

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB
OF
CAMARILLO**

**Newsletter
April 2010**

General Meeting

Thursday April 1, 2010

6:15 for chats and snacks

7:00 Meeting and program:

Program:

Shawn Stern, 24th Congressional Candidate
Ferial Masry, 37th Assembly District Candidate
Alan Rosen will discuss Redistricting

Orchid Building, UFCW Hall
816 Camarillo Springs Road, Camarillo
at the Camarillo Springs exit from the South 101

Dear Members,

Hooray, Hooray, Health Care Reform is now on the way!!! Personally I am very, very happy that just today this Health Care Reform bill passed after many, many years being shot down. For me and my family it has many, many benefits. We should be very happy that our Congress and President worked together finally to pass this comprehensive Health Care Reform bill. This is one of the "CHANGES" that has actually taken place and we should be very proud. It may not have all that we had hoped for but it is a huge start.

In our next membership meeting we have more candidates speaking in order to help you decide who you will vote for in the primary and whose primary election campaign you may want to work on. If you have never worked on a campaign I encourage you to do so. My first campaign I had ever worked on was four years ago for the Congressional race. In addition to helping my candidate to win, I learned so much, and made some wonderful long-lasting friendships. There are so many ways you can work on a campaign. In addition to calling on the phone, you can have a house party and invite friends and neighbors to come over and meet your favorite candidate or hear about your favorite proposition. There is also precinct walking focusing on areas where each candidate feels they will pull in votes. In regards to

phone banking one can work at home or gather together at homes to call prospective voters. And don't forget there is writing letters to the editor and online blogging. There is also just spreading the word through your social networking or while you are just standing in line at the grocery store. There are so many wonderful Democrats running for various offices. These candidates do need your help for the primary races. I really encourage you to get involved now. And, remember the plan is after the primary, our club we be leasing a location in Camarillo and we will be calling on you to help to work at the campaign headquarters where all of the Democratic primary winners will be welcome.

A proposition that our club has endorsed is Proposition 15, the Fair Elections Act. This is a very, very important Proposition to pass and I believe it will really change politics in this state for the better and hopefully change the way we do politics in our nation. This proposition is six years in the making and has finally made it to the ballot. Please call me if you would like to work on any candidate campaigns and for the Proposition 15 campaign and I will get you in touch with the right campaign managers. We are very lucky that we have these opportunities to get involved in our political process and if we don't get involved, the change we want may not come about.

See you April 1 at 6:15 for networking and refreshments and meeting starts at 7:00pm. And if you haven't renewed your membership please do so as soon as you can!

Sincerely,

Sue Bolorchi-President

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**A message from President Barack Obama
3-21-10**

For the first time in our nation's history, Congress has passed comprehensive health care reform. America waited a hundred years and fought for decades to reach this moment. Tonight, thanks to you, we are finally here.

Consider the staggering scope of what you have just accomplished:

Because of you, every American will finally be guaranteed high quality, affordable health care coverage.

Every American will be covered under the toughest patient protections in history. Arbitrary premium hikes, insurance cancellations, and discrimination against pre-existing conditions will now be gone forever.

And we'll finally start reducing the cost of care -- creating millions of jobs, preventing families and businesses from plunging into bankruptcy, and removing over a trillion dollars of debt from the backs of our children.

But the victory that matters most tonight goes beyond the laws and far past the numbers.

It is the peace of mind enjoyed by every American, no longer one injury or illness away from catastrophe.

It is the workers and entrepreneurs who are now freed to pursue their slice of the American dream without fear of losing coverage or facing a crippling bill.

And it is the immeasurable joy of families in every part of this great nation, living happier, healthier lives together because they can finally receive the vital care they need.

This is what change looks like.

My gratitude tonight is profound. I am thankful for those in past generations whose heroic efforts brought this great goal within reach for our times. I am thankful for the members of Congress whose months of effort and brave votes made it possible to take this final step.

But most of all, I am thankful for you.

This day is not the end of this journey. Much hard work remains, and we have a solemn responsibility to do it right. But we can face that work together with the confidence of those who have moved mountains.

Our journey began three years ago, driven by a shared belief that fundamental change is indeed still possible. We have worked hard together every day since to deliver on that belief.

We have shared moments of tremendous hope, and we've faced setbacks and doubt. We have all been forced to ask if our politics had simply become too polarized and too short-sighted to meet the pressing challenges of our time. This struggle became a test of whether the American people could still rally together when the cause was right -- and actually create the change we believe in.

Tonight, thanks to your mighty efforts, the answer is indisputable: Yes we can.

