

Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner

and ACT and ADC Meetings

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Bobbie and Henry Moon 1961 Mar Vista Avenue, Altadena



Everyone is invited to our traditional Holiday Potluck Dinner and the December meeting of ACT and ADC. Come enjoy your own good cooking plus socializing with your ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club friends and guests -beginning at 6:30 p.m. (The meeting will follow at about 8 p.m.)

Potluck assignments: A-G - Main dish

H-M – Vegetable or side dish **N-Z** – Fruit or dessert

Please provide enough for about six and bring your own serving utensils. Beverages, plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils will be provided. All are welcome. Please come and bring a friend.

Join the 2014 Steering Committee

We thank Barbara Paul who has volunteered to become ACT and ADC Recording Secretary starting in January. We also thank Ed Washatka who has already taken over the job of Treasurer for both organizations.

We continue searching for someone to be the Research Committee Chair. The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers for this job as well as others. If you would like to become an ACT or ADC officer or Committee member (and thus serve on the Steering Committee), please contact Jon Fuhrman at jon fuhrman@charter.net or 626-795-5255.

Wanted!

More vacation photos...Please send your highresolution pics to <u>Hains27@SBCGlobal.net</u>. Note that you don't need to take a copy of the Phoenix with you.

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Results of November 5, 2013 election for PCC Board

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Altadena VBM	256	46.9%	235	43.0%	55	10.1%		566		546
Altadena POLL	151	53.2%	90	31.7%	43	15.1%		299		284
Altadena TOTAL	407	49.0%	325	39.2%	98	11.8%	11982	865	7.2	830
Pasadena VBM	713	47.6%	703	46.9%	83	5.5%		1524		1499
Pasadena POLL	285	46.0%	291	46.9%	44	7.1%		628		620
Pasadena TOTAL	998	47.1%	994	$\boldsymbol{46.9\%}$	127	6.0%	17124	2152	12.6	2119
LCF VBM	430	35.1%	612	50.0%	182	14.9%		1451		1224
LCF POLL	386	34.6%	499	44.8%	229	20.6%		1336		1114
LCF TOTAL	816	34.9%	1111	47.5%	411	17.6%	13093	2787	21.3	2338
District VBM	1399	42.8%	1550	47.4%	320	9.8%		3541		3269
District POLL	822	40.7%	880	43.6%	316	15.7%		2263		2018
District TOTAL	2221	42.0%	2430	46.0%	636	12.0%	42199	5804	13.8	5287
1st post-election										
update Fri, 11-8:	435	46.3%	382	$\boldsymbol{40.7\%}$	122	13.0%		939	2.2	939
Revised Total	2656	42.7%	2812	$\boldsymbol{45.2\%}$	758	12.2%		6743	16.0	6226

The latest Altadena Library Board results:

Candidate	Votes	Percent
M. C. McKenzie	1,309	41.85
David L. Tuck	1,198	38.30
Steven S. Lamb	621	19.85

Election Analysis

from Fred Register

The advantage of an early start was on display in the November elections. Ross Selvidge won a seat on the PCC Board by about 150 votes, with his entire margin coming in the "early" vote-by-mail-ballots. Selvidge, who began campaigning in May, did an excellent job of making personal contact with those voters. That was probably the single biggest factor in his win over Dianne Philibosian, who did not decide to run until late August.

Philibosian won in Altadena and in Pasadena

(narrowly), but she lost by a wide margin in La Cañada Flintridge. Because voters in La Cañada were deciding school board races at the same election, their turnout was much higher than in Pasadena/Altadena. On the other hand, there was a considerable drop-off (16%) in the La Cañada vote between School Board and PCC Board, diminishing La Cañada impact somewhat.

In Altadena, the competitive PCC race had an impact on the vote for Altadena Library Board. Western Altadena, which was in the contested PCC district, had a much higher turnout than eastern Altadena, which was not. The two winners, David Tuck and Meredith McKenzie, seem to have benefited from this disparity. But their margin over 3rd-place finisher Steve Lamb was so wide that they would almost certainly have won regardless.

Issues Committee

As part of a revamping of ACT's by-laws, the Steering Committee is planning to create a Page Three The Phoenix November, 2013

standing committee to consider important and timely issues that are not necessarily on an upcoming election ballot. If you are interested in possibly serving on this committee, please contact Executive Director, Jon Fuhrman at jon fuhrman@charter.net -- or 626-795-5255.

