



NEWSLETTER

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You Can Create the Change

by Gila Jones

CALIFORNIA IS A BLUE STATE. The last time our big electoral prize went to the Republican Presidential candidate was in 1988. John Kerry won California by ten points. We're simply *not* on the list of swing states.

What this means for those of us who want to influence the Presidential race is we should either donate to the Democratic nominee, or work for our candidate in another state. We don't need to try to influence our California friends and neighbors to vote for the Democrat. As the Sopranos would say, "Fuhgeddaboutit."

So what *should* we do locally this year? Well, 2008 is going to be a great year for Democrats in down-ticket races such as Congress, State Senate, and State Assembly. Many Republicans are itching to "throw the bums out" and are eager to hear from Democratic challengers. This has been proven in three special Congressional elections in recent months when Democrats won big in supposedly "safe" Republican districts in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Illinois.

You can help replicate these wins for Democrats here in Orange County. We have a chance to do something this year that we may not be repeated for a long while.

There are several wonderful local Democrats running for Assembly, State Senate, and Congress in Orange County. Each needs to persuade a large, but not unrealistic, number of Republicans to vote for them. Unlike many previous elections, in this cycle the Republicans are listening and many are open to the possibility of voting for a Democrat.

They're not going to do it, though, unless they get to meet that Democrat. And *that's where you come in.*

My mother, who was a member of this club and a long-time Democratic activist, once told me that a person

will rarely vote against someone they've met face-to-face. From my own experience I think she was right.

You can have a big impact on local Democratic races this year. You can put your friends and neighbors face-to-face with a Democratic candidate for State Senate, Assembly, or Congress. All you need to do is organize an informal gathering at your home, or the home of a neighbor, and invite your friends and your favorite candidate for a face-to-face opportunity. It's simple and inexpensive, but it's probably the most meaningful thing you can do to put more Democrats in office.

Here's the contact information for the Democrats running for partisan office in our area along with contact information. If you don't know which listed candidate is the one for your area, call and ask!

Congressional candidates

Ed Chau (CD 42): Aaruni Thakur at 714-595-8011
Bill Hedrick (CD 44): Anja Cardé at 951-789-8686
Steve Young (CD 48): Marion Pack at 949-640-4400

State Senate and Assembly candidates

Ginny Mayer (SD 35): 949-493-5604
Mike Glover (AD 70): 949-916-8935
Gary Pritchard (SD 33): 949-322-1379
Judy Jones (AD 73): 949-369-0172

The election this year is not just about the Presidency—it's about all the people we need representing us on many levels. This is a year for change everywhere. Be part of it by helping your friends and neighbors get to know a Democrat who wants to represent them in Washington or Sacramento!

Meeting Notes

Canyon Democrats Re-Launch

by Ann Joynt

A great group of enthusiastic Democrats turned out on May 19 for the first official meeting of the new Canyon Democratic Club at San Giovanni's Restaurant in the Dove Canyon plaza. "We actually had to move from the small front patio to the large patio in the back to accommodate everyone," said Frances Greenspan, one of the organizers. "It was wonderful to see so much interest in getting involved in the upcoming year and working in the Democratic campaigns."

Henry Vandermeir, President of the California Democratic Council (DCD), presented the club's bylaws and explained the chartering process. Elections were held and the following officers were elected by acclamation: Gary Kephart, Chair; Toni Sullivan, Vice-Chair; Ann Joynt, Secretary; and Frances Greenspan, Treasurer. Annual dues were set at \$24 for an individual and \$36 for family, prorated June through December.

Ron Shepston, one of the two candidates for the Congressional seat in the 42nd District, spoke about his background and his commitment to change in Congress. Ron is is running to replace Gary Miller, who has been a

Bush adherent throughout the past eight years. Ed Chau, who is opposing Ron in the primary, was unable to attend.

Bill Hedrick, the candidate for the Congressional seat in the 44th District spoke about his experience as an elected official in Corona. He had just returned from Fort Benning where he was visiting his son who is on furlough from Iraq. Bill's other son is expecting to be deployed to Iraq and his daughter-in-law has also served there. In addition to his views on the war, Bill has strong views about the need to rescind No Child Left Behind and return control to the states and local school districts. He advocates promoting

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Meeting Space in Jeopardy

THE MANAGEMENT AT EL ADOBE has notified us that SOCDC meetings are becoming unprofitable for them. Too few folks are purchasing the buffet dinner and/or ordering drinks.

