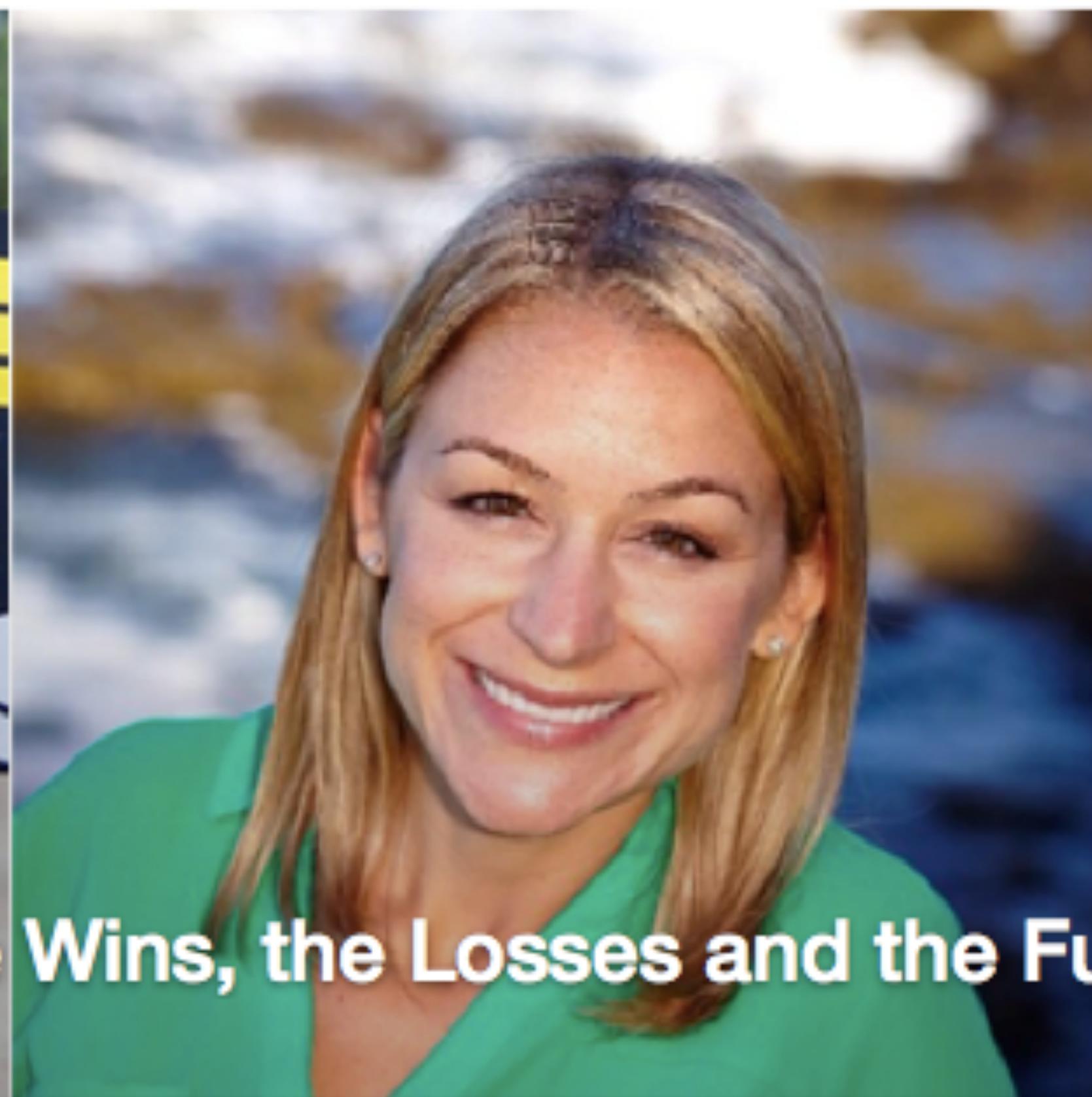


# Martha Sullivan



# Sarah Boot



# Carol Kim



**Warrior Women: the Wins, the Losses and the Future**



# Agenda

7:00 Welcoming remarks & introductions

7:10 Presentation & discussion

**Update on the Situation at Sea World – Retire Corky!!!**

**Warrior Women: the Wins, the Losses and the Future**

8:30 Old business

- Update on Who Runs San Diego? series
- Approval of Minutes 10/20/14
- Committee/Officer reports

