

La Jolla Democratic Club *August, 2013*

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AUGUST MEETING

The third Sunday of the month: August 18, 2013

Picnic: 11:00 a.m.p 2:00 p.m.

COME EARLY TO GET A PARKING SPOT!

Ellen Browning Scripps Park

La Jolla Cove

Bring a dish to pass (appetizer, side dish or dessert). Paper plates and cups, utensils, drinks, meat and rolls will be furnished.
BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET TO SIT ON.



See page 2 for important vote regarding Mayor Filner!



**Stay for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea at 2:00 pm
featuring THE HEROES**



This 7-piece band features the talents of two amazing female singers backed by a guitarist, keyboardist, bassist, drummer, and saxophonist, all of whom sing as well! The 7 piece line up also offers flute, 2 saxes and various percussion

including congas.

Their unbelievably extensive song list includes everything from big band swing and standards from the '30's and '40's to today's current hits, with oldies, Motown, classic rock, funk, '70's disco/dance, and rock and roll mixed in.

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those who have little."

Franklin D Roosevelt

Action is possible on any item contained in this newsletter.

2013 Officers for the La Jolla Democratic Club:

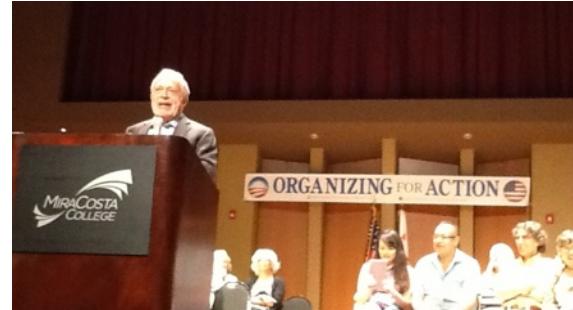
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**Club members present at the picnic meeting on
August 18 will vote on whether Mayor Filner
should resign.**

LOOKING BACK

Organizing for Action (OFA), North County Chapter, sponsored Robert Reich speaking at MiraCosta College. Members of the La Jolla Democratic Club had the privilege to hear him.

**What he said:**

“The way out of the recession is to grow the economy, grow the middle class, increase people’s purchase power.”

“Growing the economy doesn’t mean more stuff. It means spending more on education, healthcare, infrastructure...”

“The top 400 wealthiest people in the United States own more than the bottom 150,000,000.”

“In 1936 there were five earners for every retiree. Soon there will be two earners for every retiree. The answer is immigration (bringing more young workers into the economy).”

“When Clinton came into office the deficit was 5% of the GNP. When Obama came into office it was 4.7%.”

“The issue is not the size of the government. It is what the government is doing for the people.”

Target Issues.

The North County Chapter of OFA is focusing on three issues (for now):

- * **Immigration Reform**
- * **Gun Violence Prevention**
- * **Climate Control**

**Committee for the City
Saturday, August 31, 9:30 a.m.
“Dutch treat” brunch
Coco’s Restaurant**

4280 Nobel Drive (between Costa Verde Blvd & Genesee Ave), San Diego, 92122
Members of the LJDC as well as others invited from around the County to support
democratic principles in San Diego government.

PLAN AHEAD

September 15, 1-4 p.m., Mayor Bob Filner’s **Birthday BBQ by the Bay**
Bring the whole family to play at Campland on the Bay, 2211 Pacific Beach Dr.,
San Diego, CA 92109

BBQ with all the fixins’, birthday cake and ice cream,
music & dancing, volleyball, basketball, skateboard feature, special activities for children.
Rentals available: pedal boats, kayaks, aqua cycles and jet skis.
Adults \$24, Children \$10. Details at www.sddemocrats.org/birthday

September 22, 2-4 p.m., AMC Theater Community Room, La Jolla CA 92037
NEXT LA JOLLA DEMOCRATIC CLUB meeting. (Note the change in date from our regular
meeting date in order to avoid conflict with the September 15 birthday celebration for Mayor
Filner.
PROGRAM Simon Mayeski and Peg Mitchell presenting on the San Diego work of Common
Cause and 350.org. Watch for further details.

October 5 (all day), SD County Democratic Convention, Pala Casino Resort Hotel
(www.PalaCasino.org). **All-inclusive Convention package** for \$240 includes a Chair's
Reception and dinner on Friday, a guest room Friday night and a special luncheon on
Saturday (per person, double occupancy) or **all-day Saturday**: \$45. For details go to
www.sddemconvention.org. Deadline: Wednesday, September 4 for overnight reservations.
Questions? Call Derek Casady, 858-457-0246.

The News, In Verse...

Barack’s Birthday Knell

On August 24, I heard tell,
The White House will ring the bell

For Barack’s 52nd birthday party.
They’ll tell the nation, “He’s a smarty!

He’s getting things done – but there’s slack;
Congress has tied both hands behind his back.”

by J.L.Meyer



Excerpt of opinion piece published in Indian Voices, July, 2013. Read the entire article on our website (www.lajollademocrats.org).

America's Finest City Needs Help Mayor Bob Filner In The Cross Hairs

He Needs his Day in Court

No he has not stepped down and we pray that the ancestors give us the strength and wisdom to assist him through this attack.

