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U R EXTRAORDINARY!

by Stephen, Saira and Carl

One year ago, COVID sidelined the DDC's usual political activities precluding rallies, door-to-door canvassing, concentrating the campaign at a Davis HQ and other traditional methods of voter outreach while simultaneously prohibiting all of the Club's social gatherings, such as our popular potlucks and other events that constitute the backbone of the DDC's fundraising abilities.

As reported in previous Newsletters, the Club found successful alternative approaches for political outreach, especially a letter writing campaign which was complemented by traditional phone banking. Of particular significance, the Club was able to redirect funds that normally would have been spent locally and contributed substantially to competitive elections in California and other states, (by way of example: three crucial Senate races in Arizona and Georgia.)

Having solved one part of the problem caused by COVID, the remaining problem was that the Club's fundraising prospects for 2021 were crippled. (Sadly, we even lost the much coveted beer concession for the July 4th Celebration due to its COVID cancelation.) You answered the call to solve that problem. More precisely, "the call" was made by Bob Bockwinkel and Rick Gonzales asking your support for a virtual Inauguration Party. As documented by the **updated 2021 Donor list**, (see side bars p. 2 & 3) your overwhelming response to Bob and Rick's invitations enables the Club to continue its mission.

Our Club is, of course, chartered by the Yolo County Democratic Party and accomplishes much of its mission under the YCDP's aegis. In this Newsletter, newly elected YCDP Chair, Linda Deos (page2) reports the immediate goals and work of the Central Committee. Long-time (*and newly re-tired*) YCDP Chair Bob Schelen reports (see below) on the YCDP's previous accomplishments and how the "Club's" support (*i.e. your support*) has been crucial to all aspects of YCDP being a bastion Democratic political action throughout our State. Your support has made and continues to make this success possible. **U R Extraordinary!** We now look forward to the end of the pandemic allowing us to again gather with friends.

Farewell Report by Former YCDP Chair Bob Schelen



This is my first communication with you as the former Chair of the Yolo County Democratic Party. I want to wish the new Chair, Linda Deos the best and I know she will expand and build the County Party to make it an even stronger entity.

We had two excellent candidates for Chair and I know Dillan Horton will continue to be an integral part of the Party.

The Club has always been a strong and significant partner of the Central Committee. **The Davis Democratic Club has provided a tremendous amount of financial and other help for the efforts to elect Democrats throughout the County and beyond.**

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Bob Schelen (*continued from p1.*)

Your financial help has let us have brick and mortar campaign headquarters, develop slate mailer pieces and mail them, work on voter communication via canvassing and phone banks. In recent years, it has also helped with programs that allowed your County Democratic Party to expand efforts to help with statewide legislative races, send young Democrats to swing states to help in Presidential and Senate campaigns and work with the State Party on phone banks throughout the State and Nation. We have been able to work on and win local races where we have endorsed candidates, among other efforts.

The new leadership will continue all of the efforts above and will expand other efforts. That will start with eliminating the debt that was incurred with putting together a full scale and effective united campaign effort during COVID-19. My understanding is there will be new programs to develop and expand outreach during the non-election years, work on strengthening and partnering with the other Democratic Clubs in Yolo County and expanding our Committee's presence in social media.

Thank you for all the Club's help and partnership during my many years as Yolo County Democratic Party Chair. I will continue to be involved with the Committee and the Club as an active member.

Your continued support will help strengthen our campaign efforts and develop these other party building and club strengthening programs.

Remember, once again, Republicans have **targeted** our Congressman, John **Garamendi**. Why? Because he is one of the most effective Congressmembers in helping the Biden Administration put their policies into effect.

And this year, we will need to use all our efforts to stop the **partisan recall** of **Governor Newsom** started by extreme right wing Republicans. This recall, if it gets on the ballot, needs to be defeated by a huge margin to show they cannot stop the policies in which we believe from being implemented in California.



*YCDP Chair Linda Deos
with Calif. St. Senator Bill Dodd*

Hello Davis Democrats!

This is Linda Deos, newly elected Chair of the Yolo County Democratic Party. In a virtual meeting on February 15, we elected our 2021-2022 Executive Board. Here are our new Executive Officers:

Chair: Linda Deos
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After a successful 2020 election season, with a new Democratic presidential administration, the Democratic Party is well positioned to build support and expand outreach in Yolo County and beyond. The Executive Board looks forward to working with Yolo County residents and Democratic Party members to bring new members into our local Democratic clubs, advocate for Democratic causes and public policies, and support candidates running for office. For 2021, we'll be focusing on electing a Democrat to fill the seat of Martha Guerrero on the West Sacramento City Council. Depending on how the recall campaign shapes up, **another focus will be on keeping Gov. Newsom in office.**

I look forward to working with all Democrats in Yolo County to grow our party, support our local elected Democrats, and take on the tough challenges facing our communities during the pandemic. We welcome the participation of Democrats across the county, and we will be seeking to uplift our communities who have been most impacted by the destruction of the past 4 years.

Please keep an eye out for a couple of upcoming events. One will be a virtual appreciation for outgoing Chair, Bob Schelen. We want to **thank Bob for his 12 years of service** in leading our Democratic Central Committee. We have also begun planning for our annual Fall Fundraiser – hopefully an in-person event.

Thank you to everyone who has served on our Executive Board and Central Committee.

To get involved or to contact the Executive Board, please visit the Yolo County Democratic Party's website at yolodemocrats.org.

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