

## **Democratic Club of West Orange County - General Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.

Green Valley Adult Recreation Clubhouse 17250 Los Jardines West, Fountain Valley Guest Speaker: Kit Gage

## JOIN US TO HONOR THE MEMORIES OF FRANK WILKINSON AND CHAUNCEY ALEXANDER AND TALK ABOUT THE THREATS TO OUR FIRST AMENDMENT LIBERTIES

Chauncey Alexander served as founding President of the First Amendment Foundation which focuses on educating people on the difficult history of political dissent.

Frank Wilkinson was one of the greatest defenders of the First Amendment; from 1956 to 1996 he traveled the country to warn about a range of threats to our liberties. In 1961 the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) cited him for contempt for which he served time in jail. The FBI under J. Edgar Hoover compiled a 132,000 page file on him which documented his every move as well as the FBI's comprehensive efforts to disrupt and neutralize his efforts. Come to our meeting to learn more about this remarkable warrior for civil liberties and the cause for which our own Chauncey Alexander was so dedicated.

Recently the First Amendment Foundation published <u>First Amendment Felon</u> a biography of Frank Wilkinson. The Foundation has also published an update to <u>Terrorism And The</u> <u>Constitution, Sacrificing Civil Liberties In The Name Of National Security</u> copies of which Ms. Gage will bring to the meeting.



Kit Gage has directed the First Amendment Foundation (<u>www.firstamend.org</u>) and the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL, <u>www.ncarl.org</u>) since April 2001. She is president and a founder of the National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom and has worked with the Foundation and NCARL since 1987. Ms. Gage has worked extensively with the media, and works in coalition with many civil liberties, civil rights and immigrant rights groups across the country. She has

helped bring together diverse activists doing bill of rights restoration work and has personally focused on defending the right of political expression.

Our meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour featuring hors d'oeuvres and wine followed by Ms. Gage's presentation and ending with book signing and sales. Please join us for this important meeting!