Our meeting space at El Adobe is terrific and has suited us much better than anything else we've used in the past several months. We don't pay the restaurant to meet in their banquet room, as the intent was always that our food purchases would justify the room use. We don't want to lose this great space, so we'd like to find out why more people aren't purchasing the buffet.

If you attend our monthly meetings, either regularly or occasionally, do you eat the buffet or purchase a beverage? If not, would you please help us by answering this questionnaire?

I come to about _____ SOCDC meetings per year. I purchase the buffet about _____ times per year. I purchase a drink about _____ times per year.

I don't purchase the buffet or buy a beverage each time for the following reasons:

Name (optional) _____

Cut out and mail your answer to SOCDC, PO Box 3633, Mission Viejo, CA 92690 or email secretary@socdc.org. If you'd rather answer by telephone, call the club secretary, Judy Curry, at 949-951-8140.

greater efficiency in the healthcare industry in order to provide healthcare for those currently uninsured.

The two congressional districts split the area covered by the Canyon Democrats, but all agreed on the vital necessity of working for the candidates in both districts in order to effect changes in Washington.

Meetings will be the third Monday of each month at San Giovanni's. Check for current updates at www.canyondemocrats.org.

SOCDC Meeting Sparks Controversy: Both Sides Now

On April 8 SOCDC members heard from several individuals involved in the struggle to form an employees' union at Mission Hospital. United Healthcare Workers-West (UHW), the labor union that would like to organize the Mission Hospital workers, has been trying unsuccessfully since 2005 to persuade the Sisters of St. Joseph to allow the workers to vote on unionization. Following are letters from leaders on both sides of this issue: Sister Katherine Gray, Board Chair of the St. Joseph Hospital System; and Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder (with Cesar Chavez) of the United Farmworkers of America. Letters have been edited for length.

Response: Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

In 1912, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange came to California in response to the need for a school in Eureka. Since then, we have provided education, healthcare and social services in communities in northern and southern California. We have partnered with many individuals, nonprofit organizations and local governments to improve the quality of life in these communities.

I have been a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange for over 40 years; I have been a high-school teacher and administrator, director of religious education for the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Orange, and served in various capacities with the St. Joseph Health System. During those years, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange has stood with farm workers, janitors, and others in their efforts to seek recognition, higher wages or safer workplaces.

Recently, we have heard that some employees and members of the community have questioned our fidelity to Catholic Social Teachings as it relates to employees of St. Joseph Health System and their right to choose union representation. I take this opportunity to clarify our position.

The dignity of each person is at the core of our beliefs, and we are clearly committed to providing our employees with a fair and just workplace in every one of our institutions. We endorse and affirm the right of our employees to choose whether they wish to be represented by a union.

Leaders of hospitals that comprise St. Joseph Health System, as well as System leadership, have been approached by employees who have expressed interest in union representation. They have also been approached by workers who feel strongly that they do not want a union. Our responsibility is to respond to all our employees, and we have done so by making it clear that we endorse our employees' right to organize under the processes set out by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), which ensures a secret ballot election.

So where is the disagreement that prompts the allegation that we are not responsive to Catholic Social Teaching? The Service Employees International Union approached us three years ago and informed us that they wanted to organize all healthcare workers and would like to sign a "fair election agreement" as other systems did after extensive corporate campaigns. These corporate campaigns are designed to convince multi-hospital systems to sign front-end agreements that we believe give away the rights of employees to be informed by both sides and to exercise their right to choose in a secret election ballot as outlined by the NLRB.

We have arrived at our position through great thought and extensive conversations with employees, Catholic theologians, people at various levels of the labor movement and other interested parties. Our intention is to be true to our Mission and Values in all that we do and say.

Sister Katherine Gray, CSJ
General Superior, Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
Chair of the Board, St. Joseph Health System

Response: The Union Position

This summer marks the 35th anniversary of the brutal Grape Strike of 1973, when farm workers fought for and ultimately won the right to form their union with the United Farm Workers (UFW) in California. Among our many supporters were the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, who joined me and other farm workers on the front lines of the strike. These Sisters put their personal safety at risk by walking picket lines and even going to jail with striking workers. Today, these same sisters are blocking the efforts of healthcare workers at St. Joseph Hospital System (SJHS) to form their union.

