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ADC To Help Retake The House In 2018:

ADC Adopts Republican Congressman for Early Retirement: 39th District's Ed Royce

At the August meeting of ACT/ADC the Arroyo Democratic Club voted overwhelmingly to make Republican Congressman Ed Royce our candidate for early retirement in 2018. ADC will now work in concert with other Democratic and progressive groups to focus our volunteer and financial resources on defeating Royce in California's 39th Congressional District

Because we are not expecting any close races in our immediate area next year, and because it is absolutely essential to break the Republican lock in Washington, we plan to make this our major effort for 2018. If you would like to help in any way – or if you have contacts or resources that may help – please contact Bill Hackett at 626-705-2180; or send him an e-mail at billhackett2002@yahoo.com.

The 39th Congressional District straddles the borders of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties. The largest cities in LA County are Walnut and Diamond Bar. A full profile of the district will appear in next month's newsletter.

There are several potentially strong Democratic candidates running against Royce. Information about these candidates and their campaigns will be provided in future newsletters and on our website. However, ADC will not endorse a candidate in the primary.

We do not want to spend time or money helping Democrats fight each other. So our focus will be entirely on the general election against Royce. As a practical matter, that means a critical task for the next few months will be registering new Democratic voters in the district – and following up with them to make sure they vote.

There were several reasons for choosing this race:

- The 39th is one of seven California districts that were carried by Hillary Clinton last November but currently represented by Republicans in Congress.
- All these districts will be Democratic targets in 2018, but the 39th is the closest to us – which will make it easier to help organize volunteer efforts.

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- Ed Royce made the seat more winnable by voting for the House bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act – a monstrous bill that even President Trump called “mean.”
- Other potential targets were either too far away (like Darrell Issa) or are already drawing strong resources from Democrats closer to the action (like Steve Knight).

If you've been angry, frustrated and looking for something concrete you can do to help rescue our country, here's your chance! Please help us take back the House by sending Ed Royce into early retirement! Once again, you can reach Bill Hackett at 626-705-2180; or e-mail him at billhackett2002@yahoo.com.



Hoyt Hilsman to Lead UDH

Hoyt Hilsman has been elected president of the United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) for 2017-2018. Hoyt is a noted author and educator who is a member of the PCC Board of Trustees and president of the Democrats of the Pasadena Foothills.

Welcome Hoyt!

P. S. Many thanks to outgoing UDH president **Patty Horton** for all her work on the 2016 headquarters and Oktoberfest – to mention just some of her contributions.



Oppose Josh Newman Recall

Rookie State Senator (SD29) Josh Newman (D – Fullerton) faces an unprecedented recall effort based simply on his vote for Jerry Brown's transportation package that included a 12 cents a gallon gas tax increase and a boost in the vehicle tax to pay for sorely needed road repairs. (Newman was one of 26 Democrats who voted for the package.) Within a week Republican operatives had begun gathering signatures on their Newman recall

petition.

Sen. Newman won the 29th SD race by just 2,498 votes over Republican Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang who Republicans hoped would hold the formerly Republican seat.

The ACT Steering Committee voted to recommend that ACT members oppose the recall at our August 3 meeting. For ways to help, see Newmanforsenate.com.



Helen Brown

Our dear, feisty friend Helen Brown passed away in July at home, surrounded by family and her beloved cat. She was 88.



ACT members may remember Helen from as far back as the local George McGovern campaign for president, which helped spawn ACT. (Helen was a Charter member.) A UC Berkeley graduate, she was a lifelong progressive and a dedicated public school teacher. Helen was also a ceramicist, world traveler, gardener, gourmand, and member of Pasadena Area Liberal Arts Center, where she served on the board. She was a patron of Boston Court Theatre in Pasadena and supported Planned Parenthood. She will be remembered fondly for her humor, generosity, and joie de vivre.

Preceded in death by husband Clayton, she is survived by their two sons, Dylan and Mark. If you would like to be alerted once a memorial service is announced, please call Linda Centell at 626 797-4966.

Bon voyage, Helen!



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Janet Bartel, Bradbury

Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



All, Or Nothing at All

I went down to the Caltech Campus this week to visit my old friend Tenjin. There he was in the Garden of Associates sitting astride his large water buffalo and reading a tome of Japanese wisdom. I said to him, “Tenjin, I have mentioned to you earlier the sad spectacle of our country electing Donald Trump as President. Not only is he making a bad president, but I, along with millions of other Democrats, am still struggling with how this catastrophe could have happened. It is so unreal.

