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My Vision for our Future Club by DDC President Stephen Souza



It was my honor on Tuesday, March 18, to be elected President of the Davis Democratic Club. This will be my second stint as President of the Club. I first served from 1997 to 2004 and was President from 2000 to 2004. I am looking forward to the many activities that we undertake on behalf of the membership and Democrats within the City of Davis and Yolo County.

Today, I am a little older and hopefully a little wiser. I will use the knowledge that I've gained since my first tour of duty to bring the Club into the 21st-century when it comes to technology.

Naturally, we will continue the fine events and activities such as the July 4th booth at Community Park and the Champagne Brunch. In addition, I would like to expand our events by adding political forums where we invite speakers to discuss important topics. We also need to engage the younger members of our community with events that will excite their interest and attract their participation in the Club. I will meet with the

College Democrats over the next few weeks and ask them what type of events/activities they think would be most effective in attracting their peers to join with and work with us.

When it comes to technology, I have had a fascination with information dissemination and social engagement via multiple means of modern technology. In the past, the Club used robo-calling to remind members of events. We need to institute this process again. We do have a web page, but it is in need of upgrading. I will be working with Richard Yamagata and Chris Allen of the YCDCC in adding links, apps, video posting, and creating a more user-friendly appearance and look to our web page.

Many members and potential members use Facebook and Twitter. We need to establish DDC accounts on both of these social platforms. This will allow the Club to engage our members and the community on a daily or hourly basis. Today, politics can spin on a dime, and we need to be able to respond instantly so our voice is not absent from the dialogue.

Finally, I have asked YCDCC Chair Bob Schelen to provide the Club with a list of new Democratic registered voters each month so we can send them our Newsletter and let them know of our activities. I call this "mining for new members."

Once again, Thank You for this opportunity and privilege to lead our wonderful Davis Democratic Club. Please feel free to call me at 530-400-2222 or email me at sasouza@sbcglobal.net anytime if you have ideas to make our club even better or to just talk.

(Ed. Note: In addition to Pres. Souza, the Club elected its other officers and Board Members at the March 18th meeting, see p. 2)

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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 pm, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting The Board plans for upcoming activities and conducts routine Club business. All Club members are invited to attend. Steve Souza and Richard Yamagata prepare the agenda for this meeting which will be held in the Small Conference Room in the Davis Library.

Introducing the new Davis Democratic Club Board



In a well attended meeting, the Club held its biennial election of officers and appointed its Board. President Steve Souza and Vice Pres. Rick Gonzales are newly elected to their offices. Other officers and Board members are listed on the left side bar. Interested Club members should know that the Board always remains open to new members.



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DDC and YCDCC each unanimously endorse Sheila Allen for City Council



In separate actions, the Davis Democratic Club Board and the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee, each unanimously endorsed Sheila Allen's candidacy for Davis City Council. Integral to these endorsements is Sheila's commitment to public health and education guided by her Democratic values.

Furthermore, Sheila demonstrated leadership in guiding the Davis schools through the financial crisis of the previous six years combined with genuine political courage by doing so even when threatened with personal legal suits.

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News from the State Convention by Tim Fenton

It was a event with few surprises when more than 2100 California Democrats gathered for the State Convention in Los Angeles on March 7-9. Few surprises because office holders for most statewide government posts were running for re-election including Governor Jerry Brown, Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsome, Attorney General Kamala Harris, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. Secretary of State Debra Bowen and State Controller John Chiang are terming out this year, but the convention was unable to endorse candidates to succeed them in office as no candidates were able to secure the necessary votes required for the party's endorsement in the June primary. Consequently, candidates Eric Cressman, Alex Padilla and Leeland Yee will compete in the June primary for Controller and candidates John Perez and Betty Yee will compete for Controller. Controller Chiang won the convention's endorsement for his candidacy to succeed State Treasurer Bill Lockyer who is also terming out.

Governor Brown's remarks celebrated California's strong recovery citing Proposition 25's simple majority vote for budgets and Prop. 30's raising of needed revenues. He applauded the state's passage of a \$10 minimum wage, its leadership in immigration reform and in embracing Obama Care adding millions of Californians to the covered rolls. The Governor was the butt of some mild-mannered heckling from delegates demanding a state moratorium on hydraulic fracking.

Saturday morning House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi rallied the troops for the 2014 election campaign calling for more women, young people and minorities to take leadership positions in the party. Notable speakers other than California office holders included L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, Minnesota Representative Keith Ellison, the first Muslim elected to the U.S. Congress, and Tom Steyer the hedge fund billionaire and environmental activist who has pledged \$100 million of his fortune to support Democratic candidates in the 2014 election. One of the Democratic Party's hottest properties, San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro was the keynoter at Saturday evening's huge convention dinners. Same sex marriage and Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Trans-sexual (LGBT) rights were endorsed again and again by convention speakers including Houston Texas's lesbian Democratic Mayor Annise Parker. Parker noted she had had to come to California to marry her life partner as Texas still prohibits same sex marriage. Officers of the party's Progressive and Veterans Caucuses, of which your reporter is a member, proudly proclaimed their LGBT-ness and announced newly formed LGBT sub-caucuses.

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· Same sex marriage was celebrated at the Lieutenant Governor's "Summer of Love" themed party marking the 10th anniversary of the brief spate of such marriages Newsome had presided over as Mayor of San Francisco. On a note of local interest, Davis's own Dan Wolk was endorsed in his candidacy for State Assembly in District 4 and Congressional District 3 Representative John Garamendi was endorsed for re-election. Yolo County's own Carlos Alcala, chair of the state party's Latino Chicano caucus, and his wife Norma were cited by state party chairman John Burton for their work in activating minority voters throughout the state. Three days of politicking was a too rich diet for your reporter who arrived home to Davis on Sunday night totally exhausted.

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**Champagne Brunch
In June
(time and place TBA)**

**2014 photo gallery
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website**

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