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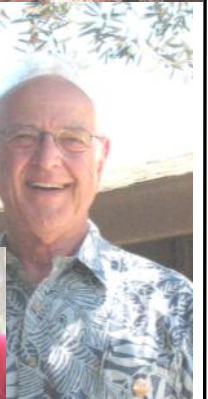
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## Champagne Brunch by Carl Schmid



The Club's annual Champagne Brunch featuring Congressman John Garamendi as the guest of honor was hosted by Mary Serra and Fred Hsu at their home in rural west Davis. Mike Syvanen, Richard Yamagata and Rick Gonzales organized the event; Rick particularly distinguished himself by doing the yard work necessary to accommodate the crowd.



The buffet provided by Board members featured a great ham, salmon and other well received dishes.

Senator Wolk and Assemblymember Yamada discussed the state budget, water policy and the importance of the upcoming election. Other speakers included Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, and City Councilmembers Dan Wolk, Steve Souza and Sue Greenwald. Steve and Sue were thanked for their many years of community service. (continued p. 2)





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## Calendar of Events

**Tues., July 3, 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 (exact time and address TBA) Celebrate Pres. Obama's Birthday** at the home of Diana Myles and Paul Primakoff.

## More you should know about Betty Weir by Tim Fenton



Our June issue featured an article highlighting Betty Weir's long career as a Democratic leader and activist. Unfortunately your reporter made a couple of errors and omissions that need correcting:

Betty corrects that our club did *not* evolve from the Stevenson Club (of the 1952 campaign) to the Davis Women's Democratic Club as I wrote; it went directly to the name we still use today, The Davis Democratic Club.

• In the early days of the club, when Betty shared the club presidency with two other persons, they were not women as I wrote; they were men – Jim Pollack and Lou Holmes to be precise. We didn't mention the other members of Bill and Betty Weir's family, their sons Tim and Rob. There were some other highlights to Betty's life and career that we didn't note in the June article but should have:

• Along with Lily Wiggins, Betty helped found a separate Davis Democratic Women's Club in 1964. The Davis Democratic Club was focused then on ballot initiatives. Betty, Lily and the Davis women spun off to focus more on the election campaigns.

• Betty served on the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee for 30 years, from 1978 to 2008, during which time she became the YCDCC's first executive director.

Outside of the political arena, Betty has always been a leader in community service. She has served as president of STEAC in Davis. She led the St. James Parish women's association as president. She was president of the Davis chapter of the Children's Home Society. And she has long been an active member of Citizens Who Care.

We hope our fellow Democrats are all citizens who care about Betty Weir who has done so much for Davis so long. Betty we thank you.



**Brunch (continued)** As we all know, Davis has been in reliably "safe" Democratic district at both the state and federal level for a number of years. However, departing from his usual emphasis on public policy (see p.3), Congressman Garamendi explained the competing political strategies in the upcoming election. There are two contested Republican and two contested Democratic congressional seats in California. Consequently, control of

Congress by either party runs through California requiring each to hold their current seats and to take one or two seats from the opposing party. Since our new district is one of these targeted seats, Davis voters and election volunteers are positioned to make a real difference in the upcoming election. We need your help now. There is also the opportunity of helping to elect Democrats in other districts and other states and to reelect President Obama. To become involved, start by merely visiting the Davis election headquarters office located at Fifth and Spafford Streets.

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## A Garamendi fundraiser to remember in the heart of wine country. by Tim Fenton



On a spectacularly beautiful Sunday afternoon in May, Lydia Blais and I represented the Davis Democratic Club and the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee at a

fundraising reception for Congressman John Garamendi at the Staglin Family Vineyards at Rutherford in Napa Valley. Our hosts were vintners, philanthropists and longtime Garamendi supporters Garen and Shari Staglin, who founded Staglin Vineyards in 1985.

John and Patti Garamendi were saluted by some 60 plus ardent contributor/supporters including some of the Napa Valley's wine aristocracy and political figures from around the state including the president of the California District Attorneys' Association and our soon to be former Congressman Mike Thompson.

Thompson introduced Congressman Garamendi and his wife of 46 years, Patti. He cited the candidate's former service in statewide offices as Insurance Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor and reminisced about his and Garamendi's shared experiences in the state legislature and then as members of Congress.

When Garamendi spoke, he identified five priorities he believes Congress needs to focus on to stimulate growth for the country and and opportunities for its citizens:

Education was first. He decried the defunding of schools, colleges and universities and called for improvements in student skills in science, math and languages.

He urged more government – and private – support for research that can develop the ideas and technologies that will carry America into a successful future.

He cited his ongoing support in Washington for the *Make It In America* effort to revive the nation's manufacturing industries and noted his strong recent urging that the new BART railcars be built with 95% U.S. content ... better still 99%!

Garamendi called for a greater federal commitment to rebuild our country's decaying infrastructure, saying projects started with recession stimulus funding should just be the beginning.

Finally, he said America needs to be willing and able to embrace change, marking here that you can't keep doing the same old things and expect things to get better. A lively Q & A session followed Garamendi's remarks and the candidate closed with deep and gracious thanks to his gathered supporters.

At the event, guests had the special privilege of enjoying the superb wines of Staglin Vineyards. Your reporter savored several-- chardonnays, cabernets, and a proprietary red blend and found them all superb, as their \$80 to \$250 per bottle prices might suggest! The Staglin Estate Chardonnay, the first wine I sampled, was quite simply the most wonderful liquid that has ever passed my lips. Candidate Garamendi, Staglin wines and good company made this event a Sunday afternoon to remember.

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