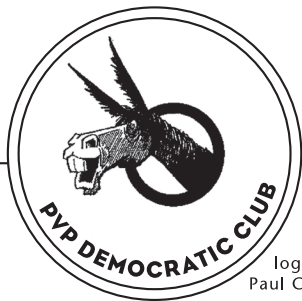


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COMING EVENTS

JULY MEETING:

DAY AND TIME: Sunday July 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Room, Peninsula Center Library, 701 Silver Spur Road, RHE

SPEAKER: PBS journalist Jeffrey Kaye, author of "Moving Millions: How Coyote Capitalism Fuels Global Immigration"

AUGUST MEETING:

SAVE THE DATE: August 15, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Peninsula Center Library
TOPIC: Food insecurity and hunger

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Author of New Book about Immigration is July Speaker



Our July Speaker: Jeffery Kaye, Journalist & Author

This month, we will consider the topic of immigration, and we are very fortunate to have a distinguished speaker to help us flesh out this timely issue.

PBS news correspondent Jeffrey Kaye has just written a book that offers a fresh take on the subject. He will lead our discussion during a joint meeting with the San Pedro Democratic Club.

We'll gather on Sunday, July 18, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peninsula Center Library, 701 Silver Spur Road in Rolling Hills Estates.

Kaye's book, "Moving Millions: How Coyote Capitalism Fuels Global Immigration," puts the immigration debate into an international context and challenges various myths propounded by policymakers.

The issue, says Kaye, isn't simply about erecting a fence at the U.S./Mexico border and requiring green cards. It isn't just about empowering local police officers to pick out undocumented workers from among the people they stop for questioning.

The focus should be less on the legalities surrounding immigration and more on the reasons why people leave their homelands, he says.

Kaye looks at how "governments and corporations around the world manipulate migration policies to their benefit," according to a book summary. "At the same time, developing countries export migrants because it's easier than fixing domestic problems and because migrant wages sent back home provide a revenue stream."

Kaye traveled to places like Mexico, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Senegal and the Philippines to research his book, which he says "exposes the dark side of globalization and the complicity of businesses and governments to benefit from the migration of millions of workers."

Kaye is a longtime contributor to the PBS NewsHour. He also has worked as a reporter and senior producer at KCET-TV and as a special correspondent for the Washington Post and other publications. Currently, you can find him all over the Internet, including on the Huffington Post and AlterNet and his own blog at jeffreykaye.wordpress.com/.

The topic of immigration is of personal as well as professional interest to Kaye, who is an immigrant himself – arriving in the United States from England with his parents and sister in the 1960s. He now lives in the San Fernando Valley.

June Meeting Report

By **Connie Sullivan**, Newsletter Editor

Our June meeting started off on the best possible footing – with a delicious potluck spread, coordinated by our Hospitality Chair, Teresa Savo. After members helped themselves to the fare, they settled in to hear from our invited speaker, who was introduced by club president Kay Cooperman Jue.



Eric C. Bauman, Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party

Eric C. Bauman is Vice Chair of the California Democratic Party and is also serving his fifth term as Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, the largest local Democratic Party organization in the nation. He is Chair of the California Democratic Party's Organizational Development Committee and was Lead Co-Chair of the California Democratic Party's National Convention Delegate Selection Committee for the 2004 and 2008 conventions.

Professionally, Eric Bauman is Senior Advisor to California Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez and Director of the Speaker's Office of Member Services – Los Angeles (SOMS-LA). Bauman is a Registered Nurse with graduate education in Health Care Administration. He spent many years in intensive care and trauma nursing before moving into hospital administration.

Eric began by reminding the group Democrats are running against "eMeg" and "iCarly" (the latter being a reference to a children's program on Nickelodeon). He noted iCarly began her campaign with a disparaging remark about Barbara Boxer's hair, as if nothing else matters in the 2010 Senate campaign. He

went on to recognize this is a strange electoral season with a strong undercurrent of anger.

Eric does see some positive signs. He notes Republicans will need to outspend Democrats, who have a larger number of registered voters. He further stated that if the Democrats' message speaks to the people we can win. We need to be smart, strategic and tactical. He pointed to the encouraging outcomes on Propositions 16 and 17, where billionaires lost; proving elections can't be bought.

Eric touched upon upcoming ballot measures of note: One which seeks to change the 2/3 majority requirement for the legislature to pass a state budget; One, supported by the right, which would require a 2/3 majority passage for fee increases (currently at simple majority); and a Congressional redistricting measure that would have the state legislative redistricting commission determine US Congressional districts.

Eric expects Whitman to spend \$150 million on her campaign. He quipped that he would be happy to run her campaign for only \$75 million.

Eric notes the election will be decided by the 20% of the electorate registered as Non-Partisan. These people think government should be small, but work for them; they are pro-choice, not anti-gay, pro-environment and pro public safety and public education.

Eric ended by asking us to tell our neighbors public funds should be used for classrooms, not for corporate tax cuts. He said he appreciates the work we do and that Democratic Clubs are where the important work happens.