ACT has always been focused on elections, but we began as a highly issue-driven organization. Ending the Vietnam War and integrating our local schools were the key issues 40 years ago. Over time, other issues emerged: improving public education, increasing representation of women and minorities in elected office, human rights, environmental protection, etc. But it is fair to say that we have focused on these issues primarily through candidates and elections.

A number of members have expressed a desire for a way to re-invigorate discussion and action on key issues outside of the election process. So the proposed issues committee will be charged with the task of researching issues that may be of overarching importance to our members, and bringing them to the Steering Committee and the ACT membership to see if we can build organizational consensus and take formal stands (and action) on some of them

If this is a direction that you'd like to encourage – or if you have some issues you'd like to see considered – here's your chance! Sign up for the Issues Committee!

-- Fred Register

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Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Elbie Hickambottom, Jr., Pasadena

Special Thanks to Our Patrons

Nancy Warner & Christine Reynolds, Pasadena

Thank You from Dianne Philibosian:

Dear Members of ACT,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to my campaign. The overwhelming support and confidence from the membership means more to me than you can possibly know. So many members have volunteered to phone, walk, host, and arrange for meet and greet events, donate and participate in so many ways. I greatly appreciate all the efforts on my behalf.

As a long time member of ACT I am proud to have been endorsed by ACT and to receive such tremendous support. And thank you for the 40 years of grassroots action; may there be 40 more such successful years!

With warmest regards,

Dianne

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Adam Murray Awarded Stanton Fellowship

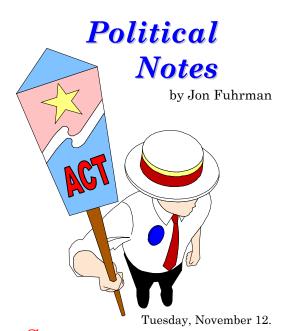
Adam Murray, a member and former Cochair of ACT, is also the Executive Director of the Inner City Law Center, the preeminent housing and homelessness legal-services organization working on behalf of poor people in Southern California. Adam was just awarded the prestigious Stanton Fellowship, providing funding to allow him to explore "how legal services should focus our limited resources to have the greatest impact on poverty."

Congratulations, Adam!

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Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

Anthony, Ellen and Sofia Portantino, La Canada Page four The Phoenix November, 2013



Since last Tuesday, political pundits have been wallowing in election results, trying to tease out some predictions. Most of the analysis, though, has been fairly superficial, so I'll try to dig a little deeper, but I'm not sure the resulting analysis will be any more predictive.

On the surface, it was a pretty good day for Democrats, particularly in Virginia. The Democratic candidate, Terry McAuliffe, won by 2.5%; the Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor, Ralph Northam, won by nearly 11%, crushing his African-American Republican Tea Party extremist opponent (even by Southern standards, this guy was really out there); and as of today, the Democratic Attorney-General candidate led by 117 votes, out of over 2.2 million votes cast (with a recount absolutely assured in this race, the results won't be final until well into December).

A Democratic sweep of state constitutional offices is vanishingly rare, and has real consequences. For example, the Virginia State Senate is equally divided -- 20 Dems and 20 Reps. The Republican Lt. Governor had been breaking the tie, allowing Republicans to control the chamber, but with the new Lt. Governor, control now goes to the Democrats. The Republican gubernatorial candidate, Ken Cuccinelli, had been Attorney General, and in that capacity was the first state A.G. to sue the Federal government over Obamacare and instigated other challenges to the President (so there will be no tears shed in the White House over his departure). Lastly, with Virginia Governors constitutionally limited to one term, down-ticket offices are the natural "bench" for future gubernatorial candidates.

Yet, not all was roses for Democrats in Virginia. In the House of Delegates, the lower chamber of their legislature (which they call their General Assembly), Republicans had held 67 of the 100 seats, with 32 Democrats and one independent. Democrats had hoped for some serious gains there, riding top of the ticket coattails. Alas, that was not to be; Dems picked up only 1 seat, although 6 other contests were razor-close, with margins of less than 500 votes. (Curiously, in Virginia, State Senators have 4 year terms, but those terms are not staggered. They were all elected in 2011, so none of their terms were up in this election cycle.)