Our personal belief is that he has been set up so that he can be taken down. His mission has been counter to the land developers and monied interests that don't want to give up their power and control.

Filner wants to preserve the land for the people. The developers want to transform our historic downtown public tidelands and waterfront into Miami Beach. It is where the Kumeyaay fished and dug for clams and were at one with the universe.

The unions'/developers' cabal wants to cancel the extensive legally-designated North Embarcadero waterside public parks on our public tidelands. These open green spaces by the blue bay are guaranteed by the Coastal Act and Port Master Plan. The mayor wants to preserve open space, which does not make the greedy folks happy and they want to get rid of him. It's all about money and land. The monied elite and their spokespeople know that they can't beat him at the ballot box because a majority of the electorate are behind him.

So his enemies are going after him with the political tool of sexual harassment.

This indicates the avarice and length that the politically power hungry will reach to seek and keep power. To play the sexual harassment card is not only an affront to the progressive and compassionate feminists who pushed for laws to assist all sisters who were at the mercy of dominating sexist males in the workplace, but it is a blatant perversion of the original intent and spirit of these policies. The protective measure of sexual harassment was never intended to be a Machiavellian political tactic and tool to be refined and manipulated to drive someone from office.

The mesmerising affect of the power of implication, and the desperation of people to be on the politically correct side of this issue is worrisome....

It's all very scary. Could Donna Frye, who could usually be counted on to go to the wall for the people, with all of her populist uncompromising commitment, have been painted into a corner by the manipulative political tacticians? And, if so, is she aware of this? If this unholy alliance is successful in taking Filner out, San Diego will never have another progressive mayor, which spells doom to the progress we have worked so hard to bring about. It will also neutralize Myrtle Cole's power....

Filner has promised to seek professional help for his personal failings in dealing with women and staff. Why should we forgive this behavior? What gives evidence his promise to reform can work?....

Bob Filner spent his youth fighting for civil rights for the disenfranchised, getting beat up, while standing up to the KKK. It is now time for us to pay him back with our loyalty and support. His supporters are invisible to the downtown monied elite. The aware, informed and active citizens who refuse to drink the moneylaced kool-aid are locking arms to encircle the swamp until it is drained to expose the greed and avarice that has historically oiled the wheels of the status quo in San Diego. We need to let the world know that with the help of Mayor Filner we can make changes that show we have what it takes to deserve the title of America's Finest City.

Excerpt from The Nation, May 27, 2013

Thoreau's Radicalism and the Fight Against the Fossil-Fuel Industry

by Wen Stephenson

What would it mean if we were to walk in his footsteps?

On a clear and seasonably cold Sunday morning in March, I made my way through the streets of an old neighborhood in Worcester, Massachusetts, and entered a large, converted brick building from some other century.... Inside, in a cavernous room with... a group of seventy or more young climate activists...were gathering for a full day and night of final preparations before carrying out a dramatic peaceful protest against the Keystone XL pipeline. The company building the pipeline, TransCanada Corporation, has its US Northeast office down the road in Westborough, and there, the next morning, twenty-five of these activists...would be arrested for conscientious, nonviolent civil disobedience.

These people, and those like me who support them, might with some fairness be called “radical”—not just because of their willingness to go to jail to express their principles, but because what they demand lies well outside the limits of mainstream partisan politics and conventional media wisdom....

When Brune announced the Sierra Club’s decision in January, in a short, eloquent piece titled “From Walden to the White House,” he explicitly invoked the legacy of Henry David Thoreau and, of course, Thoreau’s most famous essay, “Civil Disobedience.” For Brune, as for many other activists, engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience is a sacred American tradition. “We’ll be following in the hallowed footsteps of Thoreau,” he wrote, “who first articulated the principles of civil disobedience 44 years before John Muir founded the Sierra Club.” ...

And yet, as the climate movement embraces the legacy of “Civil Disobedience,” if that thought doesn’t make you pause, it should. We might want to ask ourselves if we’re really ready to walk in Thoreau’s footsteps, and what it might mean, at this radical moment, if we did. ...

From this straight-up, no-nonsense formulation, Thoreau lays down a marker, a point from which he’ll navigate. “Action from principle,” he tells us, “the perception and the performance of right, changes things and relations; it is essentially revolutionary, and does not consist wholly with anything which was. It not only divides states and churches, it divides families; ay, it divides the *individual*, separating the diabolical in him from the divine.”

This is strong stuff—and prophetic, in more ways than one. What we have here is a kind of working definition of Thoreau’s radicalism: call it the willingness to face the “essential facts” (as he put it in *Walden*), and then to act as both facts and conscience require. Doing so, he assures us, “is essentially revolutionary”—the only real way to change the world.

Read the entire article at: <http://www.thenation.com/article/174225/thoreaus-radicalism-and-fight-against-fossil-fuel-industry#axzz2aEKTPVTJ>

A longer version of this essay appears on the website of the Thoreau Society, which just launched the Walden Climate Change Collaborative. For more info, visit thoreausociety.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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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:

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

Name(s):_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____

Receive newsletter via email: yes / no

Email:_____

Date _____

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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