



CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

January 2019 Newsletter

General Meeting
International Volunteerism:
Why does it matter?
Friday, January 26, 2019
11:00 AM



Join us on January 26, 2019 for our General Meeting and to hear our guest speaker, Hon. Susan Finlay Marrinan, Judge of the Superior Court, Ret., discuss the benefits of international volunteerism and her work in Tanzania for the past nine years for a non-profit non-government organization.

Judge Finlay, who is the current secretary of the Coronado Democratic Club, retired from the Superior Court in 2012 after 32 years on the bench. While serving on the bench, she founded the South Bay Drug Court, served on the Judicial Council, and on the State of California Domestic Violence Task Force. She is a former Dean of the California Judicial College and helped train thousands of judges nationally and internationally. She is a former Education Director for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and has presented

workshops in Brazil, Macedonia, Russia, Siberia, Kyrgyzstan, and in most of the United States.

From 2012 until 2017 she worked as a private mediator and judge for the National Conflict Resolution Center. Judge Finlay is currently active as a board member of Our One Community, Inc. and as a Trustee for the Olmoti Trust in Tanzania.

Our One Community is dedicated to serving the medical and educational needs of a remote and marginalized tribe of Maasai on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro. She has been doing volunteer work on this project for the past nine years. For an overview, see www.olmoticlinic.org.

Judge Finlay will discuss the benefits of volunteer work in another country as well as the differences between a global approach to world issues and the isolationist avoidance of these issues. We hear a great deal about walls and barriers between countries and cultures. Judge Finlay is one of a great number of people who are working to bridge barriers, to enhance understanding between people of different cultures, and to make the world a better place.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As Americans, we were taught to believe that each succeeding generation is going to be better-off than the previous one. It's an integral part of the American Dream. The story is that any person can start from humble beginnings, perhaps as a child of immigrants or a factory worker and achieve great wealth or at least reach the middle class. But how are Americans doing today? Are their children going to be better off than they are? To what extent does children's eventual success depend on their family background?

To get some answers, I consulted a study that was done about a decade ago by Julia Isaacs of The Brookings Institution, "Economic Mobility of Families Across Generations." Using a widely respected national data source, Isaacs matched parents' family income in the late 1960s to their children's family income in the late 1990s to early 2000s. The report's findings are summarized by the following four statements:

"The current generation of adults is better off than the previous one but their incomes are more unevenly distributed." The biggest gains have occurred at the top of the distribution and the smallest at the bottom.

“Two out of three Americans have higher incomes than their parents, while one third are falling behind.” Of course, it is easier to surpass one’s parents’ income if they’re low on the income ladder; therefore, four out of five children whose parents were in the bottom fifth ended up with higher incomes than their parents (but not necessarily higher than average).

“Contrary to American beliefs about equality of opportunity, a child’s economic position is heavily influenced by that of his or her parents.” Children born to parents in the top or bottom fifth of the economic ladder are highly likely to remain there, while those born to parents in the middle have nearly an equal chance of ending up in any quintile.

“Americans have higher incomes than a prior generation, but that does not necessarily mean they are moving up the economic ladder compared to their parents or to other families. Only one third are what the report calls ‘upwardly mobile.’ Another one third is ‘downwardly mobile.’” Most of the remainder are “riding the tide.”

What about the Millennial generation? According to a recent article by Lauren Leatherby in the *Financial Times*, the data suggest that younger Americans aren’t doing as well as their parents and grandparents did at the same age. First, fewer Millennials are employed than previous generations at the same age—they’ve never recovered from the 2008-09 financial crisis. Secondly, average student loan debt has climbed astronomically—the average debt for a bachelor’s degree recipient now approaches \$40,000, compared with less than \$10,000 in 1993 (adjusted for inflation). Third, fewer Millennials own their homes than previous generations at the same age—only 20 percent v. 30-35 percent at age 25-35 in previous generations. Finally, it used to be virtually certain that a child would out-earn his or her parents at the same age, but that percentage has declined steadily since 1940 to the point where today it’s only a 50-50 chance.