Deep down, we feel that we Democrats allowed it to happen. Because Bernie Sanders did not win in the primaries some of his supporters were very upset and sat on their hands in dismay refusing to vote for Hillary Clinton in the general election. Our failure as a party was that we didn’t work hard enough to heal the split. We let an “all or nothing at all” syndrome consume us.

In CNN’s polls, about 55% of the registered voters voted in the 2016 presidential elections. This is the lowest percentage since 1996. Now what does that mean? No one knows exactly what it means, but it strongly supports what I have been saying that some Bernie supporters were angry and simply refused to vote. Our failure is that none of us Democrats worked hard enough to heal the party split. We all share in the responsibility of the disaster that followed.

There, of course, is also the possibility of Russian interference in the voting process. Sooner or later we will know more about the Russian “hacking” by the investigation that is going on. But it seems quite evident that a great deal of “hand sitting” went on in the Democratic Party in the 2016 election. I, for one, didn’t

work hard enough at healing the breach. And I am terribly sorry. For down deep I know that, if we had worked harder, we could have healed the breach.

Tenjin, what we Democrats sometimes forget is that we have always been an umbrella party made up of many elements, including: race, gender, education, recent immigrants, moderates, liberals, and even a trace of moderate conservatives.” Tenjin listened patiently as I pattered on. Finally he said, “Well, what do you intend to do about it?”

Pausing for a few moments, I replied. “By trying harder always to remember we are a diverse organization and that the party is at its best when it keeps remembering that Democrats come in all colors, shapes and sizes. We are at our worst when we assume an attitude of ‘All or nothing at all.’

We should be in the business of welcoming people into the party. We are a ‘big tent’ party and we constantly need to put out a huge ‘WELCOME’ sign saying, ‘Come on in. The water is just fine.’ There should be little room in the party for an ‘all or nothing at all’ syndrome. At our best we are a ‘big tent’ party with a huge ‘WELCOME’ sign.

At this point, Tenjin wished us Democrats the best of luck and began reading his tome again. And I walked back home determined to be a better Democrat.



Next Meeting – September 7

ACT and ADC’s September meeting will feature special guest speakers Assemblymember Chris Holden and Mark Ramos, the new Region 11 Director for the State Democratic Party. Please come. Everyone is welcome.

Come Thursday, Sept. 7, (socializing at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m.), to the Wendler’s home, 951 N. Hudson Ave., Pasadena. We will be in the backyard; just head down the driveway.

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Thursday, August 3.

We're on vacation, so I'm writing this column about two weeks before you'll read it. I won't try to anticipate what may happen in the coming days; the level of dysfunction in our government seems to have reached galactic proportions. And we ought not take pleasure in that (although it is hard to restrain oneself from saying WE TOLD YOU SO!!!). This dysfunction is actually a danger to our country. We'll muddle through, certainly, but there are just way too many credible worst-case scenarios, any one of which could have a huge impact.

I am encouraged a bit by Gen. Kelly taking the reins in the White House. Already, several individuals on the national security staff who had been brought in by Michael Flynn have been moved out or outright fired. One particularly troublesome appointee had pre-

viously forestalled his discharge by appealing directly to Steve Bannon and the President; that worked three months ago, but now he's gone. Perhaps some strains of rationality are taking root, but the essence of the problem, the President himself, remains apparently unperturbed and unconvinced that a change of style is needed.

All that notwithstanding, I do want to reflect a bit on one aspect of the health care fight that I think has been unappreciated. We were all disconsolate last November, not only that Secretary Clinton was defeated, but also that so many of our Senate candidates lost. We had good folks in Wisconsin, Florida, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Indiana, Missouri and Arizona who lost as Republicans turned out, stuck with Trump and voted the whole GOP ticket.