Thank you,

President Barack Obama



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS ON ELECTION DAY,
JUNE 8, 2010
ADOPT-A-POLL CLUB FUNDRAISER**

Again this year our club will manage four polling sites for the County Elections Department and they will pay our club approximately \$450 for each site. It is a huge fundraiser for our club especially this year when there will be two elections. And we have so much fun doing it! The election sites will be the same as last year; United Methodist Church, Camarillo Heights School, Church of the Nazarene and CSUCI.

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VOLUNTEER JOBS AVAILABLE

ELECTION CLERKS: Take a 3-4 hour shift checking in voters and handing out ballots. We need approximately 48 volunteers. Twenty-two people signed up at the last meeting so we are half way there already! Training is provided by the County so no experience is needed.

INSPECTOR: Set up polling place before polls open, stay at the polling site until paperwork is completed after polls close. We need one more volunteer. Must have previous experience as an election clerk. Training is provided by the County.

SPANISH SPEAKER: We need a Spanish speaking helper at three of our sites. If you speak Spanish or know someone who does please let us know.

TO VOLUNTEER OR ASK QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL:

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Or

Ron Adams-----805-302-4599

ronandjoan@verizon.net

**Many thanks to those who have already
volunteered!**

Letters to the Editor

We continually encourage you to write letters to the Editor. Some get printed and some don't, but remember, those that don't are still read by someone. You never know whose mind you might change or at least give them food for thought, so please, keep those letters going and send them to me for printing here so others can also reap the benefit of your opinion. Enjoy!

Published in the STAR on 12-7-09

Offensive mailings

Audra Strickland is waging a well-planned campaign to become the Ventura County treasurer. All voters in the 37th Assembly District have recently received two glossy trifold brochures from her office.

One brochure claims she wants to reduce wasteful spending, and the other claims that

she supports fiscal responsibility. Both were sent U.S. postage, paid by the state of California Assembly, which means that our tax dollars paid for these mailings. I find it unethical that she would abuse her office by sending these and belies her claim that she is fiscally conservative.

Kate McDermott

Published in the STAR on 2-7-10

Pass Health Care

I know some people would rather keep things as they are. They are people who would rather live in the richest country in the world with a health care system ranked 37th. They would rather America spend twice as much in GDP per capita for health care than industrialized countries with national systems.

There are people who would rather not quit jobs they hate - or start their own businesses - because they will lose their group coverage and preexisting conditions will prevent them from getting affordable coverage.

Some people are willing to spend days, weeks, or even months struggling through a passive-aggressive claims process, trying to make for-profit insurers deliver benefits they've paid for, than risk changing the system.

I can't get friends to tell me what they would do if their children or grandchildren were among those without insurance. They would rather take the risk that their families won't be among the 62% of Americans who file bankruptcy as a result of medical expenses than change our current system.

We have choices. Some people would rather pay more and stick with our current health insurance system. I'm just not one of those people. I believe we need to change and that now is the time to pass healthcare reform. I hope that everyone that agrees with me will call Congress and the President and tell them so.

Kate McDermott (you go Kate!)

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Published in the STAR on 3-12-10

Controller Decision

Re: your March 5 article, " Tony Strickland eyes run for state controller":

"Because we all love California too much to let it fail." This is something Meg Whitman likes to say every few minutes on TV. She spends her millions trying to convince Californians to trust her better judgment and believe that she can bridge the divide. Then she goes and taps Moorpark's own Tony Strickland to run for state controller on her slate.

State controller, you say? I know I want someone in that job who has a track record of being owned by big tobacco, Indian gaming and health insurance companies. Someone who literally has taken his party's lead on halting bipartisanship in Sacramento and who is ready to give up his state Senate seat after just completing his first year. A career politician who has virtually no record of accomplishment.

Doesn't that make you feel a lot better about her choice? What on Earth was Meg Whitman thinking when she made this decision?

Bruce Little

Published in the STAR 3-5-10

Senator's Roadblock Came Too Late

Senator Bunning represents the heart and soul of the Republican Party and their counterpart, the Tea Partiers. They fundamentally believe that any program that assists people who are in need should be destroyed. They consider the people who are benefactors of any of these programs as weak and lazy. This is a fact. In support of Senator Bunning, Senator Kyl said on the house floor that unemployment insurance deters people from looking for work. It would never occur to them that unemployment keeps people afloat while they look for work. It doesn't matter if there are no jobs to be had, they still regard unemployed, disabled, sick and injured people as lazy and freeloaders. They believe that you did

something to bring this onto yourself and you were not responsible.

