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ACT Celebrates 40 Years!

With thanks to Bill and Claire Bogaard who opened their home for our celebration, the day could not have been more perfect.

ACT Co-Chairs, Anthony Portantino, Felicia Williams and Wendy Soltes served as the MC's for the program. We heard greetings from Council Member Steve Madison, Assemblyman Chris Holden and Dr. Jack Scott (who received a standing ovation!)

We welcomed ACT members from far away – Al & Rosemary Lowe, Lucy Clark, Melissa Boggs, Janice & Victor Laruccia Cheryl Miller-Heitman, as well as many old friends including Delano Robinson from ACT's past.

We dined on great food prepared by Barbara Paul. Images on panels designed by Wendy Soltes showcased events that shaped ACT's past and brought to the present our most recent political



participation. Big thanks to Bobbie Moon for sewing the vivid table toppers. And a shout out to Chuck Hains for designing our 40th logo.

Our Committee Chairs, Anne Wolf and Fred Register, kept our committee members engaged and working hard. Our thanks go out to Linda Centell, Ed Washatka, Dolores Hickambottom, Jeanne Register, Ralph Hurtado, Jon Fuhrman, Anthony Portantino, Felicia Williams and Barbara Paul for participating on this committee.

We had many volunteers who helped with the day's event – thanks go out to Sally Beer, Julianne Hines, Barbara Lamb, Teresa Lamb-Simpson, Jamie Simpson, Joe Pardee, Tom Seifert, Roger Wolf, Ann Hickambottom, John & Brooke McLean, and Joanne Wendler.

Thanks to everyone who attended, and to all who so generously sponsored our event, a special thank you is given. Because of your faith in ACT and your willingness to contribute to our Political Account, ACT can continue to support progressive candidates and causes. The work goes on, the dream continues!

-- Wendy Soltes



Our Best and Brightest

A number of our generous 40th Anniversary sponsors remembered friends and loved ones from ACT's past with their sponsorships. We think that was a lovely idea and that the honorees deserve another mention: **George McGovern, John & Jean Kulli, Judy Boggs, Joe Wyatt, Toby Osos, Pat Rostker, Ann Hains, Elbie Hickambottom, Elsa Hodge, and all of ACT's Community Heroes.** We remember these good people as a major part of ACT's history.

ACT Endorsement Ballot Results

Here's how we voted on the ballot in the September *Phoenix*:

PCC Board District 1

	Votes
Dianne Philibosian	51 (96%)
Alex Keledjian	1
Ross Selvidge	1

Altadena Library Board

Steven Lamb	0
Meredith McKenzie	45 (98%)
David Tuck	36 (77%)

At our October 3 meeting the Steering Committee voted to make contributions to the campaigns of the three **endorsed candidates** as follows: Philibosian - \$2,000; McKenzie and Tuck - \$250 each.



2013 Steering Committee Meeting Calendar

This is the Steering Committee meeting schedule for the remainder of 2013. Co-Chair Anthony Portantino is scheduled to chair each of these meetings.

Thursday, November 7

Thursday, December 5 (Annual Holiday Potluck)

All members are welcome and urged to attend Steering Committee meetings. Check *The Phoenix* Calendar and our website for meeting locations, <http://www.ACTPasadena.org>.

NOTE: We have gone back to the first Thursday of the month schedule for all future Steering Committee meetings.



UDH News

Please note that our Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters' Oktoberfest Fund-raiser has been canceled for 2013.

Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore



Peace In Our Time

On a recent Saturday, it was such a pretty day that I walked through the Caltech Campus, stopping at the Garden of the Associates to visit my old philosopher friend Ten Jin. He is a very famous Japanese philosopher dating back to the late 9th Century. His bronze statue is in the garden where he is sitting astride a water buffalo and reading a manuscript. Ten Jin was a little ticked off with me. He said, "Listen, if you are going to refer to me in your column as you did last month, you should at least get my name right. It is not two words. It is one word, 'Tenjin.'" I replied, "But there is a plaque right here at your statue stating that Dr. Edwin Schneider in 1967 provided the money for your statue and it specifically gives your name as Ten Jin which is two words!" "Well," he replied, "I should know my own name. It is one word, 'Tenjin'."

