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Mike Welcomes New Management to his Annual Pasta Dinner by Carl Schmid



For many years, Davis has been ably represented by Congressman Mike Thompson (left) and following redistricting will soon be placed in the equally capable hands of Congressman John Garamendi (right). As part of that transition, Thompson graciously transferred his Yolo County Annual Pasta Dinner to support the Garamendi election campaign. Congressmen Garamendi and Thompson personally welcomed approximately 200 local Democrats to the well-attended event in Veterans Memorial Hall. In their separate remarks, each highlighted the importance of public policy choices in determining the country's economic future and by implication, the importance of the next election in determining that choice.

...most important election in our lifetime...

...whole new situation in this country.

...economic divide puts at risk the American dream...

...400 richest people..own more wealth than the lowest 150 million people...you got a problem.

...today..[CEO of a company makes]443 times more than the average employee.

...can't keep going like that.

The economics don't play out.

...digging ourselves into a hole...

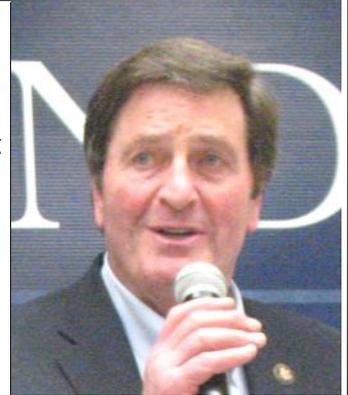
...Tea Party group in Congress..out of control...won't allow ...[other Republicans]..to do the work that the American people need them to.

....[John Garamendi] ...lifetime of public service ... working his tail off...

Striking a decidedly populist theme, Congressman Thompson bemoaned the tremendous level of income inequality (see quotes left) that has arisen in recent years as representing an entirely new situation, one that threatens our traditional ideas of providing opportunity-the American dream. He reminds us that , "even Henry Ford knew that if he was going to sell model T's, he had to pay a working wage."

The hole, according to Thompson, is only being made deeper each time the Republican majority introduces new legislation in the House. He explains that the Tea-Party contingent is unwilling to cooperate with even their own Republican colleagues who might otherwise be willing to compromise with Democrats to advance the nation's interest. The obvious solution is for Democrats to regain control of the House and the election of John Garamendi in our new congressional district is essential for change to happen.

Congressman Garamendi reiterated Thompson's message but with a forward looking program building on the theme that "This town [Davis] is about tomorrow. Tomorrow's future is being created here." The question he raised is "What are the things we need to do to solve these problems?" Garamendi's answers involve tax policies and other choices which he summarizes under five key topics (see quotes right). (continued p. 3)



FIVE KEY PUBLIC POLICIES:

1) *..very best education system in the world ... tomorrow's workforce ... we moved away from supporting education..*

2) *..research ... creating tomorrow. Technology developed in university, now the jobs are here ...*

3) *...manufacturing matters ... Siemens...in Elk Grove ... building trains in America for the first time in twenty-five years. We can make it in America.*

4) *Infrastructure is critically important ... builds a foundation upon which this economy will grow ... infrastructure bank can be financed in easy terms ... one piece of the puzzle... put people back to work ...*

5) *..smart national defense ... need to end the war in Afghanistan soon ... 80 billion dollars this year ... need to be smart how we spend vast amount of our tax money .*

We need to be willing to change ... effective and efficient in our work.

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Calendar of Events

Tues., May 2, 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 Campaign HQ at 5th and Spafford.

Sat., May 19 4:00-6:00pm Fundraiser for Senator Lois Wolk with Special Guest of Honor Congressman Mike Thompson at Rutherford Grove Winery, Napa, serving Paella from Zuzu Restaurant! RSVP Tracy Krumpfen 707-337-7512, <mpezz@aol.com>.

Sun. noon, June 24, Champagne Brunch. (Location TBA) Local elected leaders featuring Congressman John Garamendi are expected. The Board donates buffet brunch items, but you are also welcome to contribute.

Davis "Daruma-crats" by Assemblymember Mariko Yamada



The "Daruma" doll is a traditional Japanese good luck charm. Typically painted red and made of papier-mâché, the Daruma is round, hollow, and depicts a bearded man. This Japanese "roly-poly" talisman always returns to an upright position no matter how many attempts are made to knock it down. Thus, the Daruma is a symbol of perseverance and encouragement.

The Davis Democratic Club (DDC) was one of the first organizations I joined when our family moved to Yolo County in the mid-90's. Regular membership meetings and educational programming put the DDC at the forefront of local campaigns and issues; active fundraising helped boost seasonal headquarters every election cycle, not only in Davis but also throughout Yolo County, and 500 monthly newsletters mailed to members (I remember because I used to maintain the mailing list!) kept local Democrats informed. Over the years, many local elected officials—me included--have been the beneficiaries of the DDC's reliable energy and resources.

Last month, DDC members read about the Club's acknowledgement of a recent fine levied by the Fair Political Practices Commission because of missing or inaccurate financial reports. I personally attended the Club's April 3 meeting, and can attest to the conscientious efforts being made by our volunteer leaders to secure the services of a professional political accounting agency familiar with managing compliance with 21st Century campaign finance requirements. The DDC has weathered the storm and is poised to bounce back...

In Japanese, "*okiagari*" means "to get up" (*oki*) and "arise" (*agari*), symbolizing the ability to succeed, overcome adversity, and recover from misfortune. When shown in illustrations, the Daruma is accompanied by the expression, "Nanakorobi Yaoki", which translated means, "Seven times down, Eight times up."

As we await our ballots for the June 5 Presidential Primary, let us remind ourselves that we *all* share in the responsibility for advancing the legacy of our hometown Democratic Club. There are many more generations of Democrats to recruit, train, and deploy so that our core values as Democrats are as strong in the future as they have been in the past.

On to Victory 2012!

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- Mariko Yamada & Janlee Wong
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Garamendi event (continued p.1) Despite the obvious need for educating "tomorrow's work force," we are sadly backing off from our commitment to education. In constant dollars, i.e. not adjusted for inflation, the level of state funding for UC was \$15,000/student in 1990 and is now \$9,000/student.

Manufacturing also suffered with millions of jobs being sent offshore, in part, as a result of tax policies (policies thankfully changed when Democrats controlled the house) that subsidized exporting jobs! As yet another example of policies being mismatched with our economic welfare, the steel used to rebuild the Bay Bridge, paid for by your tax dollars, was manufactured in China, the low bidder on the project effectively outsourcing six thousand jobs. Garamendi has introduced a "made in America" provision, which will require that our taxes must be spent in America.

Our Country has recently experienced great difficulties, but in the larger context, the nation has surmounted more threatening and dire circumstances on many occasions in its history. At those times, all that was required was clear eyed leaders, who diagnosed the problems, then proposed comprehensive solutions and were empowered to enact the needed reforms. Congressmen Thompson and Garamendi have satisfied the first two conditions; the final responsibility now remains with us. (Volunteer at the Davis HQ or help as you can.)

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