But we did win two Senate seats – Catherine Cortes Masto in Nevada, and Maggie Hassan in New Hampshire. Had we not won those two seats, we would have lost Obamacare. Sen. McConnell would not have had to pull his original motion to proceed with debate. With four votes to spare, instead of just two, he would have powered through approval of the original House bill. Those two Senate wins gave Democrats the margin to hold back the tide. And we here in Pasadena, who supported and contributed and worked in the United Democratic Headquarters, can claim some modest credit for the Nevada win. The tens of thousands of phone calls our headquarters made into Nevada, in coordination with the Nevada State Democratic Party, and the caravans of volunteers from Southern California who drove to Las Vegas multiple weekends in the fall of 2016, helped carry the state not just for Hillary but also for Sen. Masto. This is a classic, textbook example of how volunteer efforts at the grassroots translates not just into electoral wins but into real policy decisions that impact millions of fellow Americans.

So remember, when you are next contacted by the United Democratic Headquarters, that your money and your phone calls and your effort helped preserve access to medical care for millions of fellow Americans. That's a pretty fair return on our investment. Come 2018, we all will need to make an investment as large as, or greater than, we did in 2016, and those efforts may well help us retake the House.

Talking about health care, as several bipartisan efforts are attempting to find some acceptable middle ground to buttress the current system, perhaps it's worth examining some of the core issues that often get lost in the debate. The Republicans insist that the current Medicaid system (and, indeed, the Medicare system too) are unsustainable because of the enormous cost projections over the next ten to twenty years. Those costs are also at the root of the increasing premium costs for health insurance both on government exchanges and in the private market. The problem is, in fact, that the Reps have a fair point.

Medical care is already expensive, and its cost continues to rise disproportionately. The GOP solution, however, is basically to trim availability and limit government exposure, which would ultimately put the burden on individuals to pay for their own health care. What hasn't gotten much discussion is how we might reduce the overall cost of the system, which would then reduce insurance premium costs as well as governmental costs.

One element, surely, is administrative overhead, advertising, private sector profits and all the expenses that third party billings introduce. Advocates of single-payer systems point to these areas as adding as much as 25%

to the overall costs of the system. My sense is that figure is overstated, but there is no question there are administrative costs that could be reduced. That was one of the underlying reasons Obamacare required major providers convert to electronic medical records systems, which are beginning to generate substantial cost savings. (Los Angeles County, for example, just last year completed a \$700 million project to convert all six of its hospitals to a single, shared electronic medical records system which is both improving patient care as well as reducing overhead costs.)

Another cost driver is drug pricing. The current law prohibits Medicare and Medicaid from negotiating with drug companies for lower prices, which the Veterans Administration has been doing quite successfully for years. Yet that is just one small piece of the drug puzzle. Balancing appropriate patent protection – which encourages research and development of new drugs – against excessive protection from generic competitors is another piece. Encouraging doctors to prescribe generic competitors is another. Encouraging both doc-



tors and patients to think about costs of prescribed drugs is still another piece. And perhaps placing some limits on the incessant TV advertisements for drugs, many of which are probably unnecessary or inappropriate for most patients, may be still another.

Still another cost driver is our current legal and tort system. Insurance costs for medical professionals and hospitals add a non-trivial expense to the system. Further, the fear of being sued can induce a defensive style of medicine, where every lab test imaginable is prescribed, not out of medical necessity or wisdom, but out of an abundance of caution. Related to this are the laws that control how

medical professionals are licensed and which medical professionals are allowed to perform which tasks. Nurse practitioners are clearly underutilized, and nurses in general could be given far greater responsibility in delivering primary care services.

A further issue is how to encourage more healthy people to buy health insurance, which then offsets the costs of covering people with pre-existing conditions. No one blinks an eye when a bank says you have to buy fire insurance for your house before they issue a mortgage, even though 99.9% of houses never have a fire. The banks don't just encourage insurance, they flat-out absolutely demand it. Yet, when we push to require health insurance, somehow that crosses all acceptable boundaries. Never mind that the original plan for the mandate came from the Heritage Institute, the leading conservative think-tank, or that it was a central tenet of Mitt Romney's Massachusetts plan when he was Governor. Congressional GOP leaders struggled with this issue, trying to find a way effectively to mandate coverage without mandating coverage – a six-month waiting period for coverage to discourage people from signing up only after they needed coverage, or a substantially higher rate for new customers who had been uninsured. The GOP couldn't agree on an alternative, because none of them really work, and without that, requiring coverage for pre-existing conditions is basically a recipe for bankruptcy for insurance providers.

