

REDLANDS AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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President's message

Synchronizing our thoughts

Can you imagine our club with 500 active members? Thanks to an invigorating retreat the Executive Board attended in March, I can. Perhaps 500 sounds like too many people to you (how would they all fit into the back room of Napoli's anyway?), but the takeaway message from our retreat was not so much about reaching that precise number as it was about envisioning what our Democratic Club could become if we approached our recruiting, advocacy and communications differently. So we began the retreat re-thinking the size of our membership and towards the end we were re-thinking the role and impact our club would have on the voters, representatives, and decision makers in the Redlands area.



Our retreat facilitator was **Hans Johnson**, president of Progressive Victory, a consultancy based in Washington, D.C. Johnson also has a local presence to which our Board members could relate: He runs a Democratic Club in Los Angeles County. Johnson has advised organizations and campaigns in every state of the union, and has a winning record in coordinated, community-based action fueled by knowledge of the local and national political landscapes. The club Johnson runs already has 300 members. We learned that piece of information early in the retreat, after which we learned and soaked up as much as we could about how his club grew to that size.

Needless to say, the retreat was a fabulous success. As you participate with your committee work, you will hear the influence of ideas and suggestions from Board members who



Board members after the retreat. Front Row, L-R: Nancy Blasos, Les Greenberg, Dianne Landeros, Christine Roque, Hans Johnson. Second Row, L-R: Carole Coley, Kristin Washington, Roger Bell, and Dick Tully. (Not pictured: Ron Hattis.)

may sit on the committee with you. For instance, they may recommend ways to reach more people in the community.

I hope you'll embrace these ideas even though they may initially sound a little foreign.

All members will have a chance to hear from Hans Johnson directly, as he is scheduled to be the speaker at our June general club meeting. I hope you'll join us at the June meeting for an opportunity to be truly inspired and energized!

Kudos to **Dianne Landeros** for graciously hosting the retreat at her home and for recommending Hans to us. Kudos, too, to **John Coley** for taking time from his day to deliver our lunches. And a special thank you to the entire Executive Board members for participating in the retreat.

Kristin Washington
RADC President

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RADC Voices

Club Treasurer **Carole Coley** shares her voice with us on:

"Why We Won't Go to Indiana"

John and I have been members of Kiwanis International for 18 years. This year KI is celebrating its 100th anniversary at its annual convention, which we usually attend. This year the convention is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana where KI is headquartered. We were excited about the prospects of traveling there, hooking up with old friends, and celebrating an organization that has done so much for children—here and worldwide. We had paid our registration, secured lodging, and arranged to purchase plane tickets through our travel agent. And then...

We cancelled. Everything. We won't go.

We don't want to spend our money in a state where so-called 'religious freedom' laws cover for outright bigotry. Although the governor has since agreed to 'fix' the law, it's just too little too late and the new law does not go far enough for us and many others.

Excluding members of the LGBT community is no worse than excluding African Americans. The fight for inclusion in places of public accommodations did not come easy.

As a 16-year-old college freshman in West Virginia in 1959 a few of us formed a group called "WE", which stood for World Equality. After rigorous trainings provided by CORE (Congress on Racial Equality), we held sit-ins, attempted to integrate the movie houses, swimming pools, and wherever we were excluded. I recall calling my father who at that time was the county's assistant prosecuting attorney with a private practice as well. Because many of our "WE" members had been jailed, I asked my dad for bail money and to come with his colleagues and help. The first thing he asked was, "Well, why aren't YOU in jail?"

Back to Indiana.

I am not a believer in organized/institutionalized religion. In my opinion that it has done more to separate people (and their money) from each other, almost as much as Jim Crow laws. There remains some Christian fundamentalist ideologues and others who still believe that Blacks were cursed. You see, this is how they justified slavery as having God's favor.

What if you and your spouse of another race were in Indiana trying to secure hotel lodging? The Christian fundamentalist hotel clerk or owner could deny you service because of 'the curse', which included 'race-mixing,' they believe.

What if you were a Muslim in Indiana and denied admission to a theater because the Christian fundamentalist theater owner believes that the Qur'an conflicts with the Bible?

