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## Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner and ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club Meetings



Thursday, December 5, at 6 p.m.

Huntington Medical Research Institute  
686 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena  
(Enter the parking lot from S. Raymond Avenue)



Everyone is invited to our traditional Holiday Potluck Dinner and the December meeting of ACT and ADC. Come enjoy your own delicious potluck dishes and socializing with your ACT and ADC friends and guests – from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Potluck assignments are:

**A-H ... Main dish**   **I-O ... Salad, vegetable or side dish**   **P-Z ... Dessert or fruit**

Please provide enough for six people and bring your own serving utensils. Beverages, plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils will be provided.

The meeting will begin at about 7:30 p.m. **Program:** The Research Committee reports on its candidate interviews and gives its voting recommendations. After discussion, the ACT Steering Committee will vote their recommendations. **Note: Only Steering Committee members vote on SC endorsement recommendations.** In partisan races all Arroyo Democratic Club members will vote on ADC endorsement recommendations. Then the recommendations of the Research Committee and the Steering Committee and ADC are printed on the Endorsement Ballot in the December *Phoenix* for voting by the entire membership.

Come for good food and fellowship and what is sure to be a stimulating discussion of our upcoming elections.



## Research Committee Candidate Interviews

The ACT Research Committee will be interviewing candidates for Pasadena Mayor, City Council, County Supervisor, and Pasadena City College Board of Trustees. ACT members are welcome to participate.

When: Saturdays, November 16 & 23 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Tuesday, November 19 (6 p.m.)

Where: Home of Marilee Marshall, 654 S. Madison Avenue, Pasadena

We will be voting on recommendations for endorsement consideration by the ACT Steering Committee and the ACT membership. In order to vote on any particular seat, you will need to be present to participate in all of the interviews for that seat. We will do our best to group them together dependent on candidate schedules, but if you are participating, please plan to participate for the full day. We will serve breakfast/lunch and have light refreshments throughout the day.

If you have a question you would like to propose for the candidate interviews or a topic you think we should address please send it to our Research Co-Chairs Marilee Marshall and Tim Wendler.

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## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by outgoing Co-Chairs Joanne Wendler and Darla Dyson, is working to find ACT and ADC officers and committee members for 2020-21. To start, they need to find two ACT CoChairs to replace themselves. (Barbara Paul will continue as a Co-Chair for another year.)

The Nominating Committee will be asking current officers if they are willing to continue, and if not, looking for replacements. (ACT tra-

ditionally has three Co-Chairs and three Recording Secretaries, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. ADC has a President and Vice-President, with the ACT Secretaries and Treasurer performing the same jobs for ADC.)

Do you wish to step up to fill any of these offices? If so, please contact Joanne Wendler at [joannewendler85@gmail.com](mailto:joannewendler85@gmail.com), Darla Dyson at [darla.dyson@gmail.com](mailto:darla.dyson@gmail.com) or Jon Fuhrman at [jon\\_fuhrman@outlook.com](mailto:jon_fuhrman@outlook.com).

Also let them know if you'd like to serve on any of the ACT committees: Computer/Webpage, Fundraising, Mailing, Membership, Program, Phoenix, or Research. We always need new folks and new ideas.



## ACT/ADC Webpage News

Our webpage at [actpasadena.org](http://actpasadena.org) has a newly created link to information about impeachment. Consisting largely of links to major news stories and documents, it can be accessed from the menu on the main page.

The menu item “Events and News” shows a further dropdown menu that includes the ACT/ADC Calendar that lists official ACT and ADC events as well as related political events. Included here are fundraising and other events in support of local candidates. This is not intended as an endorsement of any of these candidates. It is regularly updated.

In addition, the dropdown menu “Recent Political News” contains important legislative news relating to Pasadena Area lawmakers, Pasadena City political news, and a list of candidates for local offices. It also includes links to recent publications of the California Democratic Party and the Los Angeles County Democratic Party Weekly Reminders of items relevant to the LACDP.

Please send any suggestions/ comments /items to be included to [brucewright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brucewright@sbcglobal.net).

