

MEETING President Ross Stewart opened the meeting. **Ken Dufour** gave the invocation reminding us of our responsibilities personally and as an Exchange Club. **Ed Romeo** led us in the Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... SHIRLEY LASHMETT asked what members will be attending the Golf Tournament for the Big Drawing? **Mitch Mitchell** gave us the weekly count down to **Ed Romeo's** 100th Birthday. **Mitch** also introduced our guest speaker, **Will O'Neill**, Chairman of the Republican Party of Orange County, previous Mayor of Newport Beach and past member of our Exchange Club. **Will** stated in the beginning of his presentation that he does not support the Proposition, but said he would provide us with the basic argument for Prop 50 as well. **Chairman O'Neill** mentioned that various websites presented the pros and cons of Prop 50. **Will** gave us a number of reasons for Republicans to vote against the proposition: *Prop 50's special election will cost taxpayers nearly \$300 million while California is facing a \$20 billion deficit.... *Instead of funding key priorities like public safety and emergency response, Gavin Newsom and the State Legislature are wasting hundreds of millions on dollars on a partisan special election to help elect more Democrats*Prop 50 will override the maps created by the voter-approved independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission, which aims to preserve communities of interest, in favor of partisan districts drafted secretly by politicians.*Statewide, these new maps will divide counties 114 times and

cities 141 times—including many Latino, Asian and Black communities who fought to stay unified in the same district. Newport would be divided in half. The northern half along with Huntington Beach would join Long Beach to change our community to a strong "blue" Congressional district. The southern half along with Laguna Beach would be connected with more "blue" communities south.....*Prop 50 dilutes community representation and silences voter's voices—all to benefit a few politi-



Chairman Will O'Neill

cians.....*Approving Prop 50 puts the State Legislature in charge of drawing on California's congressional maps.....*We should maintain California's gold standard for fair redistricting and lead the country in showing that independent, citizen-led redistricting is the better path forward.

Dwight Williams, President of the California Senior Alliance stated, "The independent redistricting process has helped ensure that diverse communities across California can advocate effectively for their needs. Prop 50 discards that progress by merging urban ethnic neighborhoods with far-flung rural areas that have little in common, protecting politicians at the expense of real representation." **The Democrats favor Prop 50, arguments for are posted on their "Yes on Prop 50" webpage:**

*It levels the playing field to make sure the 2026 midterm elections are conducted

on a level playing field without an unfair advantage for Republicans..... *Commits to fair redistricting, reaffirming California's commitment to independent redistricting and calls for a nationwide commitment to fair and impartial maps.....*Puts the power in the hands of the people of California, not backroom politicians, to approve emergency congressional district maps in response to Trump's election rigging scheme.....*Is fair and proportional by providing emergency maps only because Republicans moved forward with their power grab.....*These maps expire in 2030. Prop 50 preserves California's award-winning redistricting reforms and reaffirms the California Redistricting Commission's authority to draw congressional districts after the next census.

Chairman O'Neill reminded all to vote and encouraged everyone they know to also vote. He pointed out that the Republicans do not turn out in great numbers for non-national elections and that Democrats do. The presentation ended as **Will** answered questions from the members. **Craig Boardman** asked more details about the cost of this election. **Will** shared that this election was the 2nd most expensive election in the State. **Mitch Mitchell** was interested in the statement about Orange County becoming "purple". **Will** stated that **Governor Brown** predicted that the Irvine University of California, Irvine would eventually impact the "color" of Orange County.

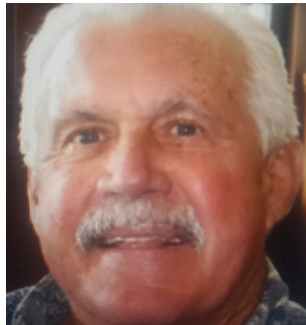


George Lesley, "Chairman O'Neill, I have one more question."

THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NEWPORT HARBOR UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	SPEAKER/SUBJECT
Oct 30	Chris Epting
Nov 6	Seymour Beek
Nov 13	CA State Representative Diane Dixon
Nov 20	Business Meeting
Nov 27	NO MEETING—Happy Thanksgiving!
The <u>next</u> meeting will be held at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. Lunch will be served at 12:20 p.m. You will be emailed an invitation before the meeting. Please notify Ross Stewart by Sunday evening if you are planning on attending.	

