



DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CAMARILLO



December 2008/January 2009

**General Meeting
Thursday - January 8, 2009
6:00pm – Refreshments and Networking**

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

PROGRAM

**“Ventura County Democrats –
Where we stand and where we are going”**
An overview of the resources we bring and the
opportunities we face in the New Year.

December/January President’s Message

I am very excited about the upcoming New Year!
At the Camarillo election headquarters, we all worked very hard to get Obama elected along with our State and Local candidates. We did not win all the races; however, we envisioned what can happen when we get out and work together. One of the goals of the board this year for the club is to keep our members active and engaged whether it is phoning, writing letters, getting the word out via internet, following issues and elected officials, etc. We would like to hear from you as to what YOU would like to do. You may call any of the board members. Our names, titles, and phone numbers are included in this newsletter.

Our program for the JANUARY 8, 2009 General Meeting is called “*Ventura County Democrats – Where we stand and where we’re going.*” We will hear a panel of speakers, including:

- Joe O’Neill – Chairman of the Ventura County Central Committee - will tell of the gains in 2008 and plans for 2009 and the 2010 Gubernatorial Election.
- Vote Blue Central Coast organizer Helen Conley – will talk about the goals to

increase voter registration and the plans for the Ventura County Jack and Bobby Kennedy dinner.

- Obama campaign volunteer, Carolyn Crandall, will recount the work in Ventura County to elect Obama and the future of the Obama campaign.
- Brian Leshon, the Chair of the Communications Committee, will demonstrate how to use technology to increase the interest and visibility of the Democratic Party.

Come a bit early for refreshments (“Virgin Margaritas” and chips) and networking. If you haven’t been to a membership meeting for awhile, come on down and introduce yourselves to the new members!

We are all looking forward to January 20, 2009!!!! AND WE WANT TO CELEBRATE !!! Please join us for an evening of celebrating at Connie Franco’s home. Connie is a fairly new member and has opened up her home for us all. We will watch the Inauguration at 6-6:30pm (pre-recorded from 9am) and enjoy POTLUCK. Wine and beverages will be provided, so bring something to share and come to 1035 Garrido St. Her home is very easy to find. Just follow Valley Vista in Las Posas estates and turn right on Garrido St. Please RSVP to Mahmood Bolorchi at 805-377-2988. You may leave a message.

Hope you all have Wonderful Holidays!!

Sincerely,

Sue Bolorchi – President

A note from your Newsletter Editor

The new newsletter editor wishes to join the Club in extending our thanks to Carolyn Crandall for the outstanding job she has done with the DCC newsletter over the past years. She has set a high standard for quality of content and layout that he hopes to achieve with time. Meanwhile, your new editor asks for patience as he learns the ropes...

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**Adopt-a-Poll Earns \$1,040.00
Many Thanks to Adopt-a-Poll Volunteers!**

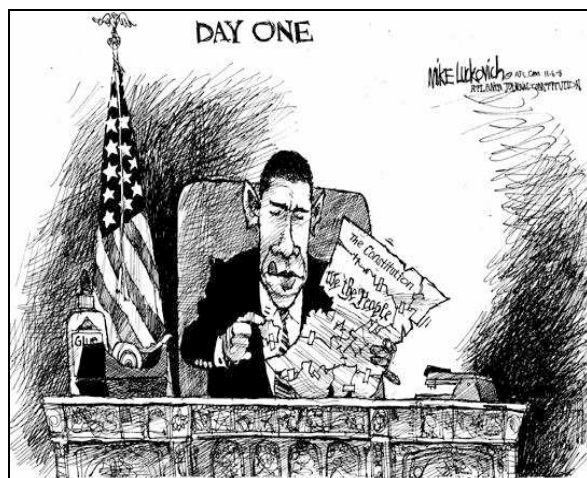
*(This note was sent in by our stalwart
Adopt-a-poll leaders, Joan and Ron Adams)*

Every election for the past several years our club has sponsored two Adopt-a-Poll sites which means Joan and Ron Adams gather about twenty-four dedicated volunteers to run our two voting sites. Its fun, its interesting and our club makes a lot of money because of their efforts! We really appreciate the following people who gave generously of their time on November 4th:

Anna Bevins, Louise Bockall, Mahmood Bolorchi, Carolyn Crandall, Steve Crandall, Gail DeWolfe, Terry DeWolfe, Robby Dornick, Hardy Hayes, Bill Hillbrant, Kathy Hungate, Judy Hyman, Karen Knight (took two shifts!), Judy Lautenschleger, Harriet Lit, Bill McKee, Linda McKenna, Sharon Rasey, Lenna Reyes, Joanne Isaksen, Joan Rust, Marianne Slaughter, and Diane Zeamba.

Thank you for helping us make \$1,040.00 for our club treasury!

(And a big THANK YOU to Joan and Ron from all of us for again taking on this time-and-energy consuming task for the Club!)



