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Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner and ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club Meetings

Thursday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

at the home of

Bobbie and Henry Moon

1961 Mar Vista Avenue, Altadena

(East of Lake Avenue. and just north of New York Drive)



Everyone is invited to our traditional Holiday Potluck Dinner and the December meeting of ACT and the Arroyo Democratic Club. Come and enjoy delicious potluck dishes and socializing with your ACT and ADC friends and guests – beginning at 6:30 p.m. (This is a general membership meeting. It will begin at about 8 p.m.)

We are delighted to have our own Assemblymember **Chris Holden**, 41st AD, as our special guest speaker.

Potluck assignments are:

A-Ha ... Dessert or fruit,

He-P ... Main dish,

Q-Z Vegetable, salad or side dish

Please bring enough food for about six people and provide your own serving utensils. Come and bring a friend.



Where Have You Been Recently?

We want to know. Whether you have been near or far, please send a high-resolution photo

(of yourself) for inclusion in *The Phoenix* to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net.

No need to bring your *Phoenix* on your trip!

The Field of Democratic Candidates in the 39th CD

As part of the national “Red to Blue” campaign, the Arroyo Democratic Club (ADC) has adopted Republican Congressman Ed Royce for early retirement. In previous issues, we’ve looked at the political history and demographics of the 39th Congressional District. This month we begin our review of the challengers to Royce.

First a reminder: ADC will not be endorsing any candidate in the primary election. Obviously, however, ADC members are free to do so if they wish. Here are the five Democratic candidates who have filed with the FEC to raise money for this race (in alphabetical order):

Name	\$ raised as of 9/30/17	\$ spent	Cash on hand
Gil Cisneros <i>cisnerosforcongress.com</i>	\$729,979	\$243,798	\$486,180
Sam Jammal <i>sam4congress.com</i>	\$158,477	\$25,235	\$133,241
Phil Janowicz <i>philforhouse.com</i>	\$250,800	\$109,546	\$141,254
Andy Thorburn <i>thorburnforcongress.com</i>	\$2,142,373	\$151,224	\$1,991,150
Mai-Khanh Tran <i>doctran2018.com</i>	\$609,280	\$115,389	\$493,691

There is also a sixth candidate: Steve Cox, a registered Independent who has raised less than \$500.

For purposes of comparison, here is where the Republican incumbent stands at present:

Ed Royce \$1,664,290 \$1,017,539 \$3,454,652

Over the next several months we will provide additional information about each of the Democratic candidates.

— Fred Register

Let’s Flip the 39th CD

The Arroyo Democratic Club (ADC) is working (with other worthy groups) to retire Republican Congressman Ed Royce in the 39th.

You can help. Check Swing Left’s 39th CD calendar at swingleft.org/district/CA-39/calendar for current activities. You may contact ADC president Bill Hackett at 626-705-2810 or at billhackett@yahoo.com to get involved.



Upcoming Meetings

January – General membership meeting and election of officers. Local resident Hank Guerrero who served on the County’s Civil Grand Jury is guest speaker. He will report on how a citizen is selected to participate, which social and justice issues were the focus of his jury, who reads their report, and what happens with the jury’s recommendations.

February or March – Mark Gonzalez, new LA County Democratic Party Chair and former Judy Boggs intern will be our guest speaker.



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Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



UNITE OR LOSE

In a midnight musing about the terrible tragedy of our present presidential predicament, I looked up C-Span's ranking of our 10 best presidents determined by a number of presidential scholars. The rankings are as follows:

1. Abraham Lincoln; 2. George Washington;
3. Franklin Roosevelt; 4. Theodore Roosevelt;
5. Dwight Eisenhower; 6. Harry Truman;
7. Thomas Jefferson; 8. John Kennedy;
9. Ronald Reagan; and 10. Lyndon Johnson.

Without the Monica Lewinsky sexual scandal, which included his lying about it for a year, and his impeachment by the House of Representatives, Bill Clinton would certainly be ranked as one of the ten best presidents.

The Constitution states that both houses of Congress must vote for impeachment for it to be implemented. When the Senate failed to impeach Clinton this enabled him to complete his term of office. But he was never as effective. Bill Clinton is a very bright man and speechmaker par excellence, and he did get a lot of things done while president. But it makes you weep to think of what might have been. My own feeling is that Clinton should have resigned after the House impeached him. Still, while in office, Clinton presided over the longest period of peacetime economic expansion in American history, and signed into law the North American Trade Agreement.