His logic was pretty reasonable. We all like to have our names spelled and pronounced right. I have an unusual first name, "Inman." Often when I call someone who does not know me I will say, "Hello. This is Inman Moore." At times I get the response, "hello Ed." I can understand wanting to get your name right. So, "Tenjin" it is and evermore shall be.

But I digress. Tenjin could see I was distressed. "What seems to be your problem?" he asked. I replied, "Tenjin, peace seems to be such a tenuous thing today. Everybody is upset. Nations are saying very unkind things to one another. There is a deep suspicion that other countries are made up of bitter bullies out to get us. There is war in Syria, much unrest in Egypt and Libya, the Iranian problem, and several other African nations are at each

other's throats. North Korea is threatening South Korea, and the beat goes on. Tenjin has it ever been thus? Why can't we live in peace?" Tenjin responded by asking a question. "Is America a peaceful nation?" I replied, "Yes, I think so." "Well," he said, "Have you ever been in a war?" "Yes," I said, "We have been in a war." "And how many times?" asked Tenjin.

Now, as I thought about it, it really shocked me. "Well," I replied, "There was the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan War, and the Iraq War. And, as I reflect, a number of other minor conflicts." "So," said Tenjin, "It seems you are not exactly a peaceful nation. You have been at war almost as much as you have been at peace. With that in mind what are you doing to promote peace?" I replied, "We are spending huge amounts of money to protect us from other nations. Our military budget for 2012 was 729 billion dollars." "And what amount are you spending to promote peace?" asked Tenjin. I replied, "With all the agencies of the United Nations, which are supported by various departments of our government, the total we gave the UN last year was over 7 billion dollars. Of course, we also support other agencies such as the Peace Corps. Tenjin furrowed his brow in deep thought and then spoke, "You are spending 729 billion for protection and 7 billion plus for peace promotion." Doesn't that set off an alarm that in the 21st Century you should be doing more to promote peace?" What could I say? He sounded so right! Maybe, as a starter, we should ask our President to put more emphasis on the United Nations. After all, 193 nations of Planet Earth are members, and the two remaining nations are observers. It's about time we learned more about living with one another rather than killing one another.

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Monday, October 7.

Most observers, myself included, didn't think we'd get here, with the government shut down for 7 days now and our national debt quickly approaching its statutory ceiling. Most think that, somehow, we'll find a way out. To be honest, though, I'm pretty pessimistic.

I thought the moderate bloc of 20 - 30 House Republicans would have, by now, pulled us back from the brink. Yet in vote after vote, they've hung with Speaker Boehner. There were several procedural votes on which they could have indicated their uneasiness, without substantively embarrassing the Speaker, or simply voted "Present" as a protest. But that hasn't happened, and frankly doesn't seem likely to happen this week either.

So is it up to the Speaker to show the "heroic

flexibility" that Iran's Ayatollah spoke of in justifying his government's supposed new willingness to negotiate?

The Speaker seems to be moving away from a focus on Obamacare, talking this weekend about the overall budget deficit and entitlement programs, which are much more the traditional Republican pet peeves (and more amenable to negotiation and compromise settlements). That would appear to be a recognition that the President is not going to move on the substantive issues of Obamacare. However, other members of Boehner's caucus remain fully fixated on Obamacare. They believe they are winning the public relations battle, calling merely for "fairness" in postponing for individuals the same features that the President unilaterally postponed for big business. Of course, that's not quite exactly true, but it's close enough for them to get by in media sound bites. The Republicans seem impervious to the data that increasing numbers of voters (going from 63% in one poll to 70% in a more recent poll) don't agree with their position of shutting down the government unless the President gives in. Even more interesting are the polls that show 30 or more Republican districts are now highly competitive, thanks to voter anger over the shutdown. One would think, given that a shift of 17 seats would switch control of the House, that Republicans would have started having second thoughts about their grand strategy.

Those polls notwithstanding, the hard-core Reps repetitiously argue that clear majorities of voters oppose Obamacare; yet they never quite get around to explaining how, if that is true, the President managed to get re-elected with a margin of over 5 million votes, and Democrat Congressional candidates actually garnered a million more votes than Republican candidates (though the configuration of House districts allowed the GOP to retain control of that chamber). Many of the hard-core

Republicans seem truly to believe that Obama-care is an existential danger to the country as they know it (or knew it, perhaps), so any collateral damage from a government shutdown or credit default is minor compared to what they see as being at stake.