Clearly, our economy has been undergoing—and will continue to undergo—seismic change. Low-skilled and semi-skilled jobs that used to be filled by less-educated workers now are being done by low-wage foreign labor and, increasingly, robots here in the U.S. The current occupant of the White House claims he’s going to bring back those lost manufacturing jobs by imposing punitive tariffs on imports from China and other nations. So far, the tariffs have cost more American jobs than they’ve saved, and consumers are paying more for imported goods.

This brings me to my final point of discussion, and that is we are going to have to redefine working in America. With robots doing more and more work, might it make sense for Americans to have a work week with fewer hours, and perhaps more vacation weeks per year? Perhaps it is time to debate the concept of a universal basic income (UBI). As automation and robotics (not necessarily globalization) take many people’s jobs, those displaced workers find

themselves in part-time, contract and temporary jobs, none of which are particularly remunerative. They have little or no job bargaining power; a UBI could level the playing field by allowing workers to be more selective about which jobs they'd accept. The UBI could be set at a level that will cover the cost of living based on family size, so that no one would starve, be evicted or taken advantage of by loan sharks. This most assuredly would be a controversial concept, especially in a nation where such a large proportion of the population opposes handouts to people who don't work.

Thank you for enjoying my essay...

- Frank King

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN!

Believe it or not it is once again time to open your checkbook or go on line and renew your club membership for 2019. We know it seems like just yesterday that you read an article just like this but as we have said in the past "time flies when you're having fun". What we do may not always be fun but is important to keep our club an active, vibrant presence in our community.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Our club dues are important for many reasons some of which include the purchase of supplies, special projects and events, scholarships, gifts or presentations and most importantly to demonstrate how strong we are as a club. This last is especially important when approaching possible speakers for our general meetings and in dealing with other clubs.

Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. Please fill out the membership application found in this newsletter and send it along with your check as soon as possible. Or you can now pay by credit card, just go to our website coronadodemocrats.com and follow the instructions.

Consider volunteering for any of the committees listed, we always need help. Lastly if any of your personal information, (email address, phone number etc.) has changed please bring that to our attention. We want to be sure our roster is up to date.

If you have questions or want additional applications for your family or friends, please email Mercy Mandelbaum at ycrem613@gmail.com or call 435-1911.

Coronado Democratic Club Membership Application



Name

Street

ZIP

Phone Mobile

Email

New member Renewal
Registered Democrat? - Yes
- No

Annual Dues: Individual \$20.00 Family \$30.00 Sustaining \$35.00+

Additional donations toward: July 4th Parade \$____ Special Events \$____

Payment: Cash Check Credit/Debit Card

If paying by check please complete this form and mail it with your check to:
Coronado Democratic Club, P.O. Box 181351, Coronado, CA 92178-1351

If paying by credit/debit card please visit our website coronadodemocrats.com and follow instructions.

We always need volunteers. In an effort to identify members who are interested and able to help now and then we would like to know who you are and what you might be interested in doing.

General Meetings setup/tear down <input type="checkbox"/> (usually every other month)	Grassroots Organizing Team (GO Team) <input type="checkbox"/>
Voter registration <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Events <input type="checkbox"/>
Precinct walking <input type="checkbox"/>	Supplying refreshments for General Meetings or special events <input type="checkbox"/>
The March Luncheon <input type="checkbox"/>	Also, are you are interested in joining a standing committee <input type="checkbox"/>
4 th of July Parade <input type="checkbox"/>	or becoming a Board member? <input type="checkbox"/>
December Holiday Party <input type="checkbox"/>	

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REGISTER NEW VOTERS

We need to continue registering new citizens to vote, now more than ever. One Wednesday

each month new citizens are sworn in at a naturalization ceremony held downtown at Golden Hall. Following the naturalization ceremony volunteers register these new citizens to vote.

