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**KEYNOTE QUOTES**

*Mariko, you were spot on. Public servants put their life on the line.*

*...biggest challenges..right now*

*We inherited a fiscal mess that was unprecedented...[Bush Administration] went from a budget surplus to an eleven trillion dollar debt...just crashed the economy...*

*...[stimulus funding] saved us from going into a depression..*

*...people have lost homes, property values have dropped...whose profits in creased by 20%?...insurance companies.*

*Their [Republican] reform is to privatize it [ Social Security]...let Goldman Sachs figure out how to take care of us*

*They stole that money. Imagine what would happen if they had Social Security's money.*

*...change Medicare to a voucher system? This would be absolutely tragic.*

*One half of the trade deficit is imported energy.*

*....renewable energy paying off in jobs...*



**Vote Boxer and Brown all the way down**

A capacity crowd filled Veterans Memorial Hall in Davis for the Annual Bean Feed



(photo) showing the eagerness of Yolo Democrats to contest the upcoming election with Tea Party extremists.

Dr. Ami Bera (below), running against the Republican



incumbent, Dan Lungren, in the neighboring 3rd CD spoke of his "privilege to run" remembering that he "grew up with the best public school system in the nation" and that we must build the future in contrast to "Republicans who want to return to the agenda of the last decade." Ami sees a clear path to victory in this hotly contested "horse race down to the finish."

Jim Provenza observed that we are "Blessed to be represented up and down the ballot by people who care" referring to Mike Thompson, Lois Wolk, Mariko Yamada and our Davis School Board (see page 2) among others.

Mariko explained the impor-

tance of upcoming ballot initiatives, particularly Propositions 25. She said, "There are good people in Sacramento" but that "some use the two-thirds majority to their advantage every time." She hopes that Proposition 25 becomes the "focal point in this ugly debate." Remembering the explosion of the gas pipeline in San Bruno, "That fire was frightening" Mariko reminded us that "people put their lives on the line for us every day. Public service is the most noble calling." Meg Whitman's attack on state workers prompted Mariko to cheer the audience with "Vote Boxer and Brown all the way down."

Agreeing with Mariko, Mike Thompson was "appalled that folks stick their finger in the eye of public servants" people who "put their lives on the line." Mike squarely addressed the unfair criticisms of "t-people" regarding the debt and deficit saying that within just a few years Republicans turned a budget surplus into a huge debt yet complain about stimulus



spending, which leading economists conclude saved the economy from going into

a deeper ditch, a second Great Depression. (The first House Rule passed this year was "Pay-Go" meaning we must pay for any new spending.) Citing numerous specific examples, (e.g. a woman de-



nied health insurance because she was a victim of domestic violence, "a preexisting condition"), Mike explained how Health Care Reform is working for America. The much maligned "stimulus" is one-third tax cuts (which, until now, Republicans always supported?), one-third infrastructure (remember the San Bruno pipeline explosion) and one third-technology investment ("half of our trade deficit is for imported energy"). Side bar quotes on the left give the flavor of Mike's Key Note Address. Our Congressman clearly relishes challenging the "t-people" in the November election.

Following a tribute to Vic Fazio, Richard Rominger (photo. p.2) acknowledged (continued p.3) Rep. Fazio

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## Calendar of Events & Activities

**Oct. 5: Tues. 7:00-9:00 pm DDC Board Meeting** regular business meeting of the Board, all members invited. Odd Fellows Hall

**Today until Nov. 2: Visit & Volunteer Davis Election Campaign HQ** 1801 Hanover St., Contact: Dave (753-5488)

## Board endorses Allen, Daleiden and Taylor for School



The DDC Board is pleased to extend its unanimous endorsement of Tim Taylor's candidacy for Davis School Board following our previous endorsement of Sheila Allen and Gina Daleiden (shown l.-r. with Richard Rominger).

As previously reported (Sept. Newsletter): *Despite an incredible budget shortfall, a hallmark of the School Board has been its ability to consistently achieve collegial consensus on very difficult (more accurately, heartbreaking) decisions. Even more impressively, the Board has provided extraordinary leadership creating a sense of shared sacrifice enabling parents, teachers and staff and the wider community to make significant, painful concessions compromising and balancing tax increases with cuts in salary and programs.*

Tim, Gina and Sheila are each integral members of this highly effective team. We recognize and thank each of them for their outstanding leadership

## Davis Democratic Campaign HQ Open for the 2010 Campaign



Forty Democrats attended the Sept. 17th, Grand Opening of the Davis Campaign HQ, located at a familiar site, 1801 Hanover St. (behind the SaveMart at Anderson and Russell), the HQ site for the memorable, highly successful 2008 Democratic campaign. Following the official ribbon cutting by Mariko Yamada and a wonderful reception organized by Betty Woo, guests began volunteering for campaign assignments including precinct walking, office

work and telephone banking. Bob Schelen, who is chairing the campaign, invites you to stop by the office to pick up your lawn signs, stickers and campaign information and to learn how you might help. Alternatively, please call the office (753-5488), which is managed by David Bekay, to become involved.

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**Fall BBQ at Stephen and Robin Souza's house**



Some people like Christmas, others the Fourth of July but Richard Yamagata (l. with grill) has often confessed that the Fall BBQ hosted by Steve and Robin is his favorite event of the year. Once more,



he took station at the hot grill trying to keep up with demand for about six varieties of sausage, which except for "tofuerky" (some unfortunately confusing tofu with turkey) were going faster than he could grill.

About thirty guests enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere (r. above), before serious discussion of the issues and campaign. Don Saylor (l. with Bob Schelen) explained in deeply personal terms the importance of this election and why he is a Democrat, the party that cares about people. Bob reported on the campaign and invited volunteers (see p2). Former Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin (r.) forcefully urged resolving the State's budget problems (see Prop 25, p.1) for the sake of our children.



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**Bean Feed** (cont. p.1). in his appointment as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture under Clinton. He remembered his "pleasure of working for two very bright people, Jerry Brown and Bill Clinton". Brown was "a tight wad. He had a balanced budget even a rainy day fund. He designated wild and scenic rivers and created a lot of jobs when he was governor" and was a "zealot about cutting red tape." As Attorney General, he "worked to keep development from prime farmland" and has been "tough on crime." He has recovered "billions of taxpayer dollars" prosecuting "crime in the suites as well as crime in the streets." Richard Rominger's first hand account provided exciting perspective on Brown's many accomplishments..

The DDC selected County Appraiser Joel Butler as its 2010 recipient of the Weir-Williamson Award (l-r. Bill Ritter, Joel Butler, the eponymous Betty Weir and Club President Arun Sen). Bill described Joel as a "representative for integrity and fairness." Joel described himself as "honored and pleased...to join such a great group of Democrats."



**DDC Board endorses Bill Owens as Trustee for the Yolo County School Board.**

Now running unopposed, Bill (photo r.) is automatically elected Trustee and will not appear on your ballot. Nonetheless, he is meeting with the community, discussing issues and preparing himself to be ready immediately upon taking office, while also campaigning to elect Tom Torlakson as Calif. Superintendent of Public Instruction. The DDC Board unanimously supported Bill's election as Trustee in recognition of his impressive record of community service and creative ideas for educating children as exemplified by his leadership in the highly popular Explorit Museum.



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