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## July 4th Celebration



Most people are naturally disinterested in politics during a nonelection year particularly on a summer holiday presenting something of a dilemma. Party building is essential for winning elections but impossible under the time constraints of an election year. The Davis Democratic Club promoted outreach and party development by hosting a booth at the annual July 4th Celebration in Community Park. (For exactly the same reasons, the Yolo County Democratic Party will occasionally host a table at the Davis Farmers market {see p 3}).



In addition to advertising the Club and the upcoming Yolo County Democratic Party Bean Feed, which is scheduled for Saturday October 3, we also recruited volunteers for both Hillary Clinton's and Bernie Sander's presidential campaigns. At this time, the Party has neither selected nor endorsed a candidate such that the Club is pleased to provide information and support the campaigns of all Democratic candidates running for this as well as other elected offices. Despite the lack of immediate political interest, through these efforts the Club has to date recruited a total of twenty volunteers for the Clinton and Sanders campaigns.



People, who participated to make this public out-reach possible, include elected officials, Yolo Supervisor Don Saylor and Davis Mayor Dan Wolk, candidate for the State Assembly Mariko Yamada, representing Health Care for All, Judy Reynolds, Jerry and Kathy Marr, and the following members of the Davis Democratic Club, Richard Yamagata, Bob Bockwinkel, Elly & Bob Fairclough, Arun

Sen, Tim Fenton, Mike Syvanen and Sue Greenwald, Rick Gonzales and me, Carl Schmid. The attached photos acknowledge some but, unfortunately not all, of these many participants.

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## Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

**Tuesday, August 4, 7:00-9:00 pm. Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.** The Board conducts planning and attends to routine Club business. All members are invited to attend and participate in discussions. Blanchard Room, Davis Library.

**Saturday, August 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, Celebrate Betty Weir's 100th Birthday!** Hosted by Norma Turner at her home, 506 Fillmore Court, Davis  
**Saturday, August 22, 12:00-8:00 pm. Yolo County Fair.** Join the DDC for a two-hour shift at the County Fair distributing voter information. Contact Rick Gonzales (758-2331).

**Saturday, September 12, (Time & Program TBA) DDC Ice Cream Social** hosted by Lucas and Stacy Frerichs at their home. Mark your Calendar.

**Saturday, October 3, 5:00-8:00 pm. Yolo County Democratic Party Bean Feed, Food, Drink, Music People & Politics.** Veterans Memorial Hall,.

## Your Vote Made and Will Make a Difference

by Bob Schelen, Chair, Yolo County Democratic Party

Today, two events being held in Sacramento addressed increasing voter turnout. I am always surprised that we must beg people to vote. The arguments are familiar: "My vote just does not matter"...."it will not make a difference"....."what good will it do?" Here is the answer.

Despite the money and the campaigns, if people act together, a difference will be made. Now, I know there are a number of issues where many of us as activists disagree with the President or the Governor on a particular issue. But, on the whole consider the accomplishments. While the President has not created what many have called "the boldest social democratic manifesto ever issued by a United States President," in the face of bitter and unyielding, often hyperbolic opposition, he has made a difference.

### ***The response to the great recession***

He began his term by supporting and signing a \$800 billion stimulus, a bank reorganization, the Dodd/Frank bill and the auto bailout. None of these measures satisfied all, but the failure of any one of them may have triggered a Great Depression, deeper than any on our history.

### **Environment**

In 2009, the President promised to "double this nation's supply of renewable energy in the next three years." Since then, wind capacity has tripled and solar capacity has increase 16 fold. He has kept the climate-change deniers at bay.

### **Health Care**

Opponents on both the left and right have found reasons to criticize the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA). Indeed, there is an argument that can be made about subsidizing private insurance. However, the President defined two major goals for his health care reform, tamping down rising medical costs and expanding access for those that could not afford it. There is no question that both are happening, and the Supreme Court keeps informing Republicans that the ACA is constitutional.

All of these measures involved compromise and imperfections, which are associated with every major change in history. These accomplishments will undergo revision and adapt to new and unforeseen circumstances, as national policy naturally does throughout the years. These are the major changes and many more are sill being advanced including minimum wage, student loan relief and gender equity pay.

Think what would have happened during a McCain Administration or Romney Administration.

**Your vote makes a difference.**

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**Party Outreach at Farmers Market**

Kathy and Jerry Marr representing *Health Care for All* joined Don Saylor, Angel Melchior and Carl Schmid (*photo below* representing the Yolo County Democratic Party at Davis Farmers Market. The goal of this ongoing effort is party building in anticipation of the 2016 election while advertising current events and activities, such as the upcoming Democratic Party Bean Feed on October 3. Additionally, this is an opportunity to engage the voter's interest in the upcoming election. Many Davisites have expressed a natural affinity toward Senator Bernie Sanders. Nonetheless, the Club with an assist from *Cardboard-Hillary* recruited sixteen volunteers for the Clinton campaign. As a matter of policy at this early stage in the campaign, the Club supports and assists all Democratic candidates.



**Davis Progressive Business Exchange**



The Davis Progressive Business Exchange was established ten years ago as a business referral and networking group. The Exchange is non-partisan, but many of the members are also members of the DDC.

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Our members include local business people and representatives of nonprofit groups. We meet at the International House at noon on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The luncheon meeting features speakers from local businesses and community and political officials. **Our September 2nd meeting will include Congress Member John Garamendi.** The Exchange invites Davis Democratic Club members to join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary.

Contact Bob Bockwinkel at 530-219-1896 or [bbockwinkel@goLyon.com](mailto:bbockwinkel@goLyon.com) or Richard Yamagata at [yamagata@dcn.org](mailto:yamagata@dcn.org) for more details and to reserve a spot at the luncheon.

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