They have been working for many years to kill all social programs for people and if they ever return to power, that is what they will do. They are testing the system right now to see how much people will take. This last exercise is proof. They are about making a profit and in their world any money that is spent to benefit someone without a monetary return on that investment is money completely wasted. That is what they mean when they continually use the terms of "waste, fraud and abuse". This is who they are and what they believe and the sooner we understand that and keep them out of government, the better off we'll be as a society.

Carolyn Crandall (*This is the unedited version*)

Part Three of President Obama's Accomplishments:

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

"So we have a choice to make. We can remain one of the world's leading importers of foreign oil, or we can make the investments that would allow us to become the world's leading exporter of renewable energy. We can let climate change continue to go unchecked, or we can help stop it. We can let the jobs of tomorrow be created abroad, or we can create those jobs right here in America and lay the foundation for lasting prosperity."

-President Obama, March 19, 2009

PROGRESS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included more than \$60 billion in clean energy investments that will jump-start our economy and build the clean energy jobs of tomorrow:

\$11 billion for a bigger, better, and smarter grid that will move renewable energy from the rural places it is produced to the cities where it is mostly used, as well as for 40 million smart meters to be deployed in American homes.

\$5 billion for low-income home weatherization projects.

\$4.5 billion to green federal buildings and cut our energy bill, saving taxpayers billions of dollars.

\$6.3 billion for state and local renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts.

\$600 million in green job training programs – \$100 million to expand line worker training programs and \$500 million for green workforce training.

\$2 billion in competitive grants to develop the next generation of batteries to store energy.

Increasing, for the first time in more than a decade, the fuel economy standards for Model Year 2011 for cars and trucks so they will get better mileage, saving drivers money and spurring companies to develop more innovative products.

The President issued a memorandum to the Department of Energy to implement more aggressive efficiency standards for common household appliances, like dishwashers and refrigerators. Through this step, over the next three decades, we'll save twice the amount of energy produced by all the coal-fired power plants in America in any given year.

Supporting the first steps of a legally-binding treaty to reduce mercury emissions worldwide.

On Earth Day 2009, the President unveiled a program to develop the renewable energy projects on the waters of our Outer Continental Shelf that produce electricity from wind, wave, and ocean currents. These regulations will enable, for the first time ever, the nation to tap into our ocean's vast sustainable resources to generate clean energy in an environmentally sound and safe manner.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY Progress

The President signed an Executive Order on government contracting to fight waste and abuse.

The President launched Recovery.gov to track spending from the Recovery Act, an unprecedented step to provide transparency and accountability through technology.

The President wrote to the congressional leadership calling on them to pass statutory Pay-As-You-Go rules so that any new non-emergency tax cut or entitlement expansion offset in the budget.

The President signed the Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act to stop fraud and wasteful spending in the defense procurement and contracting system.



Ex-Progressives that have lost their way



Rick Schroder: Little Ricky Schroder was a favorite of teenage girls everywhere as a child star and briefly found fame as an adult as Dennis Franz's "NYPD Blue" sidekick. A Mormon convert, Schroder spoke at the 2000 GOP convention and supported the party in 2004 and 2008 as well. Not surprisingly, the former "Silver Spoons" star recently told the conservative site CNSNews.com that he opposes efforts to raise taxes on the wealthy.



Larry Miller: A stand-up comic who enjoyed a string of film roles in the 1990s – and a memorable guest turn on "Seinfeld" as a doorman with a chip on his shoulder – Miller is now best known for his outspoken right-wing views, particularly on foreign policy and Middle East issues. "There are no Palestinians," he has claimed. Until recently, Miller wrote a column for Bill Kristol's Weekly Standard.

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They would greatly appreciate a donation. Location for sending donation to: **Camarillo Hospice**, 400 Rosewood Ave. #102, Camarillo, CA 93010

The **Camarillo Community Garden** is hosting, in conjunction with the PVRP (Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks Dept), the **1st annual Earth Day in Camarillo**.

Location: at the future site of the 2nd Camarillo Community Garden, Community Center on Burnley.

Date: Saturday, April 17th, from 12 to 4

Theme: Growing Healthy Families

Emphasis: food choices and the environment: how our food choices and habits impact the health of our children, ourselves and the environment.

The Park is providing Jolly-Jump type entertainment for the children. Music will be provided by Jack and Phyllis Phillip's group (Watermelon Pie).

Games and activities for children, healthy food demonstrations and sampling expected. There will be no junk-food operators- to keep in line with the real meaning of Earth Day, plastic water or soda bottles will not be permitted. Please check out their web site: www.earthdaycamarillo.com



If you haven't paid your 2010 Club dues it is not too late!!! You can pay at the next Club meeting or mail a check to P.O. Box 348, Camarillo 93011.