The present president is a tragic train wreck with the debris scattered all over the horizon. His tweets are infantile. He seems to be hell bent on destroying any and everything accomplished during the Obama Presidency. The truth and Trump seem never to meet. It is downright scary to think that the use of the

atomic bomb is in his hands. How we got into this terrible tragedy will be a matter of discussion for decades to come!

In some respects we all share in the blame of electing Donald Trump. But now that we are in this terrible fix we need all hands on deck to unite and keep the ship afloat. Whoever we voted for in the last election is now beside the point. The lesson we should have learned by now, in both the Democratic and Republican parties, is to live up to our highest ethical standards. It is a proper state of affairs in a Democracy to have honest differences of opinion which result in different political parties. But neither party should be satisfied with a candidate who is racist, sexist, and a liar. On this point we should all be united. Otherwise we shall lose the great American adventure.

In the meantime we have a tool for handling political mistakes at the presidential level, and that tool is impeachment. In the case of Donald Trump it is high time we used it.

— Inman



Progressive Discussion Group

Friday, November 17 is the next meeting of the Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group. The group will explore ways to help retire Republican Congressman Ed Royce and turn the 39th CD **BLUE**. Expected speakers are Fred Register, representatives from the Democratic Party of Orange County, Swing Left, and perhaps others.

(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.) You can always count on a lively discussion of a current political topic at a PDG meeting.

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Come and join in. Everyone is welcome. Order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. (If you plan to order breakfast, organizers suggest you try to arrive a bit early so the discussion start is not delayed.)

Check with Dale Gronemeier for additional information at dlg@dgronemeier.com.



Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Tuesday night, November 7.

All year long, there had been tantalizing hints. Democrats won three Republican legislative seats in Oklahoma, one of the reddest of the red states. We flipped state seats in New Hampshire, in Florida, elsewhere around the country. In Congressional special elections, we consistently performed 10 or 15 or even 20 points above historical and expected levels, but we could never quite win the big prize – we couldn't quite dent the GOP margin in the House. Sometimes we had great candidates,

sometimes not so great; sometimes our side spent modestly, sometimes outrageously for a House race. No matter what we did, we'd come agonizingly, maddeningly close, but not quite get over the line, even as the President sank in popularity and committed ever more unimaginable acts. We knew, in our hearts, in our minds, in our souls that we were on the right side, that surely the country would eventually wake and reject this weird anomalous state in which we find ourselves.

And then tonight – ah, tonight -- it all finally came together. Across the country, voters emphatically and explicitly rejected the Republican program and the Republican message and the new Republican style of culture war and ugly campaigning. The wave – and it was a tidal wave – hit Virginia, New Jersey, Maine, North Carolina, Florida and reached across to Washington State. It was decisive, it was dramatic, and frankly it is empowering and very possibly predictive.

You probably already know many of the details, but I can't restrain myself from gloating and perhaps throwing in a few nuggets you may not already know. In Virginia, Democrat Ralph Northam defeated Ed Gillespie. We know Virginia is trending blue, and that Secretary Clinton carried Virginia and Virginia often goes against the current White House incumbent, yet this was also a lower turnout election, which typically favors the GOP. Northam had been running well ahead in the polls until Gillespie began his attack ads. They were really, deeply ugly politics – accusing Northam of supporting the Salvadorian street gang MS-13 (because he wouldn't attack sanctuary cities) and saying Gillespie would preserve Confederate monuments but Northam would tear them all down. It was a pure and explicit culture war, and Northam really never responded at that gut (and gutter) level. Northam's lead started to disappear, and pundits even today were wringing their hands

about this approach being a roadmap allowing the GOP to retain all their threatened seats in 2018.

The irony is that throughout the Bush and Romney years, Ed Gillespie was a leader in the GOP on the moderate side. He sharply criticized Romney's self-deportation remarks (which are remarkably tame by today's standards). He was a champion in the GOP for the 2012 autopsy, arguing that the GOP had to "get right" with women, with Latinos if they were to have any chance at all in the future. He fought a Trump surrogate in the GOP primary for the gubernatorial nomination, win-

ning by a slim margin. And after all that, he apparently abandoned a lifetime of principled positions to descend into the slime of the hard-right in an attempt to rally the base.

