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Yolo County Brady Campaign to Reduce Gun Violence by Anke Schennick, Chair, Yolo Brady Chapter

The Yolo County and Sacramento Valley Chapters of the Brady Campaign are pleased to announce an important call-to-action for 7:00 pm Wednesday, May 27 on campus (location TBA): **One Year After Isla Vista: Continuing the Imperative Work of Reducing Firearm Violence.** Our organizing partners are Saving California Communities and the One Campus Health Coalition Initiative, part of the Associated Students, UC Davis (ASUCD).

The session will mark the one-year anniversary of the tragedy near UC Santa Barbara. Opening remarks by the organizing partners will be followed by presentations from Dr. Garen Wintemute, UCD School of Medicine; Amanda Wilcox, legislative and policy chair of the California Brady Campaign; and our own Senator Lois Wolk, author of a new bill (SB 707) that deals with concealed carry on campuses and school grounds. Other local representatives have been invited to participate. Please join us for this informative evening.

The Yolo County Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Reduce Gun Violence informs residents of legislation and research around the topic of firearm safety. Our group has over 100 email participants, with a steering committee of 10; we table at public events such as Farmers Market, Fourth of July, and the County Fair, keep a close eye on new legislation, attend hearings at the Capitol in Sacramento, and write letters and articles to keep the important issue of gun safety high on the public agenda. Yolo County and Davis Democrats have been instrumental in helping disseminate our information.

In February 2013, the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee (DCC) voted to "RESOLVE that the Yolo County Democratic Party supports common sense measures to reduce gun violence, such as the Feinstein assault weapons ban and proposals from the Thompson and Biden task forces." DDC member Tim Fenton wrote in the June 2013 newsletter that "Ninety percent of Americans backed the universal background check bill, and they are not letting politicians put gun control on ice."

Our Yolo Brady Chapter will be strongly advocating for HR 1217, recently introduced by Representative Mike Thompson, which will implement commonsense background checks to protect our children and our communities.

The Brady Campaign also promotes the "ASK Campaign," which encourages parents of young children to ask about secured firearms in the homes of playmates BEFORE they allow their children to visit friends for play dates. This very simple – though sometimes awkward - conversation can introduce the topic of safe firearm storage and assure parents that a tragic firearm accident will not occur when children are playing.

We encourage and welcome strong participation from Yolo residents! Our upcoming events include tabling at the Whole Earth Festival on Saturday, May 9, our informational forum detailed above, and tabling at the Davis Farmers Market on Saturday, June 6. Please contact our Chair, Anke Schennick, at yolobradycampaign@gmail.com for more information or through the web at www.bradycampaign.org/content/yolo-county-brady-chapter. You can also like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#). Please lend us your active support as we advocate for firearm safety on the local, state, and national levels.

Editor: With deep regret, we note the recent passing (April 3, 2015) of Sarah Brady (photo r.) a tireless advocate for simple sanity.



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Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

Tuesday, May 5, 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, May 9, 3:00-8:00 pm, Garamendi Basque BBQ. Great food and entertainment. RSVP <www.garamendi.org/bbq> for donations and travel information to the venue, "Touch the Earth Ranch," located near Paloma, CA.

Sunday, June 7, 5:30-7:30 pm. Assemblyman Bill Dodd's 1st Annual Yolo County BBQ. Glide Ranch, 36355 Russel Blvd., Davis. RSVP/Information contact Erin Russel <erin@billdodd.com>

Sunday June 7, 4:00-6:00 pm. Mariko Yamada for State Senate, see advertisement page 3 for information

Sunday, June 14, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Champagne Brunch. Annual event featuring a great buffet (mostly provided by the DDC Board but please share your favorite dish) and informal discussion with and by local elected leaders. Guest list, including a featured speaker TBA. Hosted by Stephen and Robin Souza at their home, 2424 Rodin Place, Davis. Contact Stephen Souza for information.

Champagne Brunch: Change of Venue by Carl Schmid

For many years, Robin Kulkow and Bill Julian (r. photo) graciously hosted the annual DDC Champagne Brunch at their beautiful home using the setting of their spacious yard. Unfortunately, a scheduling conflicts precludes their extending their generous hospitality once again this year.



The Brunch is the DDC's premier annual event. Notable guests over the years at Robin and Bill's home have included Representatives Mike Thompson, John Garamendi and Ami Bera, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, Sec'y of Education Tom Torlakson, State Controller Betty Yee, State Senator Wolk, Assemblymember Yamada and virtually all elected Democrats holding County, City and School Board offices. The Brunch is also the major annual fund raising opportunity for the Club underwriting Democratic political action in Davis and Yolo County during election years. The DDC recognizes and acknowledges Bill and Robin for enabling this ongoing success.

During Robin and Bill's absence, Robin and Stephen Souza have volunteered their home to host the Brunch (see Calendar above). Board members will contribute the main dishes and organize the logistics, but you are invited to share your favorite brunch recipe and, more importantly, we invite your participation. **Mark the date: June 14, 11to 2.**

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The Newsletter Editor is pleased to acknowledge and thank our hardworking DDC Photographer who has posted photographs of the Club's 2015 events on the website <www.davisdemocraticclub.org>.

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EVEN INDIANA JONES IS BOYCOTTING

By **Shelly Bailes and Ellen Pontac....Local Gay Rights Activists since 1983**

You have to hand it to the bigots.....just when they feared that the Tidal Wave of Equality was about to cover the land as same sex couples would be allowed to marry in all 50 states, they came up with "God's Way to Discriminate."

If you needed proof, all you had to do was be on social media, listen to the TV or radio or read a newspaper recently. The great state of Indiana, the Hoosier state, enacted a law that is the most hideous anti- gay legislation in our history, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). This law appears to be designed to allow anyone in any business not to serve LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) people under the guise of religion.

The fallout from Governor Pence's signing has been nothing less than fascinating to watch. The support for equality from companies, organizations, athletes, celebrities, politicians, CEOs, and others across the nation was unbelievably gratifying.

At the same time, a pizza shop owner in Indiana said



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she would refuse to cater a same-sex wedding as the shop was a "Christian establishment." We have taken an informal online poll and found that NO ONE of any sexual orientation has yet expressed a desire to have their wedding catered by a pizza parlor in any state. Yet, a GoFundMe collection was started and, in three days raised \$842,387 to relieve the financial loss suffered by the pizza parlor for the proprietor's stand for faith!

We know the constant coverage by the media has been good for those of us on the side of equality. Even though there is no question that we are winning the fight for equality, it's important to know that bigotry and discrimination still exist.

As Arkansas Republican Senator Tom Cotton explained to his critics: The Indiana gay community should be grateful they're being openly discriminated against because at least they aren't being hanged like they are in Iran.

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Champagne Brunch
Sunday, June 14
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