

La Jolla Democratic Club *April, 2012*

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April Meeting - the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, April 15, 2012
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Room, AMC Theaters La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive, 92037

Is Our Country Engaged in Torture?

Speaker: Marjory Cohn, Professor of law at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, and a former president of the National Lawyers Guild. (See details on page 2.)

She is the author of ***The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration and Abuse***, to be released April 1, 2012.

And we'll have updates on preparation for the 2012 election, Occupy San Diego, International Women's Day Rally, San Onofre Nuclear rally, the Casady's False-Claim Lawsuit, and more.

Free Pizza while you help organize
La Jolla Democrats!

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Home of Marcia Bookstein
3024 Cranbrook Court 92037
RSVP: 858-457-3024

Bring your cell phone. Our goal is to call Democrats in the 70 La Jolla precincts to recruit two precinct chairpersons per precinct who will agree to knock on Democratic neighbors' doors to register new Democrats. We will recruit new club members and generally keep La Jolla Democrats informed of what's going on that Democrats need to know to prepare us for the 2012 election.

**The Casady's False-Claim Lawsuit
Against AIG:**

You are encouraged to attend the
oral arguments against AIG
Date: April 23, 2012
Time: 2:30 p.m.

**Place: Federal Court Building,
Front & Broadway. 2nd floor,
Courtroom 11, with Judge
Houston.**

Park at Horton Plaza and walk 2
blocks.
(See details on page 4.)



Our April program speaker, Marjorie Cohn, is a professor of law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, where she has taught since 1991. She holds a J.D. degree from Santa Clara University School of Law and a B.A., from

Stanford University, in Social Thought and Institutions.

She has been a criminal defense attorney at the trial and appellate levels for many years, and was staff counsel to the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board. Professor Cohn is the U.S. representative to the executive committee of the Association of American Jurists and is deputy secretary general of the Bureau of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers.

She is the immediate past president of the National Lawyers Guild and lectures throughout the world on international human rights and U.S. foreign policy. A news consultant for CBS News and a legal analyst for Court TV, she also provides legal and political commentary on BBC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, NPR, Air America and Pacifica Radio. You can hear her every Monday from 3:10-3:30 p.m. EDT on TalkBack, WBAI-FM in New York. It streams live at wbai.org

Her latest book, *The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration and Abuse*, published in January 2011, will be her topic at the April meeting.

In addition, Professor Cohn is the author of *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law*, and co-author of *Cameras in the Courtroom: Television and the Pursuit of Justice and Rules of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent*.

Professor Cohn testified in 2008 about government torture policy before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and she has testified at military courts-martial about the illegality of the wars, the duty to obey lawful orders, and the duty to disobey unlawful orders. She was a legal observer in Iran on behalf of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers in 1978 and she has participated in delegations to Cuba, China and Yugoslavia.

She lived in Mexico and is fluent in Spanish.

For a more complete bio and archived article, go to <http://www.marjoriecohn.com/>.

For minutes of our monthly meetings and of other San Diego Clubs, go to our website:
www.lajollademocrats.org

32nd Annual Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt Dinner presented by the San Diego County Democratic Party



Saturday, April 14, 2012

at the Holiday Inn on the Bay

1355 North Harbor Dr., San Diego (92101)

VIP Reception 5:30 p.m. / General Reception 6:00 / Dinner 7:00

Cost: \$85.00. A \$35.00 subsidy will be available by the LJDC to the first 30 members who purchase their tickets through the club by sending \$50 to LJDC, P.O.Box 288, La Jolla, CA 92037.

The LJ Democratic Club Endorsed Marty Block for CA State Senate



Marty addressed the club at its Mar. mtg.

As Marty says, "When you vote for Barack, remember to vote for Block."

Marty is currently serving the 78th Assembly District and is known for his work with education, public safety, veterans' support and strong district services.

For details, see our website, www.lajollademocrats.org or Marty Block's website website at www.MartyBlock.com.

To volunteer to help Marty, contact Roberto Alcantar at Roberto@MaryBlock.com or 619-677-3339.

