

# EASTLAKE-BONITA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

## Minutes May 16, 2007

Attendance: 13+

Where: Bonita Library, 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita, 91902

1. Social time with "Did You Know?" and "Democratic Convention" Slide shows
2. Pledge – 7:00
3. Mike welcomed members and guests, gave a brief CDP Convention update, and announced minutes would be posted on the web at [www.ebdemocrats.org](http://www.ebdemocrats.org)
4. GO Team and Democratic Unity Coalition South reports with Claudia Satriano
  - GO Team Recruitment event, Coronado, Coronado Library, May 19, 11:00 am
  - GO Team Training, Coronado, Coronado Library, June 2, 11:00 am
  - GO Team SOUTH COUNTY KICKOFF PARTY, Bonita Library, June 24, 3:00**
  - DUCS Executive Meeting, May 20, 1:00 pm, Bonita Library
  - DUCS First General Meeting, June 10, Coronado Library, 3:00 pm**
6. **Feature Presentation – "Global imperialism – Iraq and Beyond" with Judy Hess**

Judy gave a Power Point Presentation tracing the roots of the neocons, which incredibly span back to Thomas Hobbes in 1630. Hobbes's thinking, that man is savage and needs a king or dictator, was studied by Leo Strauss, at the urging of Carl Schmitt, his Nazi mentor, and distilled into a philosophy Strauss taught at the University of Chicago for decades. Among Strauss's followers are many members of the Bush Administration and associates, including Paul Wolfowitz, Ahmed Chalabi, Richard Perle, Abram Shulski and Douglas Feith of the now discredited Office of Special Plans, and a rogue from Iran-Contra, Michael Ledeen, believed responsible for the theft and forgery of the Niger yellowcake documents, before Bush was Inaugurated. She detailed how they and Jeb Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, along with oil industry executives, funneled into the Project for the New American Century and hijacked our Defense and Foreign Policy.

Judy says the solution is to expose them and the danger through Impeachment Investigations, to see that these people never again have access to power. The greatest obstacle to that solution is the formation of a third party or ticket for the Presidency, wherein a Democrat could be defeated in the 2008 election, allowing them to reconsolidate. Such investigation could forestall that contingency.

Her papers are available at: <http://www.pda-metro-sandiego.org/Leader's%20Page.htm>
7. Community Issues
  - a. **Registrar of Voters** – Michael Vu, new Assistant Registrar of Voters and the new Registrar of Voters, Deborah Seiler, former employee of Diebold Elections Systems (see article in the San Diego Union Tribune, May 12, 2007 by Craig Gustafson for more information)
  - b. **Blackwater USA moving to San Diego** – more discussion next month with Victor Cortez and Art Elphick.
8. Old Business – Tabled Motion to form an education committee from April's General meeting.

At the Executive Board meeting on April 22, it was determined that there are many issues and topics; therefore we need to activate subcommittees. We cannot cover each topic at each meeting due to time constraints. Subcommittees are to report to their committee chairperson, who will then contact the Exec. Board to schedule a report at the general meeting once a quarter. Continued discussion was tabled until the next meeting when Norberto, who made the motion, will be present.

9. New business and announcements –

There was a discussion on dwindling attendance at general meetings. Is this due to off-year for election cycle? Lack of guest speakers? Sometimes the meetings are on Weds, and sometimes on Thurs? No big local issues to draw people out?

10. Meeting was adjourned.

Future meetings:

June 21, Thursday – No Child Left Behind

July 18 or 25 – Annual True Blue Bash

August 22, Wednesday – Fairness Doctrine

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Respectively submitted,  
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