

# The Rossmoor Democrat

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## Upcoming Events For January & February

<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Annual Dinner</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>
<b>January 26, 2012</b>	<b>February 23, 2012</b>	<b>February 23, 2012</b>
<b>Fireside Room</b>	<b>5:00 pm Social Hour Dinner 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Fireside Room</b>
<b>3 pm Meeting 4:30 Social</b>	<b>Fireside Room</b>	<b>7:00 pm Meeting</b>



**Saving Health Care Reform.** On Thursday, January 26, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Gateway, Dr. Deborah LeVeen will speak on the efforts to save the new Affordable Care Act (ACA), which provides universal health coverage. ACA is under attack by Republicans

and the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to rule on its constitutionality by early summer. Opponents claim the law will restrict health care benefits, raise premiums, and cut some who are already covered.

Dr. LeVeen will demonstrate how the ACA will control costs, protect Medicare, and expand medical coverage for Americans.

LeVeen has done extensive research on the Affordable Care Act: its strengths, its weaknesses and possible improvements, and its political impacts. She has also examined conservative proposals to "repeal and replace" the ACA with a "free market" alternative.

LeVeen is a former professor at San Francisco State University, where she taught health policy for over 25 years. She was also regularly engaged in health care advocacy, women's health issues, and California's single payer campaign. She is immersed in the ongoing struggle for meaningful health reform,

Call Gary Hansen at 954-8425 with any questions.



**Berkeley Professor John Harte will discuss climate change** at the February 23 dinner meeting. His presentation will begin promptly at 7 pm. A reservation form for the dinner appears on page 6.

Professor Harte's research focuses on the effects of human actions on, and the linkages among, biodiversity, ecosystem structure and function, and climate. Two specific goals of his research are to understand the nature and causes of patterns in the distribution and abundance of species and to understand the extent to which ecosystem responses to climate change may result in feedbacks to climate that can either ameliorate or exacerbate global warming.

Professor Harte has received both national and international recognition for his work and authored 170 scientific publications, including six books. Members wishing to learn more about his research can read or download his new book, "Cool the Earth, Save the Economy," which he wrote with his wife Mel, free of charge at [www.cooltheearth.us](http://www.cooltheearth.us).

Call Gary Hansen at 954-8425 with any questions.

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# President Gary Hansen's Message



**In Retrospect.** By all measures, 2011 was a banner year for the Democrats of Rossmoor. The Club's monthly meetings featured distinguished speakers who addressed topics which foreshadowed issues now dominating the national discourse.

In May, our speaker Dr. Paul Pierson, from the Department of Political Science UC Berkeley, and author of *Winner Take all Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer and Turned its Back on the Middle Class*, spoke to the issue of growing income inequality in the United States.

In August Ted Nace, author of *The Rise of Corporate Power and the Disabling of Democracy*, and in September Robert Scheer, author of *The Great American Stickup*, were featured monthly speakers who addressed the issues of how Wall Street and corporate power have subverted our national politics and economy.

The Club also took the lead addressing other issues, the neglect of which could seriously imperil the future of California, our nation, and the world at large. In June, John Seager, President of Population Connection, the nation's foremost organization advocating global population stabilization, gave the Club a *tour de force* presentation of the alarming effects on our planet of unchecked population growth.

In October, Dan Kalb of the Union of Concerned Scientists brought some hopeful news in discussing how recent policies adopted by the State of California are breaking new ground in decreasing environmental pollution. Aside from these achievements our state government continues to produce gridlock and onerous deficits, the causes of which were addressed in our monthly meeting in July by guest speaker Mark Paul, author of *California Crackup*.

A highlight of the year was the Nov. 12 Rossmoor meeting with Congressman George Miller, which was hosted by the Democrats of Rossmoor and attended by both a large turnout of Rossmoor residents and members of the Diablo Valley, Lamorinda, and San Ramon Valley Democratic clubs, along with the Contra Costa Labor Club, which also helped sponsor the event. Congressman Miller gave a lively overview of the issues that will dominate the upcoming election, and how important it will be for progressive voters to mobilize in support of President Obama's re-election and to win back a Democratic majority in the House. The event brought in a total of \$1,650 from attendees to help the Democratic Party rent campaign office space in Walnut Creek, which will serve as the local campaign headquarters for the 2012 election.