Worst of all, it seemed to be working! Last weekend, the polling seemed to be within the margin of error. So it is really a delicious feeling to see the voters of Virginia reject that candidate and that approach by a whopp-

ing 9 points – way, way above the polling from this weekend, well beyond the margin of error. The difference, quite simply, was turnout. Our side voted, and their side not so much. Our people cared. And they voted up and down the ticket. The Democratic African-American candidate for Lt. Governor was elected by nearly the same margin, as was the incumbent Democratic Attorney General.

There is another tidbit that bears retelling. In western Virginia, two oil and gas pipelines are proposed for construction. Northam, who is a more centrist candidate and hails from the rural areas of Virginia, supported their construction, as did a coalition of construction trade unions who were supporting Northam.

Justin Fairfax, our Lt. Governor candidate who is closer to the Bernie wing of the party, opposed their construction. The trade unions, out campaigning for Northam in the rural, more conservative areas of Virginia, wanted literature featuring Northam, who supported the pipelines, but omitting Fairfax, who opposed the pipelines. Northam's campaign obliged, leading to a minor brouhaha from the Bernie side of the party with accusations of not-so-subtle racism and threats to pull support. Former Governor Wilder formally endorsed Fairfax but **withheld** his endorsement from Northam.



Democracy for America stated they would no longer do any work on behalf of Northam. (They couldn't pull their endorsement of Northam since they had never endorsed him in the first place; nor were they doing any work for him, so their vow to stop working had little practical effect.)

Nonetheless, that sort of petty spat, coming at the very end of what seemed to be a nail-bitingly close campaign, seemed the sort

of internal perfectionist squabble that could endanger both candidates. So it is gratifying to see both candidates win, and perhaps we all need to remember that, to be truly victorious, our tent needs to be broad enough to cover that full spectrum of beliefs and styles. We need to be a little more accepting of one another and understand that good Democrats can disagree on some points and yet still work together effectively for the greater good.

Most impressively, though, it wasn't just the top of the ticket. As I noted in last month's column, the entire Virginia House of Delegates was up for election. In past years, as many as 67 of the 100 seats would go uncontested, leaving the GOP in solid control. Dems

needed to pick up 17 seats to take control – an enormous tidal change. The last time more than 5 seats changed control was in 1975. My guess last month was that Dems might well seize control of the House, even though no other pundit gave us even the slightest chance of doing that.

So, it's now midnight, and Dems have won 48 seats, and we have a 320 vote margin in a 49th seat. Four seats remain where the margin is less than 200 votes (out of between 20,000 to 30,000 votes cast in each race). In one, the Democrat leads by 68 votes (giving us the 50th seat in the 100 seat chamber). In the other three seats, Republicans lead, by 124 votes, or 86 votes, or 12 votes. All these races are undoubtedly headed for recounts, and could be affected by late absentee votes and provisional ballots (which often favor Democrats).

Thus, it looks like we're pretty solid for fifty seats (tying control of the chamber), and have a reasonable shot at winning at least one additional seat, to take control of the House of Delegates for the first time in decades.

To rub salt in the wound, one of the Democratic candidates who won unexpectedly is Danica Roem, the first openly transgender candidate to win election to a state legislature. She defeated a 26-year Republican incumbent, Bob Marshall, who had sponsored legislation like that in North Carolina to govern which public bathrooms transgendered individuals could use.

Even if we don't win control, a swing of that margin has enormous symbolic import. A swing of equivalent magnitude in the U.S. House of Representatives would mean about 60 seats, giving Dems enough of a margin to keep control of the chamber for probably the next 10 years. Already, tonight, two more Republicans Representatives have announced their retirements, and a third announced her decision to run for the Senate in Arizona

rather than try to fight the impending wave.

Still more impressive is that this wave was not limited to Virginia. In New Jersey, the Democrat easily captured the Governorship, putting an end to the Chris Christie era. In Maine, where Secretary Clinton lost one of two Congressional districts, the voters mandated, by an enormous 59 – 41% margin, the extension of Medicaid under Obamacare, over the vehement opposition of Gov. Paul LePage (an ardent supporter of the President). This is a clear rebuke to the repeal and replace GOP mantra, and a comforting embrace of Sen. Susan Collin's principled opposition to the GOP efforts in the Senate.