What if you were a Jew in Indiana and refused service because you were wearing your Yarmulke? You might be denied service or a hotel accommodation because you don't believe in Jesus Christ as the Savior as Christians do.

I see my LGBT sisters and brothers sharing the same fate and I did and, in some cases, still do. I won't tolerate it and you shouldn't either, regardless of what religious beliefs, if any, you hold. Remember, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared, "We as a people..." not we as blacks only.

I applaud the businesses who are considering changing or threatening to change their venue from Indiana to other states that may be more inclusive of all citizens. My money won't be spent there and Indiana gets no second chance from the Coleys!

Trust me. **This issue goes far, far much deeper than gay weddings.**

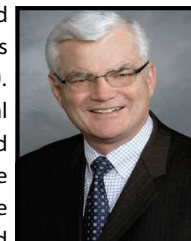


**Dear Indiana,
In case you missed it, we've already
had this conversation. You don't get
to decide who sits at the lunch
counter.
Love, America**

April RADC program speaker

The speaker for the April RADC Club meeting is former Riverside Mayor, Ronald O. Loveridge. He will speak on "*The importance of Sustainable Cities to the Inland Empire*".

Ronald O. Loveridge has 33 years of public service – as a Riverside Councilmember beginning in 1979 and as Mayor from 1994 to 2012. He is a highly regarded regional, state and national leader. At the national level, he was very involved on the Executive Committee and Board of the National League of Cities, making policy calls and decisions on behalf of some 19,000 cities and towns across the nation. He also served as President of the National League of Cities in 2010. Mayor Loveridge is a member of the National Academy of Public Policy. His statewide and regional service has included Board roles on the broadest array of important organizations: The California Air Resources Board, California Forward Action Fund, California Competes, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Southern California Association of Governments, Western Riverside Council of Governments, and Inland Empire Economic Partnership.



A Stanford doctoral graduate, Mayor Loveridge teaches an extremely popular political science course at UC Riverside. Loveridge's research investigates urban politics and public policy, particularly environmental policy. He is the author of *City Managers in Legislative Politics* (Bobbs-Merrill, 1971). His research has appeared in *Polity*, *Environment and Behavior*, *California Air Environment*, and *Cry California*, as well as several edited volumes.

~ CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION ~

Due to a conflict, the April meeting location has been changed. The April meeting will be held at THE MITTEN BUILDING, 345 N 5th St, Redlands, CA 92374. The meal will be the Unlimited Sandwich Bar. The meal price is \$17.00 (including tax and gratuity) All diners will need to pay Treasurer Carole with the exact amount in cash or by check made payable to RADC, as a club check will be issued.

Please support the George Brown Legacy Project

Please join me in Redlands on Saturday, May 9. Support my late husband's archives and celebrate his continuing legacy.

Will you join me on Mother's Day weekend in Redlands for a special reception? I invite you to come.

George used to talk about the years he spent as a kid in this city. His father and uncle worked to construct the university. How very fitting that is. Access to higher education is a cause that defined George's life and public service, from junior college to UCLA to the state legislature and his four decades in Congress and his work for international peace through academic exchange.

To join the event host committee, at the \$150, \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 level, please call **323-807-2785**. To get ticket(s) for this event, at \$50 each, please click on the email below:

Marta_Brown_George_Brown_Legacy_@mail.vr_esp.com

In your email, please include the number of guests and your method of payment or your credit card information. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Thanks to you and hundreds of supporters, we are on the brink of opening to the public the George Brown Archives at UC, Riverside, an institution George loved and took pride in. Archivists are now sorting that trove of knowledge from his 37 years as a leader on the most important issues of the late 20th Century: civil rights, space exploration, nuclear weapons, international cooperation, computer technology, food safety, science education, environmental pollution, government secrecy, domestic surveillance, equality for women and LGBT people, immigration reform, climate change, and many others.

Your support for George's archives will ensure they shed light on leadership and scholarship for our region and the world for decades to come.