An animated question and answer session followed in which Eric was asked:

- 1) Why the state party endorses candidates?
A: want as few punishing primaries as possible.
- 2) Why not try to lower the legislative budgetary supermajority to 55% rather than 50%?
A: It's easier to sell a simple majority, according to the focus groups.
- 3) Why was he against the redistricting commission? A: Democrats and Republicans are equally represented on the commission, but Democrats represent 45% of registered voters while Republicans represent 32%.
- 4) Carly Fiorina is opposed to graduated income tax and against Medicare – is this on tape?
A: yes.
- 5) What do top-two primaries mean for

partisan politics? A: problematic for smaller parties and there is no requirement to disclose candidate's party affiliation. Expect court action on this.

6) What will the party do if there's an anti-AB 32 measure on the ballot intended to repeal the state's cap-and-trade legislation?
A: defeat it.

7) Why so many solicitations for donations?
A: need to look at contests and see where your money can do the most good. Also, money given directly to the party from an individual is considered hard money and 21% of every campaign dollar spent must be hard money.



Ken Arnold, Candidate for U.S. Congress 46th District

Message from Ken Arnold

Ken Arnold, the Democratic Candidate for the 46th Congressional district, wishes to convey his thanks to the club and it's members for their support in his recent primary victory. He looks forward to working with many of us in his effort to unseat Dana Rohrabacher, and to re-elect Barbara Boxer, elect Jerry Brown, build the Democratic party and fight for the candidates, initiatives and causes we care about.

Ken was born in Los Angeles and has lived in Orange County most of his life. Ken spent most of his career in business information systems, improving business efficiency and profits for companies of all sizes. He has two grown sons and is expecting his first grandchild, a girl, in August. He lives in Fountain Valley with his wife, Thanh-Thanh Ho.

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Ken has been politically involved much of his life. He has been a member of the State party since 2007 and has been an officer and member of many Democratic clubs and organizations. Ken has always been concerned about this area and the inadequate and even dangerous "representation" by the incumbent, Dana Rohrabacher. In 2008, Ken ran against Van Tran for the 68th California Assembly seat, garnering 47% of the vote with a low cost campaign in a very Republican district.

He considers himself fiscally responsible but very progressive. He sees our current economic problems as a necessary priority now, but otherwise his top interests are the environment and energy, reforming our political systems and restoring intelligent discourse across the political spectrum. His short list of goals are; to restore the economy, to create quality jobs, to improve the way our government works, to restore our leadership in education and technology, to convert to clean domestic energy sources, and to reduce our military footprint around the world while promoting democracy, freedom and human rights around the globe.

Please Sign the Pledge!

By Hans Grellmann

MoveOn has polled its members to see which issue MoveOn should focus on. The members chose corporate power and corruption. If you agree with them, you can go to the MoveOn website (moveon.org) and sign the following pledge:

Overturn Citizens United: Amend the Constitution to protect America from unlimited corporate spending on our elections by overturning the Supreme Court's decision giving corporations the same First Amendment rights as people.

Fair elections now: Pass the Fair Elections Now Act, providing public financing to candidates who are supported by small donors so they can compete with corporate-backed and self-funded candidates.

Lobbyist Reform Act: Pass legislation to end the overwhelming influence of corporate lobbyists by: prohibiting individuals from switching from corporate lobbying to government service, or vice-versa, within a 5-year period; stopping corporate lobbyists

from giving gifts and providing free travel to government officials; and posting online the attendees and content of all meetings between lobbyists and government officials.

The pledges will be used to pressure Congress to pass legislation to curtail corporate power.

**"It's much more difficult to recognize a demagogue if he's saying what you want to hear."
– Jerry Parker, Club Treasurer**

Member Commentary Choose to Vote by Mail Permanently

By Kay Cooperman Jue

I believe the single most important element to winning or losing the general election in November will be voter turnout.

Traditionally, non-Presidential elections draw relatively small numbers of voters to the polls. And with the general malaise infecting the electorate these days, the concern is people simply won't bother to vote.

The Democrats will never be able to match their wealthy opponents financially. But if we all vote, we will win the governor's race, the U.S. senate race and every other race on the ballot.

The state Democratic Party believes this is the case as well and is making a big push to get Democrats to register to vote by mail on a permanent basis.

"Our plan is to sign up as many permanent absentee voters as possible," Party Chair John

Burton wrote in an e-mail in April. "Statistics show that permanent absentee voters are twice as likely to vote as those who go to the polls."

He added that "increasing the number of Democratic permanent absentee voters is a great way to change the electorate that will vote this November."

Our club will have permanent absentee voter registration forms available at our monthly meetings until the Oct. 26 registration deadline for the general election. We encourage members to consider becoming permanent absentee voters if you aren't already.

To learn more about permanent absentee voting, visit the state Party's Website, www.cadem.org, and click on "Election 2010" on the left. If you do not access to the internet, you will be able to sign the pledge at the July meeting.

Now let's get out there and win this election!!

August Fundraiser – Save the Date!

Club members Rascha and David Hall have offered their RPV home for a summer fundraiser for the Barbara Boxer and Jerry Brown campaigns.

Please save the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 29, on your calendar and plan to attend.

As we all know, money is everything in both of these campaigns. Both U.S. Senate candidate Boxer and gubernatorial candidate Brown are facing deep-pocketed opponents in the November general election. They need our help to fund their fight for Washington and Sacramento.

Watch for more details about Rascha's and David's party in the August newsletter.

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