Several caregivers are former farm workers who have moved from the fields to SJHS hospitals and clinics, where they now care for the sick and vulnerable. Over the last three years, SJHS workers have told me they are trying to form a union so they can have a real voice in the decisions that affect their patients, their families, and themselves.

I was deeply disappointed to find that public records indicate that SJHS has hired some of the most notorious union-busting firms to fight their employees. Meanwhile, government officials have cited SJHS for violating its employees' basic labor rights, including illegally firing, spying on, and intimidating workers who want to form a union. These heavy-handed tactics leave workers feeling threatened, intimidated and disregarded.

Last December, we held a vigil to call on the Sisters to negotiate a free and fair union election agreement with SEIU United Healthcare Workers-West, a union of healthcare workers. In March, I joined workers in a 24-hour protest of the closure of the last acute psychiatric rehabilitation unit at the medical center in Sonoma County—a decision made with virtually no consultation with the county or workers and which threatened 212 jobs. We renewed the call for direct talks so that healthcare workers can choose whether to form a union, free from fear and intimidation.

SJHS is a \$3.5 billion system of hospitals and clinics founded by the Sisters. They hold the controlling majority of SJHS's Board of Trustees and have both the legal and moral authority to negotiate a just resolution to this deepening conflict. By doing so, the Sisters can reclaim the proud legacy of their order and live up to the ideals of St. Joseph, the patron saint of workers. How can the Sisters support farm workers' efforts to form a union, but then fight their own employees for seeking this same basic right? Is there such a big difference between the people who feed us and the people who heal us? They both deserve respect in their jobs and the right to freely form their own organizations so they can represent themselves and communicate effectively with their employers about improving their workplaces.

Dolores Huerta
President, Dolores Huerta Foundation
Co-Founder and First Vice-President Emeritus, UFW

The majority of SOCDC members live within the Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD), but many of us have no school-aged children and don't follow school-district issues closely.

On June 24, a special election is being held in CUSD to determine whether to recall two of the district's trustees from office, and, if successful, with whom to replace them. We asked two local Democrats to give us their reasons for opposing or supporting this recall.

Whether or not you have children in CUSD schools, this is an important issue for our community. Please take time to study the matter and cast your vote on Tuesday, June 24. If you want to vote by mail for this election, applications are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/6ncefu> or by calling 714-567-7600.

—the editors

Recall Is the Solution

by Sharon O'Brien

The indictment and removal from office of James Fleming did not end corruption and poor management in CUSD. It exposed the incompetence and criminality that has been everyday business for over 15 years. The old-guard trustees worked closely with Fleming and continue to rule over this district without regard for its 51,000 children. The recall of Draper and Benecke can halt the destructive direction of CUSD. This change must occur before state budget decisions are finalized and before they lead the board into inflicting more irreversible damage.

Five of the many reasons why you should vote on June 24th to recall Benecke and Draper:

Extravagant District offices while students sit in old portables. The \$52 million spent on the district office could have been spent on schools. District leaders have admitted to misleading the public in how the building was funded. *Result: The Superintendent has a personal shower in his office, and kids at Newhart Middle School eat lunch on shower-room floors.*

No long-term strategic planning. Schools in decay have been ignored, while lavish expenditures are made elsewhere. *Result: Draper's primary attention has been to SJHHS, the state of the art school in her hometown. She has publicly claimed it will be her crowning achievement. She was the sole vote opposed to hiring a firm to assess all CUSD schools. Her daughter is CEO of the firm hired to complete the SJHHS environmental report—and wrote it herself.*

District Attorney investigations into violation of public meeting laws. Making public decisions behind closed doors is illegal and the District Attorney has found that the Board violated the Brown Act on countless occasions. The DA continues to investigate matters of CUSD. School boards making sound, intelligent and legal decisions do not need closed doors. *Result: The new trustees left meetings to avoid breaking the law.*