At first glance, the Democrats' success at the top of the ticket, in an off-year election with low turnout, should bode well. In 2008, for President Obama's first election, 3.75 million Virginians voted; in 2012, even more -- 3.85 million. But in 2010, the infamous mid-term election, only 2.2 million people voted. Interestingly, this year, just about the same number of voters went to the polls. So if, as has been observed in past elections, the drop-off is disproportionately Democratic, our success

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would suggest that we made significant inroads with traditionally Republican voters, and that this success might well carry forward into 2014.

However, several exit polls suggested that the makeup of this year's Virginia voters very closely matched the partisan and ethnic breakdown we saw in 2012. That would contradict a pretty clear historical pattern, but the exit polls seemed technically competent and credible. If so, are we seeing the start of a new trend, or was this an aberration due to the relatively vast amount of money spent by McAuliffe's campaign, which was aimed expli-

citly at turning out the "Obama coalition"? Clearly, not every incumbent Democrat in a red state Senate race will have the resources that McAuliffe harnessed for his campaign, nor will they have an opponent wounded by corruption charges against the incumbent Republican governor (who may yet be indicted by the Feds for improperly accepting gifts from state vendors) and effectively painted as an extreme-

ist on the right to choose (which could explain why exit polling gave McAuliffe a nearly 50-point lead among unmarried women). So perhaps we better not be complacent about 2014 -- despite our success in Virginia, it's likely to be a tough year, with lower turnout potentially giving Republicans the edge they traditionally enjoy.

One other dark cloud from last Tuesday was the defeat of Colorado's Amendment 66. This was a relatively modest change to the state income tax, increasing the rate from 4.63% to 5.0% on amounts up to \$75,000, and to 5.9% on amounts over \$75,000, with all the extra money going to increase funding for public schools. The measure was strongly supported

by Gov. John Hickenlooper and the Democratic establishment, but was rejected by a pretty broad margin of 65% -- over 400,000 votes. Only 1.4 million ballots were cast, compared to the 2.6 million cast in 2012, but even with a turnout as large as in 2012, the measure would have been unlikely to pass. So Republican cries over deficits and taxes and government spending are still resonating deeply with voters, at least in this swing state.

These cautions notwithstanding, Democrats nationally still seem dramatically encouraged about prospects for 2014, especially about the prospect for retaking the House. In national

polls, voters seem to be rejecting not only the Tea Party extremists but the Republican brand generally. This has helped Democratic recruiters convince a number of very promising candidates to enter House races around the country. In Florida's 13th CD, for example, the incumbent Republican, Bill Young, the 82-year old dean of the state's delegation, passed away just a few weeks ago. Democrat Alex Sink, who

had served as Florida's chief financial officer and lost a narrow gubernatorial election in 2010, will run for the seat. With Young as the incumbent, the district had been a safe Republican seat; now, it's a toss-up, and Sink might very well win the special election early next year.

In Nebraska's 2nd CD, which Pres. Obama carried in 2008, a popular Democratic Omaha City Councilmember will run against a highly conservative Republican incumbent, one who voted against ending the government shutdown but insisted he deserved his salary while other government employees went without. In Arkansas, the Democratic Mayor of North Little Rock has entered the fray where the in-



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cumbent Republican is retiring, and Jamie Lee Witt, who managed FEMA under President Clinton, is running for another open seat in Arkansas.

Further, Republican retirements in North Carolina and New Jersey have put those seats in play. Thus, where some months ago only 15 - 20 seats in the House were considered potentially competitive, now the number is 30 - 40. With Democrats needing 17 seats (or 16, if Alex Sink wins her special election in Florida), recapturing the House is looking more and more promising.

Adding to Democratic hopes is the continuing war within the Republican Party. In Alabama, a moderate Republican defeated a Tea Party extremist in a Congressional special election. In New Jersey, Governor Christie's swept to a decisive re-election. Yet the Tea Party wing seems unmoved by the logic and evidence that more centrist candidates are more electable. Potential Tea Party candidates have arisen in Mississippi, North Carolina and West Virginia to challenge mainline Republican Senatorial incumbents or candidates.

