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Celebrating Mike Thompson's Twenty Years of Outstanding Service

by Carl Schmid



You know how great he [Mike Thompson] is. I want you to know how great we think he is.

...strongly spoke out against the war in Iraq

...represents every person in this district and every inch of this district

...a moral issue [environmental protection] if you believe this is God's creation...for our children

This was not for the faint of heart. We simply could not have won that fight [the health care bill] without him.

..twenty years of service; patriotism for this entire life.



George Miller, Nancy Pelosi and, in a spirit of bipartisanship, George Radanovich. Remembering that we live in and around a premier wine region, each county in the district was represented by its leading vintners and gourmet restaurants at the party being held in a beautiful setting, the Mondovi Winery. Excellent Yolo wineries and restaurants (Four Seasons



and Tucos from Davis) also contributed to the festivity. Reader, you should make a point of attending the next Mike Thompson event for an very enjoyable evening.

Although Napa is a bit far, several local leaders including Mayor Saylor, Mayor pro tem Krovoza and Assembly-member Yamada, Janet

Berry, co-founder of the Davis School Foundation and Jan Lee (see below), represented Davis.

For me, the highlight of the



evening was the promise of hearing Nancy Pelosi; she is great. (I am embarrassed to admit that I entirely missed Congressman Miller's opening speech as I happened to be sampling oysters in garlic butter at the time. I apologize for my negligence.)

The Speaker initially reminded her audience that while opposed the war in Iraq, Mike has strongly supported returning veterans, "as a veteran he knows the challenges they face." One strategy to "create jobs when they [vets] come home" is by investing in "energy independence. We must stop spending one billion dollars per day on fossil fuel."

Within the context of green energy, Speaker Pelosi understands environmental concerns as being "a moral issue if you believe this is God's creation" making us stewards "for our children." She praised Congressman Thompson for his leadership in education, health care, the

economy, safety, cleanliness in the environment, security and peace." She placed his "twenty years of outstanding service" in the context of "patriotism for his entire life."

Exactly how justified is this praise? Later in the evening, Mariko mentioned how much she admired Mike Thompson and John Garamendi in part because they are both just good family

men as contrasted to some of the saddening examples that we read about in Washington. Mariko went on to observe that Mike's wife is a nurse, one son is a firefighter and another in law enforcement in addition to Mike being a vet and public servant. "What more do you need to say, the entire family is in public service."

As a refreshing change from the usual cliché of Washington partisanship, Mike gave his colleague, retiring Republican Congressman Radanovich, an award from the Congressional Wine Caucus.

Mike described legislative accomplishments in each county within CD #1. In Yolo, he singled out DDC member Bob Schneider for helping with legislation to "protect forever 300,000 acres of the best land" near Cache Creek. Another major accomplishment is the conservation easement for agricultural land and open spaces that is already permanently saving 500,000 acres from development. We are well represented in Congress.

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Calendar of Events & Activities

Sept. 7: Tues. 7:00-9:00 pm DDC Board Meeting regular business meeting of the Board, all members invited. Odd Fellows Hall
Sept. 17: Fri. 6:00-8:00pm Grand Opening Campaign HQ, 1801 Hanover St. Rally and organizational meeting to start the Davis campaign, light refreshments served. Contact Arun Sen 756-7093
Sept. 19: Sunday Annual Yolo County Democratic Bean Feed, Veteran Memorial Hall. BBQ dinner and fall campaign kickoff featuring candidates for federal and state offices. Contact Kelsye McQuaid, klmcquaid@ucdavis.edu
Sept. 26: Sunday Fall Sausage BBQ, hosted by Stephen and Robin Souza at their home. Mixed grill with trimming and beverages served in a relaxed friendly atmosphere, Hawaiian shirts optional. Contact Steve Souza 758-2964



Club volunteers staffed the Democratic booth at the Yolo County Fair registering voters, distributing information and handing out donkey shaped fans featuring the club logo with contact information.