The state is in a budget crisis and decisions made now will affect the district for years. Important decisions on school funding at the state level are being made now. The decisions CUSD makes this summer will affect the success of our district. The Board has voted to increase class sizes 4 times in 7 years, and our children feel the impact every day. CUSD is at the minimum reserve requirement and has resorted to cutting basics. They are responsible for 5 years of deficit spending, including \$200 million spent on the district office and SJHHS. *Result: The election will cost \$600,000, and the money has already been spent. Draper and Benecke vote to spend millions at each meeting.*

Public service means honest, open and intelligent service to everyone. The public trust is gone; the ability to move on as a community cannot be accomplished without new leadership. We now have a district with vast inequities and has relied on parental infighting to distract from their mismanagement. *Result: The same week teachers and student-support personnel received RIF notices, the superintendent was awarded a \$60,000 pay increase after 6 months on the job. His salary is higher than both the state superintendent of schools and the governor's. Parents were asked to fundraise for teachers while majority board members focused on increasing the pay of top-level administrators.*

Reform Not Recall at CUSD

by Linda Verraster

The June 24th, 2008, recall election for two current CUSD Trustees represents a slippery slope for the students, parents, and teachers of the district. While there have been issues in the past concerning former Superintendent James Fleming and the previous group of trustees, a rush to oust Marlene Draper and Sheila Benecke six months before the end of their term is an expensive attempt to hijack the board majority.

The CUSD recall group, whose last three "A-B-C" candidates are currently seated on the board, are seeking to elect two additional members in the June election. This would mean that their candidates will run as incumbents this November should the recall election be successful. The potential for a 5:2 majority on June 25th should cause everyone to stop and think about the ramifications of that decision. Do we really want to go from one voting block of trustees to another?

The recall group is supported by those who espouse "values based education" and "parental choice," code words for faith based curriculum and school vouchers. This group also lacks respect for the role of the teachers' union in education. All these are ideas that sound appealing on face value to some. But ask your friends in the Vista, Orange, and Westminster school districts about the chaos that was created when the boards were taken over by groups on the extreme. Years of progress toward improvements or reforms were wasted while skirmishes over these issues overwhelmed the agenda.

The state budget crisis is reason alone to make sure that we have a balanced approach to the allocation of our education dollars. Steady, experienced leadership at CUSD with engaged teachers and committed families will be key to the future success of our students.

As appealing as it may sound to "throw the bums out," stop, think, take a deep breath and join me and the members of Capistrano Unified Education Association and vote NO on the CUSD recall on June 24th. Let's use this time to evaluate candidates who will represent all the families of CUSD. Reform, not recall, is the answer.

IN MEMORIAM

SOCDC Member and Former Supervisor Bob Battin

WE LOST A TRULY GOOD FRIEND and committed Democrat last month when former Supervisor Bob Battin died on April 29 at Hoag Hospital at the age of 79. Bob, who was a long time active member of this club, was



the only Democrat to serve as Orange County Supervisor until 2005. Viewed historically, his accomplishments were monumental as they established a course of actions for progressives in OC even to the present. Among his accomplishments, Bob initiated reform to property tax assessment procedures; "founded California's first consumer protection office; created the Orange County Registration and Disclosure of Lobbyist Ordinance; sponsored the smoking ban ordinance for county controlled premises; co-founded the Orange County Transit District; founded the Orange County Housing Authority; worked to preserve wetlands and beaches and keep them open for public use; sponsored a law to phase out lead in gasoline; and forced SC Edison to the Supreme Court to enforce pollution controls.

While Bob is often remembered for the 1976 malicious prosecution brought against him by the Republican establishment for occasional meetings in his office by his campaign staff (he was found not guilty of five of six charges and served 21 days in jail, while being released to come to work every day), we remember him most for his leadership, his active life and career, and his positive attitude.

As we enter the 2008 campaign battle ahead, we would do well to remember some of Bob's favorite aphorisms:

It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.

Whether you believe that you can accomplish something or not, you are probably right.

Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.

When you have financial success, you not only look good but your jokes are funny and you can even sing well.

