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Barbara Boxer has been there for us

Bean Feed Success: Senator Boxer wows capacity crowd by Carl Schmid

Veterans Memorial Hall was filled to capacity for the Annual Yolo County Democratic Bean Feed. Following a spirited introduction by Assemblymember Mariko Yamada, who reminded the audience of how often Barbara Boxer “has been there for us”, a standing ovation greeted the Senator with an impressive outpouring of support.



that YCDCC is building on its recent accomplishments and that Yolo County Democrats are already poised to provide strong support for Senator Boxer’s reelection. As a matter of fact, attendance at this signature event had been sadly declining over recent years reaching a low point in 2007 when fewer than 75 attended! In marked contrast, the excitement of the Presidential election and Obama’s candidacy coupled with the superb organization of Yolo United (thank you Claire *et al*) spectacularly reinvigorated the Bean Feed in 2008. That success raised the question of whether last year was merely an election year fluke or evidence that improvements had been made? The answer in 2009 is now clear. In addition to YCDCC successfully recruiting Senator Boxer as the principal speaker and its excellent advertising campaign, Donna Provenza deserves special recognition for pulling everything together.

Award. This award is given in recognition to the person who has made the most significant contributions for advancing the Democratic Party in Yolo County. Upon learning of her selection, Teresa said with evident surprise and humility that she “just can’t believe it. All I do is walk precincts. I feel very honored.” Among many other civic contributions, Teresa has walked her own precinct in every election since 1952, a truly distinguished record deserving recognition and appreciation.



Guest speakers, Pedro Nava running for Attorney General, Dave Jones for Insurance Commissioner and Chris Parker running for the State Board of Equalization (see photos p.3), each made compelling presentations in support of their candidates. While the Newsletter does not endorse any one particular candidate for nomination in a contested primary, it is reassuring to report that the Democratic Party has a strong bench in the upcoming state election.

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Focusing first on the unprecedented number of problems confronting our new administration, Senator Boxer noted that in addition to two wars, the economy and health care we were “even attacked by a pirate ship.” Promising that the President “is going to keep his promises” and that “we know we can get it right,” she cautioned her listeners that “you cannot undo eight dark years in ten minutes.” The Senator identified her own priorities as being “to get health care done” and to “create jobs right here” by developing “American home grown energy.” She challenged Yolo Democrats to campaign for her reelection while she is in Washington working on the issues.

The great turnout at this year’s Bean Feed is strong evidence



Bob Schelen, YCDCC Chair, and Donna Provenza (shown above) deserve special recognition for making this Bean Feed a success. (1st photo in text l.-r.) Donna, Mariko, Sen. Boxer, Bob and Jim Provenza (2nd photo)-a full house, (3rd photo) Arun and Teresa

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Calendar of Events & Activities

DECEMBER 4: Friday 6:30-8:30 pm HOLIDAY PARTY Odd Fellows Hall, 415 2nd St., Davis. This annual event features a social hour, great buffet dinner and desserts and holiday cheer reported by elected officials. Contact Mike 756-5831

JANUARY ?? TBA 6:30-7:00 DDC/YCDCC social mixer Odd Fellows Hall, Davis. This special event is an opportunity for Club members to meet Yolo County Democratic Central Committee members during a half-hour reception with beverage and appetizers prior to the following YCDCC meeting (7:00-9:00pm), which Club members may also attend to learn about YCDCC activities. Contact Arun Sen 756-7093

FEBRUARY 11: Thursday 6:00-9:00 Love your Elected Leaders: Annual Valentine Party, International House Davis, Potluck Dinner followed by highly informative talks by virtually all local elected officials providing an excellent opportunity to learn what your representatives hope to accomplish and how well they are representing you. Contact Mike Syvanen 756-5831

