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DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CLAREMONT MEETINGS

FRIDAY ISSUES DISCUSSION – Zoom Meeting, 12-1 Fridays, Mel Boynton Organizer

During the month of December, as has been the long-standing club practice, there will be no 'luncheon' meeting on the second Friday, no Executive Board meeting on the third Saturday and no members' meeting on the final Friday

Holiday Party – Saturday December 13 (see details below)

OTHER MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Move Forward Calendar

Saturday, December 5, 10 AM -1 PM, the [IE Progressive Alliance Post-Election Webinar & Virtual Expo](#). To see the events and register, click on the link above

(http://www.ieprogressivealliance.com/2020postelectionwebinar?utm_campaign=2020_webinarinvite&utm_medium=email&utm_source=catalinaslist)

Monday, December 7, 7 PM, Indivisible Claremont/Inland Valley December General Meeting. They write, “Our general meeting last week was well attended and energetic. So much so that attendees asked that we host a December meeting instead of taking our normal holiday break. More information next week.”

Sunday, December 13, 7 PM, The Democratic Club of Claremont’s virtual holiday gala will honor Charlene Martin and Claremont Change. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88272464364?pwd=ejB3Y3Y2a25LVVVpRU9tdzZBQzllZz09> ,

Meeting ID: 882 7246 4364 Passcode: 326979.

Monday, December 14, Swing Left Inland Valley monthly meeting (a shorter work meeting). More information to come.

Other opportunities to help with the Georgia Senate runoff elections (thanks to our local Indivisible for this list):

Georgia Senate Run-offs: Volunteers needed and there are several organizations you can volunteer with to support both candidates:

Grassroots Democrats HQ: sign up [HERE](#).

Vote Forward will be launching a letter writing campaign for the Georgia runoff elections very soon. If you do not already have an account, go to <https://votefwd.org/> to sign up.

Georgia Postcard Project will soon be announcing their GOTV for the two runoff elections. Sign up at <https://www.gapostcard.org/>

New Georgia Project: <https://newgeorgiaproject.org/>

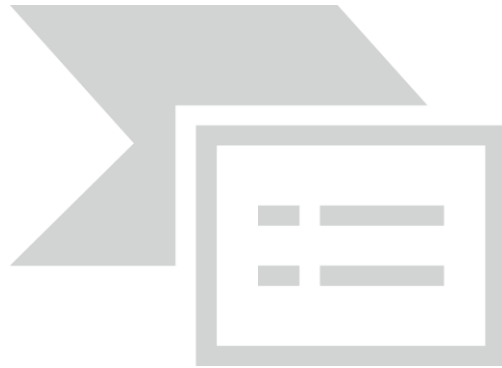
Stacey Abrams' organization, Fair Fight: <https://fairfight.com/>

More Georgia Run-off Volunteer Opportunities

Care in Action texting: <https://careinaction.us/join-our-texting-team>

Warnock for Georgia: <https://www.mobilize.us/warnockforgeorgia/>

Ossoff: <https://www.mobilize.us/electjon/>



DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CLAREMONT NEWS

From the Editor:

It is hard to remember that the election occurred just this month. We know with joy that Trump has been defeated. But his attempts to cancel the unmistakable outcome have colored the remainder of the month, until finally the courts found him without any case whatsoever. So we end the month with assurance that he will be gone come January 20th of next year.

Our attention is switching rapidly to questions about the incoming Biden administration. What will it be like? How will he, a long-standing centrist govern in a period calling for a great transformation in our social, economic and political lives? Who will be in his cabinet? Will there be serious infighting between the progressives and the traditionalists in the party?

Even more is occupying our attention: the fate of the Senate and consequently of the Biden administration's plans for redoing this country, even for returning it to something like it was before Trump and before the pandemic hang on what is going to happen in Georgia on January 5th. That date is more than a month away.

A long-term problem is currently under examination: what are we to do with the fact that over 73 million of our fellow citizens voted for a man so fully unfit to hold the office of President? What the answer to that is now, even in this time of greater crises, being worked out.

So we Democrats wait, knowing that the worst outcome failed, but with a very unclear future.

All that is a good part of the explanation for why this issue of the Voorhis Voice is so skimpy. No one is writing letters or essays – we are peering into the future and waiting to see what it brings. There is, on the other hand, the beginnings of analyses of why the various races, nationally and locally, turned out as they did; but the results of those analyses are still to come.

The Executive Board of the DCC is starting its own investigation of why local races turned out as they did. And once that is completed, the question will be what changes in behavior and organization are necessary for the future. You as members of the club, will be kept apprised of those developments.

Come to the holiday party (Zoom of course only) in which we will honor some very important Claremont Democrats. The details are below.

November DCC Programs

Members and guests of the Democratic Club of Claremont were presented with four on-line meetings and programs during November. Sam Pedroza was the zoom host while Merrill Ring (mostly) was the program host. Many of the programs can be reviewed on the club's YouTube channel. A summary of the month's offerings follows.

November 2: The final SLAM program was a review and summary of the entire series. The series was begun in support of a BLUEWAVE and covered various parts of the campaigns and election. Topics included polling, economic plans, foreign policy differences, analyses of the first presidential debate, interviews and endorsements of local Democratic candidates, the Democratic convention and ways of voting during the pandemic and the US

Post Office slowdown. At the end of the final program, Merrill's words of encouragement were "Do More!"

November 4: The "hopeful" BLUEWAVE celebration was three hours of anticipation as no winner in the race for president had been decided. During the event, hosted by Mel Boynton, Merrill and John Forney, individuals and local groups were recognized for their efforts. Hugh Wire organized the writing and mailing of 7,000 letters from members of Pilgrim Place to voters in swing states. Anne Thorward's stacks of letters were shown, as was a video created by Mel from cartoons and pictures sent to him. Sharon Cohen described the efforts of Swing Left as did Claudia Strauss for Claremont/Inland Valley Move Forward. Laura Bollinger, elected to the Citrus College Board of Trustees, thanked her supporters and expressed a desire to serve the community. Chris Naticchia, candidate for Claremont Unified School District Board of Education, spoke of the various issues that were attended to during campaign discussions. Although the BlueWave failed to materialize, the reality that our individual contributions were needed bolstered us.

November 13: The Gar Byrum Distinguished Speaker Series, aka the monthly Friday luncheon, gave Raymond Moya and Karen May a platform to discuss the efforts from volunteers and staff at the San Bernardino County Democratic Campaign Headquarters. The site provided meeting space and equipment used by both the California Democratic Party (CADEM) and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC). In compliance with the restrictions necessary to combat the covid-19 virus, campaign workers did not canvas, the most effective method of campaigning for Democrats. The second best method of campaigning, phone-banking, is not as effective, Moya and May said. They also shared that Q Anon and other disinformation machines cut into the Latino millennial vote. In the future, Democrats need to get smarter with micro-targeting and speak with voters in their native languages, especially Spanish and Vietnamese. Finally, the future, with Generation Z actively involved in politics, looks good.

November 30: Members meeting and nomination of officers for 2021 - 2023

Brian Gordon, an attorney, spoke on “Drawing Districts without Gerrymandering”. Gordon was motivated, especially in response to the election of the current president, to use his skills as a lawyer. Forming “Concerned Citizens for Democracy” with others, the group used the Pennsylvania Constitution as a guide to present a remedial map to the state’s court. The court followed through and set up district lines using a criteria of compactness rather than gerrymandering. As a result, while the previous representatives from Pennsylvania to the US Congress were 13 Republicans and 5 Democrats, the current seats are evenly divided. Mel Boynton, Nominations Committee Chair, presented a proposed slate of officers: Sam Pedroza, president; Chris Naticchia, Vice-President for Programs; Andy Winnick, Vice-President for Membership; Carol Whitson, Treasurer; Mike Boos, Corresponding Secretary and Carolee Monroe, Recording Secretary.

Annual Holiday Party

Democratic Club of Claremont 2020 Helen Myers Award honoring Charlene Martin

and
Claremont Change

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 7:00 PM -
8:30 PM**

Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88272464364?
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DCC President Sam Pedroza: WELCOME

Mel Boynton honoring Charlene Martín

Sam Pedroza honoring Claremont Change

VP-Membership Murray Monroe: Renew!

REMARKS

US Congress Member Judy Chu

State Senator Anthony Portantino

Angela Moreno, District Director: Supervisor Solís

Matt Lyons, Deputy District Director: Assemblymember Chris Holden

Claremont Mayor to be: Jennifer Stark

Councilmembers Ed Reece & Jed Leano honoring Larry Schroeder



Essays Etc. by Club Members



Letters from Club Members



Now YOU write!

Do so! Of course, newspapers have so many restrictions (especially space) that very worthwhile letters do not get published. But try! And if it doesn't get published there, send it to the VV and it most likely will be published here. (Or if it does get published, send it here also and have it published again.)



Or call & Complain (or Praise)

MEMBERSHIP: JOIN THE DCC or RENEW

We have no corporate sponsors. Your membership dues pay all DCC's expenses which include our meeting expenses, P.O box, club charter, storage space for our booths, publicity, political donations, support for the CHS Young Democrats, and events such as Claremont's July 4th celebration and Village Venture,. Take this opportunity to renew if you haven't already done so. *Just complete and mail this form.*

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