In North Carolina, in a surprise upset, voters in Charlotte elected their first African-American woman as Mayor, voting for Vi Lyles over the Republican incumbent. In St. Petersburg, Florida, Democratic incumbent Rick Kriseman won by 52% over a strong GOP challenger. In Washington State, the Democrat has a substantial early lead in a State Senate race that will determine control of the State Senate in that state. Washington uses mail ballots only, so the late ballots won't be counted until the end of the week, but the Democrat has a 55% - 45% edge, which should be enough to weather any changes from late-arriving ballots.

By any standard, by any calculation, tonight's results are a broadly based, deeply expressed repudiation of the GOP platform and the GOP tactics. They are an affirmation – in 20-foot billboards and neon lights – that the Democratic Party is alive and well. They will encourage Democratic activists and donors around the country, which will be particularly crucial for Doug Jones and the Alabama Senate race. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised to see Charlie Cook move that race into the toss-up column. Look for huge money to pour into Alabama, from national party groups and from individual donors nation-wide. These results say even the South is up for grabs. And I will rei-

terate my rash prediction that Doug Jones will win the Alabama Senate race (which would enormously complicate life for Mitch McConnell).

And it says that, just perhaps, the country is finally waking from its transient flirtation with “alternativism” (and if this word enters the common political vocabulary, I’m taking full credit), that strange state where our President can make pronouncements and assert facts that simply and plainly and provably are just not true. A part of our electorate still lives in and believes in that alternative reality, but increasing numbers are returning to more normal behaviors and turning away from the ugliness and pettiness and selfishness at the core of the President’s “alternativism”. It is, in truth, deeply un-American, deeply immoral – it’s just not who we really are as a nation, as much as the President is trying to lead us into that darkness. I believe we are collectively awakening, as if from a trance, to recognize that we are drifting toward a place we ought not to go. This recognition doesn’t happen by itself. We still face a real and tough struggle to turn the ship of state, but tonight we turned a corner. We need not yield to the President’s “alternativism”. We can resist, we can fight back, and we can win. It takes a ton of hard work, of going door to door. Northam’s campaign contacted nearly a hundred thousand more households over this last weekend than did Terry McAuliffe’s campaign in 2013 – an enormous undertaking. But if we replicate that effort across the country in 2018, I believe we can recapture the House and the Senate. We can; we must; we will!

— Jon Fuhrman



Police Surveillance in Pasadena

ACLU SoCal Pasadena chapter members learned this summer that the Pasadena Police Department was planning to contract with Spokeo social media aggregator for mass surveillance technology without public involvement regarding its uses, privacy protections, secret algorithms, governing policies or any participation by the City Council in final decisions. Currently the City plans to sign with Spokeo. ACLU So Cal has filed PRA (Public Records Act) requests for detailed information on the invasive technology. Local activists on surveillance transparency are asking residents to contact their Councilmember to call for a halt to signing with Spokeo until there is robust public debate and the Council makes the final decision. For more info go to:

chap-pasadena@aclusocal.org; or ACLU’s www.theyarewatching.org

Meanwhile, Ed Washatka and Dale Grone-meier filed a PRA request for a year’s worth of the City’s Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) surveillance records on Ed. He received 20 photos taken from among the 10 police cars mounted with ALPRs, each of which is kept on file for 2 years. He is asking why Pasadenans like him, not under criminal suspicion, are photographed dozens, hundreds of times and kept on file for years. Most residents presumably are on file. No rigorous public debate about this surveillance technology has taken place since its inception in 2009.