Aside from our outstanding speakers there were many other Club activities featuring the leadership and activism of our members. Noteworthy is the continuing monthly third

Wednesday meeting, led by Sandy Rappy early in the year. The vacuum left by Sandy's tragic death was filled by the leadership of a committee led by Emily Ehm and its members, Peggy and Barney Rubin, Clyde Rich, Suzy Gerson and Susan Eveleigh. The Wednesday discussion group, now renamed "The Progressive Voices," has been a source of activism and spawned petitions to Congress in support of such campaign organizations as MoveOn and the New Campaign Priorities.

The Club's Turner school project continues to be a significant volunteer opportunity with Club members assisting in the classroom and providing supplies to the Turner elementary school in Antioch.

This past year more members of the Club than ever are expressing their progressive views as contributing writers to the opinion column in the weekly Rossmoor News. They include Bob Hanson, Duke Robinson, Jon Foyt, Shirley Allen, Eric Anschutz, Clyde Rich, Evalyn Segal, and Marilyn Davin.

Finally, the Club's activities are generating a significant increase in membership. We now have 550 members.

Many of the past year's achievements can be attributed to the leadership of the Board and to the enormous contributions of the Club's volunteers. A special thanks goes to Otto Schnepf, who reached term limits as President but will remain on the Board as emeritus for one more year, and to Kurt Loebel and Al Darby who are retiring from the Board. The new Board includes Gary Hansen as President, and two new vice presidents, Mary Lembke and Jon Foyt.

The new Board remains committed to the standard of excellence established in the past year. This is already evident by the distinguished speakers confirmed for our monthly meetings over the next several months. They include the January speaker, Debra LeVeen, a healthcare policy expert and advocate who has done extensive research on the Affordable Care Act (ACA), its strength, its weaknesses and possible improvements; in February, Dr. John Harte, a UC Berkeley healthcare policy expert and advocate and internationally recognized expert addressing the impending environmental dangers from the rapid growth of carbon emissions; for March, Dariush Zahedi, a Middle East expert at UC Berkeley speaking on Iran and the Arab Spring, and in April, Jennifer Granholm, former Governor of Michigan and now Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley speaking on job creation and America's economic future.

THE BOARD EXTENDS TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS ITS BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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**ATTENTION: Please note that the January Members Meeting will be held on Jan. 26 in the Fireside Room at Gateway at our regular hour—3:pm, followed by a social at 4:30. One announcement in the Rossmoor News gave the incorrect hour.**

## President Gary Hansen' Budget Message

Dear Fellow Democrats:

My President's message in this newsletter reviews in detail the high-quality programs we offered our members in 2011. Speakers at our monthly membership meetings were nearly all nationally and internationally recognized experts in their fields, in addition to being dedicated progressives.

We plan to continue this standard of excellence for this year. Like everything in life, this comes with a cost. After a careful recent review of our Club expenses, your board members decided that the most equitable route to raising more revenue - for both our speakers and higher overall costs for our meetings and special events - is through a small membership fee increase. Effective immediately for this year, memberships will rise by \$5.00 for both single members and couples. The need for this increase is based upon the Club's 2012 projected expenses, which are listed for your review below:

- **\$3,850** for monthly speaker honorariums at \$350 per speaker for 11 monthly meetings
- **\$1,500** for meeting room set-up fees
- **\$1,100** for food, wine, and other beverages at monthly membership meetings
- \$2,700** for mailing newsletters and promotional ads in the Rossmoor News. Many of our members do not have Internet access and rely upon snail mail for receipt of their newsletters

These expenses total \$9,150, which represents a bare-bones budget without any cushion for contingencies. Added to this is the fact that 2012 is a critical election year; we anticipate greater expenses because of our Club's increased activities in the busy season ahead. We expect, for example, to again invite the League of Women Voters to moderate a discussion of the many initiatives that will appear on California's November ballot. We also plan to sponsor forums for Democratic candidates during the 2012 primaries.