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Pres. Ross Stewart

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Newport's First Service Club, 1926 * Re-Chartered January 18, 1959

National Club Achievement Award 2009 * National Service Award 2001, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2011

National Big E Award 17 Years * District Best Club Newsletter Award 2001—2006, 2009, 2010, 2011

National Club Membership Achievement Award 2005, 2009

National Excellence Award 2009



National Awards

First Place

Best Club Bulletin Editor, 2001

Best Club Web Video 2011

Best Club Public Relations 2017

Meets at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
1601 Bayside Drive, Corona del Mar
Thursdays 12 Noon



Multiple
Outstanding Club Awards
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One Year Term

Michael Call
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Two Year Term

TBD
George Lesley
Claudette Mekalian

AMERICANISM..... Ross Stewart

Field of Honor	TBD
Freedom Shrines	Gale Demmer
Proudly We Hail	George Lesley

COMMUNITY SERVICE..... Leo Fracaloso

John Crean Book of Golden Deeds	Garry TeWinkle
Crime Prevention	TBD
Fire Prevention	Jerry Strom
Service to Seniors.....	Ed Romeo
Adopt a Family	TBD
Child Abuse Prevention	Richard Swinney
Salute to Service.....	Cynthia Strasmann

FUNDRAISING..... George Lesley

Movie Benefit	George Lesley
Budget Committee.....	George Lesley/ Ken DuFour
Sports Books	
Football Pool	Mike Gertner

SOCIAL COMMITTEE..... TBD

Birthday Recognition.....	Fran Murphy
Christmas	Cynthia Strasmann
Member Welfare	TBD
Social Events/Fellowship	TBD

MEMBERSHIP..... TBD

Education	Mike Gertner
Club Roster	TBD
Inductions	Past Presidents
Membership Badges	Ken Dufour
New Member Orientation	Sponsors
Recruitment.....	All Members

YOUTH PROGRAMS..... Claudette Mekalian

Youth of the Year	TBD
A.C.E. Program	Cynthia Strasmann
Young Citizenship Award	Cynthia Strasmann
Patriotic Art.....	Cynthia Strasmann
Buddy Bench.....	Cynthia Strasmann

PROGRAMS..... Mitch Mitchell / Diane Daruty

Meeting Setup	K Dufour/R Shlemon/M Newcomb
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ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Mike Gertner	CDM Club 67-68
Mike Gertner.....	9/78-8/79
Garry TeWinkle.....	9/79-8/80
Mitch Mitchell.....	9/83-8/84
W.C. Fox	9/91-9/92
George Lesley	9/93-8/94
W.C. Fox.....	1/00-6/00
Duncan Forgey.....	7/05-6/06

Leo Fracaloso	7/12-6/13
Wally Ziglar.....	7/13-6/14
Leo Fracaloso	7/15-7/16
Ken Dufour.....	7/17-6/18
Richard Swinney.....	7/18-6/19
Ken Dufour.....	7/19-6/20
George Lesley	7/20-6/21
Mike Gertner.....	7/21-6/22
Ken Dufour.....	7/22-6/23
Shirley Lashmett.....	7/23-6/24
Roy Shlemon.....	7/24-6/25

ANNUAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JULY

National Convention
Membership Drive

AUGUST

Membership Drive
Installation 29th

SEPTEMBER

Sports Books
Membership Drive

OCTOBER

Crime Prevention Month

NOVEMBER

One Nation Under God
Proudly We Hail
Movie Benefit

DECEMBER

Christmas Party
Santa School Program
Families Helping Families

JANUARY

ECNH Birthday
Education Meeting

FEBRUARY

Community Service Month

MARCH

National Exchange Birthday
Club Nominations

APRIL

Child Abuse Prevention Month
Club Elections
A.C.E. Awards
Youth of the Year Awards

MAY

Freedom Shrine Month
GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE
Young Citizenship Award
Field of Honor

JUNE

Milestones of Freedom
Installation Banquet
District Convention