Underneath that perception, I think, is also a desperation, a frustration at losing (and particularly at losing to President Obama), and not understanding why they are losing, despite their absolute moral certainty that they are right. This tends to justifying using whatever levers of power they have left, regardless of the destructive impact that might have.

What makes me increasingly pessimistic, though, is that, as the stalemate continues, each side becomes more and more invested in winning, or at least in saving face. One Republican Congressman apparently remarked that they have to get "something" out of this face-off, even though he had no idea what that "something" might be. The President believes he is right -- if he gives in to "blackmail", there will be no end in sight. (And I think he is absolutely, exactly spot on; ask any parent whose 3-year old has thrown a temper tantrum in a supermarket aisle, demanding candy from the rack -- if you give in once, the child will repeat that behavior endlessly.) On the Republican side, the longer the stalemate lasts, the more invested the party becomes, and even moderate Republicans are reluctant to make the party (and themselves, by implication) look foolish or impotent.

So what might move the two sides off the dime? Will the Dow have to drop 1,000 points in one day? Will debt holders have to drive interest rates up a full point in one day as they sell off Treasuries en masse? Will GOP moderates finally stand up and say they've had enough? Do we need to wait until mid-

night on October 17th, when we supposedly will hit the ceiling? My guess, at this point, is that there will have to be some sharp, external jolt to shake the system, but I hate to imagine what that might have to be.

The irony here is that, were it not for the budget and debt crisis, there might be substantially more focus on President Obama's foreign policy successes. Just this week, international inspectors began actually dismantling some of Syria's equipment for manufacturing poison gases, and they termed promising the documentation received so far on the inventory and location of Syria's poison gas arsenal. This is

really pretty astounding. It was only weeks ago that we started the United Nations process, with skeptics arguing that the Russia would delay and obfuscate ad infinitum. Yet here we are, just a few weeks later, with inspectors on the ground, actually starting the destruction of Syria's entire poison gas complex.

Then, for the first time in 44 years, an American President has spoken directly to an Iranian President, and the prospects for serious negotiations about Iran's nuclear program seem real. Again, skeptics disbelieve the Iranians and discount the likelihood of any real progress. But we've broken the ice, and there seems a real possibility for progress for the first time in decades.

Finally, the Israelis and Palestinians are talking about a two-state solution. Again, skeptics abound, here and in Israel and in Palestine. But the talks are moving, despite several events that, in past years, could easily have caused a temporary or permanent disruption in negotiations. Further, there are even hints that some real progress is being made.

Taken together, these amount to a stunningly spectacular change in the climate of the Mid-



dle East. Obviously, lots of problems remain: Egypt is still a mess; we're still trying to sort out the moderates from the hard-core among the Syrian rebels, all of whom seem to be losing some ground to Assad; Iraq remains riven by political and sectarian violence; Afghanistan seems to be making little progress toward a viable democracy. Yet, six months ago, who would have guessed we'd be moving toward eliminating Syria's chemical weapons arsenal, toward a rapprochement with Iran, and toward a negotiated settlement between Israel and the Palestinians -- with hardly anyone noticing!

Here at home, we have an election coming up in November, with hardly anyone noticing. Three of four Pasadena City College Trustees up for re-election were unopposed, so those areas won't even have an election (at least it saved the College some big dollars). Only Area 1 (La Canada, West Altadena, Linda Vista, San Rafael and Southwest Pasadena) has an election, with ACT member Dianne Philibosian running against Ross Selvidge and Alex Keledjian. Alex is a 19-year old who was the student trustee on the La Canada school board; to his credit, he has been working his home community hard, and he won the endorsement of all the La Canada school board members, and some other prominent Republicans as well. La Canada will likely produce the most votes in the race (in part because they also have a school board election this November, whereas there is absolutely nothing else on the ballot in Pasadena and only the Altadena Library Board in West Altadena). But Keledjian will have to overcome voters' natural skepticism over electing a person so young to a board that oversees a \$200 million annual budget.

