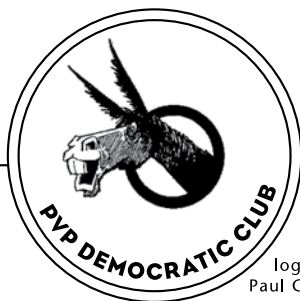


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## June 2010 Newsletter

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### COMING EVENTS

#### JUNE MEETING:

**DAY AND TIME:** Sunday June 13, 2:30-4:30 p.m. New location: Cresta Palos Verdes clubhouse, 81 Cresta Verde Drive, RHE

**TOPIC:** Summer potluck featuring State Democratic Party Vice Chair Eric Bauman

#### JULY MEETING:

**SAVE THE DATE:** July 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Peninsula Center Library

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

#### It's Summer Party Time!

This month we celebrate a PVP Democratic Club tradition: our annual summer potluck.

And we are honored that the second-highest ranking officer in the California Democratic Party is joining us as the featured speaker.

We'll hear from Eric Bauman, vice chair of the state party, and a dynamic, inspirational speaker. You won't want to miss this!

Join us on Sunday, June 13, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Note: this is the second Sunday of the month rather than our usual third Sunday meeting time, which this month falls on Father's Day.

We'll meet at the clubhouse of the Cresta Palos Verdes townhouse development, 81 Cresta Verde Drive, Rolling Hills Estates.

Bring a dish to share – non-dessert items are especially appreciated. We'll supply beverages. Please call our hospitality chair, Teresa Savo, (310) 541-1139, to let her know what you'll be bringing.

A little about Eric Bauman: In addition to his state-party office, Eric is serving his fifth term as chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, the largest local Democratic Party organization in the nation.

He is the chair of the California Democratic Party's Organizational Development Committee and was the lead co-chair of the California Democratic Party's National Convention Delegate Selection Committee for the 2004 and 2008 conventions.

Professionally, Eric is the senior advisor to California Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez and

the director of the Speaker's Office of Member Services – Los Angeles (SOMS-LA).

Eric 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.

The Cresta Palos Verdes clubhouse is located east of Hawthorne Boulevard off of Crest Road in RHE (across from the Ralph's market). We'll see you there on June 13!

#### May Meeting Report

By **Connie Sullivan, Newsletter Editor**

The topic was city government and three local city council members offered their insights during the club's May meeting, held at the Pacific Unitarian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Members in attendance also heard from candidate Marcy Winograd, running in a neighboring Congressional district, and from the campaign manager of one of the Democrats running in our Congressional district.

The topic of city government was proposed to our club by Rancho Palos Verdes Councilmen Tom Long and Brian Campbell, who want Peninsula citizens to gain a better understanding of how local government functions. The club also invited the three other PVP cities to send representatives. Rolling Hills Estates Councilwoman Susan Seamans accepted our invitation. The cities of Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes Estates declined.

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Marcy Winograd outlines her campaign against incumbent Jane Harman in the 36th Congressional District.

All three speakers opened the program by briefly introducing themselves and providing their biographical information. Although city council seats are non-partisan, all three speakers identified their political affiliations. Both Long and Seamans are Democrats and members of our club. Long has been on the RPV City Council for seven years and Seamans has served on the RHE Council for 17 years. Campbell, a Republican, was elected to his seat on the RPV Council last fall.

Briefly, Long stated he is concerned with doing those things that will help to keep property values in RPV at high levels, thus he places a heavy emphasis upon infrastructure maintenance. He mentioned that the city is conducting three workshops for residents to provide input about park improvement.

Campbell reported that the city is doing well financially and enjoys a budget surplus, partially due to tax revenues from the Terranea resort that amount to \$1.8 million annually. He spoke of an initiative he put forth to coordinate the purchase of the city's office supplies with that of the PVP Unified School District, an efficiency that would benefit both entities, he said.

Seamans stated that she is extremely interested in economic development, as RHE is home to the Peninsula Center and the Promenade on the Peninsula, which generate sales tax revenues for her city. Another issue she is promoting is the development of a skateboard park for the youth of the Peninsula.

Club members enthusiastically engaged in a Q&A session following the council members' prepared remarks.

Questions touched upon included the financial health of the Terranea resort, the

Marymount College ballot initiative effort, the land-use dispute between the PVPUSD and the city of Palos Verdes Estates and the Homes Association, the RPV view ordinance and RHE's view dispute resolution process, the RPV staff recommendation to end the Reach Program for developmentally disabled young adults, the cities' activities promoting environmental sustainability, the revenue from the Trump National Golf Club (RPV receives \$300,000-\$400,000), home maintenance code enforcement, and the vilification of Democrats during RPV city council elections.



RHE Councilwoman Susan Seamans addresses the club. Seated, Tom Long and Brian Campbell.



RPV Councilman Tom Long discusses his city's government. Seated, Brian Campbell and Susan Seamans.