The Republican establishment, though, has begun to fight back. Business PACs are now banding together to support more traditional and centrist Republican candidates and even find primary challengers to Tea Party leaders in the House. The Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee blacklisted a prominent Republican campaign advertising firm because it was assisting challengers to Republican incumbents, and the Committee then encouraged all the Republican Senate incumbents to boycott that firm as well. Finally, some of the national party's leadership are encouraging states to shift from nominating conventions, which can be easily dominated by the Tea Party fringe, to primaries. Interestingly, just a few years ago, Virginia shifted from a primary system to a nominating convention system, at which Attorney General Cuccinelli won the nomination over the more centrist Lt. Governor. Utah's nominating convention system also allowed Tea Party stalwart Mike Lee to oust a mainline conservative incumbent Senator. This sort of internecine warfare has clearly benefited Democrats in the past two election cycles, and it has the potential to significantly help Dems retain control of the Senate and perhaps also influence House races.

Of course, the elephant in the ointment is how voters will perceive the President and Obamacare after the troubled roll-out. Two key elements seem to be emerging. In the short term, the website issues are clearly giving the President a black eye. But these are likely to fade relatively quickly. "Fixing" the website is not an easy task, but it's also not a simple allor-nothing issue. There appear to be hundreds of individual issues, each of which is being attacked by the web design teams. So, over the next two months, bit by bit, the web site will get better. Already they are observing that as problems at the front of the process are fixed, more users can get deeper into the system -- and uncover new problems at the back of the process. But those too are being identified and, one by one, resolved. It seems unlikely that all the problems, or even the vast majority of problems, will be fixed by the end of this month, but many will be and more and more users will find it possible to sign up using the web site.

Nonetheless, this whole experience leaves a bitter and disappointed feeling among many voters, which the Republicans are only too happy to exploit and exaggerate in the media, creating something of a self-fulfilling prophecy. More critical in the long term, however, may be how many people had insurance policies that fail to meet the new minimum standards. That results in those policyholders being forced out of the insurance they had and into

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new, and quite possibly more expensive, policies

The President got himself a bit stuck here. One of the cardinal pledges he made was that if you were already insured and you liked your insurance, you could keep it and would be unaffected by Obamacare. In fact, the vast majority of policyholders fall in this category. Most people are insured through work and will be unaffected by Obamacare, with the possible exception that their policies will now provide coverage for things like contraception and preventive care (if they didn't already have that coverage).

However, it appears that the Administration seriously underestimated the number of individuals who had their own insurance and whose policies were well short of the minimum standards. The fact that those minimum standards were finalized relatively late in the game may have exacerbated this problem. Whatever the cause, though, enough policyholders are being forced off policies to give Republicans a credible platform for attacking not just the President's plan, but the President's personal honesty and integrity. Of course, they offer no particular solution, and the point of the minimum standards is to ensure that all policyholders have a reasonable minimum standard of coverage that provides real protection in case of major illness or injury. So while the President's aims are worthy and reasonable, the implementation has given the Republicans an effective weapon which they are wielding with unabashed joy.

Will this have a long-lasting impact? Or, as more and more policyholders work their way through the system, get coverage, and find six or nine months down the road that having better insurance is neither overly costly nor burdensome, will this whole episode drift out of our collective political consciousness? My guess is more the latter than the former, but I

think it will take a while for the President to regain the confidence of the voters (and without that confidence, Democrats are likely to take a beating in the mid-term elections).

There will be a lot of water under the bridge between now and November 2014. My guess is the economy is starting to pick up strongly, with job growth accelerating, gas prices falling, stocks climbing and the housing market recovering. California, for example, just last month saw revenues come in \$500 million above expectations, with nearly all the surplus coming from personal income tax withholding, a good indicator of job and wage growth. It's true that Congress still has to get through the budget and debt ceiling deadlock that it pushed down the road, but my guess is that Republican Congressional leadership has been stung badly enough that there will be some accommodation reached without great drama. Assuming that happens, by April or May we will have a better read on economic expansion, and success in that arena will go a long way toward wiping out any residual dissatisfaction with the President and Democrats on the Obamacare roll-out.

-- Jon Fuhrman

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Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group

Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group still meets on the <u>first and third Fridays</u> at CoCo's Bakery Restaurant, 77 N. Lake Avenue, Pasadena (west side of Lake, below Union) at 9 a.m. (Check the Calendar on the back page for upcoming meetings.)

Come join the fun. Everyone is welcome. You may order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. Check with Inman Moore at 626-795-2201 or in-man@pacbell.net for additional information.

