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Quotes from Teresa

...sheer longevity [said with a smile]...

Davis is a more interesting city [contrasting changes over the years]

He [Gov. Jerry Brown] understands how the wheels turn.

People of California have to realize that if they want these things they have to pay for them.

Quotes from Jerry

..very rewarding for me..being involved in the community...

I would like to see infill.

..have to keep a balance [growth and affordability]

Ed. Note: By serendipity, the common theme of all articles in this Newsletter is appreciation of the many that have contributed their talent and effort to the Club, a fitting idea to start the New Year.



The Kanekos: Over half a century of Democratic Party leadership
by Tim Fenton



Jerry & Teresa Kaneko

Davis was a sleepy farm town, UCD had barely 3,000 students and Democrats were as rare as hens' teeth when Democratic Club members Teresa and Jerry Kaneko arrived here in the early 1950s. Recently we sat spellbound while the Kanekos recalled over half a century of Democratic activism.

Teresa was a founder of our club, which grew out a 1952 campaign organization formed to support the Adlai Stevenson/John Sparkman Democratic presidential ticket. She recalled how Davis's then Congressman, John Moss, generously shared his campaign savvy helping the club's novices get organized and alerting them to the importance of precinct work.

Teresa recalled fondly the club's early board meetings at Holmes School, raising funds with bake sales and rummage sales and, of course, the many campaigns (Gene McCarthy, George McGovern, Jimmy Carter) that she worked in over the

years. And, she remains an involved Democratic Club member to this day.

In her working career, Teresa served on the UCD Committee for Arts and Lectures that organized various concerts, movie screening and lectures for the UCD. In 1994, she became active in the Chancellor's campaign to build a performing arts center which, with funds from the Mondavi wine family and the Cache Creek Indians among others, evolved into today's splendid Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center. Teresa worked for the center until her retirement.

Around 1956, Jerry, by then a UCD DVM, joined the Democratic Club and has been actively involved ever since, serving on the board of directors in his early years as a member and later, in the early '90s, serving as the club president.

After 38 years on the School of Veterinary Medicine faculty -- 17 of them as chairman of his department -- Jerry retired and in 1996 was elected to the Davis City Council where he enjoyed learning how the city works. Also fulfilling for him was the opportunity to work with other politicians including Congressman Vic Fazio and Sacramento Mayor Joe Serna.

Another major public service involvement for Jerry has been in regional transportation issues. His interest dates back to his student days when he commuted from Sacramento to Davis on the train that then ran just

one trip each way (today Davis is served by 18 trains a day). He was instrumental in the formation of the Yolo County Transportation District which oversees the Yolo bus service as well as the airport bus service, and he was involved in the formation of Davis Unitrans providing bus transit for UCD and the City of Davis.

Jerry was recently elected to be a member of the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee which will benefit from his many years of experience in local politics and government.

In recent years, Jerry and Teresa Kaneko have been the genial hosts of the Davis Democratic Club's annual summer Ice Cream Social at their Reed Drive home. Jerry serves as the event's master of ceremonies introducing state, county and city Democratic elected officials who speak to club members and answer their questions on current government affairs.

It would be hard to find two people with longer resumes of service to the citizens of Davis and the UCD community than Jerry and Teresa. Their efforts over many, many years have helped the Democrat Party here grow from its small minority party status in the '50s to its status today as the overwhelming majority party. So, Davis Democratic Club members, as the new year dawns, take the opportunity to thank them. They certainly deserve our appreciation..

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Calendar of Events & Activities

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 7:00-9:00 pm DDC Board Meeting. Regularly scheduled Board business meeting members and general public welcomed. Odd Fellows Hall.

Sunday, Feb. 13, 6:00-9:00 "Love your electeds" Annual Valentine Party featuring buffet dinner, beverage and presentations by virtually all local elected officials (state, county, city, school board), International House, 10 College Park Dr. contact Arun Sen 756-7093.

