

La Jolla Democratic Club *March, 2013*

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March Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, March 17, 2013
2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Program: Why We Need a World Service Corps*



Speaker: Dwayne Hunn

Executive Director of People's Lobby, Inc. advocating for America's World Service Corps.

Dwayne served in the Peace Corps in the slums of Mumbai, India, worked on several Habitat projects and was on the start-up team of the California Conservation Corps. Read his bio on page 2 and more about his topic on page 3.

- The Casadys will report on their testimony before the **CA Cap & Trade Commission**.
- We'll discuss life after the **sequester** debate.
- And we'll review **resolutions** presented by the LJDC to the State Democratic Convention in April. See page 4 for details.

* Dr. Hunn will be presenting an identical program for the Pacific Beach Democratic Club on March 2 at 11:00 a.m. At the Pacific Beach Recreation Center, [1405 Diamond St, San Diego, CA 92109](http://1405DiamondSt.com)

Also, meet **Myrtle Cole**, candidate for special upcoming election to the San Diego City Council to represent District 4. This former police lieutenant worked for the San Diego City Council to implement Community-Oriented Policing.



Learn about candidate Cole's commitment to the community and where she stands on important city issues like outsourcing, Balboa Park, the port and the hotel tax.

Action is possible on any item contained in this newsletter.

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Dwayne Hunn

Dwayne Hunn grew up in Cleveland, where he was exposed to Jesuit training. He went on to acquire two master's degrees and a Ph.D in Public Policy from Claremont Graduate University.



But the most formative part of his education has come from his Peace Corps experiences in the slums of Mumbai, his muckraking political and initiative work in California with Ed and Joyce Koupal of People's Lobby, and his junkyard castle building with Lord Michael of Rubel's Castle and the knights of his splintered and creosoted round table in Glendora, California.

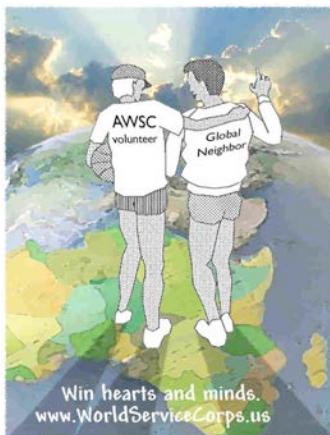
He has been a builder, teacher, political organizer, small businessman, affordable housing developer, and a rock piler at Rubel's Castle. In his spare time, he has written two books.

His first book, *Ordinary People Doing the Extraordinary: The Story of Ed and Joyce Koupal and the Initiative Process*, was among Ralph Nader's Top 10 Books to Read in 2009.

The second book, *Every Town Needs a Castle, Especially When Built of Recycled Junk and Spunk*, also revolves around larger than life ordinary people achieving the seemingly impossible. Hidden amidst the aged adages bestowed upon the "pharmers" of Rubel's Castle (waiting inside the discarded telephone poles, railroad ties, beams, and rocks from which a castle would magically rise) was the barn and community building spirit that is needed today to move America beyond its post bubble economy to one less greedy and more sturdy.

Relying on more laughter than hard glares, both books plant the seeds of how to accomplish extraordinary deeds.

What's Behind The Proposal for America's World Service Corps?



Are you concerned about:
climate change
educational inequality,
unemployment,
widening income gap,
cultural ignorance,
a dumbed-down electorate,
growing greed,
softening character,
increased domestic and international needs,
re-emerging poverty, and war as the answer?

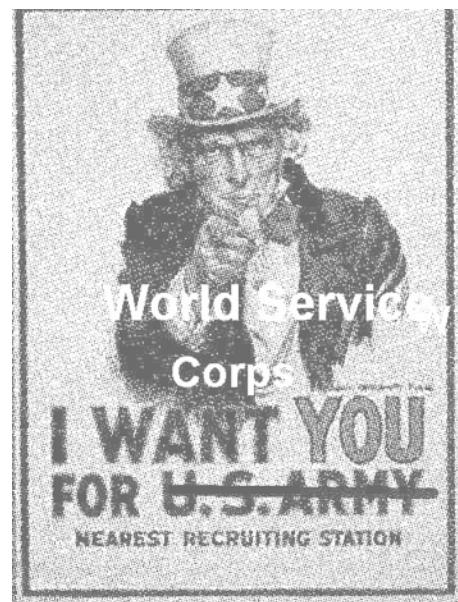
You may be thinking that spending \$1 million dollars per Star Trek-looking soldier during this looming era of perpetual “conflict” is inculcating us with monetary insanity and economic Armageddon.