Following the city council members to the podium was Chris Duvali, campaign manager for Ken Arnold, one of two Democrats on the June 8 primary ballot running in the 46th Congressional District (seat currently held by Republican Dana Rohrabacher). Duvali asked club members to volunteer for Arnold's campaign and requested those interested to sign up on the campaign Web site, [www.kenarnoldforcongress.com](http://www.kenarnoldforcongress.com)

Concluding the program was Marcy Winograd, Democratic candidate for the 36th Congressional District seat currently held by fellow Democrat Jane Harman.

Winograd, a progressive Democrat, said Harman has not represented the district



Congressional candidate Marcy Winograd poses with club treasurer Jerry Parker.

well, has been a proponent for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, participated in harming civil liberties by her vote for the Patriot Act, and harmed middle class Americans by voting for a bankruptcy bill that penalizes people who can't pay their medical bills.

While Peninsula residents cannot vote for Winograd because they live outside of her district, the candidate asked for support from club members in the form of volunteer hours. Those interested can contact her campaign staff by e-mailing [Bill@winograd4congress.com](mailto:Bill@winograd4congress.com) or by calling (310) 822-3400.

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### Member News

Long-time club member Marilyn Landau has been chosen by the L.A. County Democratic Party as this year's Pat Eastman Volunteer of the Year. Marilyn along with a male award recipient will be honored at the Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year awards banquet to be held this summer.

Marilyn's service to the party extends for decades. She has been a member of the party's L.A. County Central Committee for more than 30 years and is a past regional director of the state party. She has served on the state party's executive board for many years and has been a member of numerous state party caucuses and committees.

Marilyn has served as president of several Democratic clubs and even ran for a seat in the state Assembly, which she did not win.

Asked how long she's been a member of our club, Marilyn said probably since the 1970s. "I know I was a member when Jimmy Carter ran for president," she said.

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The award honors the memory of Elizabeth "Pat" Eastman, a World War II veteran and labor movement and community activist who saw her involvement in the Democratic Party as a way to bring positive change to society.

Stay tuned for more details about this summer's Roosevelt awards dinner.

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Beginning in July, club President Kay Cooperman Jue will become a full member of the L.A. County Democratic Central Committee, serving a two-year term.

The seat is an elective position. But because only seven people filed nominating papers for our Assembly District's seven seats on the committee, the office did not appear on the June 8 primary ballot and all seven candidates will serve.

Kay has served as Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal's alternate on the committee for the past two years. The committee is the governing body of the county Democratic Party.

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**Member Commentary**  
**Platforms of the Political Parties**  
By Hans Grellmann

The voter information guide for the June primary election contains "statements of purpose" for all the parties. It is interesting to compare them.

The statement for the Democratic Party mentions "improve education, ensure public safety and national security, expand access to health care, protect a woman's right to choose, and help the struggling middle class."

It further mentions rewarding hard work and expanding opportunity as well as economic stimulation and a focus on creating good jobs. I think this is a weak statement of purpose.

The Republican Party statement talks about "common values of economic prosperity, cutting taxes and government waste, a return to educational superiority." I fail to see how cutting taxes can be considered a value!

The ones I found particularly interesting were the statements for the Green Party and the Peace and Freedom Party. They address some important issues not found in the statements of the two major parties.

The Green Party lists "living-wage jobs, affordable housing, sustainable energy, single-payer health care, progressive taxation." Further: Preserving environments, withdrawing from Iraq and Afghanistan, opposing bailouts and corporate personhood. The Green Party also advocates carbon taxes.

The Peace and Freedom Party also supports universal single-payer health care, it opposes the military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan and it favors sharply increasing taxes on the wealthiest Americans.

I would like to have seen some of these items in the Democratic Party statement of purpose. First on my list would be opposing corporate personhood. That is the root of all evil in our political system.

Other items are progressive taxation (including higher taxes on the rich), single-payer health care (it is a shame that for Obama, this was not even an option!), living wage jobs, sustainable energy (made possible by carbon taxes) and preserving the environment.

I also agree with the so-called minor parties

that we must find a way to end the wars in the Middle East before they bankrupt this country.

**Club Involvement Opportunity**

Here's a chance for you to get more involved in your Democratic Club.

The second vice president position on the club's board of directors has opened up and we're looking for volunteers to fill it.

The member holding this position will play a leadership role in planning the programs for our monthly membership meetings – with assistance from the president and the rest of the board.

If you like to plan events, if you have ideas for programs or speakers or would like to play a larger role in setting the direction of the club, this is an ideal position for you.

The term of office runs through June 2011. All club officers are asked to attend board meetings, currently held on the Tuesday evening immediately following the club's monthly membership meeting.

Think about it! Take a chance! Contact Club President Kay Cooperman Jue to volunteer or for more information – pvedem@yahoo.com or (310) 377-3512.

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