We are actively planning a Club membership drive and will encourage nonmembers to make donations at the door when they attend our events. These efforts will also bring much-needed revenue into our Club and, together with the \$5.00 membership fee increase, will put us on a sound financial footing. These initiatives, will result in balancing our revenues with anticipated expenses.

Most importantly it will allow us to continue to provide you, our members, with high-quality programs.

Thanks, Gary.

## President Gary Hansen' Announcements and Credits

Last month Club members honored outgoing Board members, installed new Board members, and recognized the contributions of others. Two members retired from the board: Al mDarby and Kurt Loebel. Otto Schnepf left his position as President and, in accordance with Club bylaws, will remain on the board for an additional year. He will also do the layout and distribution of our newsletter.

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### Thanks Al:

The Democrats of Rossmoor extend their sincere appreciation for the contributions of Al Darby, who served as vice president from 2009 to 2011. His encyclopedic knowledge and understanding of the treacherous landscape of California government and politics richly informed our Club and helped shape and guide our programs. His tireless efforts to design, compile, and distribute our newsletter, saving money in the process, are especially appreciated. Al's invaluable insights and contributions set a standard of excellence for all of us.

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### Thanks, Kurt

The Democrats of Rossmoor Club also extend their appreciation to Kurt Loebel for his services as a member of the Board and for managing mailings in our political campaigns. Since elections are a cornerstone of our democratic process, these mailings are a critical component of our voter education efforts. Kurt's leadership in mobilizing our volunteers and organizing the materials enhanced both the education and participation of voters in elections during his tenure.

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### Thanks, Otto

Democrats of Rossmoor Club members extend their deep appreciation and gratitude to Otto Schnepf for serving as president from 2009 to 2011. As the longest-serving president of our Club, Otto's strong and conscientious guidance ensured that the DoR continued to advance progressive policies and politics both within and outside of Rossmoor. His personal commitment to social and economic justice have informed and enriched the community for all of us.

## Turner School Volunteers Meet 2011 Goals

Volunteers for the DoR Committee of the Turner School, in Antioch, provided four first grade teachers with \$1,000 each for essential school materials in 2011. The funds, raised through dinners and other activities, will be used for California history books, a color copier, accelerated reading books, classroom materials, and many other classroom necessities. The Turner School committee's donations have grown each year since the group of 18 DoR volunteers began the program more than four years ago. Turner Principal Sue Ten Eyck and the teachers will host a thank-you reception at the school on February 16. Members wishing to contribute should call Emily Ehm at 943-7610 or Irene McKeever at 932-6475.

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### The Changing Face of Voter Registration

Jeanne Gelwicks

The Democrats of Rossmoor volunteers continued their voter registration efforts in 2011 and will greatly ramp up their activities in 2012 as we enter this all-important presidential election year. During the coming months we will send teams to Sun Valley Mall and, as the weather warms, we will return to Nordstrom Plaza and to local farmers' markets. We will continue to be on hand to hand out forms and assist Rossmoor residents who have moved, changed their names, or wish to change their listed political parties.

We provide voter registration support as a civic service and register all comers for any party, including "declined to state" voters. Last year, we noted a remarkable increase in those who "declined to state" their political party when they registered. These voters did not register as "Independents," but appear to prefer to cast their ballots for any candidate, independent of any political party.

The June 2012 primary election will be an "open primary," meaning that candidates running for Congress and the Legislature will not run under specific party banners. The top two candidates, regardless of party affiliation, will then run against one another in November. No initiatives will appear on the June primary ballot; they will, instead, appear on the general election ballot in November. Look for a weighty ballot next fall, with many important consequences for Californians.

