



GARDENA VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Chartered by the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee



Next Meeting: **Monday, April 15, 2019**, at 7:00 PM

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April 2019 newsletter

Club Officers Sworn In



At our January 2019 general meeting, newly-elected Carson Councilmember Jim Dear, left, swore in our new officers, including (second from left) Club Treasurer Susana Medina, new President Dan Medina, new 1st Vice President Alan Constantino, Recording Secretary Jan Schaeffer and new 2nd Vice President Jim McGreevy. (photo by Ben Tarzynski)

Cinco de Mayo Parade on May 4th

Our club always participates in the Cinco de Mayo parade commemorating the defeat of European troops -- the French Empire -- on the American mainland by the Army of Mexico in the 1862 Battle of Puebla.

The Parade begins in downtown Gardena at 10:00 AM, forming at Gardena Blvd. and New Hampshire Ave. We will walk down Gardena Blvd. to Normandie Ave. and up to Fukai Park. As always, a number of our Club members will be participating.

At Mas Fukai Park at Normandie Ave. and 158th Street, in Gardena, following the parade will be a celebration of the contributions of Mexican-American culture to the USA.

Unfortunately this year's **Martin Luther King Jr. Parade** in January was cancelled, for only the second time, due to torrential rains. Only the "Battle of the Bands" took place, very loudly in a gymnasium.

The penalty for voting twice in one election is usually 5 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine, so hardly anyone does it. *PREVENTING* one citizen from voting, as thousands of Republicans do every election, has exactly the same effect.

PUT THEM IN JAIL !

For each person whose vote they steal!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CLUB !!!

Our new policy is that club dues, \$20 for an individual and \$10 for additional people at the same address, cover calendar years, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. If you can afford to, please renew your membership so that our club can help turn America around in 2020!

Meeting Notice:

Monday, April 15, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

at the **Ken Nakaoka Community Center**

1670 West 162nd Street in Gardena, California

(One long block east of Western Avenue, at the Gardena Civic Center, between the Gardena Police Station and the Fire Station)

Program: Stephen Tarzynski, MD, MPH



Doctor Tarzynski, President of the [California Physicians Alliance](#), will defend the **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act** from attacks by the Trump Administration, and he will also speak in support of Medicare for All, which is becoming an issue in the 2020 Presidential campaign and has long been a goal of our club. --- We will also conduct our regular business and discuss other local and national issues of interest to our members. ([photo from CAPA website](#))

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2020 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS UNDERWAY, ALREADY!

Club member Jim McGreevy was in Lawrence, Massachusetts, when Elizabeth Warren kicked off her Presidential campaign on February 9th, in front of the Everett Mills in Lawrence where the American labor movement was kickstarted in 1912, when all of the young immigrant women millworkers, from more than 40 countries, walked out, beginning the months-long Bread and Roses Strike. This crowd stood for Senator Warren in 12° weather (wind-chill 5°) for many hours. Following many other speakers, Congressman Joe Kennedy, Robert F. "Bobby" Kennedy's grandson, gave a great speech introducing Senator Warren. Elizabeth Warren also gave a great speech, which was covered by MSNBC and CNN and quickly forgotten afterwards, just like the Bernie Sanders campaign kickoff speech a week later. That was very reminiscent of 2016, when Bernie Sanders was hardly ever mentioned despite Bernie's crowds usually being far larger than any of the other candidates', including

Trump's. Even the most progressive network, MSNBC, often showed Trump rallies rather than Democratic rallies, including Hillary Clinton's. Estimates were that all of the TV networks' coverage of Donald Trump's rallies were worth BILLIONS of dollars in free air time, compared to merely Millions worth of free coverage for Hillary Clinton's rallies, and barely any coverage at all for Bernie Sanders'. Yet Bernie came very close to winning the nomination. Bernie probably would have easily beaten Trump, who falsely echoed many of Bernie's issues in his campaign against Hillary. Hillary Clinton, of course, really won the 2016 election, not only by her 3 million plurality of

votes that were counted, but 30 states using the Republican "Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program" prevented up to 7.25 million additional votes from being counted, and the usual Republican tactics such as putting faulty voting machines in heavily Democratic precincts (notably in Detroit) probably lost millions more votes. Hillary should have won!

Everyone but the most hardened white nationalists and bigots now knows that the Trump administration is made up of almost 100% kleptocrats. To protect everyone who has not yet lost their rights, savings, health care or homes, we all MUST support WHOEVER the Democratic Party nominates next year!

Goodbye LAFN Website, Hello Facebook!

The [Gardena Valley Democratic Club](http://www.gardenavalleynews.org) was one of the first Democratic Clubs on the Internet, back in 1995. We thank the [Los Angeles Free-Net](http://www.losangelesfreenet.com), run by volunteers and one of the least expensive ways to get on the Internet, for hosting us for those 22 years! The LAFN finally closed down in June 2017 and that website has been inactive since. We should be back up shortly, at www.gvdc.org.

In the meantime, you can still join our [Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/gvdc) for the latest news and to keep up with other club members there.