## My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



### Rabbi Marvin Gross

I just learned of the untimely passing of Rabbi Marvin Gross. Many members of ACT are familiar with Rabbi Gross as he chaired the Social Justice Committee of the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, was a founding member of POP who recently participated in the successful campaign to increase Pasadena minimum wage to \$15, and UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES (where one of their homes is called Marv's Place) an award winning supportive housing project for formerly homeless individuals in the Pasadena community.

Marv was one of the warmest, most caring individuals I have ever known and the Pasadena Social Justice community will miss him very much.



### 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

At the time of this writing (11/4) the Governor hasn't yet called for a special election to replace Katie Hill in C.D. 25, but it's expected that he'll use the March 3rd primary which also means that there will have to be a primary for that seat right around the end of this year. It's my hope that the Democratic Party settles on a single candidate and I think they will. Assembly member Christy Smith headquartered in Santa Clarita has announced she's running. She was described in the L.A. Times as being Katie Hill only 20 years older and I might add wiser. I understand that many of Katie's volunteers are already aligning with her. It's my hope that we can work with her campaign staff and repeat our success in getting out more than the 20,000 post-cards that we sent on behalf of Katie.

~ Ron Garber

## Progressive Discussion Group

PDG meets every first and third Friday of the month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., currently at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Avenue, Pasadena in the back Sun Room. Parking behind the restaurant can be entered from Cordova or Mentor. Please arrive a bit early to place a breakfast order; separate checks are provided.

The next PDG dates are November 15, with speakers to celebrate Native American Heritage Month, December 6, and December 20.

Ed Washatka is the PDG convener and Ron Garber is in charge of programs. Contact Ed at [ed.washatka@gmail.com](mailto:ed.washatka@gmail.com) or Ron at [ronagarber@yahoo.com](mailto:ronagarber@yahoo.com). Please let Ed know if you would like to receive meeting notices.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all meetings.



## ACT and ADC 2019-2020 Meeting Calendar

ACT Steering Committee and ADC meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings are called to order (again, usually) at 7:30 p.m. after time for socializing beginning at 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 5 (Holiday Potluck Meeting and Research Committee Report)

Wednesday, January 8 (Candidate Forum, endorsement decisions)

Monday, February 3 (Mock Iowa Caucus at El Torito)



## December *Phoenix* Deadline

The December *Phoenix* deadline is Sunday evening, Dec. 8. Please send items for publication to Chuck at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net). (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)

## Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Sunday, November 10.

Last Tuesday's election provided further confirmation of the trend we saw in 2018 – that suburban voters are moving away, not just from President Trump, but from the Republican Party generally, in increasing numbers and at an accelerating rate. We saw that in Virginia, in Kentucky, in the Philadelphia suburbs in voting for county commissioners, and elsewhere around the country. In Missouri, Democrats flipped a state legislative seat in a special election in the St. Louis suburbs. Even in Indiana, Democrats saw gains in suburban areas.

These ballot box results are exactly in tune with national and local polling, showing that the President, while holding on to a strong core, is seeing his influence erode at the margins. Further, our base remains energized and excited – witness the enormous margins Andy Beshear ran up in Kentucky's big cities.

(Also, in the early voting in Louisiana, where the Gubernatorial run-off election is next Saturday, Nov. 16, African-American voters seem to be casting ballots at historically high rates.) Thus, when the President's election depended upon winning key states by the narrowest of margins, this erosion bodes poorly for his reelection bid (assuming he survives his impeachment trial).

That's not to say Democrats romped to victory everywhere. Even in Virginia, Dems lost four State Senate races for which we had high hopes. In Kentucky, Andy Beshear won, but by the thinnest of margins, and Republicans won the other five statewide offices (Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, Treasurer, and Agricultural Commissioner, two of which were previously occupied by Dems) with margins ranging from 52% to 60%.