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Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore

Drones



In recent months, we have been hearing quite a bit about drones and drone strikes by America on foreign soil. Exactly what are drones? Drones officially are called "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles" (UAVS). They have no human pilot aboard and are remotely controlled by a station at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. The latest versions of Drones are called Predators and Reapers. The Reaper being the most sophisticated, it is sometimes called "The killing machine." The Reaper can fly at 50,000 feet and is armed with missiles. It can pinpoint targets from a great distance. It comes with a price tag of \$36 to \$50 million. In the United States it is being used by both the military and the CIA. The Predator, an older model, is cheaper and is used now primarily for surveillance.

More recently the drones have been used in Pakistan to kill the leaders of groups plotting terrorist attacks against Afghanistan and the United States. There have also been drone strikes in other parts of the Middle East. Yemen is one example. In addition to assassinating the terrorist leaders, the drone strikes are killing numerous innocent bystanders. And the strikes are becoming more numerous.

I have grown increasingly uneasy about America's use of drones to assassinate our enemies living in foreign countries. For example, how would we feel if some other country used drones to kill one of their enemies in our country? I think we would be outraged. Suppose the bystanders were your mother or father, your brothers or sisters, and other close friends. I am sure other countries have this same feeling. We might have killed one terrorist, but we may have set the stage for

dozens more so outraged that they become future terrorists. There is no end to this kind of action.

It is being assumed by the military and the CIA that killing a terrorist leader would end the ability of that terrorist organization to organize further terrorist activities. This has not proven to be true. It may slow them down for a moment, but another leader(s) emerges and the beat goes on. We killed Osama bin Laden but that did not seem to make a bit of difference. Al-Qaeda appears as strong as ever. If one or more of our political leaders in America were assassinated, would that bring our nation toppling to the ground? I think not! It would simply make us as a nation more determined than ever to pursue our democratic form of government.

We ultimately destroy terrorism by striking at the root causes of terrorism and working for people to have a better, happier, and more prosperous way of life with freedom for all. Rather than killing people, how about searching constantly for ways to make the lives of people everywhere more meaningful, with better education, better shelter, better food, and with a more positive outlook on the future. Long live America! Long live all the races and nations of Planet Earth! Let us dream together of peace and happiness for all. It is not impossible.

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For the online version of <u>ThePhoenix</u>, check the ACT web page, <u>www.ACTpasadena.org</u>. (It's usually available soon after the mailed version arrives.) The <u>Phoenix</u> is in <u>color</u> on the web page and it may have items that we didn't have room for in the print version.

If you have suggestions for items to include on our web page, Bruce Wright wants to hear from you at <u>Brucewright@SBCGlobal.net</u>.

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From 25th District State Senator Carol Liu...



November 2013

I've spent much of October on the road, first with my annual Pathways statewide tour to highlight programs that lift people from poverty. Then the following week I was in Oakland hosting an event on Education in the 21st Century with the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education and the Goldman School of Public Policy.

The Pathways tours featured community schools operating in Los Angeles, Pasadena, Fresno and Oakland. This strategy of aligning community, government, school, and business resources around the needs of students and their families has been successfully implemented in multiple forms. The strategy enables communities to meet their unique needs through partnerships and collaboration. Our tour received local, state and national media coverage and is being promoted by the Coalition for Community Schools in Washington DC as a way to create greater awareness and support for the community schools strategy. You can learn more about the tour and community schools on my website at http:/ /sd25.senate.ca.gov/education.

Community schools was also a topic of discussion in my Education for the 21st Century Forum. Academics, advocates, and practitioners from inside and outside the state gathered to share new research, concepts, and practices related to how children learn, what they should learn and what schools and the classroom should look like in the 21st Century. Dr. Michael Kirst, President of the California

Board of Education, and Tom Torlakson, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction both participated and shared their vision for the future of education. They also provided updates on implementation of the new Common Core standards and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), both works in progress.

At the local level I continue to tour the communities I represent and meet my constituents through local business walks and by attending local events. I am continuing my local education roundtables to discuss common core and LCFF implementation. My staff and I use the input from my communities and constituencies to help develop my legislative and district outreach agendas for 2014.

I hope you are all enjoying the fall and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. The holidays are upon us. Please be safe and enjoy them.

