

Next Meeting

Note that we are now meeting at the:

Hermosa Beach Community Center
710 Pier Avenue, Room #4
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
Wednesday, June 24
7:00 PM

Our June speaker will be Tim Molina from the Courage Campaign. He will talk about Prop 13 reform "Make it Fair" and other Courage Campaign projects.

Club business will include reports from local electeds and a vote our new officers for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

Upcoming Events

Vice-President Dency Nelson sent these announcements:

Looking ahead to Sunday, June 28, two important events. First, at 11:00AM the unveiling of the 5th Hermosa Beach Mural of the Hermosa Beach Murals Project:

Please join us for the unveiling of Hermosa's Great Wave by John Van Hamersveld on June 28th at 11AM at the Palm Drive entrance to The Underground Pub, which is located at 1332 Hermosa Avenue.

<http://www.hermosamurals.org/>

And later that same day, from 3:00 to 5:00, come to Moira's & my house for a fundraiser for Al Muratsuchi. It is a fundraiser, but all are welcome to come meet Al and to see our "Green" home. Please RSVP to Genelle Buchert at 562-981-2111 or at:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you attended a Beach Cities Democrats meeting at our new location in the Hermosa Beach Community Center yet? The new space is fabulous! It's much roomier than our prior venue, and easier to hear our special guests. And it's a good thing, too, because last month Congresswoman Janice Hahn packed the house! While it's very depressing to hear her description of gridlock and partisan bickering in Washington D.C., I am heartened at the prospect of having Rep. Hahn back home and representing the Beach Cities and the rest of District 4 on the LA County Board of Supervisors. It is long past time to end Don Knabe's tenure! Do you know that a local environmental activist told me



that when her time to address the board arrived at a recent meeting, Sup. Knabe took out his newspaper and turned to face away from the crowd to show his utter lack of interest in what environmentalists had to say?! Can you even imagine Rep. Hahn ever treating her constituents with such utter disrespect? No, me either.

Speaking of change, the time is coming for us to pull together and organize to put former Democratic Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi back in office. While David Hadley, the Republican who narrowly beat Al for the 66th AD seat last year, pretends to be a moderate post-partisan politician, his votes are in lock step with Republicans and out of step with the Beach Cities constituents' interests. He was recently called out by the League of Women Voters for skipping a vote on AB 356, legislation to monitor our groundwater to ensure it's free from pollutants gen-

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Vice-President Dency Nelson and President Kathryn Campbell proudly pose with our May speaker, Representative Janice Hahn.

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erated by oil and gas drilling. How is that even a partisan issue? Hadley also voted against AB 700, the "CA DISCLOSE Act," despite telling constituents that he favors great transparency in campaign spending. Let's kick this hypocrite out and bring back a true Democratic champion of our values in South Bay! **Please join me at a major upcoming event for Al Muratsu-chi at the home of BCD VP Dency Nelson in Hermosa Beach on Sunday, June 28 from 3 – 4 PM.** If you need a ride just let me know, I'll help to arrange one.

Finally, a special thanks to last month's guest speaker, political analyst and author Peter Mathews for speaking to us on TPP in particular and the history of America's trade bills in general. Peter is always a dynamic and well-informed speaker and he has been very generous with his time with the Beach Cities Democrats. I'll let you know when his updated version of "Dollar Democracy" comes out later this year!

For those of you who are economics wonks like me, there are two resources I especially appreciate for fact-based analysis of how America has suffered as a result of our prior trade agreements, giving away access to our consumers and getting little in return but underpaid jobs at Walmart. One is the newsletter from Dean Baker of the Center for Economic Policy & Research, an unabashedly progressive economics information source that always provides great data and thoughtful insights. Search Google for their recent column, "The Trade Deficit and the Weak Job Market." I also enjoy scanning the Economic Policy Institute's site. The bottom line – let's not waste our time arguing about NAFTA. Our trade deficit with China is nearly *4 times* our *combined* balance with Canada and Mexico. And unfortunately, another Democratic president, Bill Clinton, was the one who championed allowing China into the World Trade Organization. Let's not let that happen again with TPP, folks.