But even all these factors impact just the edges of the system. Fundamentally, our medical care system is driven by a fee for service model, where the patients seeking service don't know – and are discouraged from asking about, and don't really care about – the cost of that service, and where the system is driven relentlessly to deliver more service without really offering patients the option of declining some of those services. An analysis of Medi-

care expenses showed that for most patients, half of their lifetime expenses occur in the last year of their life. Yet when Democrats tried to include funding in Obamacare to encourage doctors to talk with patients about their personal preferences and options, the Reps pilloried them for supporting “death panels.”

Single-payer systems may eliminate some of the ancillary problems – overhead costs, perhaps automatically enrolling everyone in the insurance system – but they don't really address how to constrain costs in a fee-for-service model, or how we decide what services are necessary and appropriate for patients, or how we empower patients to decide what level of service they want for themselves. Deductibles and co-pays are, in a way, a mechanism for encouraging patients to be more aware of, and more involved in directing, their own medical care. None of the discussions in Congress have attempted to address these issues, in part because they raise exceptionally delicate questions. Should the government even be discussing what is appropriate end-of-life care? In trying to control costs, are we talking about rationing health care? Yet if we don't address these questions, we won't ever really be able to get control of the costs of our health-care system, and that system, in ten to twenty years, just won't be sustainable.

– Jon Fuhrman



Upcoming ACT/ADC Meetings

October 5 – “Grab them by the Midterm,” how can we be most effective with the Democratic Party? Also revising the Membership/Outreach committee and planning a 2018 ACT fundraiser.

November 2 – Supervisor Kathryn Barger

December 7 – Annual Holiday Potluck. Continuing the conversation on being effective in the 2018 elections.

Save the Date – Oktoberfest 2017



Descanso Gardens
Sunday, October 8, 2 - 4 p.m.

Save the date for the new and improved off-year Oktoberfest-Light in beautiful Van de Kamp Hall at the marvelous Descanso Gardens in La Canada. Proceeds will go towards 2018 “turn a red Congressional district blue” by the United Democratic Headquarters. We will be indoors and air conditioned. New and improved for this off-year event. Food will be nice and light - cheese and crackers, artisanal breads, dried fruits, etc. There will be a bar and did we mention again it will be indoors and cool. Light, short speeches from our elected officials. Invited guests include Congressman Adam Schiff and Congresswoman Judy Chu. Our fearless Congressional fighters!

Please go to pasadenademocrats.com and sponsor the event today! Call Bill Hackett for more info at 626.705.2180 or billhackett2002@yahoo.com. We need your sponsorship more than ever this year so we can take over Republican Congressional districts right here in California. The UDH will focus next year on helping turn all of California blue!



Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members

David and Jacqueline Jacobs, Altadena
 Joan Palmer, Pasadena



From
25th District
State Senator
Anthony
Portantino



Dear ACT members,

Heading into our summer break, I felt pretty good about the first year of our two-year session. I'm looking forward to the final month-long push when we return on August 21st. Just before break, I had the opportunity to meet with Governor Brown and deliver several thousand petitions on behalf of the No 710 Action Committee. It was an honor to have been asked to present the petitions for the activists who have been dedicated to stopping the 710 tunnels since they were first proposed. I am so grateful to the many activists who were responsible for helping MTA reach the conclusion that the real and viable alternatives to the 710 are what the region needs. Our supervisors are also doing excellent work bringing the 710 cities together to reach consensus on local projects. Reports on the effort from Mayor Tornek are quite positive. At the meeting with the Governor, he was very gracious, even spending about 10 minutes discussing career advice with one of my summer interns, Bonnie Zucco. I always try to share some of the fun things I get to do with my interns and Bonnie accompanied me to the Governor's office. She is the daughter of ACT member Alex. She did a terrific job this summer before heading back to school.

Thanks to a suggestion from the energetic and passionate John Gallogly, the Obama Freeway naming is coming to fruition. I'm very excited to have facilitated its journey through the legislative process to officially name the 134 Freeway from the 2 to the 210 the President Barak H. Obama Freeway. We are almost

there and have only one more hurdle to navigate. I'm also pleased that the legislature has passed our Resolution to install freeway signs at the Fair Oaks exit on the 210 for the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial. They should be in place by April, which is the month that Pasadena joins the world in commemorating the Genocide of 1915.