New Members

Elizabeth Balsamo

Glenn Eisen

Jennifer McAteer

Patrons

Howard Adler

Bob Baker

Linda Baker

Ed Brooks

Mary Brooks

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Judy Curry

Michael & Leslie Davis

Bob and Sherry Donaldson

Jerry & Mary Elliott

Nonie & Bill Fickling

Edie & Jim Housley

Nancy Howell

Ann Joynt

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Susan Pyne

Fran Sdao

Ted & Pam Stamen

Ray & Alice Swanson

Octavia Tuohey

John Alkema & Linda Verraster

Ann & Roger Worthington

Juniel Worthington

Not Ready to Make Nice

Ambassador Joe Wilson Speaks at Ron Shepston Event



On a lovely evening down in the canyons next to Irvine Lake more than one hundred committed progressives gathered to hear the words of straight-talking Ambassador Joe Wilson. He spoke about this administration's gross abuse of power that we

have witnessed over the past eight years and summarized our role and the challenges ahead with the title of the Dixie Chicks award-winning song, "Not Ready to Make Nice." Whatever the issue that concerns us—the war, the deficit, the treatment of veterans, the economy, the price of gas—at the base of all of these problems is the systematic disregard for the rule of law and the cronyism of the administration. According to the Ambassador, the essential question is whether it is legal and proper to use the power of an elected office for personal and political gain and to wreak harm and havoc on one's own countrymen who are simply members of the political opposition.

Ambassador Wilson joked that he is now known as "Mr. Valerie Plame" and spoke about his and his wife's legal suit against Vice President Cheney and the government (Valerie Plame, you will recall, is the covert CIA agent who was outed by the administration in its

attempt to undermine the Ambassador's report that Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction. This case led to the indictment and conviction of Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the VP's Chief of Staff). Wilson expects that the case will eventually be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court; and his fondest dream, he says, is to hear the Vice President testify under oath.

The Ambassador reiterated the critical importance of the upcoming election and the need for a strong Democratic base at every level. In regard to the role of grassroots efforts like ours, he emphasized the need to talk about the issues. "Talk," he said. "Get rid of that old idea that it is impolite to talk about what is going on around you. Talk to your friends, your fellow workers, the people at church, the people you socialize with. Talk about the need for new directions and new ethics in government."

What we have seen so far in the primaries is only the mildest skirmish compared to what is to come in the next six months. We must be united and we must stand firm against right wing attacks. And, in south Orange County, we need to clean house of some of our Congressmen who hold lofty places on the "most corrupt" list and who have won reelection virtually unopposed for years.

The event was organized by Ron Shepston, candidate in the 42nd congressional district and his staff. We learned that Ethel Otchis, one of our active club members from Palmia, had arranged for the Ambassador to visit us. We all hope that he will return in the fall and that we can have five times the numbers to hear his good words.

Steve Young Gala Kicks off Campaign Season

A FESTIVE SUMMER SOLSTICE GALA at the Laguna Hills Community Center on Friday June 20th marks the official beginning of the campaign season and will set the tone for lively, enthusiastic and united support for Steve Young, our Congressional candidate in the 48th district. The event will feature a social hour and silent auction, dinner, entertainment, and dancing to the music of the Midnight Ramblers. Tickets and table sponsorships are available from Marion Pack, no later than June 13th, at 949-640-4400 or marionpack@cableone.net. More detailed information can be found on Steve's website at www.stevyoungforcongress.com.

Roy and Dorothea Love are hosting a table at this event. SOCDC members can buy tickets and sit together. They should contact Roy at roylove@cox.net if they are interested in sitting at the SOCDC table, but they should buy the tickets directly from the campaign.

Remember, whether you are in the 42nd, the 44th, or the 48th, all our candidates need your support. Steve Young has repeatedly demonstrated his leadership not only in the Congressional campaign but within the larger region of South Orange County. We vitally need him in Congress, and this is a fun and exciting opportunity to show our support.

Upcoming Events

June

7 Saturday 9am–1pm. Irvine: Steve Young for Congress, Campaign/Precinct Organizing Meeting at Steve's HQ, 101 Pacifica, Suite 100, in the Irvine Spectrum area at the corner of Pacifica and Barranca. Everyone in the 48th is urged to attend. RSVP to Marion at 949-640-4400 or e-mail at marionpack@cableone.net.

8 Sunday 12:30pm. Orange: David Sirota Presentation and Book Signing. Carpenters Union Hall, 1916 W Chapman Avenue. David Sirota will give a presentation and sign copies of his new book *The Uprising*. Admission, which includes a signed copy of Sirota's book, is \$35. For information call 714-835-5158.