I really hope you plan to join us and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Marta Brown

Steering Committee Member,
George Brown Legacy Project

GEORGE BROWN
LEGACY PROJECT
Establishing the George Brown Archives

YOU ARE INVITED
to a springtime reception

with
Dianne Landeros * Gloria Harrison * Marta Brown
Robert Armenta * Sam Crowe * Judy Jacobs
Chris Robles * Carol Robb * Elaine Rosen
Carole & John Coley * Leland Lubinsky
Kathy Bryan * Maggie Hawkins
and
Remarks by special guest Congressman Pete Aguilar

SATURDAY, MAY 9
3 TO 5 P.M.
1368 PROSPECT DRIVE
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA 92373

In support of the archives of the late, great California
Congressman George Brown, established at the
University of California, Riverside

a matter of conscience



George Brown



*George Brown (1920-1999)
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Congress 1963-71 & 1973-99.*

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From left: Host Dianne Landeros, Congressman Pete Aguilar, and Hon. Gloria Harrison

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Keeping tabs on Pete

Volunteer Firefighters' Healthcare

Passage - Vote Passed (415-0, 17 Not Voting)

The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would clarify that qualified services rendered as a bona fide volunteer to an eligible employer do not count as employee hours of service for the purposes of the employer mandate under the 2010 health care overhaul.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted YES

EPA Rule-Making Guidelines

Passage - Vote Passed (241-175, 16 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would prohibit the EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule or other covered action unless all scientific and technical information used to decide upon the rule is made available to the public so the research can be independently analyzed and reproduced.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

NLRB Case Representation Procedures

Passage - Vote Passed (232-186, 14 Not Voting)

The House passed a joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval and nullification of the National Labor Relations Board rule relating to case representation procedures.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Fiscal 2015 Homeland Security Appropriations

Motion to Recede and Concur - Vote Passed (257-167, 9 Not Voting)

The House agreed to a motion made by Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho., to recede from the House amendment and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 240) that would provide \$47.8 billion in fiscal 2015 for the Homeland Security Department and related activities. The motion cleared the bill for the president.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted YES

Amtrak Reauthorization

Passage - Vote Passed (316-101, 15 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would reauthorize Amtrak through fiscal 2019, and restructure funding according to Amtrak's major lines of business. It would authorize funds for Amtrak operating expenses in the Northeast corridor at the following levels: \$439 million for fiscal 2016, \$464 million for fiscal 2017, \$480 million for fiscal 2018 and \$498 million for fiscal 2019; and for Amtrak operating expenses within the national network at the following levels: \$973 million for fiscal 2016, \$974 million for fiscal 2017, \$985 million for fiscal 2018 and \$997 million for fiscal 2019.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted YES

Fiscal 2015 Homeland Department Continuing Resolution

Passage - Vote Failed (203-224, 6 Not Voting)

The House rejected a joint resolution that would make further continuing appropriations for the Homeland Security Department for fiscal 2015. The measure would extend funding for the department for three weeks, through March 19, 2015.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Education Savings Plan Expansion

Passage - Vote Passed (401-20, 11 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would permanently expand the use of "529" educational savings plans by allowing tax-free distributions for students to buy computers and software. It also would eliminate the requirement that multiple 529 accounts held by a beneficiary be

treated as a single account and exempt from taxation any amounts that are refunded from colleges as long as the beneficiary re-contributes the funds back into a 529 account within 60 days.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted YES

Healthcare Overhaul Repeal

Passage - Vote Passed (239-186, 8 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would repeal the 2010 health care overhaul. The bill would delay the repeal by 180 days after enactment and direct several House committees to submit alternative legislation with a number of provisions, including ones to increase economic growth by eliminating certain regulations; lower health care premiums through increased competition; overhaul the medical liability system; and provide states greater flexibility to administer Medicaid programs.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Small Business Regulatory Revisions

Passage - Vote Passed (260-163, 10 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would give the Small Business Administration new authority to ensure that federal agencies comply with a 1980 law requiring that they be flexible in taking regulatory actions that affect small businesses, including by getting more directly involved with an agency's reviews of proposed rules and requiring SBA to convene panels of small entities to review rules proposals.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted YES

Liquefied Natural Gas Exports

Passage - Vote Passed (277-133, 23 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would require the Energy Department to make a decision on pending applications to export liquefied natural gas within 30 days of the bill's enactment or at the end of the public comment period, whichever is later. Under the bill, applications would have to publicly disclose the countries that would receive the proposed exports.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted YES