GVDC Members Wordsearch

The words below are hidden in the word square. Your task is to find these words in the square as quickly as possible. They may be read in any direction, right, left, up, down or in any diagonal direction. Put a tick against each word as you find it.

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JIMDEAR	MARKHENDERSON	OLIVIAVERRETT	PAULETTEFRANCIS
ROSALIEPRESTON	SUSANAMEDINA	TERRYKENNEDY	WILLIECARTER

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Service to others is her hallmark

Susana Medina strives to help people succeed

By Gary Luster

Most people in Gardena know of Dan Medina as one of the city's current council members. Others know him as one of the leaders who fought for residents victimized by the black sludge incident of a few years ago.

However, not as many are familiar with his wife Susana, who is just as much a leader and prominent Gardena as her husband of 24 years.

Four years ago Medina won the Gardena Valley Lions Club Citizen of the Year award and last year won the award for L.A. County's Democrat of the Year.

Medina won these awards due to her efforts to serve the greater community around her. Beginning in the early '80s, when she worked with then-Sheriff Sherman Block to begin the first volunteer program for the L.A. County Sheriff's, Medina has spent much of her life in service.

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Service

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Some of her recent efforts of service include her current position as the chairman of Gardena's Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Program, which grants scholarships to participating Gardena students.

Originally begun as a beauty contest that granted a scholarship to the winner, Medina was involved in changing it to just a scholarship program for girls in 2004 and in 2013, changed the program to include boys.

Medina said that helping kids gain an edge in life is a passion of hers. In recent years, Medina helped two student athletes earn football scholarships to colleges in Texas, as well as helped many others earn purely academic scholarships.

"My work in the scholarship program helped me to help them and guide them to go to a different path than they were on originally," Medina said. "It's my passion to be able to help the underdog to give them a push to get ahead in life."

In addition to helping students, another of Medina's pas-

sions is helping the homeless.

Currently, Medina volunteers to help the homeless through The New Challenge Ministries, a charity organization that helps those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. In 2006, the organization began tackling the issue of hunger among the less fortunate by gathering and distributing food.

For Christmas this past year, Medina was involved in feeding and giving gifts to the kids through The New Challenge Ministries organization. The church has adopted 20 needy families to which they will give food and toys.

Gardena's local newspaper published a very nice front page article in January about our longtime club Treasurer Susana Medina. You can read the article on the GVN website:

gardenavalleynews.org/service-to-others-is-her-hallmark/

Honor Roll Wall for Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during WWII

Kanji Sahara and Don Dear, both former Presidents of this club, and Nancy Oda, Nancy Hayata, Iku Kiriya, Roy Sakamoto, Alison Kochiyama and Ray Shibata have proposed honoring all of the Japanese Americans who were incarcerated 77 years ago -- at the beginning of the Second World War -- in WRA, INS and Army camps, by placing 11 walls and additional display panels, to explain what happened, into a Torrance Park. Kanji and another former GVDC President, Wilbur Sato, were both incarcerated during that war, as were many other past club members. The Torrance area has the most survivors of the incarceration and many of their children and grandchildren also live here. The proposal suggests putting the Honor Roll Wall in either Wilson, Columbia or Guenser Parks in Torrance. Kanji, who has been working tirelessly to prevent the same fate happening to other groups disliked by the present occupant of the White House, sees this as a deterrent to any recurrence.



Pres. [Dan Medina](http://www.gardenavalleynews.org) and [Marita Claudio](http://www.gardenavalleynews.org), President of Magna Sol Corp. and a leader of the 2010 U.S. Census, speaking at the GVDC's March meeting about the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census to redistricting and to our future. Trump's proposed Census revisions could result in many States, including California, being underrepresented in Congress.

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Membership

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address or Fax#: _____

☐ \$20 Membership; ☐ \$10 for each additional Member at the same Address; ☐ SUSTAINER: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Gardena Valley Democratic Club"

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Calendar

APRIL 2019

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

7/14/21/28 Sundays 10 AM to Noon
Weekly Club Breakfast
 at FarmerBoys BREAKFAST, BURGERS & MORE
 641 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.
 in Gardena, California
 (just west of the Harbor 110 Freeway)
 Please join our informal discussions!

1 Monday @ 7 PM to 9 PM

(the FIRST MONDAY of every month)

Club Executive Board Meeting
 at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center
 1670 W. 162nd Street
 in Gardena, California
 Club members are welcome to take part.

15 Monday @ 7 PM to 9 PM

(the THIRD MONDAY of every month)

Club General Meeting
 at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center
 1670 W. 162nd Street
 in Gardena, California
 Everyone is welcome to join us!

Every club member is welcome to
 make suggestions and contribute photos
 and criticism to our newsletter.
 All blame goes to Jim McGreevy.

MAY 2019

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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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5/12/19/26 Sundays 10 AM to Noon
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 at FarmerBoys BREAKFAST, BURGERS & MORE

6 Monday @ 7 PM to 9 PM

Club Executive Board Meeting
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20 Monday @ 7 PM to 9 PM

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