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The Lines Have Changed...But I Haven't! by Assemblymember Mariko Yamada



Betty Weir and Assemblymember Mariko Yamada

Greetings, Davis Dems! As I write this, I am reflecting on our family's arrival here seventeen years ago to our modest home in South Davis. My husband, Janlee Wong, had been tapped to lead the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in Sacramento, and after saying our farewells to co-workers, friends and family in San Diego, we made the drive up with our two young daughters on December 28, 1994. Little did I know then that I would be privileged now to represent nearly half-a-million people in ten cities along the I-80 corridor and some of our state's richest farm and open space lands in Solano and Yolo

counties.

Davis has been our home, the place we chose to raise our children because of the quality of its schools and a community that highly values civic engagement. Along the way, I have enjoyed the many opportunities I've had to serve—whether it was my time on the City of Davis Personnel Board, volunteering at our kids' schools, staffing the Democratic Headquarters, sitting on the Yolo County Health Council, serving as Deputy to Yolo County Supervisor Dave Rosenberg, then assuming his post and five years later, winning a hard-fought election to represent you in Sacramento.

Continuing in that spirit of participatory democracy, many of you followed the Citizens Redistricting Commission process and made your voices heard at very crucial decision points. Through your efforts, Davis remains with a majority of Yolo County in the new Assembly District 04, comprised of all or parts of six counties: Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo.

Following two other accomplished women leaders from Davis—Helen Thomson and Lois Wolk—I have worked hard to protect our agricultural and open space heritage, question state water policy and advocate for the Delta, and focus on my core priorities in aging and long-term care.

As I begin my final run for Assembly in the new District 04, I want to first thank you for all your past support and encouragement. You keep me focused and motivated to continue fighting every day for our core values. Now, I am asking that you join in helping me in my 2012 re-election bid by supporting my Campaign Kick-Off at Monticello on Sunday, November 13. You'll find an event flyer with more information inside this newsletter.

Serving at this time in our State's history hasn't been easy. California used to be on the cutting edge—and now, it seems we're only cutting. Still, I remain committed to protecting our most precious resources and those most vulnerable in our communities. The district lines have changed—but I have not. See you along the 2012 campaign trail!

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## Calendar of Events

**Tues., Oct. 4, 7:00-9:00 pm**, regular **DDC Board business meeting**, general members and public welcomed. Davis Library Meeting Room.

**Sun., Oct. 23, 5:00-8:00 pm**, **Annual Bean Feed**, (excellent BBQ chicken and tri tip) Keynote speaker TBA, local, state and national elected officials, Congressman John Garamendi, candidate for our new CD will attend. Veterans Memorial Center Davis, Contact Bob Schelen <slobadbobs@aol.com>.

**Sun., Nov. 13, 3:00-5:00 pm**, **Reception for Assembly Member Mariko Yamada**. (See paid advertising insert.) "Monticello" 630 G Street, Davis; RSVP 916-706-1404, <cjansenconsulting@gmail.com>

**Sat., Dec. 3, 6:00 pm**, **Holiday Party** (Save the date, program TBA.)

## Fall BBQ by Carl Schmid



Forty-eight friends (see photos below) enjoyed a pleasant Sunday celebrating the Annual Fall BBQ at the home of Stephen and Robin Souza. Richard Yamagata (l.) was in excellent form commanding his sausage grill. Mike Syvanen, VP and Acting President, directed the proceedings, including for the delight of all, a cheer upon Pres. Arun Sen's arrival. The tremendous progress that Arun has made in his convalescence is apparent and most welcome news. The celebration continued with a birthday cake for five: (l. to r.), Rick Gonzales, Arun, Barry Wilson, Richard and Luba Schmid. (Luba is usually on the other end of this Newsletter camera.)

While certainly enjoying good fellowship, the purpose of this and other DDC events is also serious. In addition to your dues, these periodic fundraisers steadily maintain and build the party for 2012 (see p.3). If you wish to help, November 6, 2012 will be too late. With this in mind, you are invited to a delicious BBQ dinner at the Annual "Bean" (AKA tri-tip) Feed right here at Veterans Memorial Center in Davis on Oct. 23 (see Calendar above). Join the fun to make *the* difference in 2012.



## Thank you 2011 DDC Donors by Carl Schmid

November is the traditional season for Thanksgiving making this the perfect time to thank those (listed below), who generously donated to the Club in 2011. By way of information, the yearly cost of postage and copying alone exceeds the basic membership fee of \$15. Thus your donations are absolutely essential for the Club's continuing success and greatly appreciated. Your continuing support will be especially crucial during the upcoming election year in 2012. In addition to our normal outreach programs, the Club will support all aspects of establishing a professionally staffed Democratic Campaign Headquarters in Davis, provide supplies for the local campaign volunteers and help coordinate their activities. We also plan to increase our public outreach to engage Democrats in what will be highly contested elections.

Given the realities of the poor economy, many other worthwhile demands compete for our limited resources. However, "highlights" of the recent T-party Presidential debate in Florida included booing the service of a gay war veteran, cheering the record number of executions in Texas, applauding the freedom to die for people who cannot afford health insurance, denying the reality of well-established scientific theories, demagoging an anti-cancer vaccination program and shirking Republican culpability for our massive government debt and also their responsibility for the on going economic crisis. While debating immigration policy, Republican Gov. Rick Perry finally exclaimed in exasperation, **"I don't think you have a heart."** Well said Sir, about that entire sad, scary spectacle. Their words and actions give us powerful incentive to recommit our continuing support to the cause in 2012.

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