Governor Brown recently signed into law California's first online voter registration process. This is due to be implemented this year. We do not know yet how vital information, such as signatures on the form, will be addressed - but as soon as we know, you will too!  
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## COME ONE—COME ALL

**The Club's Progressive Wednesday Discussion Group** is going strong and growing as we enter this presidential election year. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month (1/18, 2/15, and so on) at 7 pm in Room #1 at Creekside. The format is free-form and as many as 55 attendees have participated in recent sessions. In December Rossmoor resident Bobbi Rabinowitz shared her recent experience with Occupy Wall Street protestors in NYC. Former DoR President Shirley Allen's recent Rossmoor News progressive column on the Occupy movement was also discussed.



All subjects are topical and relevant to the Democrats' progressive agenda. Because we are Democrats, everyone is welcome, regardless of party affiliation or any other societal distinction or label. A variety of refreshments and beverages are served. **Hope to see you there!**



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### Newest DoR Members:

Barbara Dragen  
Stan and Sandra Holwitz  
Sandria Hyde  
Helen Munch  
Steve Stroebel  
Janet Thoele  
Jeanine Vanderveer  
Bev Walker

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Finally, with the winds of change upending the registration process, we urge you to sign up as a volunteer to register potential voters – you will receive a brief training session and your service will be greatly appreciated.

**To Volunteer for Voter Registration, please call our Voter Registration chair, Jeanne Gelwicks at 944-9698 or our Volunteer Coordinator, Elaine McGrath at 944-9767.**

## The Occupy Movement – An Evaluation

Otto Schnepf

It is a good time to review and to evaluate the achievements and the failures of the OCCUPY movement. The Nobel Laureate economist, Paul Krugman, wrote on October 9, 2011 in a column in the New York Times, entitled *Panic of the Plutocrats*.: “It remains to be seen whether the Occupy Wall Street protests will change America’s direction. Yet the protests have already elicited a remarkably hysterical reaction from Wall Street, the super-rich in general, and politicians and pundits who reliably serve the interests of the wealthiest hundredth of a percent.” He continued to stipulate that this reaction tells us “that the extremists threatening American values are what F.D.R. called ‘economic royalists,’ not the people camping in Zuccotti Park.”

Krugman then lists the reactions of Republican politicians who “have portrayed the modest-sized if growing demonstrations, which have involved some confrontations with the police – confrontations that seem to have involved a lot of police overreaction - but nothing that one could call a riot. And there has in fact been nothing so far to match the behavior of Tea Party crowds in the summer of 2009.”

Let us examine the individual reactions of Republican politicians, Krugman referred to. Eric Cantor, the House majority leader described the OCCUPIERS to be “mobs” pitting Americans against Americans. Mitt Romney, one of the leading Republican presidential candidates, has described the protesters as “waging class warfare” and another former Republican candidate, Herman Cain, called them “anti-American.” Another candidate, Senator Rand Paul made a pronouncement which Krugman names his favorite, “for some reason worries that the protesters will start seizing iPads, because they believe rich people don’t deserve to have them.” Krugman quotes “talking heads on CNBC” claiming that the protesters “let their freak flags fly,” and are “aligned with Lenin.”

Krugman concludes that all these exaggerated reactions indicate that “wealthy Americans who benefit hugely from a system rigged in their favor react with hysteria to anyone who points out just how rigged the system is.” He also theorizes that the “Wall Street’s Masters of the Universe” realize “deep down, how morally indefensible their position is.” Krugman describes these critics of the Occupiers and of anyone aiming to limit the bankers’ excesses as “people who got rich by peddling complex financial schemes that, far from delivering clear benefits to the American people, helped push us into a crisis whose aftereffects continue to blight the lives of tens of millions of their fellow citizens,” - without paying any price for their

misdeeds. On the contrary, they “continue to benefit from explicit and implicit federal guarantees” and benefit from tax loopholes” which allow them to pay lower rates than middle-class families.”

Let us examine in more detail the events related to the OCCUPY movement in three cities, New York (Manhattan – Wall Street), Oakland and Walnut Creek. Michael Bloomberg, New York’s mayor and a financial industry giant himself, was at first moderate in his reaction. He refrained from any direct action against the demonstrators for some time although he has been quoted as accusing them of “aiming at taking the jobs away from the people working in the city,” without any supporting statement originating from the occupiers of Zuccotti Park. Eventually, pressures from merchants, and security and public health officials grew and Bloomberg ordered the park to be cleared. Subsequently, the return of protesters was permitted under specified conditions.