10 Tuesday 6pm. San Juan Capistrano: June meeting of the South Orange County Democratic Club at El Adobe Restaurant.

12 Thursday 7pm. Santa Ana: June meeting of the Orange County Young Democrats at Bistro 400, 400 W. 4th Street.

16 Monday 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting. Rancho Santa Margarita: Canyon Democratic Club meeting at San Giovanni's Restaurant in Dove Canyon Plaza.

20 Friday 6:00–10:30pm. Laguna Hills: Steve Young official campaign kickoff Summer Solstice Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction. Laguna Hills Community

Center, 25555 Alicia Parkway. For details or contact Marion Pack at 949-640-4400 or e-mail at marion-pack@cableone.net.

21 Saturday 2 pm. Irvine: AU–OC Flicks for Thought presents *Friends of God: A Road Trip with Alexandra Pelosi*. Irvine Ranch Water District Multipurpose Room, 15600 Sand Canyon. For more information visit website at www.au-oc.org

21 Saturday 4–11pm, Silverado. 4th Annual Tree Huggers' Ball & "Go Green" Expo. 27912 Baker Canyon Road. General admission, \$35.00, \$60 per couple, Kids 6–12 yrs \$15, Children 5 & under Free! Parking \$3 per vehicle. For information email sprockethead@cox.net or phone 714-649-2820. www.treehuggersball.org

24 Tuesday. CUSD special recall election. Don't forget to vote!

25 Wednesday 7–9pm. San Juan Capistrano: Meet and Greet for Bill Hedrick, candidate for the 44th Congressional District, hosted by Emily Burke and Bob Cvitkovich, 28462 Via Ordaz. Please RSVP to emily.burke@cox.net or 949-488-0660. A great opportunity to hear from Bill and become more aware and involved.

29 Sunday 3pm. Anaheim: Orange County Democratic Bowl-a-Thon. Concourse Bowling Center, 3364 E. La Palma Avenue. Clubs across the county will join together to raise money for their respective clubs. Contact Henry Vandemeir at 949-218-6344 or president@cdc-ca.org for sponsorship forms and to sign up your club.

Democratic Clubs Bowl-A-Thon, Sunday, June 29

We need you! Teams from Democratic Clubs across the county will compete for the championship and prize money to benefit their respective clubs. We have one of the largest and strongest Democratic Clubs in the county and we should be well represented at this event. In fact, we should *win* it!

We need four bowlers to compete for the SOCDC. Are you a bowler? Now is not the time to be shy; step up and volunteer to represent us in this event.

Not a bowler? It is up to us as a club to recruit sponsorships amounting to \$1000. If twenty of us get \$50 in sponsorships, we will hit our target. But time is short, so we really need some volunteers to step up and begin getting sponsorships right away. Lori Vandemeir is our club's organizer and she will have sponsorship forms at the next meeting or you can contact her at lori@vandemeir.com or 949-218-6344.

Sixth Annual Orange County Flag Day Celebration

Come show your spirit on Flag Day June 14th from 1:00 to 3:00, or be really brave and give blood to the American Red Cross (starting at noon). A fun American lunch includes hot dogs and apple pie. Entertainment, speakers, and lots of good old-fashioned rah-rah. What a great way to spend a Thursday afternoon with fellow progressives. This event is sponsored every year by the 67th AD committee. Profits go to Fisher House and the Soldiers Project charities. The event will take place at the Elks Club in Garden Grove, at Trask and Newhope. Admission \$30; student \$15.

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South Orange County Regular Meeting

Tom Daly

Orange County Clerk Recorder

Tuesday, June 10, 7 pm

El Adobe Restaurant
31891 Camino Capistrano
San Juan Capistrano

Mexican buffet dinner available from 6 to 7 PM, \$14 per person

JUNE The speaker for our June meeting will be Tom Daly, Orange County Clerk Recorder and former Mayor of Anaheim. As the highest-ranking Democrat holding nonpartisan office in Orange County, Tom is often mentioned as a possible candidate for County Supervisor or a partisan office.

JULY 8 The speakers will be Steve Young, Democratic candidate for the 48th Congressional District; Judy Jones, Democratic candidate for the 73rd Assembly District; Ginny Mayer, Democratic candidate for the 35th State Senate District; and Gary Kephart, candidate for Director of the Santa Margarita Water District.