Thanks for helping to spread the word. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kris Ockershauser, Pasadena, ACT,
ACLU SoCal Pasadena/Foothills Chapter
Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight
of Pasadena Police



**From
25th District
State Senator
Anthony
Portantino**



Dear ACT Members,

Recently, the legislature has been facing legitimate complaints and serious accusations from women within and outside the capitol workforce. As the father of two daughters, spouse of a working professional and a person who has consistently helped place communities of our district in the hands of extremely talented women, I continue to believe that a significant barrier to just outcomes and workplace security has been the lack of whistleblower protection for legislative staff. You might be surprised to learn that although whistleblower protection is California law, it does not apply to the state legislature and most importantly our staff is not protected against reprisal for shining the light on inappropriate behavior or criminal activity. I first learned of this discrepancy in 2011 and I authored a bill to extend this protection to legislative staff then and again in 2012. Both bills were killed. Upon being elected to the State Senate, I supported a third bi-partisan attempt to make this prudent change to how business is conducted in the state capitol. Everyone who works in Sacramento should have the confidence to bring complaints and observations of wrongdoing forward without fear of retribution.

There are many good people working diligently to figure out prudent and effective next steps to protect women in the capitol from abuse and intimidation. Immediately extending whistleblower protection is a necessary and easy first step. It is my intention to once again bring it forward in January when we return to regular legislative business.

I found this Esquire guest column from Sen. Tim Kaine on how men need to step forward very inspiring and wanted to share it:

<http://www.esquire.com/news-politics/a13129385/tim-kaine-womens-rights/>

When the legislature works collaboratively we achieve better results. SB 2, SB 3 & SB 5 are proof to this. Since the dissolution of Redevelopment, California has not had a dedicated funding mechanism for affordable housing – SB 2 makes significant financial resources available for communities to provide affordable and workforce housing. SB 3 provides \$4 billion for additional housing including for veterans. Our brave women and men in uniform need our support when they return home now more than ever. SB 5 authorizes four billion dollars for the expansion of parks, open space and watershed protection. It includes \$20 million dollars for the Glendale Narrows Bridge connecting Glendale to Los Angeles. I was honored to join Senate Pro Tem de León as one of two Principal co-authors of SB 5 and to co-author of SB 3.

Spending time in our district continues to be the most rewarding part of my time in office. In addition to attending about 200 neighborhood, church and non-profit events I've had the opportunity to meet and visit with school & college boards, city councils, service clubs, public school students, under grads and chambers of commerce.

Representatives of our 25th Senate office have also been busy serving every community in our District. They have planned town halls and workshops, attended hundreds of community events, block parties and health fairs. Some have served on planning committees for district events including the recent "We Own the Health of our Community" where I had the opportunity to moderate a strong panel on moving forward and the Glendale Health Festival. I have a great district; awesome staff

and I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity to serve as your State Senator.

Gandhi once said, **“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.”** We need this sentiment in politics now more than ever.

In family news, Bella turned 16 while Sofia continues to be working on a movie in Montreal. Bella’s soccer team is playing an age and classification up from where they should play. Needless to say, the games have been quite difficult. She is looking forward to the HS JV season and so am I. On a - *can’t say I was disappointed note*, at the last minute, Bella had to reschedule picking up her driver’s permit to a future date, yeah!!!

Our holiday open house is in the planning stage. Be sure to be on the lookout for the date, time and location. We will hold the event in Glendale. As when I served in the Assembly, everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite children’s book to help us collect reading material for local school libraries in need. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving everyone.!

Respectfully, — Anthony



Fight Trump’s Vendetta Against Obama - Get America Covered

Help California get covered. Open enrollment for Obamacare commenced on November 1 and will end December 15. The Trump administration has not only significantly shortened the open enrollment period, but has also slashed the advertising budget! In addition, we have witnessed numerous attempts by Congress to dismantle the Affordable Health-care Act, but with no success.

Need to sign-up/renew yourself or know someone who has been waiting for this opportunity? If so, use California’s Health Insurance

Marketplace to sign up- www.coveredca.com for residents. Maybe you have friends in other states who do not have a state program, they can access www.healthcare.gov for their Health Insurance Marketplace.

Want to get involved? Simple, just pass this message around to your neighbors and friends, make a stack of fliers and drop them off at various locations, use facebook, etc. You can fly solo or start an open enrollment Street Team. This has become a grassroots undertaking, but this is what we do best.

— Barbara Paul



ACT Nominating Committee

Want to get more involved in ACT and ADC?

The ACT/ADC Nominating Committee, Sally Beer, Linda Centell, and Jeanette Mann, is meeting to find new members for offices and committees for 2018. Outgoing Co-Chair, Jeanette is chairing the Committee. We are looking for new people as well as checking who is willing to continue in their current positions. Although Joanne Wendler and Ed Washatka will continue as ACT Co-Chairs, we especially need a third new Co-chair.