In Oakland, it all began with a large “Rally and March for Jobs, Not Cuts,” on Saturday, October 15, organized by a labor coalition with supporting sponsors including the progressive Move-On.org. Some of us participated in these events. By my estimate, there must have been close to a thousand protesters. The Rally was held on the campus of Laney College, close to the BART’s Lake Merritt station, beginning at 1:00pm, and featured a series of speeches by labor activists and college faculty, all decrying the economic advances of the rich to the detriment of the middle class. The rally was followed by a march to Frank Ogawa Plaza, facing City Hall, located near the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Street BART station. This march was not a well-coordinated activity and we all rambled in random groups from one point to the other. Walking about the Square, I saw a variety of tents housing a diverse population including children. I had the impression that not all present were politically inspired. Eventually, the actor and liberal political activist, Danny Glover, made a rousing speech in one corner of the Plaza, away from the tent city. His address highlighted the many injustices which had been imposed on America’s middle class over the last three decades.

Events in Oakland during the following weeks took a more dramatic turn. The newly elected mayor, Jean Quan, has an activist past and she initially embraced the on-going protests. However, she soon became entangled in disputes with city politicians and her own police force and eventually yielded to pressures to have the plaza cleared. During police activity one protester, a Marine veteran was seriously injured. Quan then reversed herself and allowed protesters to return to the plaza. Two weeks later, she ordered the (continued on page 8)

# Get Ahead of the Curve Speaker Series

**Rossmoor Residents are invited to hear distinguished leaders and experts addressing the critical issues of our time.**

**January 26: Debra LeVeen. *Saving Healthcare Reform.***

Healthcare policy expert and advocate has done extensive research on the Affordable Care Act (ACA): its strengths, its weaknesses and possible improvements, its political impacts, and conservative proposals to repeal and replace the ACA with a free market alternative. Thursday, 3:00 p.m. Fireside



**February 23: John Harte. *The Challenge of Curbing Global Warming.***

Professor in the Energy and Resources Group and the Ecosystem Sciences Division at UC Berkeley has won numerous awards and honors as an ecologist and an established environmental scientist addressing how to counter the alarming growth of carbon emissions threatening our planet. Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Diablo Room, Hillside



**March 22: Dariush Zahedi. *Iran and the Arab Spring.*** Born and raised in Iran and now a Professor in the Department of Political Science at UC Berkeley is the author of extensive writing on current political developments in Iran in relation to the Arab Spring. Thursday, 3:00 p.m. Fireside



**A April 28: Jennifer Granholm. *The Fight for Jobs and America's Economic Future.*** Former Governor of Michigan, current Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley and anchor for the new nightly TV news show "The War Room with Jennifer Granholm." Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Fireside



**The series will continue to feature speakers who bring outstanding expertise on state, national and global issues, and public policies to address these issues.**

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police to clear the plaza a second time “citing reports that anarchists were fomenting violence,” according to a lengthy article published on the front page of the New York Times of December 29<sup>th</sup>.

In Walnut Creek, we have had a series of protest demonstrations on Wednesdays in the afternoon under the title “Occupy Walnut Creek.” A group of about 20 of our members of an estimated total of 200 participated and activities were well-controlled. There was no police clearing or interference by City Hall. We carried signs, some individually designed and others provided by the organizers, and we shouted slogans. We were gratified to get honks of sympathy from passing cars. These protests were held mostly at the intersection of Main St. and Mt. Diablo Boulevard, near the Bank of America branch, with one held at the Walnut Creek BART station. I participated also in another demonstration held on a Saturday morning near the Chase Bank branch at the intersection of Newell and Main Streets. To the best of my knowledge, these protests are continuing.