Gas Pipeline Permit Deadlines

Passage - Vote Passed (253-169, 11 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve or deny a natural gas pipeline project within one year after receiving a completed application. Federal agencies responsible for issuing permits would have to issue a ruling within 90 days of when FERC issues its final environmental statement for the project.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Federal Abortion Funding Ban

Passage - Vote Passed (242-179, 12 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would permanently prohibit the use of federal funds, facilities or staff to provide abortion coverage and services, except in cases of rape or incest and for saving the life of the woman. It also would prohibit individuals and small business from receiving federal subsidies and small businesses from receiving federal subsidies and tax credits under the 2010 health care overhaul to purchase plans that cover abortions.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Rulemaking Process Overhaul

Passage - Vote Passed (250-175, 8 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would modify the federal rulemaking process by requiring agencies to estimate the cost of proposed regulations and consider new criteria, including potential costs and benefits of alternatives. The bill would create additional steps that

Keeping tabs on Pete, cont'd.

agencies must follow when proposing major rules with annual costs of more than \$100 million, or high-impact rules with annual costs of more than \$1 billion, including an advanced-notice comment period to determine whether the rule-making process should proceed.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Healthcare Employer Mandate

Passage - Vote Passed (252-172, 5 Not Voting)

This bill would modify who is covered as a full-time employee under the employer mandate in the 2010 health care law by replacing the 30 hour-a-week threshold with 40 hours per week. It also would change how companies calculate how many of their employees can be counted under the employer mandates' 50-employee threshold.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Keystone XL Pipeline

Passage - Vote Passed (266-153, 1 Present, 9 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would immediately allow TransCanada to construct, connect, operate and maintain the pipeline and cross-border facilities known as the Keystone XL pipeline, including any revision to the pipeline route within Nebraska as required or authorized by the state. It also would consider the January 2014 environmental impact statement issued by the State Department sufficient to satisfy all requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Rep. Pete Aguilar voted NO

Information provided by Ande Spencer

RADC committee reports

GOTV COMMITTEE (*Get Out the Vote*)

The GOTV committee met on April 12. Attending were Dianne Landeros, Ron Hattis, Lorraine Enriquez, Nancy Blastos and Kristin. Yearly goals were set:

- 1) Work on voter registration for 2016.
- 2) Focus on Loma Linda and asking Justin Kim for help.
- 3) We discussed working on the North side but we were unable to make a viable plan and will continue to brainstorm.
- 4) Find viable candidates to run for the state assembly and senate, as well as local offices: city council, water conversation board, school board, and other varied positions in Redlands. Ron will look into current public offices and inform us of availability at our next meeting. Diane suggested we try to recruit from associations such as AAUW, Conservancy, perhaps Family and Children Services. Diane belongs to AAUW, Roger belongs to Conservancy, Nancy at Child and Family Services.
- 5) Increase our awareness in all areas and try to increase our membership and find possible Democrats for office.
- 6) Set up voter registration in local colleges. Nancy will go to Crafton, explore Young Dem Clubs and get permission to register votes. Lorraine will go to Valley College and explore the same. We will also look into environmental groups on campus. Nancy will also investigate Redlands High School and UOR. Nancy was elected as head of this committee so give her some love and send suggestions to explore. We need more members. We need more Dems in office. We need to stand up to injustice and corporate greed. Let's take those nasty Koch's down a peg or two!

(reported by Board Liaison Nancy Blastos)

LEGISLATION AND ADVOCACY

The following bills and initiatives were considered by the RADC Executive Board, and the positions recommended by members of the Legislative/Advocacy Committee were approved by Executive Board April 12, 2015 as RADC's positions on current state legislation. The links are to the full text of the latest versions, as available online at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

SB 3 (Leno) would increase the minimum wage, first by raising the currently required \$10/hour to \$11/hour by January 2016, then by adding an additional raise to \$13/hour by July 2017, and an annual increase for inflation starting in 2019. Support position approved.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_3_bill_20150311_amended_sen_v98.pdf

SB 32 (Pavley) would set a target for greenhouse gas emissions of 80% below levels of 1990, by the year 2050. Support position approved, with limited action.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_32_bill_20150316_amended_sen_v98.pdf

