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## *Remembering Betty Weir by Stephen Souza*



We will all miss Betty Weir, 8-6-1915 to 8-17-2015. By now, everyone in the DDC must know that our dear, sweet Betty Weir, Grand Dame of the DDC has passed from this earth and is peacefully laid to rest. Betty was a founding member of our club who worked tirelessly to support Democratic values and get Democrats elected.

Several club members attended Betty's funeral service on Friday, August 21 to pay respects to Betty and her family. Many good memories of Betty were shared at the reception following. Overheard after the funeral services, "Betty is undoubtedly already registering Democrats in Heaven!"

Betty had reached 100 years of age on August 6. We had hoped to celebrate her birthday with her, but she was too ill to attend. In good Democratic fashion, Betty's birthday party took place on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Norma Turner. Many videos and pictures of the event were recorded and will be shared with Betty's family and the club.

The event was very well attended, and good spirits and fellowship were in abundance. A delicious birthday cake was served along with special refreshments provided by Norma. Many thanks to Norma for opening her home and hospitality on this very special occasion. Good memories of Betty were shared, and we sang Happy Birthday to Betty, made a wish, and blew out the candles. We were all hoping for Betty to recover and enjoy the pictures and videos of her birthday celebration.

I think this party is how we will best remember Betty and feel uplifted by her memory and legacy and be inspired to carry on. I feel deeply honored to have known and served the Democratic party and the Club with Betty over so many years, as do many of our club members. I will continue to honor that memory and work to carry on her legacy.

Following is a really great article written by Bob Schelen that appeared in *The Davis Enterprise* that describes Betty's work and resonates with our collective experience of knowing our Betty, who we will greatly miss and never forget.

*Betty Weir is 100! She has spent at least 65 of those years in Davis I knew her a bit before I moved to town, but I did not know how far her role extended as one of the "grand dames" of local Democrats in Davis and Yolo County.*

*Before I transferred to UC Davis, a while ago, I had already been active in Democratic politics and social causes and wanted to continue those efforts during my time in college.*

*I went to the local Democratic headquarters and encountered Betty Weir. She made me feel at home and put my name on a 3-by-5 card. I received a call only a few days later and Betty told me all about my neighborhood — the partisan breakdown, what the particular issues of importance were there — and then she asked if I could talk to my neighbors about the important election coming up.*

*Every election was the most important of our lives, until the next election. Of course, I said yes and Betty said to come down and talk to her and she would give me materials for canvassing my neighborhood.*

*I have come to realize that she did this for every single precinct in Davis and often all of Yolo County. She was the major mover in getting the message out and exhorting those who agreed with the message to come out and vote. Additionally, she had been an active member of the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee's efforts for those in need in Davis from the time the group started until a few years ago. In 1950, she was one of the founders of the Davis Women's Democratic Club, seeing a need for such a political organization that later expanded into the present-day Davis Democratic Club. She also served on the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee — the official arm of the Yolo County Democratic Party — for well over 50 years and was active all of those years. (continued p.2; additional photos p.5.)*

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## Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

**Tuesday, September 1, 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, September 12, 5:30-7:30**, 732 B St., Davis. DDC Ice Cream Social hosted by Lucas and Stacy Frerichs at their home. Mark your Calendar.

**Saturday, October 3, 5:00-8:00 pm. Yolo County Democratic Party Bean Feed, Food, Drink, Music People & Politics.** Veterans Memorial Hall.

### **Betty Weir, continued from p.1**

At various times, she served as Executive Director and/or Treasurer of that organization.

*Now, Betty and I have not always agreed on the best path to win elections or get good public policy made. There were also times we disagreed on particular policies. However, I know the goal for both of us was to put people in place in public office who would share our Democratic values.*

*As we celebrate Betty's 100th year, there are so many who have run (and even won), who owe a great deal of their success to Betty. There are way too many to be listed after 65 years! Betty Weir's life's work has made a real difference in the lives of all who know her, the city of Davis, Yolo County and the state of California.*

