Upcoming Events

August 1, Write2Blue. Creekside Mulligan Room, 2–4 p.m.

August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, Wednesdays, Flip Red Votes Phone Banks.
Gateway Oak Room, 4–6 p.m.

August 7 Book Club: Al Franken, Giant of the Senate. Gateway MPR 2, 3 p.m.

August 10 Congressman DeSaulnier Town Hall. Event Center, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

August 10 TGWD: Craig Cheslog, CA Democratic Party, Region 2 Director: Political Matters in California. Creekside Fairway Room, 4:30–6:30 p.m. RSVP required; include date, name(s) and whether you will be ordering dinner. $5 cash drinks. $20 cash dinner.

August 14 Film: Now Is the Time. Peacock Hall, 1 and 7 p.m.

August 24 General Meeting/Buffet: Ian Fletcher: Trade Agreements. Event Center, 5 p.m. town square/social, 5:45 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. speaker. See below for details.

August 24 Buffet and General Meeting

Ian Fletcher will speak at DoR’s August buffet dinner meeting on Thursday, August 24, in the Event Center. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:45 and the program at 7. Those wishing to hear the program but skip the dinner may do so free of charge at 7 p.m.

Economist Ian Fletcher is one of America's foremost experts on the problems of free trade. He was Senior Economist of the Coalition for a Prosperous America (CPA), an organization dedicated to reforming American trade policies, and is currently a member of CPA's advisory board. He was previously a Research Fellow with the U.S. Business and Industry Council, a Washington think tank. Before that, he was an economist in private practice, mostly serving hedge funds and private equity firms.


The menu details are not yet available for the buffet dinner, but it will be a barbecue. Please use the RSVP form on page 3 to sign up and pay. The deadline to sign up is August 21.
The population of Walnut Creek was about 500.  
The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.  
Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.  
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 m.p.h.  
Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.  
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.  
The average U.S. wage was 22 cents per hour.  
The average U.S. worker made between $200 and $400 per year.  
A competent accountant could expect to earn $2,000 per year, a dentist $2,500 per year, a veterinarian $1,500–$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about $5,000 per year.  
Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound. 1st Class U.S. mail costs 3 cents per ounce.  
The average price of a house was $5,000. The average price of a car was $400.  

18 percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.  
Two out of every 10 adults couldn’t read or write, and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.  
More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.  
The five leading causes of death were:  
1. Pneumonia and influenza  
2. Tuberculosis  
3. Diarrhea  
4. Heart disease  
5. Stroke  
Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.  
Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.  
There were about 230 reported murders in the entire country.

- **January 10**: National Woman's Party supporters, the Silent Sentinels, stage their first protest outside the White House in support of women’s right to vote.  
- **April 6**: U.S. declares war on Germany and enters World War I.  
- **May 18**: The U.S. Congress passes the Selective Service Act to raise a national army.  
- **June 26**: The first World War I U.S. Expeditionary Force arrives in France.  
- **July 28**: Organized by James Weldon Johnson, 10,000 African-Americans protest against lynching by holding the Silent Parade and marching down 5th Ave in New York City.  
- **October 21**: The first American soldiers see action on the front lines of WW I at Sommervillier under French command.  
- **October 27**: 20,000 women march in a suffrage parade in New York City.  
- **November 20**: The first successful use of a tank in battle occurs when Britain breaks through German lines at the WWI Battle of Cambrai.  
- **December 18**: The 18th Amendment, authorizing prohibition of alcohol, is approved by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.
RSVP Form for August Buffet/General Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2017, at the Event Center
5 p.m. Town Square/Social Hour — 5:45 p.m. Dinner — 7 p.m. Program
Speaker: Ian Fletcher, economist, on trade agreements

Member Name(s) ___________________________________________________________

Guest Name(s) ___________________________________________________________

Phone # _________________________________________________________________

Email Address ___________________________________________________________

Reserve by August 21. $32 members/$37 non-members. Total amount submitted _______

Please make your check out to Democrats of Rossmoor.

Put this form and your check in an envelope, and either:
• Mail to Elaine McGrath, 1268 Skycrest Dr. #1, Walnut Creek 94595
• Or leave in the Democrats of Rossmoor mailbox at Gateway

Questions? Contact Elaine McGrath at 944-9767.

Menu
• Hors d’oeuvres, marinated grilled tri-tip, barbecued chicken, vegetarian baked beans, potato salad, green salad, fresh cut fruit salad, corn bread, peach cobbler with whipped cream, wine, and coffee service
• For a vegetarian entrée (vegetarian patty with vegetables), circle this line.

Membership Form

Membership runs January through December and costs $20 per person.
Check One: [ ] New member [ ] Returning member

Name(s) ______________________________ Date __________
Please print.
Address _______________________________________________________________

Phone __________________ Email __________________

Are you a registered voter? ______ Are you a registered Democrat? _______
(We need this information for the Democratic Party, Region Two)

Can you occasionally volunteer for any of the following?
_____Voter Registration _____Phoning on behalf of Democratic Party candidates
_____Putting together mailings _____Event set-up

Place your check (made out to Democrats of Rossmoor) and this form in an envelope and:
• Leave it in the Democrats’ mailbox at Gateway during office hours,
• Mail it to Sue De Carlo, 901 Terra California Dr., #6, Walnut Creek, CA 94595,
• Or bring the form/check to the Membership Table at any meeting.

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