A warm and belated welcome to our newest members, Penny Strowger and Percy Severn.

Welcome to the Democratic Club of Camarillo!

Anti-Government Superlatives: A Timeline by Kate McDermott 3-3-10

The health care summit reminded me of that list of Republican battle cries the New Republic put together a few months back.

Here's Senator Carl Curtis (R-NE) on Medicare in 1965:

It is socialism. It moves the country in a direction which is not good for anyone, whether they be young or old. It charts a course from which there will be no turning back.

Here's Ronald Reagan on Medicare in 1961:

The doctor begins to lose freedoms; it's like telling a lie, and one leads to another. First you decide that the doctor can have so many patients. They are equally divided among the various doctors by the government. But then the doctors aren't equally divided geographically, so a doctor decides he wants to practice in one town and the government has to say to him you can't live in that town, they already have enough doctors. You have to go someplace else. And from here it is only a short step to dictating where he will go.

Here's how a Republican senator named Daniel O. Hastings reacted to Social Security back in 1935:

I fear it may end the progress of a great country and bring its people to the level of the average European. It will furnish delicious food and add

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great strength to the political demagogue. It will assist in driving worthy and courageous men from public life. It will discourage and defeat the American trait of thrift. It will go a long way toward destroying American initiative and courage.

And here's how The National Association of Manufacturers felt about laws establishing minimum wages and overtime pay in 1938:

... a step in the direction of Communism, bolshevism, fascism, and Nazism.

But my favorite — and this one's for Glenn Beck, who spent his week attacking progressivism as "the cancer that is inside of both parties" — was from a Republican senator named Weldon Heyburn. Way back in 1908, he warned against the progressives who were trying to pass laws against child labor:

The child will become a very dominant factor in the household and might refuse perhaps to do chores before six a.m. or after seven p.m. or to perform any labor.

Justice's wife launches 'tea party' group

The nonprofit run by Virginia Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, is likely to test notions of political impartiality for the court.

By Kathleen Hennessey, LA Times

March 14, 2010

As Virginia Thomas tells it in her soft-spoken, Midwestern cadence, the story of her involvement in the "tea party" movement is the tale of an average citizen in action.

"I am an ordinary citizen from Omaha, Neb., who just may have the chance to preserve liberty along with you and other people like you," she said at a recent panel discussion with tea party leaders in Washington. Thomas went on to count herself among those energized into action by President Obama's "hard-left agenda."

But Thomas is no ordinary activist. She is the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, and she has launched a tea-party-linked group that could test the traditional notions of political impartiality for the court.

In January, Virginia Thomas created Liberty Central Inc., a nonprofit lobbying group whose website will organize activism around a set of conservative "core principles," she said.

"I adore all the new citizen patriots who are rising up across this country," Thomas, who goes by Ginni, said on the panel at the Conservative Political Action Conference. "I have felt called to the front lines with you, with my fellow citizens, to preserve what made America great."

The move by Virginia Thomas, 52, into the front lines of politics stands in marked contrast to the rarefied culture of the nation's highest court, which normally prizes the appearance of nonpartisanship and a distance from the fisticuffs of the politics of the day.

Justice Thomas, 61, recently expressed sensitivity to such concerns, telling law students in Florida that he doesn't attend the State of the Union because it is "so partisan." Thomas, who was nominated by President George H.W. Bush, has been a reliable conservative vote since he joined the court in 1991.

Virginia Thomas declined to comment in detail about her plans for LibertyCentral.org, which she said would fully launch in May. In a brief phone interview, she did not directly answer questions about whether she and her husband had discussed the effects her role might have on perceptions of his impartiality.

Virginia Thomas has long been a passionate voice for conservative views. She has worked for former Republican Rep. Dick Army of Texas and for the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank with strong ties to the GOP.

Although Liberty Central is a nonpartisan group, its website shows an affinity for conservative

principles. Her biography notes that Thomas is a fan of Rush Limbaugh and Mark Levin, author of "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court is Destroying America". She is intrigued by Glenn Beck and listening carefully, the bio says.

Because of a recent Supreme Court decision, Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission, the group may also spend corporate money freely to advocate for or against candidates for office.

Justice Thomas was part of the 5-4 majority in that case.



**Tim Allison Fund Raiser 2-27-10 at
Melissa DeMarco's home:**



DCC Club members: Steve Crandall, Linda McKenna, Bruce and Karen Little and Sue Bolorchi



Tim Allison and Brian Leshon with Brian's brother in the middle



Tim and Steve Crandall discussing Veteran's Issues



Melissa and Carolyn having fun

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