Some of the problems on campus -- in particular the adversarial relationships developed with the teacher's union leadership -- make Philibosian a perfect pick for the job. Both her

experience as a trustee, and Chair of the Board of Trustees, of the University of the Pacific, and her experience at CalState Northridge in bringing together stakeholders with adversarial interests and perspectives and finding solutions acceptable to all, seem designed specifically to prepare her for the challenges she may face at PCC.

The biggest challenge all three candidates face, of course, is to interest voters in the election. Turnout, sadly, is likely to be well under 20%, and it's that high only because of La Canada's school board election being on the same ballot. So if you know anyone over on the west side of town, or in La Canada, remind them of the upcoming election -- just a few votes could make the difference.

-- Jon Fuhrman



Steering Committee Changes

We welcome **Dale Gronemeier** to the Steering Committee. He has agreed to chair the Outreach Committee and to serve on the Research Committee. (John McLean had to resign as Outreach chair due to time constraints.) Also -- Ralph Hurtado has submitted his resignation as Research Committee chair and Sally Beer will resign as Recording Secretary at the end of the year. We are looking for volunteers to take over these spots. Please contact Jon Fuhrman at 626-795-5255 or jon_fuhrman@charter.net if you are interested.



Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Member:

Neal Wrightson, Pasadena

**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

Congratulations to ACT on 40 years highlighting the valuable contributions from so many committed activists who have brought progressive leaders and issues into the highest levels of public policy. The anniversary celebration was a huge success and I was glad to be a part of it.

As I near the completion of my first year in the Assembly, I want to convey my appreciation to my friends at ACT for the privilege of representing them in the 41st Assembly District.

Over these past ten months I believe the Legislature has made progress on many important issues: we passed an on-time balanced budget for the third year in a row, we expanded funding for education and extended access to health care.

I have worked to improve the business climate of the state, support our veterans and develop funding for domestic violence shelters. Other bills would streamline airport rental agreements, boost California's farm products, and safeguard the work of architects. I was very pleased to join Sen. Carol Liu on her bill to end decades of speculation by ensuring that the 710 freeway surface route is no longer an option.

As you know, all Californians will be required to have health insurance beginning in January 2014. If you don't have health insurance, learn how Covered California can help you. I'm working with Sen. Liu and NAACP-LA on a "Town Hall Meeting" to explain how Califor-

nians can purchase affordable, high-quality health insurance. Join us Thursday, October 17, 4 – 6 pm at the Jackie Robinson Center in Pasadena.

I will be addressing city and town councils in the weeks ahead and I look forward to seeing you out in the community. I'll be at the Altadena Town Council on October 15, South Pasadena City Council the next night, October 16 and Pasadena City Council on October 21.

Of course, there is much left to do as we work to make California an even better place to live and work. I look forward to working together in the months and years ahead.

-- Chris R. Holden

Assemblyman. Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland. He can be reached via his website at: www.asm.ca.gov/holden and fill out the contact form.



November Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the November **Phoenix** will be Sunday, November 10. As always, send items to Chuck at Hains27@SBCGlobal.net.

Mailing preparation will be Thursday, November 14 at a location to be decided.



ACT pasadena.org

Check the ACT webpage, ACTpasadena.org, for the online version of **The Phoenix**. It usually is available soon after the mailed version arrives. It's in **color** and may have items that didn't fit in the mailed version.

Please contact Brucewright@SBCGlobal.net with your suggestions for items to include on our web page.

From 25th District State Senator Carol Liu...

Sacramento Update



I am pleased to report that Governor Brown has signed all 10 of my bills that passed the Legislature this year. These measures, which will become effective on January 1st 2014, include:

- **SB 116** extending the Emergency Food Assistance Program check-off on state income tax forms. These taxpayer donations generated nearly \$350,000 for food banks last year.
- **SB 238** allowing the Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest to vote as a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board member on matters related to projects located within or affecting the Forest.
- **SB 247** eliminating unnecessary testing of second graders and requires the California Department of Education to find assessments in English and mathematics that are more relevant to the learning abilities of these young students.
- **SB 416** authorizing CalTrans to fast track sales of surplus properties purchased decades ago for a planned State Route 710 extension through Los Angeles, Alhambra, South Pasadena, and Pasadena. The homes will never be needed to make room for an extension, and the sales will generate revenue for local transportation projects.
- **SB 571 and SB 789** helping the California Arts Council to continue raising funds with an Arts special interest license plate and creating a new state income tax check off

for the “Keep Arts in Schools!” fund.

