vacations and the 4th of July holiday!). We shared our visions for the Beach Cities Dems, and discussed how to work productively together to achieve our goals.

The outcome of our meeting was a shared vision that excites the entire board. I am delighted to say that our perspectives and goals were remarkably consistent. We are united in our desire to reach a larger number, and wider variety, of Democrats in the Beach Cities. We want to increase awareness of our organization and raise our profile in the community. Our focus includes attracting new members, but more importantly serving as a trusted local resource for Democrats who are not as actively engaged in the political process. We would like them to see Beach Cities Democrats as a useful channel for becoming acquainted with the candidates, understanding the issues, and ensuring that their voices are heard on election day. I hope that you find this vision as inspiring as we do!

In order for us to accomplish these goals, we need your help.

We are evaluating potential future

meeting locations that offer more space, better acoustics and easier presentation capabilities than our current meeting place. While we are extremely grateful to Michael Keegan for his generosity in sharing his business space with us for so long, the time has come for us to evaluate other opportunities that will support our growth. We welcome your ideas, as well as volunteers to help us research the list of option that we already have.

Our upcoming July meeting will be an endorsement meeting for the 26th SD. Please invite a friend who you think would like to meet the candidates and ask them questions. (*Note however that they will not be able to vote unless they are already members of BCD as of our last meeting, or were members of record in the past who renew their dues at the beginning of the meeting*).

Share your interests, your contacts, and your time to help us focus on programming that matters! We would like to move towards a longer planning cycle that will allow us to bring in bigger name speakers and offer more in-depth programming of interest to members. We are also interested in identifying topics that will resonate with local Dems who may be less politically active, issues such as the Redondo Pier redevelopment, Hermosa Beach oil drilling, and other issues that impact people's lives and move them to action.

Please reach out to me at any time to share your ideas and volunteer your time and skills to help us make a Democratic difference in the Beach Cities!

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JUNE RECAP

Beach Cities Democrats

Minutes courtesy of Teresa Bird and Daniel Hartman

Vice-President Dency Nelson announced the slate of officers for the 2014—2015 from the nominating committee, chaired by Ray Waters. The nominees were:
 Kathryn Campbell—President
 Dency Nelson—Vice-President
 Teresa Bird and Daniel Hartman—Co-Secretaries
 Edna Murphy—Treasurer

The slate was approved by unanimous vote, and the new officers took their places immediately.

Before turning over the gavel to Kathryn, Dency gave a report on the primary outcome of the 33rd CD, 26th SD, and 66th AD. The results are available on the Secretary of State's website.

President Kathryn Campbell then took her place as the new president and reported why and how she evolved into politics.

Treasurer's Report

Edna Murphy reported the following activity through May 14, 2014:
 Federal Balance, \$2,855
 State Balance: \$112.00. Money in, 0,
 money out, \$15.00 in accountant fees,
 with ending balance of \$97.00.

The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Endorsement dates for the 26th CD were discussed. A two-week pre-announcement of a date to the candidates' forum set up by the club

seemed to be favored. Candidate Sandra Fluke, and Ben Allen's representative Alex Rudolph were present and were in agreement with whatever the club decides.

Program

Our guest speaker Joe Galliani updated us on the solar streamlining bill AB 2188, sponsored by Al Muratsuchi. Diane Wallace asked about fire safety of roof solar panels, and Dency explained why they do not pose a problem to the fire department.



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Our featured speaker Joe Galliani



Our new Board: (Back row) Jim McGreevy, Webmaster; Dan Hartman, Co-Secretary; Tony Hale, Immediate Past President; Kathryn Campbell, our new President; Dency Nelson, Vice-President; Moira Zucker, Newsletter Editor; (front) Teresa Bird, Secretary; Edna Murphy, Treasurer. The Executive Board consists of serving officers, committee chairs, and the immediate past president. Photo taken at our e-Board meeting at Dency Nelson's home, courtesy of Moira Nelson.





Sandra Fluke, Candidate for the 26th SD, spoke at our meeting

Scott Houston announced he is running for Water District 4 and asked for our support. Two representatives from Senator Ted Lieu's office, Alex Angelo and Jillian Free, congratulated the new officers and invited them to attend an event to be held on the coming Sunday.

Diane Wallace announced the 66th AD Committee will meet July 17 at 6:30PM at the Sizzler in Torrance.

On Our New Board...

It is always difficult to give up a job when you have had it for awhile. Having been President of the club five times, I know that sometimes you leave with mixed emotions.

But turning over leadership tends to be a good thing. It brings new blood and new ideas. Kathryn Campbell will bring new ideas to our club. The board that will be serving with her will help.

With November elections coming up, our club members should get behind our board and help with the election of Ted Lieu and Al Muratsuchi.

At the next meeting, members will have an opportunity to hear from the two candidates for the State Senate and make an endorsement decision. While the State Party will have made an endorsement, our club is not bound by that.

So show up at the next meeting to support Kathryn and her board. Help out in the local campaigns.

Lori Geittmann

Beach Cities Health District Board Vacancies

Coming up on the ballot in November are two seats on the Beach Cities Health District. The seats are now held by two Republicans. This board refused to allow our club use of any of their meeting rooms even though they have allowed some use by advocacy groups.

It is hoped that some responsible Democrats who have a good reputation in the community will consider running for these offices.

The local delegation of the Los Angeles Democrat Party will make recommendations for endorsement. We will look for people with good Democratic qualifications.

Anyone who wants to be a candidate should be preparing now. Please let us know if you are interested.

*Lori Geittmann,
Chair, 66th AD Delegation
Los Angeles County Democratic Party*



Julian Burger, from the Progressive Democrats, with Candidate Sandra Fluke at the June meeting

- Use social media. Different events
- Campus events
- Draw people in larger +stronger "running vs growing"
- What is our niche, how do we engage people
- The most important thing we have is we are a longstanding official democratic organization
- The young California democrats are too busy fighting each other
- Mission to dispel that the party is rigged
- We need to showcase our local officials much more

Board Meeting Sets Priorities

Here are some of the topics our new Board is considering, which were discussed at the July 5 e-Board meeting:

- Be responsive to the big issues
- Be a powerful voice when endorsing
- Stay politically engaged and visible
- Increase membership and member participation
- We need to communicate to our local voters
- Access to our candidates for those who come to our club
- Resources for local voters, look for our local slate
- Make materials available; accessibility
- Demographic diversity
- A central repository or archive; organizational history

Study best practices in other clubs:

- Gardena club has a yearly breakfast; we could do some type of leadership brunch once or twice a year where people come to report to the local democrats.
- West LA is effective in fund-raising activism
- Torrance Dems: calendar, "clearing house" for Democratic info
- United Democrats of South Bay – Dency represented the Beach Cities, paid dues
- UNDSB hears reports from other clubs, tries to keep their area together.
- Look for new meeting place potentially at Redondo Beach Library
- BCD name change-use this option to start new account, and not file federally



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Membership Form**

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Employer _____ Occupation _____

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- Register voters Programs Legislature Membership Other

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