The LJ Democratic Club Endorsed Dave Roberts for SD County Supervisor

According to his website, www.daverobertsforsupervisor.com, he currently serves as Deputy Mayor of Solana Beach and has the right mix of business and government experience to be our next Supervisor, now a senior manager for an international non-profit association. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the SD County Consolidated Transportation Services Agency. A nationally-recognized expert in health care policy, he was appointed by both the Bush and the Obama Administrations to national advisory leadership roles focused on maximizing the cost-effectiveness and delivery of Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. In addition, he worked for the U.S. Air Force in the Pentagon and Europe; and helped to create the military's current healthcare system.



He holds a Master of Public Administration degree in Financial Management and has adopted five children from the county, ranging in ages three to 16.

To Show Your Support attend a special event to meet Dave Roberts at the Belly Up Tavern at 143 South Cedros Ave. in the heart of the Solana Beach Design District. There is no charge to attend this event. Click here to RSVP <<https://www.completecampaigns.com/public.asp?name=RobertsDave&page=11>> .

The LJ Democratic Club Endorsed Terrie Roberts for Superior Court Judge



According to her website, Terrie Roberts has served the San Diego community for 19 years as a Deputy District Attorney, Deputy Public Defender, private attorney and now, since May 2008, as a Supreme Court Commissioner, where she has presided over a variety of civil matters, as well as felony marijuana possession matters, domestic violence cases and drunk driving cases.

Ms. Roberts served as a Deputy District Attorney for seven years.

During this time her work as a prosecutor, co-leader of the District Attorney's Diversity Pipeline program, along with her years of commitment to the community, earned her the San Diego County Bar's highly coveted Outstanding Service by a Public Attorney Award. This is given for a Combination of Excellence in the Practice of Law with Service to the Community, the Profession, the Association of Legal Education.

She began her career in San Diego as a Deputy Public Defender and also spent time as a civil attorney. She tried civil jury trials and litigated complex business arbitration matters. She also has managed her own law firm for over seven years and represented clients in contract disputes, personal injury matters and criminal defense.

Commissioner Roberts has been married to Greg Roberts for 15 years. They have two daughters.

San Onofre Rally, Remembering Fukushima, To End Nuclear Plants

"80% of success is showing up," Woody Allen



Peggy Budd, Carolyn Shadle, The Casadys



Guests from Fukushima spoke, in the shadow of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

April 14, 2012

Christine Pelosi will be speaking,

"Call to Service: Fighting for a Democratic Future," at the Lake San Marcos Democratic Club (details at <http://www.lsm.sddem.org/>)

April 14, 2012, 1 p.m. (following a Social at 12:30 p.m.)
Pavilion in Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Drive

Christine Pelosi is Chair of the CA Democratic Party Women's Caucus, author of *Campaign Bootcamp 2.0*, and daughter of Nancy Pelosi.

350.org Invites Your Help Informing Others About Climate Change

Volunteer at the San Diego EarthFair– Sunday, April 22, 2012, 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Contact [Alexis Randolph](#).

City of San Diego Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Meeting – Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 2:00-4:00 PM

Voice concerns about the draft Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan (CMAP) that the City of San Diego is poised to adopt. Folks are needed at the council and committee meetings to submit comments, hold signs, and speak before the council members. More info on the CMAP is [here](#). Contact [Emily Wier](#) and let her know if you are interested in helping. You will receive talking points and the final date and time. It will take place at the City Council's committee room, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, 12th Floor.

350.org's Founder Bill McKibben in San Diego – Monday, May 14, 2012, 6:30-8:00 PM

350.org's Bill McKibben is the speaker at the third annual Keeling Lecture, honoring the distinguished SIO professor Charles D. Keeling's life and invaluable contributions to climate science. Tickets are \$8 and you must reserve with the Birch Aquarium. Click here: [RSVP for your ticket\(s\)](#). Lauded by *Time Magazine* as the planet's best green journalist, McKibben is the author of dozens of books about the environment and will bring deep insight into the human dimensions of climate change. A light reception will be sponsored by UCSD Alumni at the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla.

News of Interest to LJDC Members



Carolyn Shadle, Marcia Bookstein, Barbara Diffenderfer and Terri Prevost comparing notes at Pizza gathering,



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www.airprogressive.org.

Grassroots Organizing (GO Team)

Hundreds of volunteers serving as part of the Grassroots Organizing Team connect with voters for better voter turnout.

We are currently adding new precinct leaders and data support volunteers for the 2012 elections. The SD County Democrats provide training, support, and all the materials you'll need to talk to fellow Democrats or to provide data support.

