

# THE VOORHIS VOICE

**A Liberal Voice of the Inland Empire**

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## MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Our usual luncheon meeting place, Captain K J Restaurant, has closed without prior notification. Therefore, DCC plans to have its luncheon meetings for February 13 and March 13, at noon, in the private banquet room of the, A Rated, El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, 984 W. Foothill Blvd, Claremont. El Rancho is on the south side of Foothill, about a block west of the previous location. The banquet room is considerably larger than the previous location and a buffet will be set up for our exclusive use. The buffet will contain a choice of meat and non-meat entrees (no pork) rice, beans, green salad, chips and salsa. Beverages [coffee, tea, or soft drink (Coke, Diet Coke & 7-UP only)] are included and your \$10 price also includes tax and gratuities. Restaurant staff will be available to help those who need assistance with the buffet. Since this is a buffet (and these are hard times) please help the Club keep down your future costs by taking only what you will eat or drink on site. Have fun, meet new people and enjoy the program! Please do bring your voting friends. "Other Party" voters are welcome to our Club luncheon meetings.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23 at 7:30, in Porter Hall (Pilgrim Place). The speaker will be Chris Veirs, Senior Redevelopment Planner, City of Claremont on sustainability in Claremont. The agenda will include the following:

Election of Officers

Approval of by-laws amendments (qualification of office)

Gaza Resolution

Issues Committee Plans

Volunteers for city council election campaign

## ARTICLE VII

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

## **A. ELEGIBILITY FOR OFFICE**

**A member of the Club who is nominated for office must be a registered Democrat, have been a member of the Club for at least one year, have paid current dues and be in good standing as determined by the Executive Board.. If no candidate who meets these qualifications is nominated and willing to serve as President, then, the Vice Presidents, in the order of succession, shall act as President in the interim until a candidate who meets these qualifications is nominated and elected as President.**

**If no candidate who meets these qualifications is nominated and is willing to serve in an office, other than President, the requirement to have been a Club member for at least one year can be waived by a majority vote of the membership present on election day/evening.**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Zephyr Tate-Mann, J.D.**

## **ISSUES COMMITTEE**

**Please submit those issues you believe to be most relevant for discussion and action to Merrill Ring, Chair of the Issues Committee, for further information: (909) 626-8467 or [M36ring@earthlink.net](mailto:M36ring@earthlink.net). Current submissions include Afghanistan, Israel/Palestine, Health Care, State and Local Issues.**

## **IN FOND REMEMBRANCE OF STEVE ZETTERBERG**

**Steve Zetterberg, a lifelong Democrat activist and attorney, died on January 30 from heart failure. Mr. Zetterberg was born on October 2, 1916 in Galesburg, Illinois and spent his childhood in Newcastle, Indiana, moving to Claremont in high school. He graduated from Pomona College and Yale Law School and served in the Coast Guard during the war. Following his discharge, he worked in the office of Democratic Senator Scott W. Lucas.**

**Mr. Zetterberg returned to Claremont to practice law in 1947 and was subsequently elected chairman or a citizen's committee to manage the area's growth. He became actively involved in Democratic politics and encouraged Jerry Voorhis to recapture his five term Congressional seat which was lost to Nixon in 1946. Mr. Voorhis was unable to run for health reason and Mr. Zetterberg somewhat reluctantly threw his hat into the ring. The Claremont attorney ran against Richard Nixon, a first term congressman from Whittier. At that time, a practice known as "cross-filing" was in use allowing candidates to run without party identification. Unlike the incumbent Nixon, Mr. Zetterberg refused to cross file due**

to ethical reasons and lost to Nixon who was listed on both Democratic and Republican ballots as the incumbent.

Mr. Zetterberg made a second bid for Congress in 1950 but, although unsuccessful, he continued to play an active role in Democratic politics. According to Lee Mc Donald, professor emeritus of government at Pomona College, Mr. Zetterberg was, "One of the most loyal democrats who for 50 years attended Los Angeles County Democratic Committee meetings" . Professor Mc Donald added, "Those were heady times when we challenged the traditionalists with a grass roots approach".