These Kentucky results are really quite interesting. President Trump carried the state by 30% in 2016; the incumbent Governor, Matt Bevin, had won with an 8% margin in 2015. Further, Bevin tried to make the election a referendum on the President, invoking the President's name and the specter of impeachment in every campaign speech, capping the campaign with a rally with the President himself outside Lexington on Monday night. Further, Bevin reveled in calling himself as a disruptor, like Trump, taking on the establishment (like the teachers and civil servants) come what may. So the election was, in no small part, a rejection of Bevin personally, but in doing so, Kentucky voters displayed a clear willingness to split their tickets, with significant numbers voting for Beshear but returning to the GOP ticket for traditional GOP candidates who lacked the personal abrasiveness of which Bevin was so proud. There is one other Kentucky politician whose approval polling is as low as Bevin's – and that is Senator Mitch McConnell. Now that Kentuckians have shown a clear willingness to reject extremism, and to split tickets, you can be sure that Dem-

ocrat Amy McGrath, the retired Air Force F16 pilot who has announced a challenge to Sen. McConnell, will see a substantial spike in her already prodigious fundraising (she had, by Sept. 30, already raised over \$10 million).

These electoral results may also intrigue a few other Republican Senators. Any consultant worth his or her salt has to be telling their GOP clients that, after Tuesday, they're facing a 5-alarm fire. There was a 15% point swing in Kentucky. Even if half of that was due to Gov. Bevin's uniquely toxic personality and record in office, that still leaves a 5 – 8% point swing, which is enough to wipe out 8 -10 GOP

Senate incumbents. Further, as our own Cong. Adam Schiff presides over televised hearings, and demonstrates his careful, deliberate prosecutorial style, homing in on clear evidence of abuse of office and obstruction of justice, who knows how much further public opinion will swing. Already, some polls show a narrow majority of voters supporting not just the impeachment inquiry, and not just impeachment

itself, but actual removal from office. So as more transcripts are released, and the televised hearings begin, watch for public reaction to what will be remarkably explicit testimony.

The GOP Committee members, particularly people like Jim Jordan who was just appointed to the Intelligence Committee, will try to discredit the process, the witnesses, the story, the Committee, the Chairman, and just about anything else toward which they can throw mud. It will be fascinating to see if their antics backfire, and actually turn the public further against the President (as I think they will). Their problem is that most of the witnesses are career officers or civil servants who have served multiple administrations, sometimes going back to the younger Bush and

even the elder Bush. They have never been involved in partisan politics. They have no political agenda. They have no personal agenda. And when Congressman Jordan begins firing at them, they may well fire back, in an ever so polite but deadly fashion.

While we are transfixed with the impeachment proceedings, and the Democratic Presidential primary, we actually have key local elections at the very same time. With the Mayor and four Councilmembers up for election, this could be a time at which Pasadena does a gut check and sets a new direction on several key issues.



As usual, for Pasadena politics, development, density and traffic seem to be center stage once again. There seems to be a general consensus that we want to keep the sort of diversity we have within the city, and that affordability of housing is a key problem, and that we need to do something about homelessness. On the other hand, we still pledge allegiance to the inviolability of our single-family neighborhoods, and we all complain about the increased traffic and congestion within the city.

Responsible leaders try to bridge those sets of concerns, but the election may be turning into a choice of one over the other.

Pasadena has long grappled with density and development. We thought we arrived at generally accepted guiding principles: no more development in single-family neighborhoods (like apartment buildings or condos replacing older houses); supporting rapid transit options, like buses and the Gold Line to encourage reduced use of cars; focusing both commercial (office and retail) and residential development (and encouraging mixed-use developments) along the transit corridor, so new residents and new workers would find it easy to

use rapid transit instead of cars to get to or from work or home; and using inclusionary ordinances to require a mix of very low and low income housing to be included in all new developments. These guiding principles are incorporated into our General Plan and the various Specific Plans as well as being reflected in our zoning map.

Pursuant to those very principles, we've seen quite a bit of development, and proposed development, whose individual impacts and cumulative impacts are generating substantial controversy, with that controversy being reflected in the various Mayoral and Council races. Citizens argue that we simply have too much traffic. The large development projects make things worse, no matter what mitigating measures they may propose. So regardless of the general plan, enough is enough. Just say no!

