



Dear Democratic Friends,

January 2018

**What a tumultuous year** we've had. From election shock and inauguration depression, we rose up together and found new partners and new energy and new ways to unite as Democrats.

As Democrats, it may be against our very nature to look back. The root of the word "progressive" inspires us to focus on the road ahead. But we would be remiss if we did not, at the very least, acknowledge some of our significant accomplishments of 2017.

- The Lamorinda Democratic Club, over THREE HUNDRED members strong, started the year with a "YUGE" bang! We helped organize a California delegate election that produced record breaking turnout of both delegates and voters.
- We participated in the January 2017 Women's March- in our own backyard, in Walnut Creek, that saw over TEN THOUSAND women and men marching together, in defiance of divisiveness, exclusion, hatred, and bigotry.
- We organized topical, newsworthy, **panel presentations**, candidate introductions, and informative discussions on important local, state, and national issues, like healthcare, housing, criminal justice, immigration, and building the bench.
- We planned relevant and effective "**Calls to Action!**" at the end of every single meeting.
- We launched our first "**Lamorinda Democratic Club American Dream Scholarship.**"
- We supported our Democratic candidates and issues by hosting get-togethers, voter registration drives, and expanding our **GO-TEAM** efforts to Get Out The Vote.
- We created opportunities for our members to connect with elected representatives, candidates, and with each other.
- We stood with our sisters and brothers in **groups** such as *Indivisible* and *Flip to Blue*, and *People Power and Red to Blue*, and *350.org* and *BlackLivesMatter* and *Evolve* and *Emerge* and more.
- We had fun! Our champagne **January Kick-Off Brunch**, the **Orinda 4th of July Parade**, the **Lafayette Art & Wine Festival**, not to mention, our **Hot August Night Political Trivia Championship!**

The mission of the Lamorinda Democratic Club is to **Engage, Educate, and Elect** Democrats. The focus of 2017 was clearly on engaging and educating. So we've decided to dedicate 2018 to **Electing!**

Please join us in taking back the house, and the senate, and our very own state assembly seat! We need the efforts and talents of every single member!

First things first: **Join the club!** Or **renew your membership!** Your membership dues pay for the cost of renting the meeting space, hosting members and invited guests for monthly meetings, and for special events. But most importantly, joining the club expands the breadth and depth of our reach and our significance in terms of impacting policy, candidates, issues and elections.

I look forward to working with each of you in 2018.....to making the LDC more effective and inclusive, to building a deeper bench of potential Candidates for office, to developing neighborhood teams that get people ready to vote, to holding our elected officials accountable and pushing them to take action, and to electing strong Democrats at every level of government. I promise that we will have fun along the way.

Thank you again for being part of the LDC and supporting our efforts. I hope you will renew your membership or start a new commitment to Democratic values by becoming a member of the Lamorinda Democratic Club **today**. Step up to the plate and let us know how you would like to be part of the team.

**Here's to a winning year!**

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie".