

# La Jolla Democratic Club *July, 2012*

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## July Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, July 15 , 2012

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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



**The Growing Wealth Divide  
Inequality and the Roots of Economic Insecurity,**  
an interactive workshop developed by *United for a Fair Economy*,  
led by Dr. Carolyn C. Shadle,  
VP of Communications, LJDC

See details on page 2.

*"This may be the most important issue of our time. Now's your chance to become an expert on economic inequality."* - Derek Casady

## Get Ready for November Elections

Join LJDC members for FREE PIZZA and phoning

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17

At the Coastal HQ.

1946 Balboa, Pacific Beach 92109 (near Garnet and Grand) (across from Shell Station, between Mama Mia's and Dirty Blond Salon.

RSVP:858-457-3024 and bring your cell phone.



La Jolla has 70 neighborhoods. 35 of those have Democratic neighborhood leaders who provide information to their neighbors prior to Election Day.

On July 17 we will be calling Democrats in La Jolla to ask them to join others to contact their neighbors in the OTHER 35 neighborhoods.

In order to get Democratic elected in November, this task is crucial. It's also an enjoyable task, as neighbors talk to neighbors.

# The Growing Wealth Divide

Since 1980, the gap between the super-rich and everyone else in the U.S. has dramatically widened. Wealth is currently distributed more inequitably than it has been since 1929. This intense concentration of wealth and income has had a profound impact on our quality of life, the security of our jobs, the services we receive from our government, our collective security, our sense of hope and the essence of our democratic process.

This workshop, **The Growing Divide** (created by United for a Fair Economy):

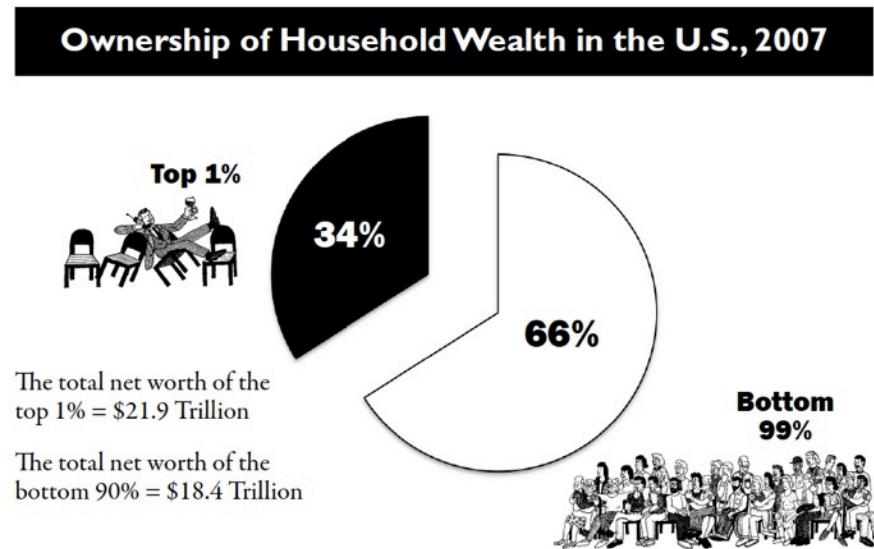
- \* focuses discussion and strategizing on the wealthiest 1% of our country (who now control about 1/3 of our nation's wealth, more than the bottom 90% combined).

- \* looks at the depth of the inequality problem in terms of its impact on our lives and the lives of the people we care about.

- \* examines the policy changes in the last 30 years which dramatically widened the gap.

- \* reviews the inspiring history of popular movements in the US to reverse inequality.

- \* discusses possible personal and collective actions to help build a nationwide movement for a fair economy.



The workshop facilitator, Carolyn Shadle, has just returned from a four-day train-the-trainer workshop held in Baltimore in June, led by United for a Fair Economy. Trainees experienced the workshop and participatory "popular economic education" methodology.

You will find this to be a FUN way to learn about a very serious topic!



### **Update on GE Food Labeling**

The AMA voted that all genetically-engineered food should be independently safety tested before coming to market.

### **Campaign Headquarters**

- \* Come to get the latest information on candidates and initiatives.
- \* Come to volunteer to greet people who drop by.
- \* Come and call Democrats - to get out the vote.

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### **Fundraiser: Planning a Nuclear-Free Future sponsored by the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility**

Friday, July 13, 5-7:30 p.m.

Poway, 92064

Suggested donation \$50

Program:

Tour of spectacular, breathtaking green home (Don't miss it. It's unique!)

Speaker: John Geesman, former Exe Director of the CA Energy Commission

For details, contact David at 858-674-4889



Last month the San Diego County Democratic Party voted to support permanent decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and support sustainable energy.

### **GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING (GO TEAM)**

Training is available at the SD County Democrats Office on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m., or as needed.