8:40 New business

Announcements/comments



# Martha Sullivan

2004 Co-founded the San Diego County Democratic Party (SDCDP)'s Voter Registration Team

2005- Delegate to the CA Democratic Party

2005-2007 Political Action Director for North County Democratic Unity

2007-2009 Co-founded the County Party's Grassroots Organizing (GO) Team & North Regional Coordinator

2009-2011 Vice Chair of the County Party for the North Area

Martha is a graduate of San Francisco State University (Urban Studies) and worked for the California Public Utilities Commission until 1998

Since 2003, she has been a community organizer in San Diego County, and since 2007 run Apply Liberally Enterprises LLC

Martha has also been active in Women Occupy San Diego and the Coalition to Decommission San Onofre

In 2014 Martha began actively campaigning against SeaWorld's treatment of Orcas



# Sea A New World for Corky after 45 Years





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- December 11, 2014, marks 45 years since Corky, the longest-held orca in captivity, was captured in British Columbia
- Since her capture, she has generated hundreds of millions in revenue for the Southern California tourism industry and for her captor corporations.
- The first orca to give birth to a live baby in captivity, none of her 8 pregnancies survived.
- For the past 25 years, she has been held at SeaWorld San Diego.



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- SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. reported revenues of \$1.4 Billion in 2013 and the prospectus for its 2013 Initial Public Offering (IPO) credits the San Diego park with generating 20% of corporate revenue 13, or \$280 Million in 2013;
- In March of this year, the City of San Diego proclaimed “SeaWorld San Diego Month”, honoring the 50th Anniversary of SeaWorld's founding in San Diego;
- The City receives about \$19 Million each year from SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. in lease and tax payments for its profitable use of Mission Bay-front parkland dedicated by the State of California to the City of San Diego.



# Sea A New World for Corky after 45 Years

- The first “killer whale” – Orca – was caught in November 1961 by a collecting crew from Marineland of the Pacific in Los Angeles (founded in 1954), where “Wanda” was placed in a tank, the walls of which she repeatedly crashed into, and she died the following day.
- During the 1960s and early 1970s, nearly 70 killer whales were taken from Pacific waters for exhibition and the Southern Resident community of the Northeast Pacific lost 48 of its members to captivity.
- By 1976, only 80 killer whales were left in the community, which remains endangered.



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- SeaWorld opened March 21, 1964, with an investment of \$1.5 million on 22 acres leased from the City of San Diego. It was not an immediate success; less than a year later, the stockholders had to invest an additional \$400,000 and a corporate sponsor made a \$50,000 loan.
- In late 1965, SeaWorld obtained its first orca for about \$25,000, a baby caught by infamous orca hunters Ted Griffin and Don Goldsberry in Carr Inlet, Washington, after her mother was harpooned and killed in front of her.
- “Shamu” I was flown to SeaWorld San Diego in December, 1965 to become the first “killer whale” exhibited in a theme park. According to Erich Hoyt's book, Shamu made distress calls throughout her first day at SeaWorld.
- Not always nice, on one occasion, she bit a girl's leg and played tug-of-war with her, reports Hoyt. Shamu died alone, a member of one of the most social species on our planet, at SeaWorld San Diego in August, 1971, after six years in captivity. The lifespan of female orcas in the wild is 50 – 90 years, not unlike human females.
- Sea World became the main player and driver of the world orca trade ,ultimately exhibiting 36 orcas, nearly a quarter of all those exhibited world-wide.



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- On December 11, 1969, there was a fierce storm north of Vancouver, British Columbia and the “A5” pod of Northern Resident orcas chose to enter Pender Harbour, where word reached a group of local fishermen, who had been looking for another chance ever since the last capture in their area 1968, with marine parks willing to pay top dollar for a “killer whale”.
- The fishermen jumped onto their boats, located the orcas, and encircled part of the pod with fishing nets, battling all night to keep the nets in place and afloat – at daybreak, half of the pod lay trapped inside the net, with the others still outside staying near their family, and they were surrounded as well.
- Buyers soon arrived and six orca were selected, including a 4-year-old female who would subsequently be named Corky.





