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In Davis war ein Hofbrau Haus by Carl Schmid

Toward the day's end, Mike and my son Carl did not even bother to shut off the tap. Instead, they just let the beer flow as freely and as fast as possible filling cup after cup, which they then passed onto me to distribute to a line of thirsty customers. At the same time, Mariko and Georgia exchanged beer tickets for payments that Rick collected from another long line of customers. This choreographed moment, pouring as much beer as quickly as possible, culminated DDC's winning the raffle in 2011 for the "coveted beer monopoly" for this year's July 4th celebration in Community Park. Romney has billionaire deep pocket contributors like the Koch Brothers but local Democrats will have the



proceeds from thirsty picnickers on a hot summer day in the park. Occasionally, political action is simply drudge work; this was great fun.

Naturally, serious politics is more than just selling beer. The Club also debuted its great Michelle Obama Rosie-the-Riveter T-shirt (see photo p2). More importantly, we recruited

campaign volunteers, distributed candidate information, and registered voters, albeit sadly just two new Republican registrants. [However, I am pleased to report that Rick and I did much better on the following Saturday registering Democrats at Davis Farmers Market (p. 3).] Our location on the path under the shady oak tree with lots of foot traffic and great visibility provided the perfect venue (see above).

Garamendi's visit in the early afternoon was another highlight. The Congressman (photo r.) graciously introduced himself to constituents working at the other July 4th booths thanking them for their volunteer efforts.

Among the many contributing to the Club's success were Bob

Bockwinkel, Sheila Allen, Arun Sen, young Ricky Gonzales, David Bekay, Mike Syvanen, Tim Fenton, Bob Schelen, Sue Greenwald, Georgia McKenzie, Mariko Yamada (*Ed. Note: Mariko invariably rolls up her sleeves to help*), Jan Lee, Jim Provenza, Luba Schmid and our son Carl. Of special note, the Club acknowledges and thanks Rick Gonzales. (p. 2).



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Calendar of Events

Tues., Aug. 7, 7:00-9:00pm, regular DDC Board business meeting. Club members and the public are welcome: Pres. Sen and Secretary Yamagata draft the agenda, Davis Library on 14th St.

Every Sat., 8:00-12:00 pm, Davis Farmers' Market come VOLUNTEER for an hour or two: The Club will register voters, greet the public and distribute information. This is a fun way to help reelect President Obama. Contact Carl, <cwschmid@comcast.net>.

Sat., Aug. 4, 5:00-7:00pm Celebrate Pres. Obama's Birthday hosted by Diana Myles and Paul Primakoff at their home, 701 Miller Dr. Davis.

Sat., Aug 18 12:00-closing, Yolo County Fair: The Club will staff the Democratic fair booth on this day. **To volunteer,** contact Rick Gonzales or Mary Serra.

GREAT GIFT IDEA!



Club debuts neat T-shirt: The DDC with Bob Bockwinkel's artistic creativity has designed a new campaign T-shirt featuring First Lady Michelle Obama as Rosie-the-Riveter. The shirt, which is modeled on the left by Mariko Yamada's sister, makes the perfect gift for your Democratic friends (or, even better, to tease your Republican family members) with the proceeds going to a good cause, the 2012 election campaign. Suggested donations are \$20 for one, \$35 for two and \$45 for three. Obtain yours by contacting Rick Gonzales or Carl Schmid or by coming to the Farmers Market on Saturday (see p.3).

July 4th (cont' p. 1) Rick organized the beer wagon and spent the entire hot day working at the booth. I am pleased to report that my friend Rick and I were again partners on tabling activity at Farmers Market (p 3).

At the end of this long day, we



(photo above) were glad to celebrate and enjoy the fireworks. Even then, there was still work to be done, disassembling the booth, the beer wagon and packing up. Luckily, Sheila Allen and my grandsons Ivan and Noah (photo l.) evoking our new T-shirt design (see the above article) pitched in with much needed arm muscle. The profits from our **Hof Brauhaus** will support the local election campaign.

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Come & Enjoy Davis Farmers Market while Electing Democrats



For several months, Martha Beetley and Tom Hagler representing OFA have been staffing a table at the Saturday Farmers Market. They were joined in that effort by Lydia Blais representing the DDC.

The importance of their work cannot be overemphasized. The market presents a unique opportunity to engage Davis activism by recruiting campaign volunteers and registering voters.

Filling in, while Martha and Tom enjoyed well deserved time off, Rick Gonzales and I took our first shift at FM last week, and the Club will staff the table again next week. During four very pleasant hours, we registered ten voters and, undoubtedly, will register increasing numbers each week as the election nears. Florida and other states may restrict voting rights all the more reason for Davis to expand the franchise. We also directed numerous volunteers to the Davis campaign HQ and other opportunities. Additionally, we introduced our great new T-shirt line (see p.2), a neat low key fundraising device.

Obviously, Davis will vote Democratic That is not the issue but rather how we can best help elsewhere, in other parts of our congressional district, in other districts and in other states having more competitive election contests. Potential volunteers are glad to learn where they can make the greatest contribution.

The plan during the next few weeks is for the Club to staff Farmers Market in approximately alternate weeks with OFA (AKA Martha and Tom). The Garamendi campaign is also committed to this effort and will send interns to register voters and

recruit volunteers. The only important person missing from the pictures on this page is you!



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