

Hayward DEMOS

*** DEMOCRATIC CLUB ***

APRIL-MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING ~ April 15, 2011, 7PM

TOPIC: New Challenges for Progressives

Hear noted author, activist, and media critic, Norman Solomon, discuss Nuclear Power, Economic Crisis, and Libya. Mr. Solomon is the founder of the Institute for Public Accuracy and works with the media watch group FAIR(Fair and Accuracy In Reporting). From 1992-2009. he wrote the nationally syndicated weekly column "Media Beat." His book "War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death" was written in 2005. A fine documenary based on the book was made in 2007. Mr. Solomon has appeared as a guest on many news programs on TV including CNN, PBS, MSNBC,, C-SPAN, and NPR. For more details, visit www.normansolomon.com and come to the meeting!



KEEP THE DEM VICTORY MOMENTUM GOING!

To build on the strategy that helped Democrats win big in California, the California Democratic Party is proud to announce the launch of DEM2012!

Hundreds of Democrats joined our highly successful DEM2010 program last year, making a small "Donation Every Month" to the California Democratic Party. Their financial support – along with tens of thousands of grassroots Democrats who invested their time in precincts across the state – led to overwhelming Democratic victories in California while the rest of the nation suffered unprecedented Republican gains.

As a member of our new DEM2012 program, your contribution will help fund doorhangers, brochures, slate cards, voter contact software, phonebanks, online outreach, field work and Get Out The Vote – tools the California Democratic Party will need to deliver even more Democratic votes – and victories – in 2012! Join today and become a valued member of DEM2012 with your contribution of just \$10 or more per month. To sign up, visit www.cadem.org



IMMIGRATION RESOLUTION APPROVED

As noted in the last newsletter, Demos members considered an immigration reform resolution during the February meeting. Members voted to endorse the resolution. Please contact Silvia Brandon Perez for a copy of the full resolution. (precisetranslations2008@gmail.com)

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hayward Demos demand that an alternative immigration reform bill be submitted and passed into law in accordance with the guidelines proposed by the Dignity Campaign, because it is based on protecting the labor and human rights of all people, and ...BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hayward Demos strongly support efforts by local governments, in particular the government of the City of Hayward, to opt out of the ICE Secure Communities initiative, which is presently being used for mass arrests and deportations of non-criminal individuals."

See You at the

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, April 15, 7pm.
Westminster Hills 27287
Patrick Avenue, Hayward,
94544. "From Nuclear Power to Libya, New Challenges for Progressives."

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CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to At-Large Demos Board Member, Ginny DeMartini on her appointment as District Representative to County Supervisor, Nadia Lockyer. Talk with Ginny and Nadia on the 4th Friday of each month at Eon Café, 24970 Hesperian^{Bldv} 9-10:30am



REPORT BACK – Review of the March Demos Meeting *by James Forsyth & Silvia Brandon Pérez*

Rev. Kathryn Schreiber, of the United Church of Christ of Hayward was the keynote speaker during our March meeting regarding Human Rights Violations in the Philippines. The event was cosponsored by the DEMOS and South Hayward Parish. Human rights violations in the Philippines are largely hidden from us in the U.S., despite diplomatic and economic support which our government gives to the Benigno Aquino administration (and has given to previous administrations).

We import goods and raw materials and our multinational corporations profit from the cheap labor of Filipinos and access to their abundant resources. Last year we sent \$32+ million in military aid. This year the Philippines' military budget soared 81%. Our aid bolsters the armed forces, notorious for human rights violations. Funds sent under Millennium Challenge Corporation grants (US tax dollars) are being used to strengthen so-called counter-insurgency measures, such as roads in the poor island of Samar. Filipino human rights groups report that these projects actually contribute to the torture and repression of citizens.

Rev. Kathryn detailed several cases of citizens who have been persecuted, illegally arrested and detained, horribly tortured, even murdered, because they were active in unions or civic or religious organizations. Being accused of belonging to a guerrilla group or affiliation with any group not supporting the military is an invitation to military harassment. Hunger strikes are used to call attention to the unjust arrest of persons, including the doctors and community health-care workers known as the "Morong 43" -- arrested under Arroyo's administration and mostly released under Arroyo's. For more information, watch the Morong 43 video: <http://youtu.be/QZpoNmIpcjU>

The Philippines military counter-insurgency campaigns actually support illegal, unwanted, or environmentally harmful mining, logging, agricultural and manufacturing businesses, which place many Filipinos in danger. Despite a change of administration, human rights violations continue with impunity and persons continue to be illegally arrested, disappeared or murdered. Hundreds held during previous administrations still await justice. Rev. Kathryn, who served as a 2010 International Elections Observer, recounted the numerous opportunities for manipulating the vote. While the nation has moved to electronic voting equipment, the Philippines' election commission chose not to utilize paper backups. Despite violence and other obstacles, voter turn out was higher than US turnout, but not as high as earlier years -- though the people hoped the change in technology might increase tabulation accuracy.

In the spirit of PAGKAKAISA, the word in Tagalog for solidarity, we are asked to demand that our government stop sending military aid, and that if aid is sent, that human rights restrictions be placed on the aid. We must also press the Aquino administration to improve justice for all victims of human rights abuses in the Philippines. Rev. Kathryn said we have much to learn from the Filipino people—including their courage and hospitality—and we need to find ways to express our solidarity with their struggles.