SB 350 (DeLeon and Leno) would set a target of electricity from renewable sources of 50% by the end of 2030. Support position approved, with limited action.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0301-0350/sb_350_bill_20150224_introduced.pdf

SB 358 (Jackson) would promote women's wage equality. Wage equality could be determined by comparisons beyond the company in question. Gag rules on sharing salary information would be prohibited, as would retaliation for complaints. Support position approved.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_358_bill_20150224_introduced.pdf

AB 669 (Daly) would require employers to pay tipped employees the difference between actual tip receipts and \$15/hour. "Watch" position approved.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0651-0700/b_669_bill_20150225_introduced.pdf

AB 700 (Gomez, Levine) would require identification of top three contributors to video and top 2 for audio ads for initiatives. Support position approved.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0651-0700/b_700_bill_20150225_introduced.pdf

In addition, two potential initiatives were considered. They have not yet qualified for the 2016 ballot, and so do not have proposition numbers for reference.

The plastic bag ban bill, which RADC supported, passed and was signed by the Governor, but has been placed on hold pending an initiative to repeal it. Opposition to the initiative was approved, should it qualify for the ballot.

A "Sodomite Suppression Act" initiative is being circulated, which would call for homosexuals to be killed. Opposition to this initiative was approved, should it qualify for the ballot.

(Researched and reported by Board Liaison Ron Hattis)

RADC committee reports, cont'd.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee will be meeting within the next two weeks to discuss holding a Saturday mixer at the Olive Market patio during the summer months in an attempt to attract younger members (under 50). Also on the agenda for this meeting will be a discussion on how to attract underserved minorities, dues categories, readjusting the new member application, effective use of business cards, and recommendations for a new RADC brochure.

As of this writing, membership for RADC totals 44 paid members.

(information provided by Board Liaison Carole Coley)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27. The committee finalized a list of topics to cover over the course of the next year or more. We also came up with some suggested speakers for those topics and who would contact the speakers for those topics. This is what was decided:

Common Core—Prose and Cons

Speaker: Bill Hedrick. Nancy White will contact.

What Makes Cities Work

Speaker: Ron Loveridge. Val Lichtman will contact.

GOTV Strategies

Hans Johnson (June) – Dianne Landeros will contact.

Citizens United

Speaker: John Smith – Dianne L. will contact.

Fracking

Speaker: Monter Hempel (if he's unavailable, we will find ask someone from Food and Water Watch)– Lorraine Enriquez will contact.

Fair wages

Speaker: Carla Salazar – Lorraine will contact.

Physician assisted suicide

Jane Roberts has offered to speak on this.

The Militarization of Police

Speaker: Jim Bueermann. Dianne Landeros will contact.

Climate change

Judith Ashton: Roger Bell will contact.

James Ramos

Kristin Washington has already invited him to speak, possibly in the fall.

Voter registration in San Bernardino County

Speaker – The Registrar of Voters. No contact person designated.

We agreed to each try to identify potential speakers for the following topics and to bring those names to the next committee meeting:

Tension between police and racial minorities or regional areas

The Isis dilemma

The future of unions

The erosion of voting rights

Mass incarceration and other unjust incarceration*

*(We will try to get someone from ACLU, possibly for July meeting)

Transatlantic Trade Partnership (TTP)

(information provided by Board Liaison Dianne Landeros)

Get and Stay involved

Many of you who receive this newsletter by email may be a former member of RADC who has not yet renewed your dues for 2015. Payment of your dues gives you the opportunity to vote on critical issues that may arise in our organization. If you are not current on your dues, you cannot vote.

Others who receive this newsletter may not even be members of RADC. If not, we urge you to join now and make a difference. Here are some of the benefits of membership in the Redlands Area Democratic Club:

- ◆ *Meet other people who share your Democratic values and world view.*
- ◆ *Hear important, relevant political discussions that affect each of us.*
- ◆ *Develop strategies to elect more Democrats.*
- ◆ *Become a more effective community leader.*
- ◆ *Engage in opportunities for thoughtful activism.*
- ◆ *Campaign for Democratic candidates.*
- ◆ *Become informed on Democratic events and training opportunities.*
- ◆ *Get and stay energized.*
- ◆ *Advocate for Democratic positions and progressive causes.*
- ◆ *Enjoy fun social activities.*
- ◆ *Or, just join to learn more about how effective you can be!*

How many...?