He moved on to found and inspire the Democratic Club movement which registered voters increasing Democratic numbers which had been diminished by cross-filing. Cross-filing ended in 1959 and Pat Brown defeated Nixon for governor in 1962.

Later in life, Mr. Zetterberg served on the Boards of Pomona Valley YMCA and Casa Colina. He was a committed supporter of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. He audited classes at Pomona College for 30 years in music astronomy, geology, and quantum physics and practiced law until January 2008.

Connie, Mr. Zetterberg's wife of 67 years died in 2007. He is survived by his son Charles of Claremont, sons Alan of Princeton, New Jersey, and Arvid Pierre of San Francisco; a daughter , Del, of Plains, Montana and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Zetterberg will be greatly missed by his many friends, colleagues, and members of the Claremont community.

A memorial service is planned in a month.

## **SCHROEDER RECEIVES LOS ANGELES DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND INLAND VALLEY DAILY BULLETIN ENDORSEMENT**

Together, we can make a better Claremont"

Through this campaign, my goal is to make our city more effective. This is especially important during these tough economic times. In order to accomplish this goal, I look forward to working with you in these important areas

- Revitalize Claremont's business areas
- Bring informed budget oversight to the city Council
- Institute appropriate initiatives to make our city environmentally-friendly
- Take more control over our water supply and costs

- **Manage our traffic for safer and convenient commutes**
- **Make our police department more efficient by upgrading the current police facility**

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## **FIRM GROUND**

**Aligned vertically and horizontally**

**Earth and sky**

**The firm ground lies beneath me**

**Solid once again**

**A new beacon secures evaporating hope**

**Harnessing *Dreams From My Fathers***

**Strengthened by words echoing our past**

**Guiding America's future broad as the sky**

**Words enriching the soil of my spirit**

**Igniting within me encouragement to plant again**

**Neighborhood by neighborhood**

**Community by Community**

**On common ground**

**Uncommon ground**

**America's promises**

**Let us plant the seeds of America's future**

**By Sandra K. Hester**

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***SUPPORT OUR NEW PRESIDENT AND STRONGER CONGRESS!***

***HOW MANY HOURS WILL YOU VOLUNTEER THIS YEAR? \_\_\_\_\_***

***PLEASE CHECK OR PRIORITIZE YOUR INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_***

**Wherever I’m needed most!**

**Start or join an outreach team in my own neighborhood**

**Produce neighborhood contact lists from the online voter list**

**Maintain the club’s database of members and other contacts**

**Work a shift at our Sunday morning table at the Farmer’s Market for Voter Registration**

**Work a shift at a weekend table in Montclair Plaza for Voter Registration**

**Help to decorate our booth or parade vehicle on July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Work a 2-hour shift in our July 4<sup>th</sup> booth**

**Ride our “float” in the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup> (mount at 3:45 pm)**

**Help to decorate our booth at the Village Venture on October 24**

**Work a 2-hour shift in our VillageVenture booth**

**Bring candidate and ballot literature to an outreach table, booth or neighborhood team**

**Provide news or commentary for our monthly newsletter**

**Help to fold and label our monthly newsletter for mailing**

**Edit or assist in editing our newsletter**

**Write an occasional letter to the editor of a newspaper**

**Provide news or commentary for our website**

**Improve and maintain our website**

**Operate equipment/assist in video productions for Internet distribution**

**Catalog our TV program DVD's and other items**

**Look up a voter's polling place**

**Give a voter a ride to the polling place**

**Give a member a ride to the club luncheon or meeting**

**Loan furniture or equipment to our campaign HQ**

**Work a shift at our campaign Headquarters**

**Deliver yard signs promoting our candidates or ballot measures**

**Call or write other Democrats, inviting them to vote or to get active**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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