Yet, if we say no, how then do we tackle housing affordability? Where do we try to provide housing with wrap-around services to address homelessness and the ancillary needs of that population? What do we say to the State of California, which expects us seriously to address the quota of new housing units we are assigned under the SCAG regional plan?

The proposal for 550 new housing units on the Space Bank property is a perfect example of the conflicts we face. The Space Bank property (on the south side of East Foothill Bl. just west of Sierra Madre Villa) was a Navy research station, which experimented with torpedo fuels and who knows what else. The site is contaminated, and needs serious remediation. That's an expense way outside the City's budget. But a developer is proposing, at their own expense, and under the supervision of the State's Toxic Substances Control Dept., to remediate the site and then build 550 housing units, including a significant number of low and very low income units. The site is yards away from the Sierra Madre Gold Line station, which is good, but also yards away from

the 210 Freeway, which is not so good.

Unquestionably, there are positive and negative features to being that close to a freeway, but supporters would say this is exactly the sort of development we envisioned as we approved the General Plan (with the inputs of hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of Pasadena residents). It is consistent with current zoning, and if we don't put a major new development there, where else would we put it? Certainly not in the middle of Hastings Ranch. Where else will we get 550 new units, including affordable units, and if we want to make rapid transit options available and attractive to new residents, what better place than the Space Bank site?

Opponents question the environmental impacts of living adjacent to the Freeway, yet the Ellington Apartments are located only blocks away to the east, just as close to the freeway, and have been there for about 10 years. Further, anyone who chooses to rent in the new development would obviously see the freeway is only yards away. Also, looking at all the residential and apartment development done in the last 10 years in the central city corridor, much of it is nearly as close to the freeway as the Space Bank site, and there don't seem to be any significant negative health consequences obvious yet (to say nothing of the developments in downtown LA overhanging the freeway there).

Opponents also question whether the State will properly and competently oversee the remediation of the site. They submitted extensive comments, several of which were accepted by the State and incorporated into the testing plan, although their requests for substantially more time were rejected. But the essence of their argument is that the project shouldn't be built, that no remediation can be sufficient, and that the design is fatally flawed. In essence, they argue that Foothill Blvd. is critically congested on weekday afternoons (and, to

be fair, it clearly is), that there is nothing you can do to make it better, and that this project would make it exponentially worse, so take your 550 units and go someplace else.

These alternative views are finding expression in both the Mayoral race and Councilmanic races. Incumbent candidates have both the advantages of incumbency (name recognition, records of performing for the city or their districts) but also the disadvantages of being the bulls-eye for discontent and the targets of anger over any project (from road diets to maintenance of local parks) that annoys or inconveniences constituents. The real problems come when challengers complain without offering truly viable alternatives. We can't just say no. More development is coming, either under our control or by right when the State changes the laws to override local control and simply let developers put stuff wherever they want. Our challenge, then, is to make our own General Plan work, to mitigate increased congestion where we can (we can do much more with traffic signal synchronization, I think), continue encouraging and facilitating the use of rapid transit, and helping responsible developers to minimize their costs by eliminating bureaucratic delays and second-guessing.

~ Jon Fuhrman



## 2019 Fall Endorsing Convention – State Democratic Party

Friday-Sunday, November 15-17

Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center

**Presidential candidates are expected to attend - with the exception of Biden and Warren (as of 11/7.)** The agenda includes: finalizing the 2019/2020 Platform; ratifying endorsements of Congressional and legislative races; and a Presidential Town Hall. Please visit [Cadem.org](http://Cadem.org) for information and updates.

## New Venue for Democratic Debate

The sixth Democratic Debate will take place on Thursday, December 19 at Loyola Marymount University. The location was changed from a UCLA site because of a labor dispute.