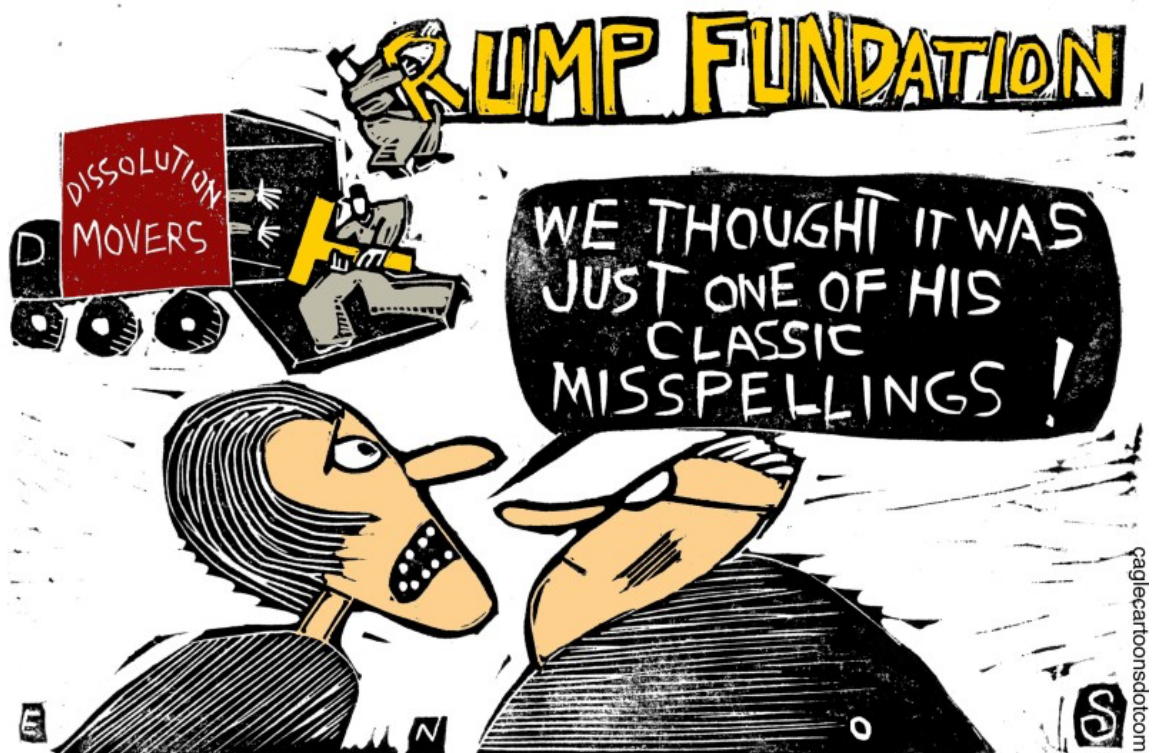
When: Wednesdays, January 9, February 20 and March 20, 2019 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: 3rd Ave. and B Street, in the Civic Theater Plaza, adjacent to Golden Hall.

A tutorial on the form and procedure will take place at 10:00 am for new volunteers. Horton Plaza, which is two blocks away from the Civic Theater Plaza, will validate 3 hours of parking, no purchase necessary. The validation machine is located on the first floor of Macy's on a counter in the shoe department. Parking ticket can be validated before or after the voter registration.

No need to pre-register. Wear comfortable shoes, a light sweater and bring your enthusiasm.

Contact Mercy Mandelbaum for information ycrem613@gmail.com or 619 435-1911.



UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Friday, January 26, 2019

Library Winn Room

Guest Speaker:

Susan Finlay Marrinan, Judge of the Superior Court, Ret.

International Volunteerism: Why does it matter?

10:30 AM Coffee

11:00 AM Meeting

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:00 PM

Voter Registration Dates

Wednesdays, January 9, February 20, March 20, 2019

see article for details

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