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25th Champagne Brunch at Robin & Stephen's



Robin and Stephen Souza hosted the 25th Annual Champagne Brunch in a beautifully landscaped garden at their home. The event featuring an excellent buffet was well attended by Club members, as well as many local elected officials, who shared their views on current events and politics.

A most welcome, recurrent theme of every speaker was an entirely upbeat assessment of budgetary matters at all levels of government: State, County, City and DJUSD. For example, after thanking the citizens for recently passing a local tax increase, Dan Wolk explained that the City now has a balanced budget that includes a reserve fund covering long-term commitments such as road repairs and employee benefits. Senator Lois Wolk also had only "good news" reporting that the state budget increased school funding by \$3,000 for each child. Following her report, Tom Adams noted that the current budget enabled the DJUSD to enter into three-year contracts with the teachers. According to Supervisor Jim Provenza, the County is now also budgeting contingency and reserve funds.



Lois also commented that her current focus was on "guns and death." The legislature is considering a death with dignity provision, which the Senator supports as a means to provide a "choice that is more compassionate." Additionally, Sen. Wolk supports common sense legislation banning concealed weapons from all of our schools.

Assemblymember Bill Dodd outlined his legislative priorities which include a gender pay equity provision, support for the proposed Snow Mountain wilderness area and lifeline assistance water rates for low income residents, particularly in rural areas.

A party like the Champagne Brunch is especially fun when there is much to celebrate. *(Photos, continued p.3)*



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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

Tuesday, July 7, 7:00-9:00 pm. Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The Board conducts planning and attends to routine Club business. All members are invited to attend and participate in discussions. Blanchard Room, Davis Library.

Saturday, July 4th, 2:00-8:00 pm. Celebrate Independence Day by volunteering for a two-hour shift to greet the public and distribute Democratic information at the DDC table before the fireworks in Community Park. Contact Carl <cwschmid@comcast.net>.

Saturday, August 15, time TBA (probably during the later afternoon) **Celebrate Betty Weir's 100th Birthday!** Hosted by Norma Turner at her home, 506 Fillmore Court. Mark your calendar; details TBA

Saturday, August 22, 12:00-8:00 pm. Yolo County Fair Join the DDC for a two-hour shift at the County Fair distributing voter information. Contact Rick Gonzales.(758-2331)

Saturday, September 12, (Time & Program TBA) DDC Ice Cream Social hosted by Lucas and Stacy Frerichs at their home. Mark your Calendar.

Saturday, October 3, 5:00-8:00 pm. Yolo County Democratic Party Bean Feed, Food, Drink, Music People & Politics. Veterans Memorial Hall,

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Pep Rally for Senate Candidate Mariko Yamada by Tim Fenton

A lively gathering of admirers and supporters assembled Sunday, June 7, at Monticello Seasonal Cuisine to celebrate the candidacy of former Assembly Member and Davis Democratic Club member Mariko Yamada for California State Senate in the 2016 general election. Currently serving Senator Lois Wolk, another Democratic Club member, will term out in 2016.

As candidate Yamada circulated through the restaurant, packed with 100 or so Davis and Yolo County Democrats, she received again and again pledges of support at the ballot box and in the campaign leading up to it. Flanked by her husband Janlee Wong and daughter Midori Wong (*photo left*), Yamada recalled her career as a social worker, a profession whose ethos and mores are



in perfect synch with those of the Democratic Party's leading her to her long public service in elected office. She noted to the assembled Democrats that she is the only lifelong Democrat to have announced as a candidate for the Senate Seat for District 3.



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Often, individuals wish to become politically active but do not know how they might do so. During the coming months, there are three different, very low impact, fun ways by which you can engage in the political process. To develop the Party, the Yolo County Democratic Party will periodically table at **Farmers Market**. While at the Market, introduce yourself to Angel Melchior (*photo below*), who is leading this effort, and offer to join him in political outreach. Similarly, the Club will staff an information table to greet our friends and neighbors during the **July 4th celebration at Community Park**. Arguably, there is no better way to celebrate Independence Day than by advancing Democratic principles; contact Carl <cwschmid@comcast.net> to schedule a shift. As another great opportunity to engage the community, the Club will table on **August 22 at the County Fair**. Contact Rick for this great way to participate in our County Fair (758-2331); <gonzales_rick@sbcglobal.net>.



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