The American marketplace is incredibly valuable, and we need to start setting the bar a LOT higher for those who wish to have open access to it.

Yours,
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Dues are Payable

Dues are payable for the 2015—2016 Fiscal Year: \$25 per person or \$40 per household. Please send in your check with the membership form on Page 4 or bring it to the meeting.

Our New Space

Since moving into our new meeting space in the Hermosa Beach Community Center, we have grown our membership and greatly expanded the number of attendees. Acoustics are clear, and we even still serve refreshments!

Below is Rep. Janice Hahn speaking to a packed room.



Peter Mathews spoke to the club in opposition to TPP and the history of America's trade bills.



Rep. Janice Hahn with her Campaign Manager Sergio Carrillo at the meeting



May Recap

President Kathryn Campbell welcomed Representative Janice Hahn, who announced her campaign for LA County Supervisor in the position now held by Don Knabe. Rep. Hahn has been in Congress for four years, and feels strongly that she can make more of a difference on her home turf as a Supervisor.

Her father, the widely-admired County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, was a strong influence in her life and allowed her to see the value of local political service. She has a strong environmental record and is deeply committed to education and jobs. She has said "Since coming to Congress, I have introduced several pieces of legislation as well as amendments aimed at ensuring our ports, both locally and nationally, are strong and secure and can continue to support millions of jobs across the country."

Hahn has also been active in immigration reform and affordable health insurance.

Our next speaker was Peter Mathews, political analyst and author of "Dollar Democracy: With Liberty and Justice for Some; How to Reclaim the American Dream for All."

He said that Free Trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement are a disaster, benefiting the 1 per cent and rich corporate owners. The Trans Pacific Partnership is supported by President Obama, the Republicans, and a large number of Democrats in Congress. What do they have in common? The bulk of their campaign contributions have come from corporate and big business interests. Mathews said we need to keep money in the US for necessary expenditures on infrastructure and other things that benefit Americans.

Next, Dency announced a fund raiser to be held at his home on June 28 for Al Muratsuchi's candidacy. See announcement on page 1.

Edna Murphy gave the Treasurer's Report: Federal balance, \$1,626: Money in, \$220, money out, \$503. State balance



Dency Nelson and Ray Waters in front of our Fiesta Hermosa booth on Memorial Day. They set up the booth and worked full time all three days of the Fiesta, with occasional help in the booth from BCD members. Special thanks to them both for their tireless labors! Photo courtesy of Carol Waters.

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Ray Waters, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for our new club officers:

President: Kathryn Campbell
 Vice-President: Dency Nelson
 Treasurer: Edna Murphy
 Secretary: Tom Cares

We will be voting in our new officers for the 2015—2016 fiscal year at our June meeting, and nominations from the floor will be welcome.

Tony Hale spoke about a change to the bylaws of the pre-endorsement conference. We then discussed amendments to the club bylaws concerning what constitutes a "member in good standing," and voted on the amendments. A Member in Good Standing is any member who (a) has affirmatively applied for membership and (b) has paid their annual dues for the current fiscal year or had them waived for economic hardship reasons, or is within the 60 day grace period allowed, or has been elected an

honorary "Member for Life" by the membership in recognition of their past service to the Beach Cities Democrats; and (c) has met the eligibility requirements to be a voting member.

Julian Burger from the Progressive Democrats said he had written a letter to Sen. Dianne Feinstein regarding fast-track, and urged other members to write to their leadership.

We heard about the BCD booth at Fiesta Hermosa, held over Memorial Day weekend. Dency Nelson and Ray Waters set up the booth and were on hand the entire 3-day weekend to staff it. They had a popular petition in favor of raising the hotel room tax in Hermosa Beach to 12%, making it consistent with other cities, and promising needed new revenue for the city.

Editor's Note: Carol Moeller and Varo Asorian have been named as Democratic Woman and Man of the Year. They will be honored at the upcoming Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt dinner, time and place to be announced.

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