DEMO EVENTS

If you have events to list on the club calendar, please send them to MaryAnne Reno at mareno1@hotmail.com

ALAMEDA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

First Wednesday of each month at the San Leandro Library, 7p www.acdems.org

PEACE AND PIZZA

Speakers, movies, and discussions, held the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm
1533 B Street, Hayward,

GREATER HAYWARD DEMOCRATIC CLUB

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm. Firefighters Union Hall, 22734 Main St. Hayward, 94541.

CASTRO VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meetings on the 4th Tuesday on every month, 7p. Faith Lutheran Church 20080 Redwood Rd. Graydon Room.

TRI VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

- For the latest info, Visit www.trivalleydems.com

OTHER EVENTS

SOUTH HAYWARD COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

May 1st, 1-4pm. Mt. Eden Park, Hayward. Family Activities, Animals, Prizes, Resources, Entertainment. Everyone is Welcome!
For info: 510/887-0400 x111
Orzunv@haywardrec.org

WAYS TO HELP

Locked Out Castlewood Workers still need You. They have been fighting for affordable access to health care for more than a year! Contact Sarah, norr.sarah@gmail.com 510/502-5344 or visit www.endthelockout.org

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Give a Homeless Angel a home. Made by local artists who are homeless or are at risk for homelessness, these angels are a small part of our efforts to remove obstacles to self-sufficiency. Only \$5 each! Contact South Hayward Parish's Hayward Community Action Network for details, [haywardcan@gmail.com](mailto:haywardcan@gmail.com) or visit [www.southhaywardparish.org](http://www.southhaywardparish.org)



## OPINION: A STATE BANK IN OUR FUTURE? AN OPEN LETTER TO BILL LOCKYER.

*By Jim Forsyth*

Our hats are off to you, State Treasurer Bill Lockyer, for your rousing speech at the Eden Area United Democratic Campaign St. Patrick's Day dinner. Your impassioned denunciation of the huge and growing disparity between the top 5% and the bottom 80% of the population brought the audience to its feet. Considering the fact that the gap is still growing well into the third year of the new administration, and many of the same corporations that are profiting continue to outsource jobs and evade paying taxes, it is time for Californians to take a bold step to fight these Wall Street crooks.

We call on you, as State Treasurer, to introduce a bill to establish a state bank. North Dakota has had a state bank for ninety (90) years, a result of the wave of populism which spread to the midwest. As a result, it is the only state with a budget surplus. We have the eighth largest economy in the world and should not be dependent on Wall Street for money supply and credit. A state bank could partner with local banks and credit unions, who lend to job-creating businesses, prospective homebuyers, and students. Its rates could set a benchmark for consumer loans. It could be financed initially by a .1% tax on financial transactions. Sure, Wall Street banksters hate and fear competition, but, Bill, they have wrecked our economy and we don't owe them anything.



# 2011 Hayward

## Neighborhood Leadership Academy

Effective Neighborhood Organizing and Resident Engagement!  
Saturday, April 30, 8am-3:40pm. Hayward City Hall. For those who care - Ages 13-99+ (Youth age 13-15 must be accompanied by an adult.) Food, Fun, Music, Valuable Information, and Door Prizes! An opportunity to share, learn, network, and partner with one another to help make Hayward an even better place for all to live, work, and play. Lunch included.  
**Cost: At least one can of food. More cans, more chances of winning!**

## MORE EVENTS

### **BIG READ**

Multiple events in Hayward throughout April highlighting In the Time of Butterflies, by Julia Alvarez  
[haywardbigread.wordpress.com](http://haywardbigread.wordpress.com)

### **SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE**

April 7, 5 to 7 pm  
2621 Barrington Court

### **SENIOR SCAM STOPPER**

April 15, 13909 E 14<sup>th</sup> St, San Leandro 10-11:30 am.  
Sponsored by Assembly Member Mary Hayashi

### **NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP & KEEP HAYWARD CLEAN AND GREEN**

efforts need your involvement to improve our community. For details:  
[www.hayward-ca.gov](http://www.hayward-ca.gov)

**"FLOW"** Two showings of the award-winning documentary about the global battle over fresh water. Hayward Public Library, May 16, 6-8 pm. San Leandro Public Library June 1, 4-6 pm Sponsored by Food and Water Watch.  
[www.flowthefilm.com](http://www.flowthefilm.com)

**NAACP PRAYER BREAKFAST**, June 18, Hometown Buffet, San Leandro.

**GAY PROM**  
June 18, Chabot College Volunteers and Donations needed to ensure a safe and joyful event for all youth. Contact Project Eden/Horizon Services, Inc (510) 247-8200 for details.



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**NEXT MEETING:**

**APRIL 15, 7pm. Westminster Hills. 27287 Patrick Avenue, Hayward, 94544. NORMAN SOLOMON - New Challenges for Progressives**

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**CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION**  
**Friday – Sunday,**  
**April 29 – May 1, 2011**  
**Sacramento Convention Center**  
**[www.cademconvention.com](http://www.cademconvention.com)**

**California Democrats 2011 State Party Convention Delegate Training**

All the questions you were too embarrassed to ask...  
Saturday, April 9 / 10am - 12:30pm. FREE.  
SEIU Local 434, 2484 Park Drive, Suite 101, (Natomas) Sacramento 95833  
To RSVP go to: [2011tbracsacramento.eventbrite.com](http://2011tbracsacramento.eventbrite.com)  
For a complete agenda go to: [www.TakeBackRedCalifornia.org](http://www.TakeBackRedCalifornia.org) (events)

*If you are a new delegate or just want a refresher, hear about everything from the basics of where to sit to how to have an impact at the convention and beyond...*