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Holiday Party by Carl Schmid

The Annual Holiday Party at I-house hosted a capacity crowd of over one hundred guests, clearly a record attendance in a nonelection year. The attendance was undoubtedly swelled by the evening's program, which was largely inspired by Board Member Rick Gonzales (p. 3), to honor long-time Davis resident, community rights advocate and activist and Club member, Tansey Thomas (see photos). In addition to numerous proclamations acknowledging her lifetime of achievements, the event celebrated her birthday (p. 3). The audience was thrilled by a beautiful rendition of a South African freedom song made even more inspiring with reference to the recent passing of Nelson Mandela.

The generous buffet, donated by Club and Board members and featuring at least six major entrees, provided a terrific holiday meal. Despite the large attendance, ample leftovers demonstrated that there was more than enough for all.

The evening's program curtailed the opportunity for political presentations. Supervisor Saylor simply extended holiday wishes and Supervisor Provenza called attention to Pope Francis's uplifting message of social equity. Candidates for the Assembly, Matt Pope and Joe Krovoza, each briefly presented their visions and the reasons they should be elected to the office. (Due to a conflict, Dan Wolk, also a candidate for this office, sent regrets that he could not attend.) Davis Democrats are extremely fortunate to choose among three such outstanding candidates. School Board member, Sheila Allen, reported significant improvements in the District's finances, as it emerges from the impact of the Great Recession. Sheila indicated an interest in running for City Council and will soon announce her decision. *(photo montage continued p 2.)*



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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 pm, regular DDC Board business meeting. Club members and the public are welcome; Pres. Sen and Secretary Yamagata draft the agenda. Davis Library on 14th Street.

Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 pm, Tentative Date: Love your Electeds Annual Valentine Party recognizing our local elected leaders.



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Call for Nominations (nominate yourself or a friend!)

The DDC will hold regularly scheduled elections for all Board Offices in February. Senior officers have indicated that after years of dedicated service, they do not wish to stand for reelection. Under President Arun Sen's guidance, the Club has developed smoothly running operations. Vice President Mike Syvanen has successfully staged an ongoing program of annual Club activities establishing a template for future events. Building on their leadership, other Board Members will provide continuity for sustaining the Club's momentum during the next election cycle. The DDC has never been in better shape or better positioned to advance the Democratic cause in Yolo County including the reelection of John Garamendi to Congress in 2014. **However, the DDC needs new leadership to fully develop the potential that Mike and Arun have established.**

This is where you can make a difference: **Nominate yourself or a friend for a leadership position.** If you wish to serve in any capacity, please contact Bob Bockwinkel 219-1896 or Carl (cwschmid@comcast.net) to discuss the different ways in which you can serve and the process by which Board members are elected. Do not be shy, your help is needed now.

Tansey Thomas by Rick Gonzales

Tansey Thomas was honored as part of the Annual Holiday Party celebrated by the Davis Democratic Club (DDC). Tansey packed the house as nearly 150 attended. The front room of the I-House was decorated with many of Tansey's newspaper clippings and awards that she has received in her lifetime. She received a proclamation from the International Educators Hall of Fame, a letter from Congressman John Garamendi and resolutions from State Senator Lois Wolk and Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada. It was a surprise birthday party as Tansey turned 82 on December 3d. Speakers included Yvonne Marsh, former UCD Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, Jann Murray Garcia, President of Blacks for Effective Community Action (BECA) and Rick Gonzales, President of the Concilio of Yolo County and a DDC Board member. They all related stories and events about Tansey in her years of involvement in Davis. Then Dr. Pat Adelekan, the founder of the International Educators Hall of Fame presented a proclamation to Tansey proclaiming December 2013 as Tansey Thomas Month-throughout the world. Dr. Adelekan cited Tansey as a great role model, community educator and organizer, stateswoman, advocate, activist and dedicated leader who rubbed shoulders with some of the most profound minds: Shirley Chisolm, Maya Angelou, Jack Forbes and Rick Gonzales Sr. Elly Fairclough, Deputy District Director and another DDC Board member, read a letter from Congressman Garamendi giving thanks to Tansey for her service in the US Navy WAVES for five years when she was only 21. Craig Reynolds, Chief of Staff for Senator Lois Wolk then presented a resolution to Tansey for outstanding service to the community. Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada made the final presentation to Tansey for all her years of service in Davis. The highlight was when DDC President Arun Sen presented Tansey with a Lifetime Achievement Award plaque recognizing her for all she has done for the City of Davis. She has been a true icon and pioneer who has opened many doors that others have since passed through. For Tansey Thomas, it was a night she will not soon forget!

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