The debate will be hosted by “PBS Newshour” and Politico. Qualifying candidates so far (as of 11/9) are former VP Joe Biden; Senators Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, and Amy Klobuchar; and South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg. To be included, candidates must have at least 200,000 unique donors and at least 800 donors each in at least 20 states. They also must have 4% support in four national or early state polls or 6% in two single-state polls that hold early primary contests.



## UDH Oktoberfest Success

Oktoberfest succeeded way beyond expectations – financially and as a fun event. Deserving of special thanks are Hoyt Hilsman, Joanne Wendler, Anne Wolf, Joe Pardee, Jon Fuhrman, John Gallogly, Mary Garripoli, the Pasadena Firefighters and a host of others. We now have a sound basis for a truly successful 2020 Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters.



Councilman Steve Madison (who received a UDH award at Oktoberfest) and John Gallogly.

## In Memoriam – Otis Spencer

Otis L. Spencer passed away at home with his family present on Saturday, October 19th. Otis had congestive heart failure and dementia issues. He had been under Hospice Care by EMANTE for five months.



Otis' last employment was with Kaiser Permanente as the Medical Group Administrator for the Kaiser Medical Center, Woodland Hills. He retired from the Navy in March 1974 as a Master Chief Hospital Corpsman. The family lived on Treasure Island at that time. He served on the Intrepid, an aircraft carrier now a museum on the Hudson River, two destroyers stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin 1965-1967 and one year at Da Nang Naval Air Station, Vietnam, 1968.

He is survived by his spouse Shirley of fifty-seven years, son Otis L. Spencer, Jr. and Tatiana of Warsaw, Poland, and daughter Serena Alexis Spencer of Pasadena, and four grandchildren, Wesley, Nolan, Sonia and Nicholas.

Otis and Shirley became ACT members after moving to Pasadena from San Bruno in December 1977.

We thank Shirley for sharing this sad news with us. We will miss Otis' laid back humor and all those interesting conversations. Our deepest sympathy goes to Shirley, Otis Jr. and Tatiana, and Serena and the grandchildren. We all share in this loss.



## Welcome New and Returning ACT Members

Char Bland, Pasadena

Aaron Milam, Pasadena

## In Memoriam – Ross Mitchell

We thank Muriel for calling to let us know that Ross (Ross Mitchell, MD) died on Monday, October 14. He had been experiencing severe back pain and was eventually admitted to Huntington. There they discovered pancreatic cancer that had spread to other organs and lead to his death five days later. He was 90.



Ross' profession was psychiatry, but we knew him best as a news and political junky (and a Democrat, of course.) He was opinionated and always with a new story to tell. As most of us can attest, his question upon meeting you for the first time was, "Do you play Bridge?" He certainly did!

Ross and Muriel, who married in 1965, were loyal ACT members. And Ross served on the Steering Committee for many years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Muriel and daughter Lisa and share in their loss. At Ross' request there will be no memorial service.



## Anti-Harassment and Workplace Violence Policy

ADC members voted to adopt a broad Anti-Harassment and Anti-Workplace Violence Policy at our November 7 meeting. It is quite detailed and too long to print in the Phoenix, so it will be put up on our webpage.



## Your Photo in *The Phoenix*

Share a high-resolution photo (of you) at an interesting place (whether near or far) with *Phoenix* readers. Send it to Chuck Hains at [hains27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hains27@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in an upcoming issue.



**From  
41<sup>st</sup> District  
Assemblymember  
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

Last month I had the opportunity to partner with the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to raise awareness of the opioid epidemic plaguing the country. We held a presentation at Wilson Middle School for educators and students in the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District. I also had the opportunity to recognize a Small Business of Distinction from each city in the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District for their positive impact in the community.

Most people don't realize how young adults ages 12-22 are most susceptible to opioid abuse when legally exposed to opioids through prescriptions for pain management following wisdom tooth removal, or through illegal diversions of these drugs from unused pills found in home medicine cabinets.

The accessibility to prescriptions drugs that can lead to a path of opioid addiction combined with the prevalence of new powerful opioids on the streets such as fentanyl has caused a spike of deaths throughout the country. In 2017, there were 49,068 overdose deaths due to opioids. In 2016, 2,012 people died in California due to opioid-related overdoses, doubling the deaths from the year 2000.