The Club also proudly displayed popular images of Barack and Michelle Obama (see photo) drawing considerable attention to our booth. Images of Sarah Palin, Glen Beck and other party icons were noticeably absent at the competing Republican booth. Virtually the entire Club Board, as well as Assembly member Yamada participated in this fun event. (photo l.-r.: Tim Fenton, Betty Woo, Lynn Baysinger, Ruth Fitzgerald, Luba Schmid and Donna Skinner (seated) serving a Fair "customer".)

Davis Election HQ Opens for Business by Carl Schmid

2008 campaign workers will be delighted to learn that their old HQ located at 1801 Hanover is now back in business. The first meeting for volunteers was held on Aug 31 by Bob Schelen, Chair YCDCC, with Kevin Wolf again coordinating volunteers. Bob outlined a unified, grassroots campaign strategy for Yolo County with the goal of increasing voter turnout in Democratic Yolo by 10% compared to the 2006 election. This should be doable given the reservoir of accomplishments remaining from 2010. Kevin stressed the importance of volunteering NOW rather than later as early volunteers are crucial in establishing the organization and recruiting in the next wave of volunteers.



Please contact Kevin (758-4211, kevin-jwolf@gmail.com) to explore how you can best be involved. **Attend the Grand Opening on Sept. 17** (see Calendar above).

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Roundup of the *Usual Suspects* attending the HQ Business Opening

In case you missed the DDC Ice Cream Social by Tim Fenton



Davis Democrats gathered at the home of Jerry and Teresa Kaneko on August 26 for the 18th annual Democratic Ice Cream Social. Served up by Richard Yamagata and helpers were scoops of an amazing variety of ice creams. Served up by Jerry Kaneko, the evening's master of ceremonies, were remarks from elected office holders and Democratic party officials. And served up in honor of our beloved treasurer Betty Weir's 95th birthday last month were not one but two luscious-looking birthday cakes (shown left with Richard Yamagata and Betty Woo), the perfect complement to the many flavors of

ice cream being consumed. Betty along with Jerry and Teresa, the hosts of this event, were among the earliest leaders in our club dating back to 1952, and she has been steadily and reliably advocating for Democratic values and candidates ever since.

8th AD Assembly member Mariko Yamada, on her way to another event commitment, kicked off the evening's speakers with a brief but heartfelt plug for the passage of Prop. 25 which lowers the legislative vote required to pass state budgets from two-thirds to a simple majority. State Senator Lois Wolk (photo right) also urged voters to pass Prop 25 and made a strong plea for the parks tax proposition which will give the budget-



strapped state parks and steady and reliable source of funding. School board member Sheila Allen (photo l. with Jerry) thanked the Democratic Club for endorsing her re-election and promised to continue her efforts toward closing the performance gap between white and Black and Hispanic students.



Council member Sue Greenwald (photo r.) praised Joe Krovoza and Rochelle Swanson, the new members of the council. She noted there were major changes ahead for Davis, including appointment of a new city manager, but she cautioned us to preserve Davis's precious assets including its neighborhoods, its parks, its vital downtown, its schools and its special livability.



Council member Rochelle Swanson invited all Davisites to a community workshop -- Designing a Sustainable and Innovative Davis Economy (Ed. Note: see the enclosed announcement)-- to be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday September 23, at the UCD Conference and Visitors Center. To participate, respond to reception@davischamber.com by September 15th.

Elly Fairclough, representing Congressman Mike Thompson, emphasized the importance of the turnout in the election and urged donations to the County Central Committee's Federal campaign account. Dan Braunstein concluded the speakers program inviting all to a performance of a touring show called "Mad as Hell Docs" in which a troop of Oregon physicians lampoon the sorry state of health care in the U.S. They'll perform October 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Road.

As the sun set that lovely evening, Davis Democrats tumbled home filled up with ice cream, cake and political wisdom.

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Mayor Don Saylor (photo l.) said the Council is off to a quick start and will be focusing its work on several areas including: fiscal stability, economic development, sustainability, infrastructure, and community effectiveness and strength.



Bill Owens (photo l.), who is running unopposed for Yolo County Board of Education, urged all to support Tom Torlakson for state Superintendent of Public instruction.

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**Sept. 17: Friday,
6:00-8:00pm**

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**Sept. 19: Sunday
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