# Sea A New World for Corky after 45 Years

- The buyers then organized the young orca's removal, first moving her into shallow water, where divers got into the water and positioned a sling around her body with holes for her pectoral fins;
- A crane lifted the sling out of the water and hoisted her into a truck modified with the first tank she would experience – removed from the almost weightless experience of the ocean, Corky's own weight was now crushing down on her in the tiny tank;
- Grease was spread over Corky's skin to prevent it from drying out and sponges of cool water were squeezed over her to try and keep her body temperature down;
- The long journey included a ferry, then transfer to a special plane, the flight, transfer to another truck, more roads, and then the final lift into a circular tank at Marineland of the Pacific, near Los Angeles, California.



# Sea A New World for Corky after 45 Years

- While at Marineland, Corky became the first orca to become pregnant (unbeknownst to her caregivers) and give birth in captivity;
- On February 28, 1977, the calf was born at Marineland to Corky and Orky (another orca captured in British Columbia the year before Corky) – a male who died after eighteen days.
- Corky went on to give birth six more times at Marineland, with Kiva, the longest surviving calf, living only 47 days;
- The reasons why Corky's calves did not survive:
  - 1) she was captured too young to learn how to take care of a calf,
  - 2) the small circular shape of Marineland's pools in which Corky had to continually push her calves away from the walls and could not properly present her mammarys to the calves so that they could nurse.





# Sea A New World for Corky after 45 Years

- Corky's time at Marineland ended in January 1987 after the park was sold to SeaWorld (and subsequently closed).
- While pregnant for the eighth time, she was moved with Orky to San Diego and suffered a miscarriage.
- Corky's mate, Orky, bred with the dominant orca at SeaWorld San Diego, Kandu V, who birthed Orkid in 1988, the first orca born there, but Orky died just three days later, having lost 4,000 pounds in two months.



# Sea A New World for Corky after 45 Years

- Corky was now without any family in the tank, except for the two calves Orky had fathered with other orca who were Icelandic, not Northern Pacific like her and Orky;
- Corky became Sea World San Diego's main performer, "Shamu";
- In 1989, with Orkid just one year old and just as their show was starting, the dominant orca Kandu V rushed out from the back pool and charged at Corky, fracturing Kandu's jaw in the process and severing an artery, from which she bled to death with her baby watching;
- No one had ever seen or heard of an orca attacking another orca before, and in an ironic twist of fate, Corky became Orkid's surrogate mother;
- Corky is also used as the "Welcome Whale" for new trainers and new orcas and she has also been a surrogate mother to Sumar, Splash, and Keet.

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# Sea A New World for Corky after 45 Years

- Our National Aquarium (in Baltimore) has ceased using captive dolphins for entertainment or breeding;
- Is developing the first “dolphin retirement sanctuary” similar to those existing for most other megafauna species in captivity; and
- Has called upon other captive facility owners to join it in developing retirement sea pen sanctuaries for performing cetaceans (orca are dolphins).



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- JANE GOODALL, from an interview published on October 2, 2014:
- I'm very much against keeping cetaceans in captivity for several reasons. I love them; to know that they can communicate across hundreds of miles under the water ... and to actually watch them out there in the ocean is absolutely glorious. When I see them in a little tank it hurts, so that's the emotional side of it.
- On the scientific side of it, it's the acoustical nightmare that they live in in these little tanks. "Acoustical nightmare" is what I think Roger Payne called it. You'll find that the beluga has the most varied communication calls of anybody; sounds described as beeps and squeaks and roars ... with which they communicate with different things in the ocean.
- Once they spend time in a tank, they more or less stop calling because it bounces back from the wall of the tank. On top of that nastiness, you have apparently the horrific sound of the water pumps that keeps the water circulating and all that sort of thing. It just seems absolutely wrong to take those animals ... have them leaping out of the water and doing single tricks and keeping them in a confined space.



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- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the people of San Diego that
- December 2014 is “Corky Orca Retirement Month” in the City of San Diego, honoring Corky Orca's 45 years of sacrifice and service to the entertainment industry in Southern California and 25 years years of sacrifice and service to SeaWorld Entertainment Inc.'s profits; and
- Calls upon SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. to join the National Aquarium in ending shows and breeding and in developing retirement sea pen sanctuaries for performing cetaceans (whales and dolphins), for rehabilitation and potential reintroduction to the wild.