Thankfully, through opioid education we can save lives and create awareness to help put an end to this epidemic.

Below are the small businesses that were recognized in Pasadena, Altadena, Monrovia and South Pasadena as a Small Business of Distinction. Each of these businesses is making a positive impact in the community, contri-

buting to our local economy and providing valuable employment opportunities.

In Pasadena, it was a pleasure to meet the "recyclists" at Around the Cycle owned by Ryan Weaks. He has designed the business to make it easy for people to pass on their old bikes, parts, and gear which helps people save and make money, as well as conserve resources. Their business model helps create a healthier and more sustainable economy.

For 50 years the Little Red Hen Coffee Shop in Altadena has been owned and operated by one African American family, the Shay family. Today, the coffee shop remains true to the image it held 50 years ago and has always remained an integral part of the Altadena community.

Simply Divine Hair & Barber Salon in Monrovia, owned by Keshia Carter-Bowen, has been in business for over 20 years. She is dedicated to serving the community as she works with students from Monrovia High School through an apprenticeship program and participates in community events within the city and with Foothill Unity Center.

Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta in South Pasadena employs residents and students and donates to local and regional non-profit organizations. The owner, Jamie Inzunza, currently serves as Chair of the Economic Development Committee for the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

I look forward to staying in touch in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

~ Chris R. Holden

*Assemblyman Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland. He can be reached via his website at: [www.asm.ca.gov/holden](http://www.asm.ca.gov/holden) and fill out the contact form.*

**From  
25<sup>th</sup> District  
State Senator  
Anthony  
Portantino**



Dear ACT Members,

First things first! I hope you will all join me again this year for our 25th Senate District Holiday Open House and children's book drive. Once again, we will be taking over Art-sakh Street in Glendale for some food, cheer and entertainment. The price of admission is your favorite children's book which I will donate to a local school library. Join our entire team on the afternoon of December 15th.

Your 25th Senate District Team has been quite busy. We've had a number of senior scam stopper events throughout the district and we've held fire preparedness meetings in Burbank and Glendora. Our next Wildfire Town Hall will be a joint effort with Supervisor Barger. We are holding it on November 18th, 6:00-8:00 PM in San Dimas. I've also held several town halls and been speaking on mental health issues wherever I can. Recently, I was able to share my family's personal struggle with suicide at Burbank's Family Service Agency Gala. Once again, I was pleasantly surprised at the reaction from people once you bring mental health and depression out of the shadows -- which is why I continue to share the story of my brother's suicide.

Workforce development is something that should concern all of us as our economy has dramatically changed over the past 50 years while our educational system has largely remained static. I was very pleased to speak at the Inaugural Future of Work Conference in the San Gabriel Valley held at PCC. A terrific group of business leaders and educators took part in the all day conference discussing

strategies, legislation and local efforts to help our young people succeed in the 21st century economy and beyond. I will be continuing my efforts to help our education model evolve and to adapt to meet our future workforce needs.

Last week, I had the honor of presenting Vroman's Bookstore a Senate Proclamation commemorating its 125th year in business. Vroman's is the heart and soul of Pasadena and going strong. I hope we all continue to support our neighborhood bookstores throughout the district. Each of them plays such a vital part of our culture and need our support.

I'm headed for the Democratic Convention this weekend and hope to hear some of the major Democratic presidential candidates speak. The 2020 election is quickly approaching and we need to do our part to keep the blue wave rolling. Like many of you, I'll be watching our own Congressman Schiff conduct the impeachment hearings this week and hoping that patriotism replaces the lame pandering politics on display in Washington by far too many of the Republican House and Senate members. Adam has been doing an excellent job under immense pressure and unprecedented attacks from his colleagues and the White House.

On the family front, Bella's final club soccer season is coming to a close. Her senior soccer season will be beginning shortly. College applications are nearly complete which will trigger a fun selection debate in the house. I'm looking forward to a quiet Thanksgiving with all my girls home safe and happy. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, too.

