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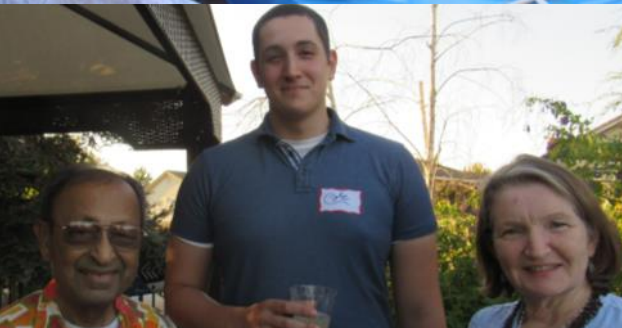
Happy Hukilau for the DDC



In celebration of the Davis Democratic Club's 65th birthday, Stephen and Robin Souza graciously hosted a Hawaiian Hukilau, a Polynesian themed BBQ featuring a wonderful array of dishes. The Club's distinguished years of community service were recognized by proclamations from

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and from County Supervisors Jim Provenza and Don Saylor, which were presented by former Assemblymember Betsy Marchand.

Despite the seriousness of current political issues (see p. 3), this event just emphasized good fun, a perfectly appropriate way to celebrate the DDC's accomplishments and contributions on our 65th birthday (Essay p. 2).



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Tues., Oct. 3, 7:00-9:00 pm., DDC Board Meeting, Hosted by Steve Souza at his home, 2424 Rodin Pl. Regularly scheduled Board Meetings to organize Club activities. All members invited to attend.

Sun., Oct 8, 4:00-7:00 pm. Yolo County Democratic Bean Feed at Veterans Memorial Hall. This is the major annual fundraiser for our local party with a stellar political program.

OPEN HOUSE, in celebration of the opening of **Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry's** new office in Davis. **Friday Sept. 29, 4:00-7:00 pm**, Yolo County Office Building, **600 A St.**, Suite D, Davis.

In Remembrance: With the deepest regret, the Board is sad to report the passing of Distinguished Prof. *emeritus*, Eric Conn. In addition to his outstanding scientific career, Eric and his late wife, Louise, were long-time supporters of this Club and progressive action. Many of us were privileged to know this dear gentleman, who invariably displayed his genial smile. Prompted by Eric's dedication to public service and community involvement, the following essay was written by Richard Yamagata, one of the many students influenced by Prof. Conn.

Essay by Richard Yamagata: The Davis Democratic Club is an organization that engages in voter education and promotes free speech. Over its **65 year history**, it has sponsored non-partisan candidate forums for non-partisan school board, city and county offices. The organization has held, sponsored or co-sponsored public meetings to educate the public on issues including the high costs of health care and of student tuition. The Club has sponsored open meetings to educate Veterans about services available to them from the Federal government and other service organizations. The organization has also held public meetings educating people about non-profit and for-profit co-operatives that provide services or that endeavor to improve the quality of life in Yolo County. The organization has donated to non-profit high school scholarship programs like the Concilio of Yolo County and the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund dinners in Davis. This is only a partial list of the *non-partisan* activities that the DDC has been part of, aimed to improve the lives of all of those that live in Davis and Yolo County. Without further elaboration, the DDC has also been extremely successful in its primary mission, promoting Democratic ideals and candidates through many activities.

All members of the Davis Democratic Club should be proud to be affiliated with an organization having such a long and varied history of activities. I know that I am.

In memory of Eric Conn, my undergraduate academic major advisor for Biochemistry, UC Davis.

DDC Board Elections for all Club Offices (list is on the left side panel) will be held at the regularly scheduled March Meeting. All members will be eligible to run for these offices, to nominate candidates and to vote. If you wish to nominate a candidate or have questions concerning your participation, contact Bob Bockwinkel <bbockwinkellRN@golygon.com>.

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At its Sept. 5 Board meeting, the DDC Board unanimously endorsed the following letter to be sent to Congressman John Garamendi commending him for sponsoring HR 669 regarding the escalation of tensions in Korea and further proposed an ongoing dialog to educate the public regarding the use of nuclear weapons.

Dear Congressman Garamendi:

The Davis Democratic Club commends you for sponsoring HR 669, along with Congressman Ted Lieu and 49 other Members of Congress. This important measure would require a Congressional declaration of war that specifically authorizes the first use of nuclear weapons. Requiring Congressional debate and affirmative vote for the use of nuclear weapons, in place of unilateral determination by the President, is a significant step back from the nuclear brink. It represents a restoration of the constitutional balance in war making which requires Congress to declare war and then authorizes the Commander in Chief to wage war. As your legislation recognizes, nuclear weapons are the ultimate weapons of mass destruction because they kill on a large scale without distinction among combatants, noncombatants and innocent civilians; they create long-term health and environmental damage throughout the world; and they put the United States at existential risk of annihilation.

Strident rhetoric among the heads of state of nuclear-armed powers including the United States has focused the attention of the nation on the dangers of unilateral action performed without public debate or discussion among elected representatives. Your measure is, therefore, extremely timely and responsive. The United States is the only nuclear-armed nation that has ever used without warning nuclear weapons in an urban setting. Your measure represents a historic rebalancing of the constitutional war power and is, therefore, of historic significance.

The **Davis Democratic Club endorses the legislation and proposes** in the next few months to support **an educational program**, in cooperation with other organizations in the political and faith communities, **to highlight the importance of your measure** in the context of our times. We invite your cooperation and participation in this educational endeavor.

Thank you for sponsoring this measure and for contributing to the national conversation on this most important topic.

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