

La Jolla Democratic Club

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August Meeting - the 3rd Sunday - August 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION:

**Community Room, AMC La Jolla 12 Theater
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive, 92037**

Join us for a viewing and discussion of "INSIDE JOB"

This award-winning film exposes the shocking truth behind the economic crisis of 2008. It traces the rise of a rogue industry and unveils the corrosive relationships which have corrupted politics, regulation and academia.

"A powerhouse of a documentary that will leave you both thunderstruck and boiling with rage." Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times.

ALSO

An update on the suit filed in federal district court by Derek and Nancy Casady alleging fraud in the federal bailout of AIG. After seeing this video, the suit will make a lot of sense.

Economic Justice Action Group (619-224-7322)

Wednesday, August 10, 12:00 noon

Home of Jeff & Susan Ghelardi, 4484 Saratoga, 92107

San Diego County Convention

Saturday, September 17, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Jacobs Ctr, 404 Euclid Ave., 92114

Cost: \$25.00 (Students \$15)

*Details on both events at
www.SDDemocrats.org*

Cruise: Set Sail for Victory

December 3-10 for a trip along the Mexican Riviera, organized by the San Diego County Democratic Party. Everything from informal political workshops to excursions and entertainment.

. Contact Dan Presser, Four Winds Travel
(CST #1000683-40) toll free: **(800)**
897-2310 or **info@fourwindstravel.com**.

All 2011 club dues are due NOW. Please return the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to all who have paid.

**Get Ready for the 2012 Election:
West County Democratic Campaign Headquarters**



During the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Area meeting earlier this week, Fred Rogers invited and encouraged us to conduct a Central Area fundraiser event to support the establishment of a West County Democratic Campaign Headquarters that would consolidate the 2012 campaign effort in West County (La Jolla, Pacific Beach, and Point Loma).

The **campaign headquarters** would function, as it did in 2006, 2008, and 2010, as a full service support service for endorsed candidates and propositions, a centralized location for our GO Teams, a voter outreach and community organizing platform for building the Democratic party, and a venue for educational services, fundraisers, and political networking. It will be the “go to place” for all things political during the the 2012 election.

Fred Rogers agreed that the county would work with us to support our **fundraising event** effort by helping to bring the candidates to the fundraiser, and coordinating our effort with the rest of the county. All the proceeds from the event would go to support the West County Democratic Campaign Headquarters, which we would set up in Pacific Beach.

Ruth Rollins (Point Loma), Phylis McGrath (Pacific Beach) and Gerry Senda (La Jolla) discussed the possibility of co-hosting a fundraiser event involving our clubs and agreed to form a planning group to come up with a plan to host such an event.

So...**let's share ideas**. Send your comments, ideas and suggestions via email to michael_mcquarry@yahoo.com or phone (858-752-9544) as to how, where and when we might hold such a fundraising event.

Michael McQuarry, Regional Coordinator-San Diego
California Democratic Committee

California Nuclear Power Plants--Make Safe or Close

We need to communicate to the California Energy Commission and all of our elected officials that:

1) The utilities (Pacific Gas and Electric in the north and Southern California Edison here in the south) must be required to provide a plan for replacing the power produced by these plants in the event of an accident or shutdown.

2) They request that the U.S. Department of Energy hold public meetings explaining why permits should be renewed that would result in be putting another 20 years of radioactive waste on our (seismically active) coast. (Think of Fukushima and the failure of the cooling ponds there.)

3) They take all action necessary to require both utility companies to complete new 3D seismic studies around the plants before ratepayers fund any relicensing costs.



The California Energy Commission called for public feedback (due August 2). Nancy Casady sent the following and invites you to use or reword it:

Send an email message to: docket@energy.state.ca.us

In the subject line, write **Comment for docket No. 11-IEP-1J**

The time has come to phase out California's nuclear reactors.

1. There is still no solution for longterm storage of radioactive spent fuel rods, though they are being produced in record numbers.

2. The emergency evacuation plans for California's reactors are inadequate. They must be reviewed, and costs/repercussions reexamined. Our own NRC recommended a much larger evacuation area in Japan than what is currently planned for in Diablo Canyon and San Onofre's highly populated areas.

3. Following incidents at Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and Fukushima, it is now clear that nuclear plants can be rendered unusable by seismic event or other natural disasters, accidents, or even acts of malice or terror.

The "unthinkable" can become a reality, and a tragedy, here. No amount of energy generated from nuclear power is worth this risk. For these reasons I respectfully request the CEC recommend shutting down the nuclear reactors on California's coast.

Comments can be directed to the Chair, Robert Weisenmiller at 1-916-654-5036 or to his assistant at cgraber@energy.state.ca.us

Comment Period on Fluoridation of San Diego Water is Taking Place Now



Despite the fact that voters in San Diego voted on three initiatives to NOT have fluoride added to our water supply, fluoride was added in February.

As a result of Proposition 65 a review of hazardous chemicals in the water is required, and fluoride has been deemed eligible to be reviewed. We are currently in a 60-day comment period with the Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment.

The American Dental Association believes that the preferred protocol for protecting teeth is topical application (i.e. painting the fluoride solution directly on the teeth). You may have noticed that there are warning labels on toothpaste directing consumers to poison-control centers if fluoridated toothpaste is swallowed.

Most opponents to fluoridating public water supplies believe consumers should have a choice about medications they consume. Fluoridation does not make water safe to drink. Its justification is for tooth health. Please direct your comments to Cynthia Oshita at coshita@oehha.ca.gov or call her at 1-916-445-6900.

Frankenfish in Your Future? We Need Labeling

Fresh Fish vs. FrankenFish?



Currently the United States Congress is considering legislation to ban genetically engineered salmon for human consumption. Under pressure from a private company--Aqua Bounty--plans are underway to cut and paste the genetic material from an eel into what is considered to be one of the best tasting and healthiest fish around--fresh caught wild salmon. Without requiring a label, the "new and improved" version may soon be in your local market. Labeling these and other "frankenfood" would enable us to decide which food we want to eat and feed our families. Contact your Congress members and ask for their support for Alaska

Representative Don Young's bill to label genetically engineered salmon. Then stay informed on other legislation from Congressman Dennis Kucinich to require labeling of all other GE products.



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
Funds ___Serve on Board

Make your check payable to LJDC or La Jolla Democratic Club

Dues are not tax deductible

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