Warmly,

Anthony



**Special Thanks to Sustaining  
Members**

Aaron Milam

## Celebrate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment ... Women Win the Vote

### Join Our Float in the 131<sup>st</sup> Rose Parade

It takes thousands of roses to decorate a 55-foot long and 18-foot wide float in the Rose Parade® presented by Honda. And our float will be covered with yellow roses to pay tribute to the women who struggled for 72 years to win Women's Right to Vote. To celebrate that victory, our rose vial program allows you to do the same. For **\$20.20 per vial** we will write the name of a person you want to honor on that vial, which will hold a rose and be on the float. Please send your info and check, and include your

name, Email, Phone, and address.

**Your people will be riding into history with us.**

Include the number of vials at \$20.20 per vial, and the names for each vial.


**Make checks payable to:** National Women's History Alliance — Add note in memo line (PC2020 Flowers)

**Send your information and check to:** Pasadena Celebrates 2020, P.O. Box 683, South Pasadena, CA 91031

Questions?: [volunteer@pasadenacelebrates2020.org](mailto:volunteer@pasadenacelebrates2020.org)  
**or order online at:** [pasadenacelebrates2020.org](http://pasadenacelebrates2020.org)

~ Susan Kane

## Membership Renewal

A red check  on your address label on this *Phoenix* means we are still looking for your 2019 membership renewal check. **IN ORDER TO VOTE ON OUR DECEMBER ENDORSEMENT BALLOT, YOUR MEMBERSHIP MUST BE CURRENT!** (If you pay your 2019 dues now, you will be credited for 2020 membership as well.)

You may use the form below, or renew online at [www.ACTpasadena.org](http://www.ACTpasadena.org). If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman at 626 864-5255 or [jon\\_fuhrman@outlook.com](mailto:jon_fuhrman@outlook.com).

**I'd like to join both groups for one low price!** (Checks payable to **ACT/ADC**)

\$40	Single	\$70	Single Sustaining
\$25	Each additional member per household	\$90	Double Sustaining
\$15	Student or limited income	\$150	Patron
		\$275	Benefactor

**I'd like to join ACT** (Checks payable to **ACT**)

\$35	Single	\$60	Single Sustaining
\$20	Each additional member per household	\$85	Double Sustaining
\$15	Student or limited income	\$125	Patron
\$20	Gift Membership (NEW!)	\$275	Benefactor

**I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club** (Checks payable to **ADC**)

\$35	Single	\$60	Single Sustaining
\$20	Each additional member per household	\$85	Double Sustaining
\$15	Student or limited income	\$125	Patron
		\$275	Benefactor

### Extra Contribution

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Account (for organizational costs)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total enclosed**

Name	Home Phone
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Mail to ACT, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074

Information you provide will be available to other members and endorsed candidates upon request.



## Calendar

- Nov 15  
Friday  
9 a.m. Progressive Discussion Group at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena.  
Also 12/6 & 12/20.
- Nov 15-17  
Friday  
- Sunday State Democratic Party 2019 Endorsing Convention at the Long Beach Convention Center. Visit Cadem.org for details and updates.
- Nov. 16, 19  
& 23  
Saturdays  
9 am-5 pm  
Tues., 6 pm Research Committee Candidate Interviews at the home of Marilee Marshall and Bruce Wright, 654 S. Madison Ave, Pasadena.  
See details on page two.

December 5  
Thursday  
6 p.m. ACT and ADC Holiday Potluck Meeting at the HMRI Auditorium, 686 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena. Parking lot entrance on S. Raymond Ave. Potluck at 6 p.m.; meeting begins 7:30 p.m. See details on front page.

Dec. 19  
Thursday 6th Democratic Presidential Debate at Loyola Marymount University hosted by "PBS Newshour" and Politico.

January 8  
Wednesday ACT/ADC Candidate Forum

January 13  
Monday  
7 p.m. UDH Steering Meeting at the home of Karen Wingard, 737 S. Magnolia Ave., Pasadena.



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