You’re probably tired of seeing our soldiers and Marines worn out, burdened by lost limbs, and loaded with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), thanks to wars based on fear and ignorance that breed the alarming numbers who despise us enough to be stealth warriors.

Do you ever wonder if there is enough concern, initiative, and vision in Congress to legislate? Similarly, can the Executive Branch envision, initiate and enact answers to today’s problems?

Come on March 17 to hear Dwayne Hunn describe the cost-effective, common sense-based, citizen-initiated congressional legislation that addresses these problems: the establishment of **America's World Service Corps.**

For an advance reading of the proposed legislation, go to <http://www.WorldServiceCorps.us> or www.PeoplesLobby.us.



The 2013 State Democratic Convention



Last month we announced those who will be going to the 2013 State Convention from the La Jolla Democratic Club (Derek Casady, Nancy Casady, Susie Ditmars, Lawrence Zynda, Michael McQuarry, Gail Mackler).

This convention will begin the term for these 2013-2015 delegates.

There will be workshops, caucus and committee meetings, training, hospitality gatherings, and special guest speakers. Important party business will be conducted, including electing statewide party officers and adopting resolutions.

Clubs from around the State have the opportunity to submit resolutions for consideration. The Resolutions Committee spends long hours reviewing the various (and sometimes overlapping) resolutions and decided on those that will go forward be included in the California Democratic Party 2014 Platform. This is then forwarded to the national party leadership.

Resolutions from La Jolla

Building on discussion club members have had over the past year around various topics, the following resolutions were created as recommendations from the La Jolla Democratic Club. To read the complete resolution, go to www.lajollademocrats.org.

Those approved at the February meeting include:

- * Long Range Plans, including regional transportation plans, climate action plans, and general plans, should support climate stabilization
- * Wall Street Transaction Tax
- * Countermanding Citizens United vs. Federal Elections Commissions
- * San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant
- * Change Rule 22
- * Secure The Labeling of Genetically-Engineered Food
- * Election of Precinct Leaders Throughout California Who Live In The Precinct In Which They Work

To be considered at the March meeting :

- * The Need for a Transportation Plank in Our 2014 CDP Platform

Looking back...



On February 17 the largest climate rally in history was held in Washington, D.C. and cities around the country, including San Diego. Although the timing overlapped with our regular meeting, several members managed to attend both.

Speakers built on Obama's comments about climate in his State of the Union address. [Bill McKibben](#), founder of [350.org](#), said: *"We'll do all we can to help the president realize his goals, and trust he'll begin by blocking the Keystone XL pipeline, whose approval would make a mockery of his rhetoric."*

"Obama's legacy as 44th President of the United States rests squarely on his leadership in the face of the climate crisis," says Michael Brune, Executive Director of the Sierra Club.

Those who were not able to get to the rally appreciated the opportunity to recommit to the issues around climate change with our speaker, Mirando Ko, from Al Gore's Climate Reality Project.

Looking forward....

April La Jolla Democratic Club Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 2013

Same time, same place:

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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Speaker: Kimberly Beatty

Topics:

(1) A Successful Progressive Campaign in a Conservative Community

Kimberly will discuss her experience running for the Poway United School Board without compromising her values and how it related to the \$1 billion bond fiasco

(2) An Historical Perspective on Gun Control.

As a former ATF agent, Kimberly brings us a unique perspective.

Read Kimberly' bio and more about her ATF experience on our website, www.lajollademocrats.org.

Dues for 2013 are now due.

Membership is on a calendar basis and is not prorated.

Receive the monthly newsletter, help cover meeting costs and help get Democrats elected!

Today's Date _____

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