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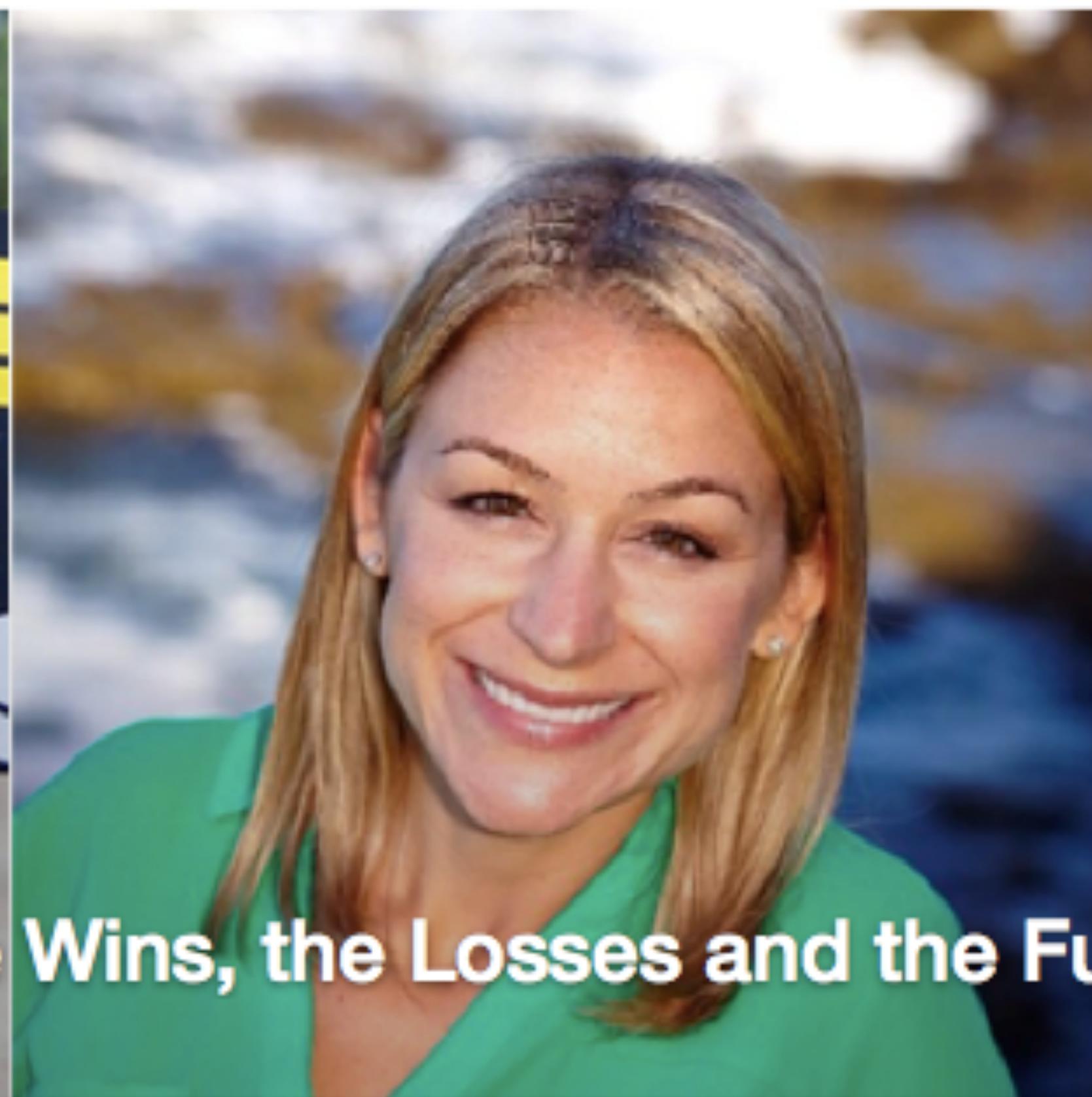


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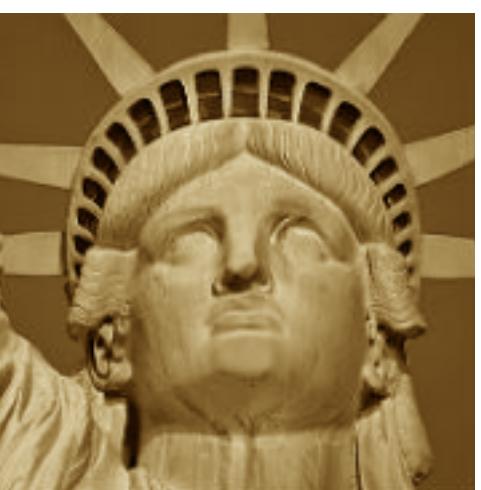
# Who Runs San Diego?