Our effort to move high school and middle school start time later, SB 328, passed the Assembly Education Committee and is gaining a lot of momentum. When I first introduced the bill, I was hoping to ignite the conversation on the overwhelming research behind the bill. I'm pleased that there has been tremendous media coverage and many local conversations about this public health issue for our teens. I'm getting optimistic that we can get it on the Governor's desk. Our community college transfer degree bill is moving along nicely and the recently adopted budget included several programs that are important to me, including an increase in Cal Grants to cover college costs outside of fees and tuition and access to needed federal funding for veterans returning to college.

We also extended cap and trade in the last days before we broke which includes needed regulator authority for our state agencies to safeguard our environmental protection. Housing is still in the mix as we head back but certainly the budget, cap and trade, decades of infrastructure and transportation funding being generated stand as stark reminders of the effectiveness of California's progressive agenda when compared to Washington.

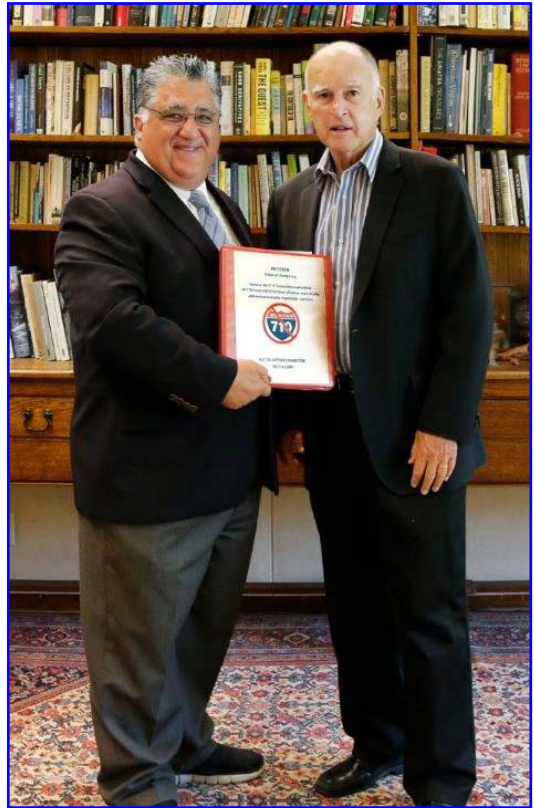
I'm writing this from Boston, the birth place of our independence, so it is fitting that I share my thoughts on the latest immigration policy emanating from the White House. As the grandson of Italian immigrants who came to our country, who then had a son fight in WW II and a grandson in the California Senate, I

am particularly incensed by the Trump administration's new and latest embrace of immigrant bashing at its most divisive core. I long for the statesmanship of Presidents who endeavored to bring our nation together and represent all of us. Which of course brings me back to the excitement of the Obama freeway.

Bella starts school in mid-August which is a bummer. I've been blessed to have had the opportunity to spend some quality time with her this summer.

Respectfully,

Anthony



Anthony with Governor Brown, presenting the No 710 petitions

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

It has been nearly two months since I have written to you all about the tremendous work we have been doing in the Capitol and the 41st Assembly District. In Sacramento, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 398 to extend California's Cap and Trade Program. At the same time we passed Assembly Bill 617, which I joined as a lead author, in order to strengthen air quality provisions in areas with the worst air pollution. This vote reaffirms California's global leadership role in combating climate change. Furthermore, the air quality agreement prioritizes the state's most disadvantaged communities, making those who face the greatest burden of pollution the ones receiving the greatest benefit.

Meanwhile, I have been working with community stakeholders to pass a bill I'm proud to introduce – Assembly Bill 279. This bill would reconcile the state's reimbursement rates for developmental disability service providers with locally mandated minimum wage increases. With the passage of local minimum wage laws, organizations serving people with developmental disabilities are strained to continue their work as reimbursement rates for their services are set and controlled by the state. If passed, Assembly Bill 279 will prevent these organizations from closing their doors on families that depend on their vital services.

Last month, I invited California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to Pasadena for a discussion centered on protecting California's progress during a tumultuous political climate

at the national level. Shortly after Attorney General Becerra spoke about his role in public office, the floor was opened to a thoughtful dialogue on immigration, racial discrimination, climate change, and much more. Both Attorney Gen. Becerra and I were thoroughly pleased by the outcome of this community gathering. As your elected officials, we look forward to representing the residents of California and leading the country towards progressive change.

As Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC), I helped organize this year's African-American Leaders for Tomorrow Conference at Cal State Dominguez Hills with my colleague, Assemblymember Dr. Shirley Weber. This program provided 90 high school students, including 13 from my district, with leadership training and workshops on college experience, career development, and civic engagement. Additionally, through my work with the CLBC, I also provided \$13,500 in scholarships to 14 incoming college students in the 41st Assembly District.

I look forward to keeping you up to date with our work in Sacramento and the district in the next newsletter.

Assemblyman Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities. He can be reached via his website at: www.asm.ca.-gov/holden.



ACT's Webpage: Wanted: Photos

ACT's webpage www.ACTpasadena.org has relevant links and events – local, statewide and national. Note that the current on-line edition of **The Phoenix** is always available on our webpage (in color and often with items that couldn't be fitted into the print edition).

Bruce Wright, our website manager, asks for photos of meetings, marches and other events for the webpage. Submit ideas and photos to him at brucewright@sbcglobal.net.

Letter to the Editor

A Plague O'both Your Houses

I just, with great anger, read my morning L.A. Times. Why the anger? Headline "Bauman will lead state's Democrats." I have no problem with Eric Bauman per se or with his opponent Kimberly Ellis but rather with those who don't understand that we're all Democrats. My favorite all time quote is from Will Rogers who said "I am not a member of any organized political party, I'm a Democrat." I stopped using that quote a few years ago when to my relief it was more descriptive of the Republicans who's Tea Party has carved a schism in their ranks but now in the California Democratic party, at a time when we could play a big role in taking back the House of Representatives, the battle over who will lead the party has erupted into a full Civil War.

For those of you who are not aware of the problem a very brief explanation. At the recent California Democratic convention the party leadership was at stake and the two predominant sides lined up basically as those who supported Clinton and those who supported Sanders further lining up as older more moderate Democrats vs. younger more radical and I don't use the word as a pejorative, members. Unfortunately the results were very, very close and a challenge was made and an internal audit taking months has not changed the results and further challenges and even litigation threaten to take this stupid conflict into next year which is a most important year.

Here's an example of an issue that exemplifies my take on the difference between the two sides. Sanders wanted an immediate increase in the minimum wage to \$15 and Clinton wanted it raised to \$12 with additional timed increases bringing it to \$15 eventually. I and I believe I speak for the vast majority of California Democrats, say, don't they realize that they're on the same side and this endless bick-

ering over leadership could make the difference between being on the right side or wrong side of a 218 to 217 seat majority in the House of Representatives.

At the last ACT meeting I attended, Fred Register said a committee would convene to see which adjacent Red District ACT and UDH would adopt in retiring a Republican Congressman. I'm certain that Democratic clubs all over the state are going through the same process and it would be wonderful if the damn Democratic Party would get on board with this project rather than wasting it's time over who's going to lead it.

Ron Garber



Progressive Discussion Group Agenda



Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group meets every first and third Friday of the month from 9-10 a.m. in the back room of Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Parking is available in the big lot behind the restaurant off Shopper's Lane.

August 18 discussion – Can and should Pasadena and PUSD shift from local-only elections to elections concurrent with federal and state elections? Mayor Terry Tornek, City Clerk Mark Jomsky and a representative from California Common Cause.

September 8 - Preserving the Colorado Bridge while preventing suicides: Claire Bogaard and Public Works Director Ara Maloyan.

September 15 - topic to be announced.

Come and join the discussions. Everyone is welcome. Order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. For further information, contact Dale Gronemeier at dlg@dgronemeier.com.

One word: Plastics

I want to publicly thank Luke Skywalker, our dog, for motivating Ed and me to walk him every morning. We make it a habit now to pick up plastic litter on our 20-30 minute jaunts, filling about a grocery bag a day. And that's how we are helping to prevent more fishes and seabirds from swallowing plastic and dying. But imagine instead that in a year's time 365 bags of plastic had gone down our storm drain and out into the ocean. That much from just one tiny portion of the planet.

Have you heard of the five gyres of plastic swirling around our seas? The one closest to Pasadena is as big as Texas. It's the shocking evidence that globally we are failing to responsibly dispose of our plastic waste. There are fishing nets and "single-use" cups, soda bottles and plastic utensils. Straws have proven to be great migrators. Styrofoam is so light the wind sails it downstream.