The Nominating Committee is also recruiting for Arroyo Democratic Club (ADC) officers and committee members. ADC has adopted Congressman Ed Royce for early retirement. Royce represents California’s 39th Congressional District, which covers parts of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino counties. If you are committed to Royce’s retirement and want to be actively involved in making it happen, consider taking a leadership role in the ADC.

If you are interested in serving as an officer or Committee Chair or member of ACT or ADC, please contact Sally at 626 710-7710; Linda at 626 797-4966 or lcantell@charter.net; Jeanette

at jeanette.mann2014@gmail.com or 626 797-0307, or Jon Fuhrman at 626-795-5255 or jon_fuhrman@charter.net.



**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

When I wrote to you in January of this year, when many of us were still in shock at the election results, I said it would be vital that we focus to make gains for our shared progressive values at the local and state level. I'm proud of the fact that despite the nightmare we are experiencing at the national level, here in California, we were able to dream big and continue to pass progressive policies that grow our economy, protect our environment, strengthen our infrastructure, and support working families. We extended California's landmark Cap & Trade program to fight climate change; we approved a \$52 billion transportation plan to fix California's ailing roads; we approved a record-setting investment in affordable housing for Californians struggling with high rent and unattainable home prices; and we expanded the Earned Income Tax Program to lift more families out of poverty. These are victories we can all be proud of as we keep pushing progressive values at all levels of government.

In the final days of the legislative session, Governor Brown signed my bill that will help former foster youth succeed at our public institutions of higher education. AB 1567 makes sure that former foster youth enrolled at Community Colleges or a California State University are notified of all the resources available to them. Two significant pieces of

legislation I joint authored that were signed into law include the "Ban the Box" bill that prohibits employers from asking about an applicant's criminal history on an initial application, and the "Internet for All Act" that will help provide or improve high speed internet for more Californians.

I'm disappointed in Governor Brown's decision to veto Assembly Bill 17 that would have created a pilot program to provide free or reduced cost transit passes for low-income students in California's community college, middle and high schools. The program would have eased the financial burden for families and college students, reduced our state's greenhouse gas emissions, and created more sustainable communities. I look forward to working with Governor Brown's office to ensure next year's budget includes funding to increase transit passes for California's low-income students.

As chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Regional Transportation, I held an informational hearing, "Advancing Sustainability in Regional Transportation Projects," at the Richard Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals here in Pasadena to discuss timely transportation issues for the region and state. California faces diverse transportation needs and this committee serves as a mechanism to bring local partners together to foster dialogue and regional cooperation regarding the most pressing transit needs facing local governments. Participating panelists discussed how to advance sustainability goals in current and future transportation projects – from creating sustainable communities to fixing our roads and highways – while advancing the economy and creating jobs. Topics for the first panel, Sustainable Communities, included Complete Streets, Active Transportation, and the 710 North Corridor. Topics for the second panel, Jobs/Economic Benefits, included fiscal impacts of transit oriented development, trade

corridor enhancement programs, and jobs creation and infrastructure improvements. The third panel discussed projects receiving funding from the latest transportation funding package, Senate Bill 1.

Lastly, I want to invite you to my Annual Holiday Party and Shoe Drive in my district office on Tuesday, December 12th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 600 N Rosemead Blvd #117. In the spirit of the holidays, we are partnering

the spirit of the holidays, we are partnering again with Shoes that Fit, a charity that provides shoes and socks to local needy children. You are invited to make a difference in the life of a child by donating a new pair of athletic shoes or socks in size 10 youth through size 12 adult.

I hope to see you then and look forward to keeping you up to date with my work in Scranto and the District.

Sincerely,

— Chris R. Holden

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\$40	Single	\$70	Single Sustaining
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\$15	Student or limited income	\$150	Patron
		\$275	Benefactor

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

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\$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)

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\$15	Student or limited income	\$125	Patron
		\$275	Benefactor

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Calendar

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5:30 -
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December *Phoenix* Deadline

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Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Paul Gersten, Altadena
Jean Richardson, Sierra Madre

Thanks to Sustaining Member:

Julianne Hines, Pasadena



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