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# DAVIS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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## Champagne Brunch



Due to scheduling difficulties, the annual Champagne Brunch was held in the middle afternoon but nonetheless was a well-attended enjoyable event with delicious food and informative presentations by

numerous local elected leaders (see photos).

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry reported a very successful year during which 20 of her bills moved to the Senate. Many of these bills will make life better for those needing just a bit of help, such as by providing affordable day-care or allowing the children of migrant workers to complete the school year before moving on, to succeed on their own. Cecilia is making a difference in people's lives.

Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Registrar, explained how his office successfully counted the available ballots by working until 3:30 am following the recent primary and also how his office caught a software glitch that caused serious hacking-related problems in another county.

County Superintendent of Schools, Jesse Ortiz, emphasized the importance of protecting neighborhood schools by electing Tony Thurmond as State Schools Superintendent in November. While he is not opposed to charter schools, Jesse does not want them to siphon off essential funds from public instruction.

Councilmember Brett Lee expressed very kind words for how the Davis Democratic Club works to help make things better and his comments were repeated by virtually all of the following speakers. DDC members can take pride in knowing that your efforts are appreciated.



# Democratic News

## Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

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**Tues., August 7, 7:00-9:00 pm. Location TBA. Monthly Board Meeting** The Board conducts routine business and plans future events. All members are invited.  
**Sat., Aug 18, 1:00-8:00 pm, Yolo County Fair.** DDC members will staff the Yolo County Democratic Party table at the County Fair. You are invited to volunteer to greet the public. Contact Rick <gonzales\_rick@sbcglobal.net>.

**Sun., Sept. 16, 5:00-8:00 pm, Bean Feed. Davis Senior Center.** This annual event serves as both the official campaign kick-off and fundraiser for the November election. The Program will include presentations by National and California political leaders. The eponymous "beans" include BBQ tri-tip. Join your friends for some serious fun.

### *Taking Back the House* by Bob Schelen, Chair, Yolo County Democratic Party



I intended to comment on how well the YCDP did in the June election. Most of our endorsed candidates won their elections, and we have a tremendous slate of Democrats running for State Offices (two in some cases!) in November.

However, I write this in the aftermath of a troubled 242nd Birthday of the United States. We were born in independence with thoughts of being the first successful completely self-governed people in the world's history. While there have been problems and road bumps in our history, we have always reached for our better angels

and have continuously strived to expand liberty for all.

But today, this President and his Republican Congress, are dragging us backwards, taking away rights, dividing people by appealing to their worst instincts. We can change this. You always hear that "this is the most important election ever." Indeed, if we are to stop this regression, ***we must take back Congress.***

Fortunately, we are already represented by a great Congressman, John Garamendi, giving us some latitude to reach out and help elect Representatives in other congressional districts. We have developed a program to take back Congress starting in California. The Davis Democratic Club and the Yolo County Democratic Party have teamed up with other clubs and organizations to help Democrats win a majority of the remaining fourteen Congressional seats in California that are currently held by Republicans.

It is the **Yolo Blue Wave Coalition**, and we (you and me) are all a part of it. We will naturally continue our local campaign efforts, but we will coordinate with our Blue Wave partners to contest targeted California Congressional races as well as statewide races.

To that end, we are having an "**activist faire**" put on by all of the Blue Wave partners on **Saturday August 25, 1:00 pm, at the Davis Senior Center.** Details to follow. Soon, we will have a grand opening for the 2018 Yolo Coordinated/Blue Wave campaign HQ in Davis.

As always, we need your participation as well as money and volunteers for this effort to succeed. This is a larger undertaking than we normally undertake, but in these troubled times and with the opportunity provided by our Blue Wave partnership, it is important we do so.

I want to thank your Club for being both a financial and volunteer partner in these efforts. It is only through your generous efforts, that we can send the important message that we will not stand for turning back the clock on the environment, human rights, and democratic values.

**PS: SAVE THE DATE: The Yolo County Bean Feed will be at 5:00 pm, Sunday, Sept. 16th IN A NEW PLACE THE DAVIS SENIOR CENTER .**

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Fourteen patriotic Club members each celebrated American Independence by volunteering a few hours to distribute political information and engage the public at Community Park on July 4th. **County Recorder Jesse Salinas** and **City Councilmembers-elect Dan Carson and Gloria Partida** joined the DDC in celebrating the occasion.

In case you missed this local volunteer event, you could instead volunteer to help change the entire **US House of Representatives from red to blue**. Check out [Flipthe14.com](http://Flipthe14.com) and click the "Get Involved" tab. Alternatively, help the Blue Wave Coalition (p. 2).



### ***In Memory:***

We regret the passing of a wonderful person,  
**Grace Noda,**  
 a lifelong activist for peace and justice.  
 She was truly a strong friend to all and we join Grant in mourning his loss.

**Newsletter Announcement:** New postal regulations have greatly increased the workload involved in mailing the DDC Newsletter. Consequently, the DDC Board has decided to issue only ten editions of the Newsletter each year. To implement this new policy, single editions will be issued for the months of July and August and for January and February.

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