Worldwide, a lot of plastic is dropped by people who have no idea it can end up in our waterways. If this ignorance continues, the oceans will soon be overwhelmed with micro-sized bits of plastic—broken down by sunlight and saltwater-- that will kill off the vast majority of our fish and seabirds.

That's unless we all pick up litter, and vow to use less plastic for the hundreds of ways we use it—including straws for our ice water—and we remind restaurants there's a new city of Pasadena ordinance mandating no more Styrofoam takeout containers (after Aug. 22).

But let's not stop there. It's been noted that if we have a big enough storm at sea, lots of the gyres' plastic will end up back on our shores. Keep that in mind next time we have a raging storm, and afterwards you can join us for a beach cleanup.

So thank you, Ed, Luke, and 5 Gyres
(www.5gyres.org). — Linda Centell

Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971

Designating August 26 of Each Year as Women's Equality Day

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have been treated as second-class citizens and have not been entitled the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to all citizens equally regardless of sex; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights: and

WHEREAS, the women of United States are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that August 26th of each year is designated as Women's Equality Day, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation annually in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote, and that day in 1970, on which a nationwide demonstration for women's rights took place.



September Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the September *Phoenix* will be Sunday evening, September 10. Please send your items for *The Phoenix* to editors Sally Beer or Chuck Hains on or before the deadline at hains27@sbcglobal.net.

Frances Dyer Achievement Awards

“Frances Dyer Achievement Awards” were granted in June to two young people graduating from John Muir High School, Alejandra Galvan and Jasmine Guzman. These scholarships are being funded annually, through the Altadena/Crown City Kiwanis Club, by her two children, Krista Ober and Tom Dyer, both Muir graduates.

Frances was a long-time member of ACT. Together with her husband Virgil, she dedicated herself to Civil Rights causes in the Pasa Area for nearly seventy years, being active in the NAACP and in the struggle over school integration and fair housing. We’re proud of her children for memorializing her life in this way.



Where Have You Been Recently?

Either near or far. Please send a high-resolution photo (of you) to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in *The Phoenix*.

Aug Sept Calendar

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| August 15
Tuesday
7 p.m. | UDH Steering meeting at the home of Karen Wingard, 737 Magnolia Ave., Pasadena. |
| August 18
Friday
9-10 a.m. | Progressive Discussion Group at Dupar’s Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasa. Dale Gronemeier at dlg@dgronemeier.com for more info. Also 9/8 and 9/15. |
| August 21 | Solar Eclipse! Monday 9 a.m. |
| September 7
Thursday
7 p.m. | ACT Steering and ADC Meetings at the home of Tim and Joanne Wendler, 951 N. Hudson Ave., Pasadena in the backyard. Speakers are Assemblymember Chris Holden and Dem. Region 11 Director Mark Ramos. Socializing at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome and urged to attend. |
| October 8
Sunday
2-4 p.m. | SAVE THE DATE! United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) Oktoberfest 2017 Fundraiser. |



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Does Your Address Label Have a **RED CHECK**?

Have you sent in your 2017 membership check? A **RED CHECK** on your address label of this **Phoenix** tells you we haven't yet received your check. We are eagerly waiting for it. ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club membership dues for 2017 have not increased; they are still a bargain. We need your continued support! Please either renew online at www.ACTpasadena.org, or use the form below. Many thanks!



If you have any questions about your membership please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman at 626 795-5255 or jon_fuhrman@charter.net.

P.S. Thanks to all of you who have already renewed. Your generosity is amazing.

I'd like to join both groups for one low price! (Checks payable to ACT/ADC)

\$40 Single	\$70 Single Sustaining
\$25 Each additional member per household	\$90 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$150 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

I'd like to join ACT (Checks payable to ACT)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
\$20 Gift Membership (NEW!)	\$275 Benefactor

I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club (Checks payable to ADC)

\$35 Single	\$60 Single Sustaining
\$20 Each additional member per household	\$85 Double Sustaining
\$15 Student or limited income	\$125 Patron
	\$275 Benefactor

Extra Contribution

\$ _____ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)
 \$ _____ Operating Account (for organizational costs) \$ _____ **Total enclosed**

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