



## THE G O O D NEWS

Greater Oxnard Organization of Democrats  
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Hope Holcomb, Editor

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### NOTES ON MEETING OF MARCH 21, 1989

The meeting was convened by **Robert Holcomb**, President at the Lopez Building at 7:07 p.m. He reviewed the news of the week clipped from newspapers, which was posted on the wall so that members could read them later.

He also reviewed the thoughts of the members at the last meeting as a summary of the principles which Democrats believe in.

Those attending the meeting introduced themselves.

Bob then introduced **Dorothy Maron**, a member of the City Council. She recounted that she had been active in the Democratic Party for many year, being President of a Democratic Club in the 60's and head of the Democratic Women of Ventura County. She urged members to remember that Oxnard is still a Democratic city. What we need to do is be sure that all Democrats register and vote.

Bob expressed the gratitude of the Club to **Manny Lopez**, City Councilman, for letting us use his building for our meetings as long as it is vacant. Bob also asked Manny if there were any items in which we could assist him.

Dr. Lopez said that there is a nation-wide organization called "Serve," whose goal is to try to make government more representative by trying to get everyone registered to vote. Manny presented it at the City Council and would like as many people as possible to come to the meeting and support it when it comes up for a vote. Most Republicans are against it since there are more Democrats than Republicans nationwide.

A second issue Dr. Lopez is introducing is in relation to conflict of interest rules.

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### FROM THE PRES

Again, a super meeting! We had eight "new members" on March 21, and a lively interchange of ideas.

Milt and Cloene Marson prepared an excellent interest survey, and will present their results at our April 25 meeting.

Please note our name change on the mast-head. You-all voted against my choice, but you won; and I admit that our new name really is a good one.

Within a short time, we will have our By-Laws, Club charter, and dues in order. Committees are busy, and we appreciate the splendid reports given on March 21.

Our two State representatives scored very high on a recent assessment on conservation action. Our thanks are extended to **Gary K. Hart** and to **Jack O'Connell**. At the local level, we also have had strong support for conservation programs from **County Supervisor John Flynn** and **City Council Members Manny Lopez** and **Dorothy Maron**.

We will develop the "Concerned Citizen" concepts more fully at our April meeting.

See you there!

*Bob Holcomb*  
Bob Holcomb

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Now if a member of the City Council gets a gift of \$250 from any person or company, he/she cannot vote on any action relating to the person or company. However, a campaign contribution up to \$10,000 does not count. Manny would like to include contributions in the rule. This would decrease the great influence which developers now have in the City.

#### Reports from Committees and Officers

**Diane Flynn** said that she will have a meeting of the By-Laws Committee on Tuesday, March 28 at the Lopez Building at 330 West Third Street, Oxnard at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Committee to review, modify if desired, and recommendations which were put together by Diane and reviewed by Bob Holcomb. They can then be ready for approval or modification by the Club at its meeting on April 25.

**Laura Holtz** reported that there are now about 12 people on the **Communications Committee**, who called everyone to notify them of this meeting. She would like to have a committee meeting next week.

**Ed Albrecht** reported that at a meeting of the State Central Committee last week, he got a lot of information on pending legislation. He would like to have the **Legislation Committee** meet with him here next Tuesday to help him choose what they feel the Club should be concerned with. They will meet at the Lopez Bldg.

He also announced that **Jean Harris** had been elected to the State Central Committee.

**Milton Marson** reported that the **Program Committee** will also meet next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. He has prepared a survey to find out what kind of meetings the members would like to have, which was distributed to all those present. The Committee will go over these to see how they can match the results of the survey with available speakers, etc.

**Jean Harris** reported her pleasure with the number of people who have signed up for the **Precinct Organization Committee**. They will meet Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. She will try to get precinct maps, to identify areas.

**Greg Kampf** asked the **Voter Registration Committee** to also meet Tuesday at 7:00. He would like to tie in the work of this committee with the precinct organization work.

**Bob McCullough** will call members of the **Publicity Committee** to arrange a meeting at his home. He would like, among other things, to develop a Speaker's Bureau to speak to schools, churches, and business groups.

**Irma Lopez** will call members of the **Workshops Committee** to set up a time for a meeting.

**Hope Holcomb**, Secretary, summarized the last General meeting as well as a meeting of the officers.

**Sarah Delgado** gave the **Treasurer's Report**, which was short since we do not yet have an official number from Sacramento so that we can charge dues and set up a bank account.

**Pam Weidemann, Liaison**, attended the Ventura County Central Committee last week. They chartered us as a Club, so that we now owe them \$25. Legislation discussed discussed included amendments to the insurance bill passed by the voters and the **Roos-Roberti** bill banning assault weapons. Members were asked to write Sacramento with their opinions on these two issues.

#### Old Business

**Dues.** Bob reported that the officers had recommended that in addition to a basic amount for membership, there be progressive dues for those who are able to contribute more, and a way of "working off" dues for those who cannot afford that much. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Name of the Club.** After considerable discussion the name of the Club as the "Greater Oxnard Organization of Democrats" was approved.

**Memorial Day Picnic.** **Ed Albrecht** reported that a picnic is planned for Democratic Area 8 on Saturday, May 27 at the Freedom Park in Camarillo. Area 8 consists of



Assembly Districts 35-39. It will be a family-type picnic, with softball in the morning. Jerry Brown and Kathleen Brown will be the featured speakers. The tentative plans call for each club or A.D. to contribute part of the menu, except for the main course, which will be barbequed chicken. The price will be \$10, with children free. Clubs can sell tickets and make money for their club for each ticket sold. Organizations can also have tables with items to display or sell.

**New Business.** Bob Holcomb introduced a new concept for the Club to consider. He suggested that individuals accept personal responsibility to reduce waste of water and energy in their own lives. In addition, the Club could publicize its members' commitments by making badges which would identify the wearers as "Concerned Citizens" and include the Club's name.

Also the Club might launch a campaign to have our communities start separating cans, bottles, and paper for recycling, as well as start urging businesses to manufacture biodegradable pastic materials and simplify their packaging.

**Dorothy Maron** heartily endorsed this idea and said that the City Council is very concerned with trash disposal. She reported that we now have knowledge of how to recycle 85% of our trash, but are recycling only about 20%.

The group also endorsed the idea and asked if the Publicity Committee would come up with a design for a badge and some ideas as to how to publicize it.

**Announcements.** (No official Club action was taken on the following announcements.)

The Latino Youth Leadership Development Program will hold its first annual Fiesta on Sunday, April 9 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oxnard Community Center, 800 Hobson Way. Tax-deductible donations are \$10. Tickets may be obtained from Diane Flynn or Jean Harris.

The Planned Parenthood and Pro-Choice group are expecting that there may be anti-

abortion protests in our area. In addition, Governor Deukmajian has cut family planning funds completely out of the budget. Anyone who is interested in sending postal cards to Sacramento or otherwise assisting in this area should contact Marlene Head.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lopez Building, 330 West Third Street, Oxnard.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Holcomb

Hope Holcomb, Recording Secretary

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