On the home front, I am continuing my Superintendents and stakeholders roundtable meetings on implementing the new Common Core Curriculum and my Public Safety roundtable meetings with local law enforcement as we continue trying to meet the challenges of realignment.

Also this month, I’m off on my second annual statewide anti-poverty tour highlighting Community Schools that partner with local government and non-profit providers to deliver wrap-around services to at-risk students and their families. I am so proud that Pasadena City and Unified School District are collaborating to implement a community schools strategy. They will serve as a model for the state as we seek recommendations on removing barriers and facilitating implementation.

Finally, don’t forget that this is the time I begin assembling my legislative agenda for next year. If you have bill ideas or problems that might be solved with legislation, please contact my district office at 818-409-0400.

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.



Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Brenda Berg & Armando Gonzalez,
Glendale

Ken Meidema & Julie Reiz, Pasadena

Dr. Mark Esensten & Sandra Haynes-
Esensten, Pasadena



**From
43rd District
Assemblymember
Mike Gatto**



Greetings from
Sacramento!

**Creating Tools to Protect
Communities from Contamination**

It is unfortunate to see so many once lively and lush communities in California struggle with environmental decay and hazardous waste contamination due to commercial use. These contaminated sites, known as brown-fields, are often costly and time consuming to restore. Many of these properties go untouched and unused for years, despite prime locations in the heart of city-centers and transit paths. They also pose a health risk to individuals living or working nearby, and have a long-term impact on the environment.

Earlier this year, I proposed a bill that would grant local government the power to hold parties responsible for contamination of properties and require these individuals to pay for their clean-up. This bill, called AB 440, also protects tax payers and subsequent purchasers from liability for unanticipated contamination found on a site, giving developers the certainty they need to pursue investment in a site. Without this certainty, developers are unlikely to invest in otherwise financially risky projects.

AB 440 gives local governments the legal tools they need to remediate contaminated areas and pursue new economic opportunities. This power will allow cities to repurpose existing properties and recover properties that are currently unsightly and wasteful, instead of building new developments on pristine, open spaces at the outskirts of town. Several

properties have already been rejuvenated using similar powers in the past, including the MTA orange-line busway in the San Fernando Valley, which replaced a contaminated railroad right-of-way with a hybrid-powered busway system, bike path, and pedestrian walkway.

I believe that rehabilitation of communities is good for our neighborhoods, good for the economy, and good for the environment. That's why AB 440 has inspired a rare showing of bipartisan and cross-sector unity, with organized labor, business organizations, local governments, and environmental advocates all expressing support. By extending greater authority to local governments, we can clean and recycle contaminated property, bring jobs and housing to where people need it most, and help bring our cities into the 21st century.

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



**From ACT Co-Chair
Anthony Portantino**



Dear Friends,

It was great to see so many old and new friends at the ACT 40th Anniversary party at the Bogaard's home. Great hosts, wonderful activists and elected leaders came together for a terrific afternoon. The always amazing Jack Scott was a great keynote speaker as he shared political and policy war stories for all to enjoy.

The 7th Annual San Gabriel Valley HIV/AIDS Summit is just around the corner. Every year,

I join with City of Hope to put on this terrific event. It's free to the public so go on line and register. We continue to focus on youth and will be joined by outstanding HIV/AIDS non-profits from around Los Angeles County and students from Blair and Montebello High School's Health Academies. It's October 22 and registration begins at 8:30 AM.

<http://aidssummit.eventbrite.com/>

I'm having a blast teaching some Political Science at USC where I have been impressed by the students and their interest in government and public policy. There's even another New York Giants fan in the class. I learn from them as much as I hope I'm sharing with them. Thus far, we've covered topics ranging from education, healthcare, jobs and the economy. Yes, I'm officially a member of the Trojan family as a Scholar in Residence/Visiting Fellow. Other than the coffee mug on my desk, I have not purchased any regalia yet, but I guess I need to.