Contact the Office at  
[www.sdDemocrats.org](http://www.sdDemocrats.org), 858-277-3367



# Trans-Pacific Partnership Protest

## FAIR TRADE! NOT FREE TRADE!



The Trans-Pacific Partnership is coming to San Diego July 2 to negotiate a trade agreement that has already been dubbed 'NAFTA on Steroids.' According to **A Better San Diego**, not only would it ship jobs

overseas, it would further erode worker protections and attack environmental regulations in countries across the Pacific.

**Activist San Diego announces two opportunities** for concerned community members to make sure delegates at the TPP negotiations know that it's time to bring jobs home! Time for fair trade, not free trade.

**Monday, July 2, 12 pm for a kick-off press conference.**

**Park adjacent to Hilton Bayfront and San Diego Convention Center  
1 Park Boulevard, San Diego CA 92101**

**and**

**Saturday, July 7, 10:30 a.m. March and Rally**

**Gather at the Civic Center (B & 3rd Street). March leaves at 11:00 and heads to the Hilton Bayfront for a rally at noon (coinciding with trade negotiators' lunch hour).**

NAFTA has cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs that aren't coming back anytime soon. And we've lost millions more thanks to our off-balanced trade with China. With Americans still struggling to get back to work, now is the time to bring jobs home!

For more information, see <http://www.citizen.org/tpp>

**Special Summer Event: Ann Hoiberg,  
“Stop the Raging War on Women”**

**Saturday, July 14, 11 am, San Diego Coastal HQ**

Event: Program Speaker, Anne Hoiberg

Program: Stop the Raging War on Women

Location: San Diego Coastal HQ, 1946 Balboa Ave, SD 92109

Refreshments: Cool beverages and snacks



Anne Hoiberg's presentation will include a discussion of  
(1) the legislation being passed in too many states that restricts family planning and legal abortions and  
(2) the challenges faced by women to achieve equality in the workforce, on the airwaves, and in public office.

Women still make, on the average, only 77 percent of what men make for full-time

positions. Only 12 women are listed on the Fortune 500 list of CEO's, and only three women are listed as part of San Diego's 100 highest paid CEO's. Women's voices are seldom heard in the media and talk shows on the critical issues. The number of women running for elected office is declining in California.

Anne Hoiberg is a prolific author (130 book chapters, articles, and reports), outstanding speaker (90 presentations), recipient of numerous awards (local, state and national), past president of a number of organizations, and recently inducted into the San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame. She currently serves as President of Women's Museum of California and International Museum of Human Rights at San Diego, and she is a member of the Task Force on Trafficking of Women and Children and Cadre of Experts for the American Psychological Association.

For more information about Anne Hoiberg follow the link <[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZltO\\_LRCFJE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZltO_LRCFJE)>

RSVP by contacting Michael McQuary by phone (858-752-9544) or email <[michael\\_mcquary@yahoo.com](mailto:michael_mcquary@yahoo.com)>

## What do you say to your disenchanted Democratic friends?

Consider the following:

Excerpt from piece by Jonathan Chait

### Obama's Accomplishments:

- \* **Affordable Care Act**
- \* **Recovery Act**
- \* **The Dodd-Frank financial reform**
- \* **Bailout and deep restructuring of the auto industry**
- \* **Race to the Top**
- \* **A reform of college loans**
- \* **Historically large new investments in green energy and the beginning of regulation of greenhouse gases**
- \* **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act for women**
- \* **Elimination of several wasteful defense programs**
- \* **Equality for gays**
- \* **Consumer-friendly regulation of food safety, tobacco, and credit cards**
- \* a string of foreign-policy successes—**Expanding targeted strikes against Al Qaeda (including one that killed Osama bin Laden)**
- \* **Ending the war in Iraq**
- \* **Helping to orchestrate an apparently successful international campaign to rescue Libyan dissidents and then topple a brutal kleptocratic regime**



#### Excerpt from book by Joseph Stiglitz:

A closer look at those at the top reveals a disproportionate role. Some have obtained their wealth by exercising monopoly power; others are CEOs who have taken advantage of deficiencies in corporate governance to extract for themselves an excessive share of corporate earnings; and still others have used political connections to benefit from government munificence – either excessively high prices for what the government buys (drugs), or excessively low prices

for what the government sells (mineral rights).

Likewise, part of the wealth of those in finance comes from exploiting the poor through predatory lending and abusive credit-card practices. Those at the top, in such cases, are enriched at the direct expense of those at the bottom.

**If you haven't paid in 2012, do so now.**

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

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

# ★ 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): \_\_\_\_\_ Type to enter text

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Receive newsletter via email: yes / no

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer:**  Phone  Precinct Work  Host Meetings  Raise Funds  Serve on Board

Make your check payable to LJDC or La Jolla Democratic Club

*Dues are not tax deductible.*

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