*Happy Birthday, Betty. You are special indeed! (Photos continued p 4)*

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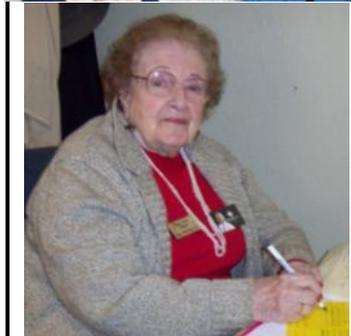
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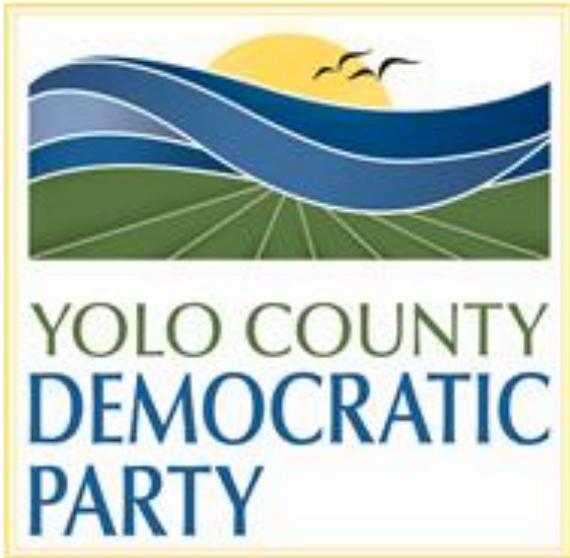
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The Yolo County Democratic Party will be holding its annual Bean Feed fundraising dinner on Saturday, October 3, from 5 PM to 8 PM at Veterans Memorial Center, 203 E 14th Street in Davis. We invite you to participate. This is the primary fundraising event for our committee and funds our efforts here in Yolo County to elect progressive, Democratic candidates to all levels of government. Our theme for the event this year is "**The American Worker**," and special focus will be placed upon issues ranging from the minimum wage, to the middle-class, employment, fair trade policy, and equal rights in the workplace. Dinner will feature the always-amazing tri-tip BBQ by our local firefighters. Please consider joining us for this very important event in any one of the following ways:

**Be a Bean Feed sponsor for as little as \$100 and receive tickets and other perks at the event.**

Purchase individual tickets at \$30 each (\$35 at the door). Couples can also purchase two tickets in advance for only \$50, a \$10 total savings.

If unable to attend, please consider a donation to the cause of any amount.

All checks should be made out to the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee and can be mailed to:

**Yolo County Democratic Party  
P.O. Box 1112  
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For reporting purposes, purchase of tickets to this event constitutes a contribution to the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee PAC FPPC #1308176/ FEC #C00453712 located at 5429 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Contributions and ticket purchases are not tax-deductible. Please also let us know how many tickets and for whom you would like them held at the registration desk at the event.

Your support in 2015 will help pave the way for success in next year's elections, as we work to elect strong, progressive Democrats to help shape public policy – from the very top of the ticket down to our state, county and local races. We hope to see you at the event, and look forward to working for you to advance our shared platform of prosperity and equality in the months ahead.

**Interested DDC members can contact Elly Fairclough at 530-219-8376 or go online at:**

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***Nurses Are The Best People:  
Remembering Julia Sanchez***

Nurses care for those in need and are dedicated to accomplishing whatever task is at hand. True to her chosen profession, Julia Sanchez was a warm, welcoming person, who worked hard for the greater good. In addition to being a long-term DDC member, Julia served for many years on the Board working on a variety of projects. She was extremely supportive of her Board colleagues always encouraging their successful participation. In particular, I remember working closely with her for several weeks and her crucial help to both me and Betty Weir in converting our membership records to a computer system. Julia made a difference to her friends and our community.

*The Davis Enterprise* reports that the celebration of her life will begin at 4 p.m Saturday, September 26 at the Carlton Club in Woodland for friends and family.

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***Democrats at the Yolo County Fair***



The DDC again pitched in to staff the annual Yolo Democratic Party Booth at the County Fair. Participating Club members included Rick Gonzales Arun Sen, Bob Bockwinkel, Tim Fenton, and Kathy & Jerry Marr, who also represented health Care for All. The booth was assembled and organized by Chris Allen (photo above), Executive Director of the Yolo County Democratic Party.

In addition to an outstanding presentation of our booth, Chris personally worked there eleven hours each day. As Exec. Dir., Chris routinely attends each of the monthly meetings of four Democratic Clubs in our county. Additionally, he is organizing the annual Bean Feed event.

**DDC members should appreciate knowing that Executive Director is a volunteer position! When you attend the Bean Feed, introduce yourself to Chris and thank him for his service.**



**Democratic Newsletter**

*Ice Cream Social*  
*Saturday,*  
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