Quietly Stuffing Envelopes and Licking Stamps by Carl Schmid

Don Saylor made a great point at the Holiday Party while discussing a young child's precocious interest in pursuing elected office. Don suggested to that child that another way to contribute was by helping to elect great candidates. Ryan Loney reminds us of Don's advice. This young Democrat was an elected delegate to the Democratic Convention and key personnel during the Yolo United campaign in 2008. More recently, he was active in Ami Bera's highly competitive effort to unseat Dan Lungren in the neighboring Congressional District. Yet in recent days, Ryan quietly spent uncounted hours updating the DDC (www.davisdemocraticclub.org) and the YCDCC (www.yolodems.org) websites with photos galleries of our recent activities. Check out Ryan's contributions to our websites to appreciate his behind the scenes efforts to bring this all together. (In addition to thanking Ryan, thank Luba for documenting volunteer efforts with hundreds of photos.)

Thank you Betty Woo by Carl Schmid



Completing her appointed two-year term, Betty Woo (shown left with Jim Provenza and Arun Sen) has announced that she will resign her membership on the DDC Board. Betty with her husband Jim working quietly in the background (in addition to volunteering her own service, Betty always graciously volunteers Jim's help) have made extraordinary contributions to the Club's activities and election campaigns. Betty has often said, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." In fact, our friend is the embodiment of a capable, dedicated and hardworking colleague. In 2008, Betty co-chaired the Davis campaign headquarters and, as a professional architect, designed the facilities and office layout resulting in what was generally regarded to be our best HQ ever. Betty has been the key person in organizing the food service at virtually all recent Club functions and is principally responsible for the beautiful presentations that we have all enjoyed at these events. As a Board member, Betty has invariably contributed good sense and direction to our deliberations and decisions; her guidance will be missed. While her business has grown increasingly active, she has nonetheless agreed to assist the Club at future events and to rejoin the Board when time permits. We thank Betty for her great work. During her absence, the Board needs and invites your participation.

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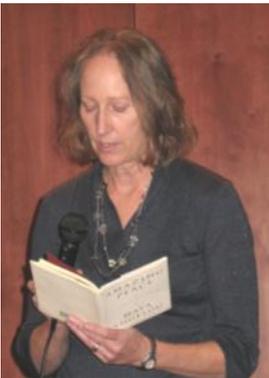
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Holiday Party: celebrating our appreciation by Carl Schmid



Keeping with tradition, Robin Souza (above) started the Holiday Party with a poem

Davis City Council members (shown l. to r.) Joe Krovoza, Sue Greenwald, Steve Souza and Don Saylor (County Supervisor elect)

Eighty guests enjoyed the annual Holiday Party. The tables were beautifully decorated, and the buffet service including dishes contributed by Club members was tastefully presented by Betty and Jim Woo (see story p.2) .

Most of the discussion centered on the holiday spirit and reasons to be thankful. However, while considering the national election results, Supervisor Jim Provenza struck an optimistic note by recognizing the many accomplishments, such as health care reform, that have been achieved during the preceding year. As Jim explained, we “have made tremendous progress over the year” in Washington all of which was “proposed by Democrats, who dragged the Republicans along.”

Describing his very competitive race against incumbent Congressman Lungren in the neighboring district, Dr. Ami Bera thanked the Club and Davis residents for their support. His campaign made over 700,000 voter contacts attempts highlighting the issues and significantly increasing his name recognition within the district. Ami said, “that is the democratic way and something that we should be proud about.”



[Davis] has influence that is disproportionate [in the state]. This Club therefore has a heightened obligation.

Joe Krovoza

While expressing his admiration for Ami’s hard fought campaign, Don Saylor told an interesting story of meeting a young child, who expressed a precocious interest in running for elected office. Don explained to the child that another way to contribute is to advocate and help others who are running. Developing this theme, Don expressed his appreciation for the contributions of the DDC saying that he is very impressed with the Club’s “hard work ethic.”

Mayor pro-tem Joe Krovoza developed a similar theme saying that ‘rush hour in Davis is at 7:00 pm when everyone rushes off to community service. He believes that our community has disproportionate influence in the state giving us a unique opportunity and a special obligation to help lead the way.



Assembly-member Mariko Yamada (above) showing off her new “budget cut” hair style thanked the DDC for our continuing support



Tansey Thomas (above with Lyle Smith, Joe Krovoza and her daughter Lisa) was treated to a cake and a rendition of “Happy Birthday”



DDC Board members (l. to r.): Betty Woo (see p.2), Jim Provenza, Rick Gonzales, Betty Weir, Arun Sen, Carl Schmid, Tim Fenton, Bob Bockwinkel, and Mike Syvanen behind Cardboard Barack.

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