Training is available on the first Saturday of every month, 10-11:30 a.m. For information or to register, contact 858-277-3367 or contact goteam@sddemocrats.org.

Nancy Casady Has Been Appointed to the CA Board of Food and Agriculture

This is a fifteen-person board appointed by the Governor. It serves the interest of the state's diverse agricultural community. As an advisory board to the Governor and the Secretary of Agriculture, it addresses key issues that are of importance to California's farmers and ranchers, community stakeholders and citizens. With this appointment, the Governor also includes the retail food industry as a sector for added input in the state's agricultural policy. All meetings are public and the board encourages public participation in all matters.



Casadys Claim Fraud in A.I.G. Bailout

As reported in the *New York, Times* May 5, 2011, the Casady's filed a whistle-blower lawsuit that asserts that the taxpayers were defrauded when the federal government bailed out A.I.G. The report said, that the lawsuit "asserts that A.I.G. and two large banks engaged in a variety of fraudulent and speculative transactions, running up losses well into the billions of dollars. Then the three institutions persuaded the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to bail them out by giving A.I.G. two rescue loans, which were used to unwind hundreds of failed trades.

The loans were improper, the lawsuit says, because the Fed made them without getting a pledge of high-quality collateral from A.I.G., as required by law."



BRUCE GAGNON

Coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space

April 2nd & 3rd, 2012

The Deadly Connection:
Endless War and Economic Crisis

THE PRC IS PROUD TO BRING BRUCE GAGNON TO SAN DIEGO FOR THE FIRST TIME! GRAB THIS RARE CHANCE TO SEE HIM SPEAK!

Gagnon's talk will look at the impact of expanding militarism on economic crisis here at home; expanding U.S. militarism in Asia-Pacific region; current U.S. space technology strategy; the need to promote the conversion of the military industrial complex to sustainable production if we hope to have the slightest impact on climate change; and an additional pressing issue for this year--the 2012 national elections and what we can do about the corporate domination of Congress.

Mr. Gagnon is also available during the day time April 2-3 for additional speaking, media interviews, high school and college classroom sessions or other community gatherings.

Contact:
Carol Jahnkow,
carolj@igc.org



TWO LOCATIONS!

Monday, April 2nd
7-9 PM (doors open 6:30)

Brethren Peace Campus
3850 Westgate Place
San Diego, CA 92105

Tuesday, April 3rd
7-9 PM (doors open 6:30)

Oceanside Public Library
Community Room
330 N. Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054

Open to the Public!

**Free admission
Light refreshments**

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Peace Resource Center of San Diego
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"As we prepare to move into the 21st century it is crucial for peace and environmental activists to view space as an area of concern. The enormous expenditures of our tax revenues for space must be questioned. The morality and ethics of moving an arms race into space must be vigorously debated. The environmental consequences of U.S. space policy must be explored and resisted."

What's This About A War Against Women?

Overheard: "We are women, we have just begun.

Do not mess with women, we have dealt with two-year-olds and teenagers."

Two LJ Democratic Club Members Vie for Membership on The SD County Democratic Central Committee

Phyllis McGrath and **Derek Casady** are both candidates for membership, to be elected by Democrats at the June 5 Primary.

The Central Committee is the governing body of the County Democratic Party as defined in the California Government Code and Elections Code. It is comprised of local Democrats elected by voters in each Assembly District, as well as partisan-level Democratic elected officials and nominees. (For more information, see www.sddemocrats.org).

This group conducts the County Party's general business, approves its budget, coordinates Democratic campaign activity, and endorses candidates for local offices.

2012 DUES Are Due. The cost is the same!!

Membership is on a calendar basis, so pay NOW for 2012. Receive the monthly newsletter, help cover meeting costs and help get Democrats elected!

★La Jolla Democratic Club★

Membership Form

Please print this form, fill in, and send with dues to:

**La Jolla Democratic Club
P.O. Box 288 La Jolla, CA 92038**

LJDC Membership Annual Dues: **All yearly dues are due in January.**

\$20 Individual \$30 Couple \$50 Sustaining \$100 Patron
 \$5 Student

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Receive newsletter via email: yes / no

Email: _____

Volunteer: Phone Precinct Work Host Meetings Raise

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