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## ***Democratic Woman's Club of San Diego County***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

October 20, 2014

#### **I. Call to order**

Linda called the meeting to order at ~7:30 PM on October 20, 2014 at Carol Kim's campaign headquarters, 8328 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Suite 214 San Diego, CA 92111 after a longer than normal session of phone banking.

#### **II. Roll call**

A quorum was present.

#### **III. Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. A motion by Susan Peinado, seconded by Carrie Morrow, to accept the minutes as presented was passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Old Business**

No old business.



## V.New Business

1. Linda introduced Anne Hoiberg who spoke on:

### A Woman's Right to Sex.

The disastrous 5 - 4 Supreme Court decision, Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby, on June 30, centered on upholding the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 as related to the beliefs of the “sincerely” religious family owners of such for-profit corporations as Hobby Lobby and Conestoga.

Was this ruling really about religious freedom or was the real issue at stake about sex—and women's right to have sex as freely as men?

In the presentation, we learnt about

- the SCOTUS ruling
- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's scathing dissent
- FDA-approved forms of contraception
- the definition of “abortifacients”
- a proposed re-voting of Senators Patty Murray's and Mark Udall's “Not My Boss's Business” Act

2. Linda spoke on the series of articles and forums: Who Runs San Diego? She credited Martha Sullivan (who will be talking at the November meeting) for the research on the SeaWorld articles and spoke on the our participation as taxpayers in the morally and fiscally reprehensible business that is SeaWorld.



3. Rosemary Downing from the Helen Knoll Foundation spoke on breast cancer awareness and the work of the foundation ([rosemary@helenknollfoundation.org](mailto:rosemary@helenknollfoundation.org)). She explained that most insurance (including Covered California) will only pay for mammograms that are ineffective for younger women, and in a bizarre Catch 22 will only authorize other tests for young women after a mammogram detects something!
4. Treasurer's Report was presented by Carrie Morrow.
5. Linda explained that the club will be electing officers in January and she appointed a nominating committee consisting of Ruth Rollins, Susan Peinado, Peter Conneely and John Loughlin.

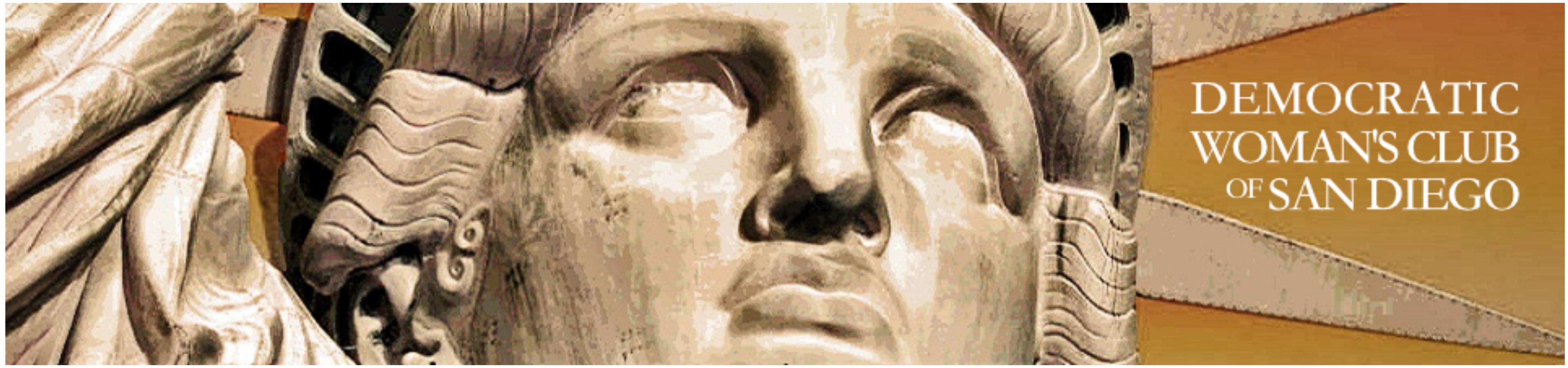
## **VI. Announcements**

1. Susan Peinado gave details of a fundraiser for Carol Kim.
2. The next meeting will be on November 17th at - venue and program To Be Announced.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Linda adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by: John Loughlin as acting Secretary



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