In addition, I've been bringing some of my policy interests to the small screen via my talk show; *The Question Is with Anthony Portantino*. You can catch it on the California Channel 101 (Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 PM) or through my Facebook page dedicated to the show. There are three shows on line at the moment and a fourth will premiere on October 15.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheQuestionIsWithAnthonyPortantino>


I've had great guests discussing such things as HIV/AIDS, Prison Realignment and Fertility Preservation. Yes, if you thought you knew everything you needed to know about making babies you still need to see my show. It covers the topic of insurance coverage in the wake of cancer treatments that impact fertility. When I learned that some young women and men will forgo treatment so as not to become in-

fertile I became passionate about making the preservation of fertility a part of insurance coverage. I was pleased and honored to have Dr. Karine Chung, the head of USC's fertility preservation program and Alice Crisci, the founder of a nonprofit called Fertile Action tell us all about advances in science and the movement that Alice started when she faced breast cancer at age 31.

Later in the month, I'll be tackling runaway film production with guests from the California Film Commission and the production crafts. This is an issue near and dear to me as I came here from New Jersey precisely to work in film and TV. A new topic premieres the 15th of every month.

On the family front, Sofia is endeavoring to follow me into film work as a recent graduate of UCSB. Bella's AYSO soccer team is called Maroon 12 and can be found on the Muir North and Rose Bowl Fields every Saturday. I continue to referee games, though 15 years older than when I first started; I take much longer to recover now. Ellen is busy with her career and taking care of everything in my wake. Ellen and Bella's Girl Scout troop is working on an exciting "Air Fair" event – focusing on the environment and air quality.

-- Anthony



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the
**Anthony J. Portantino's
 Seventh Annual
 San Gabriel Valley
 HIV/AIDS
 ACTION SUMMIT**

Tuesday, October 22, 2013
 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

City of Hope Cooper Auditorium
 1500 E. Duarte Road Duarte, CA 91010
 Don't miss this special educational and advocacy event featuring
 speakers and an interactive panel! For more information, call (626) 471-7307

City of Hope | 100 YEARS OF CARE AND DISCOVERY | Planned Parenthood | APLA 30 Years

An ACT Member's Provocative Look Back...

I am 94 years old going for 100, and I have been looking back over my life. War after war after war after war --100 years of war. Now we are talking about bombing Syria and what to do about Iran.

Who are we to shake a righteous finger at naughty Syria and their insignificant use of chemical weapons? Hiroshima, Nagasaki, My Lai, Iraq, napalm, agent orange, cluster bombs, drones, indiscriminate sale of weapons. Do as I say, not as I do. We are the terrorists. Everybody hates us.

We are the world's biggest exporter of weapons. We sell to all—friend or enemy. Hey, don't get excited. It's good business

Drones. Seems a cowardly way to fight. And when we strike there is always some collateral damage or murder of innocent human beings. Each strike creates more terrorists.

Here it is a tranquil Fall day in Pasadena. Does anyone remember that we are in a major war, that we are killing and being killed? It's not in the news. There is no draft. We are pleasantly sheltered from reality.

I just read a good book, *Mighty be our Powers* by Leymah Gbowee, which inspired the award winning documentary *Pray the Devil back to Hell*. This is about the massive uprising of Liberian women to stop endless war in Liberia. They were successful and now have a woman president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first female head of state.

We are living in a Man's World. I wonder what a Woman's World would look like. Ladies?

- Grace Tiessen



Calendar

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| Oct 18
Friday
9 a.m. | Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group at CoCo's Restaurant, 77 N. Lake Ave., Pasa. Call Inman Moore for info at 626-795-2201. |
| Oct 22
Tuesday
9 a.m.–noon | Portantino HIV/AIDS Action Summit at Cooper Auditorium, City of Hope, 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte. |
| Nov 1
Friday | Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 10/18.) |
| Nov 5
Tuesday
7 am–8 pm | VOTE! Local Elections including PCC Board and Altadena Library Board. |
| Nov 7
Thursday
7 p.m. | ACT Steering and ADC Meeting at the home of Jeanne and Fred Register, 2345 Midlothian Dr., Altadena. Three PCC Board members are invited to speak. Coffee at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. |
| Nov 8
Friday
10 a.m. | San Gabriel Valley Democratic Women's Club meeting at the Altadena Library, 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena. Assemblyman Chris Holden will provide a Sacramento Update. Everyone is welcome. |
| Nov 15
Friday | Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 10/18.) |



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 *Phoenix* is to remind you that we have not yet 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 our 2013 members in 244 ACT households. Your membership contributions keep us going.

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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