The OCCUPY movement has been successful in attracting the attention of the public and the media, country-wide and even world-wide. Its activities have been widely discussed in the news media and have raised questions which, it seems, the press and TV were happy to leave untouched. The major motto expressing the theme of the movement which emerged is that of the privileged one percent as opposed to the neglect of the middle class or 99 percent. President Obama has used the term in his recent speeches although he refrained from explicit endorsement of the movement. The question of what impact the movement will ultimately have on the nation’s political and economic future is still unanswered. However, it is clear that the problem of the economic polarization in the country has been brought into open discussion. In the process, there were some minor incidents of violence which have attached a stigma to the movement. It is my considered opinion that the movement has made a significant positive contribution to the society.

## **Our New First Vice President, MARY LEMBKE, introduces herself.**

My husband Bud and I travelled all over the United States for one year, looking at possible re-tirement sites. After deciding that Rossmoor surpassed all our other options, we moved here from Sacramento four and a half years ago and couldn’t be happier.

As an English major at Colorado State College in Greeley, I planned to teach high school English. But after a year of doing that I was drawn to the challenge of teaching youngsters with learning problems, so I earned a Masters degree with an emphasis on special education from California State, Los Angeles. I taught elementary school for 27 years, most of them in all areas of special education - from working with multiply handicapped students to reading. It was during teaching that I became acutely aware of the need to take part in my local teachers’ association to ensure that teachers earned a fair wage and had a say in keeping teachers in the forefront of developments in their evolving profession.

In the words of those who would demonize unions, I became a “union boss.” That is to say, I helped represent my school’s staff at California Teachers Association meetings. The need for justice for all workers motivates my political involvement to this day. I volunteer in a fourth grade class in Pleasant Hill, where I have many chances to see dedicated educators continue to provide rich learning experiences to youngsters, now in the face of horrendous challenges.

I have been active in the League of Women Voters, mostly in southern California and Sacramento, where I learned valuable lessons in studying issues before reaching any conclusions. I was California’s co-chair of the Older Women’s League, the only national group that focuses on the unique needs of women as they age. I am a member of the national women’s educational society, Delta Kappa Gamma, and volunteer at the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop. I am a founding member and still on the board of the Drama Association of Rossmoor. Bud and I travel extensively, and have enjoyed many winter months exploring Mexico and learning (with moderate success!) to speak Spanish. In times such as these, we must make sure that we educate ourselves. The misinformation that pollutes our airways also poisons otherwise good people into acting unjustly. I see the Rossmoor Democrats playing a crucial role in enlightening our neighbors

**Announcing  
The Democrats of Rossmoor**

# Annual Dinner

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Fireside Room —Gateway

Social Hour —5pm

Dinner —6pm

Catered by Simple Elegance Catering

Cost: \$26.00 members \$28.00 non-members

Appetizers: Stuffed Mushrooms, Teriyaki Meatballs, Assorted Miniature Quiches

Salad Service —served family style —Fresh Caesar Salad  
Assorted Rolls and Butter

Choice of Entrée: Grilled Breast of Chicken, Grilled Salmon w/ Bernaise Sauce,  
Or Stuffed Portabella Mushroom

All entrées served with wild rice pilaf, fresh sauté of vegetables (medley of squashes, carrots,  
and broccoli)

**ANNUAL DEMOCRATS OF ROSSMOOR FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING**

**Fireside Room —Gateway, February 23. Social Hour-5pm; Dinner-6pm**

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Entrée \_\_\_\_\_ Choice of Entré \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \$26.00 Non-Member: \$28.00 Total Amount Submitted: \$\_\_\_\_\_ **Reserve by Feb. 19**

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Can you be an occasional volunteer? From time to time the Democratic Club could use help with various events such as diverse committees and/or board responsibilities; assisting with: 1) mailings, 2) voter registration, 3) social events, 4) service groups, or 5) special needs situations. Please circle the items for which you are willing to devote some time.



Place your check (payable to Democrats of Rossmoor) and this form in an envelope and (1) leave it in the Democrats' mailbox during office hours at Gateway, or send it to Dana Snider, Treasurer, 3200A Danville Blvd. #201, Alamo, CA 94507 Bring your check and this form to the membership table at any meeting

We thank you for joining / rejoining the Rossmoor Democratic Club