Club Housekeeping (new email list rules)

by G. Richard Yamagata & Carl Schmid

Many of you have criticized the Club's use of the "Davis Democrats" email list for good reasons. In addition to this Newsletter and our website, DDC communicates with you, the membership, by postings emails on three separate, distinct address lists: one restricted to the monthly announcement of this Newsletter's publication, another for reporting only Club business and a third, general purpose address list for all matters of interest to local Democrats. Virtually all members have been satisfied with the single purpose, infrequent Newsletter-publication emails. Club announcements by their very nature occur more frequently and while members prefer to receive fewer emails, the content of this restricted information has not been controversial. To facilitate rapid communication among Democrats on a wide range of issues, use of the third list "Davis Democrats" has been largely unrestricted. Over the years, fifty individuals had, for various reasons, gained permission to post unmonitored emails using this list. Democrats are a diverse group and the content and frequency of postings on this list have generated complaints.

New Email List Rules

Considering your criticisms, the Board has decided (Nov. 3 meeting) upon the following changes in policy for the Davis-Democrats list: 1) E--mail is limited to only text e-mail with no attachments or attached flyers. 2) Only the following three members will have access to the e-mail list: List Moderator G Richard Yamagata, List Moderator John Chendo and President Arun Sen. 3) People who wish to publicize a local political fundraiser on this list should e-mail the text to G. Richard Yamagata at yamagata@dcn.org and follow-up that e-mail with a telephone call to Richard at 530-848-8634. 4) People who wish to submit general Democratic Party news posts should e-mail those to John Chendo at jac07@dcn.org (that is a zero seven in the e-mail address).

Depending upon the traffic volume and response time, our procedures and rules for managing this address list may require further future modifications. In the interim, we would be glad to learn your advice as to how we might better use email to serve you and Democratic causes.

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Bean Feed (continued p.1) While Davis is fortunately, well represented in Congress by Mike Thompson, the congressman for our neighboring 3rd CD is Dan Lungren from Long Beach. Dan Lungren, who was famously photographed while lounging with lobbyists by the pool at a swank Hawaiian resort, is a self-described member of the Regan Revolution staunchly, ascribing to the grossly, oversimplified misrepresentation that "government is the problem." Two superb candidates, Mr. Bill Slatton and Dr. Ami Bera, who are vying to challenge Congressman Lungren's reelection, gave excellent presentations of why they should receive the Democratic nomination. In marked contrast to Lungren, one of these candidates documented his own personal "desire to serve," and the other made the case that "government can be a solution" and that "government run well can serve the community." Democrats in the 3rd CD have the opportunity to choose between two outstanding candidates. Davis Democrats can look forward to supporting the winning nominee in this key congressional race.



Guest speakers (l. to r.) Candidate for Attorney General, Pedro Nava, for Insurance Commissioner, Dave Jones and Board of Equalization, Chris Parker*

The 2010 (DDC) Presidential Election
by Arun Sen, DDC President

We are a part of the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee (YCDCC). YCDCC will meet at the **Odd Fellows Hall in Davis** in the middle of **January** providing you with an excellent opportunity to meet its members and learn how it functions. You are invited to attend a **joint DDC/YCDCC Social Reception**, which will be held at **6:30 pm** prior to the normal YCDCC business meeting. Appetizers and light refreshments will be served at the reception and you are also invited to attend the business meeting. The **exact date** of this function has not yet been determined but will be **publicized on the web site and in this Newsletter** as soon as it becomes available. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet the YCDCC members.

Our Club will be electing its 2010-2012 officers in February 2010 and is now soliciting nominations. This is an excellent opportunity to join the Board and provide much needed leadership for your Club. Positions to be elected are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Chair, and Publicity Chair. If you wish to serve or wish to nominate another for one of these offices, please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Bob Bockwinkel.

This phenomenal year has been marked by outstanding achievements for our Club, and I thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me anytime you may wish.

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Great candidates vying for the Democratic nomination in the 3rd Congressional District, Mr. Bill Slatton (above) and Dr. Ami Bera (below)*. Check out their web sites and help in the November campaign



* Photos on this page courtesy of Friedman Photography

In Memoriam

We regret the passing of Millicent Watkins a long time member and supporter of the Davis Democratic Club

Ed. Note, The Newsletter will resume its ongoing series of interviews with elected leaders in the January issue.

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