Sen. Liu represents about 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta-Montrose, Altadena, San Marino, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, Glendora, and Upland. You can learn more about her legislation and programs at http://sd25.senate.ca.gov



Community Thanksgiving Service

ACTS (Altadena Congregations Together Serving), the religious affiliation with the similar acronym to ours, is sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24, 7:00 PM, which will be about as ecumenical as you can get. It will take place at Pasadena Jewish Temple, with the Rabbi and the Cantor participating. It will involve readings from Baha'i, Christian Science, Lutheran and Episcopal traditions. A praise group from Altadena Baptist Church will lead in music. To top it off, the speaker will be a Muslim, Mr. Tarek Shawky, a local attorney, a resident of Altadena and a member of the board of New Horizon School in Pasadena. Come and check out this curious religious amalgam.

-- Act Member Rev. George Van Alstine

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From 43rd District Assemblymember Mike Gatto

Greetings from Sacramento!

Holiday Blessings and a Special Announcement

As Thanksgiving approaches, I look around me and I cannot help but feel incredibly blessed. Blessed to represent beautiful and diverse communities in Southern California. Blessed to come home to two, smiling little girls, going on two and five-years-old. Blessed to have a patient and loving wife who helps raise those two scamps. And blessed to work with some of the most inspirational people I have ever met.

Not a day goes by in our Assembly District that I don't hear another amazing story about how our citizens are fighting for a better, safer world for our children, for new economies to bring jobs and opportunities to our residents, and for policies to protect our environment from harm. We always hear about paid lobbyists fighting for special interest groups in government, but these stories are different. These are the stories of citizens who stand up and fight for what they think is right, without glory, or compensation, or even recognition.

This year I am starting a new tradition: The Citizen of the Year Award. This award will be presented to an individual in our community who has gone above and beyond to provide services or help to those in need, or who has contributed meaningfully to the local community. If you know of someone that you are thankful for, and is deserving of this award, I encourage you to send me your nomination. Please note that detailed nominations are pre-

ferred. The deadline to submit nominations is Tuesday, December 10, 2013 by 5:00pm. You can email me your pick for Citizen of the Year at Assemblymember.Gatto@assembly.ca.gov or call me at (818) 558-3043.

I am truly thankful to serve in the California State Legislature, and I wish you all a joy-filled Thanksgiving. We will be working through the holidays to help constituents with any problems pertaining to state services or state issues, so please feel free to call my district office at (818) 558-3043 or visit my website at www.asm.ca.gov/gatto if you need anything.

Mike Gatto is the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the California State Assembly. He represents Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Franklin Hills, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake. www.asm.ca.gov/gatto

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Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Operating Account

Nancy Warner & Christine Reynolds, Pasadena

And Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account

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Is There a Red Check on Your Address Label?

Your continued membership in ACT/ADC is important to us, so a red check on your address label on this <u>Phoenix</u> is to remind you that we still have not received your 2013 ACT and/or ADC dues. Please use the form below and mail your check c/o ACT/ADC, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074 ASAP. Or renew online at http://www.actpasadena.org/. If you have any questions about your membership contact Jon Fuhrman at jon fuhrman@charter.net or 626-795-5255.



P.S. Many thanks to all our 2013 members. Your membership contributions keep us going.

I'd like	to join both groups for one low price	e! (Che	ecks 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	(Check	s payable to ADC)
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\$20	Each additional member per household	\$85	Double Sustaining
\$15		\$125	Patron
		\$275	Benefactor
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December 6 Friday 9 a.m.

Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group at CoCo's Restaurant, 77 N. Lake Ave., Pasa. Renatta Cooper, President, PUSD Board of Trustees. Topic: Eliminating out-of-school suspensions for elementary students. Call Inman Moore for info at 626-795-2201.





December 13 Friday 10 a.m.

San Gabriel Valley Democratic Women's Club Fundraiser/Potluck meeting at the home of Jeanne & Fred Register, 2345 Midlothian Dr., Altadena. Pat O'Reilly of Friends-in-Deed to speak. \$10 donation. Everyone is welcome.

Friday

December 20 Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 12/6.)

Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the December **Phoenix** will be Sunday, Dec. 8. As always, send items to Chuck Hains at Hains27@SBCGlobal.net. Mailing preparation will be Thursday, December 12 at a location to be determined.