How many RADC members does it take to effectuate positive and progressive change? ALL OF US PLUS MORE!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ANY COMMITTEE



Sign the pledge

Koch industries and its subsidiaries are expansive—their holdings include everything from gas stations to pipelines, paper products for everyday use, greeting cards, chemicals used to make materials, and the fabric that makes your clothing.

With an interest in almost everything and status as the number two privately held company in the country—behind Cargill—Koch industries is a behemoth that is hard to avoid. But knowledge is power and your dollar is your vote. We can become informed purchasers and refuse to support their political agenda by refusing to purchase their wares.

Do some research. Visit Koch Industries, Invista, and Georgia-Pacific to see their broad range of products for home, business, construction, clothing manufacturing, farming materials, and chemical additives. They are into almost everything—including fiber optics!

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RADC members in action

We, **Nancy Blastos** and **Lorraine Enriquez**, are trying to advocate for Democratic principals. On Thursday we went to Pete's office in Rancho to deliver two articles on Net Neutrality with a sign, "Save the Net". We know that the Republicans are trying to reverse the decision and will work very hard to merge Comcast and Time Warner. Imagine not being able to work on grass roots issues with a controlled internet: no way to organize and fight the 1%.

On Saturday, we went to the AFSME Union Hall in Bloomington to hear Pete Aguilar and Norma Torres explained their positions on the TPP and we urged them to reject it. This would ship jobs overseas, allow unlimited fracking and complete control by big corporations: Big Oil, Big Pharma, etc. While we do not know how they will vote, we expressed our concerns. Gotta' say those Union meetings are rough. Lorraine and I feared for our lives, but no fisticuffs erupted. We are also attending city council meetings to find out local politics. One fact we learned is that the city has hired a consultant to groom and care for Hillside Cemetery to prepare for new customers at the cost of \$80,000. An inside job no doubt but you will be well cared for us in the afterlife.

We are 'Fracktavists' and had an anti-fracking booth at the Sustainability Fair.

So if you feel like kicking up your heels and kicking a little butt, give us a call and we will set you up.

Information provided by Nancy Blastos

Upcoming events



Thursday, April 16, 23, 30 (Unless otherwise notified)

Weekly Salon at the home of Dianne Landeros. Join in for lively political discussions from 10:30 a.m. 'til 12:30 p.m. Please bring a potluck dish to share or leave a donation. Feel free to bring a friend. Please contact Dianne for more information or email redlandsdems@gmail.com with Salon in the subject line.

Saturday, May 9

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

George Brown Legacy Project reception will be held at the home of Dianne Landeros (see page 3 for all information).

Friday through Sunday, May 15-17

California State Democratic Convention
Anaheim Convention Center
800 W Katella Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802

In 2014, California Democrats once again swept all constitutional statewide offices and even added a new Congressional seat to our U.S. House delegation – all during a year that saw Republicans gain across the nation. In 2015, we're ready to push back against the Republicans and that starts with holding the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Barbara Boxer.

RADC members won delegate seats to the convention: **Kristin Washington, Dianne Landeros, Don Singer, and Mike Saifie.**

For more information about the California State Democratic Party, click here or visit: <http://www.cadem.org>

Saturday, May 16

The regular monthly meeting for RADC has been cancelled due to the State Convention.

Saturday, June 20

Monthly RADC Meeting
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch / 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Meeting
Napoli's Italian Restaurant
24960 Redlands Boulevard, Loma Linda, CA 92354

Hans Johnson, facilitator for our recent RADC Board retreat, will present at this meeting (see page 1 for info on Hans).

Contribute your opinion on any topic to our newsletter. Speak what's on your mind about today's issues that affect all of us. Your help is needed in making *The Progressive* a successful publication of our club.

Please email your articles to **Editor Carole Coley** at c.coley11@verizon.net or mail them to the RADC address at 1554 Barton Rd #227 Redlands, CA 92373.

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