EXPRESS SIGN-IN

We are trying a new sign-in procedure to make the process a little quicker. If you are already a member you do not need to sign-in. You just need to make your nametag and you are good to go. We still ask that guests sign-in and anyone with changes to their address, phone, e-mail, etc

DUES ARE DUE

Thank you to the many people who have already renewed their membership in our Club. Just in case you haven't, this is a reminder that dues are now due. Just use the form on the back of this newsletter and send your money in today—don't delay. The price is nominal, just \$20/individual-\$30/couple and \$15/student or senior-\$20/student or senior couple. Your dues helped fund our campaign office and will continue to give Camarillo Democrats a strong voice in our community.

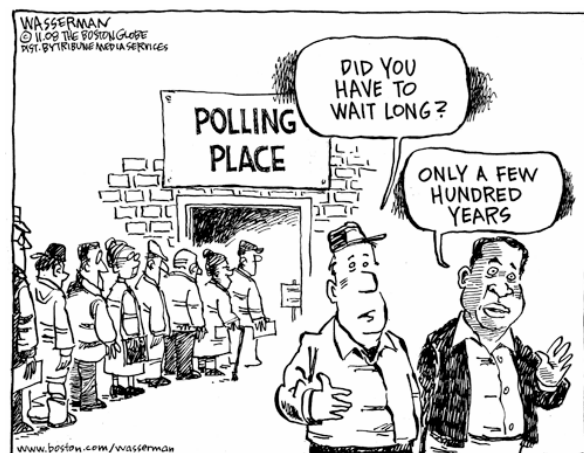
Save an envelope and \$.42 and pay at the January 8th meeting.

Welcome to our newest members, Robbie Dornick and Elizabeth Sim!

Sandi Gummerman

**How's this for a concept?
Advertise with your friends:**

Are you a small business owner or do you know a small business owner who publicly supports democratic principles? A business card size ad will be available for purchase for \$30.00 a year and the ad will be placed in eleven newsletters. The year will go from Jan-Dec. However, a business can purchase this ad any time throughout the year. If you or someone you know would like to advertise you can contact Bruce Little at 805-482-8360 or his email at bruce@selecttravelnetwork.com or mail your business card along with a check made out to the Democratic Club of Camarillo to our new club address: P.O. Box 348 Camarillo, 93011-0348. Remember the newsletter deadline is around the 18th day of the month.



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An Answer to the charge that the African-American vote was responsible for passing Proposition (H)8:

(This is excerpted from a good blog with revealing stats on the Prop 8 vote:

<http://www.thenewswriter.com/?p=1744>)

You cite exit polls showing 70 percent of the African American vote in California voted in favor of Proposition 8. Yeah, well, African Americans, according to those exit polls, made up 10 percent of the vote. **Republicans, on the other hand – 82 percent of whom voted for Proposition 8 – make up 29 percent of California’s vote.** And that’s not all:

- Conservatives in California, who make up 30 percent of the vote, went 85 percent for Proposition 8.
- People who go to church weekly (32 percent of the vote) fell 84 percent for Proposition 8. White evangelicals 17 percent of the vote — 81 percent yes.
- **John McCain voters — (38 percent of the vote) — 84 percent yes on Proposition 8.**
- Eighty percent of people who voted for George W. Bush in 2004 (38 percent of the total vote) voted Yes on 8.
- Twenty-four percent said they were worried about another major terrorist attack on the United States. Sixty-five percent of them voted Yes on 8.
- Sixty-one percent of the 41 percent of voters who said government does too much to try to solve problems voted Yes on 8.
- Of those who think Barack Obama’s policies are too liberal (32 percent), 74 percent voted Yes on 8.
- Eighty-five percent of the 30 percent who approve of the Iraq war voted yes.
- Twenty-one percent said they approve of the way GW Bush is doing his job. Eighty-six percent of those voted yes.
- Proposition 4, which would have amended the constitution to require a waiting period and parental notification for a minor seeking an abortion failed 52 to 48 percent. Seventy-six percent of the yes votes also voted Yes on 8.
- Inland/Valley voters made up 21 percent of the vote. Sixty-five percent of them voted yes.

So, in a state where more than 10 million people cast ballots, who’s responsible for a half million vote gap between yes and no?

(Thanks to Carolyn Crandall for submitting this.)

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**Democratic Club of Camarillo
Inaugural Day
Ceremony Watching
and Celebration Bash!**

**Potluck, January 20, 6:00 p.m.
Wine and beverages provided.**

Just in case you missed it in Sue’s first Presidential Message, IT’S PARTY TIME, and Sue – demonstrating true leadership - asked for a separate announcement, to be sure everyone gets it on their calendars!

Connie Franco has invited us to her house in Las Posas Estates, 1035 Garrido St. on Inauguration Day. Reread Sue’s letter for more details and please RSVP to Mahmood Boloorchy at 805-377-2988.

**A report from the DCC Library Project
Chair, Kate McDermott**

The DCC recently purchased 19 new books for the Camarillo Library. Each book will include a nameplate with the book listed as a donation from the Democratic Club of Camarillo.

1. Obamanomics: How Bottom-Up Economic Prosperity Will Replace Trickle-Down Economics by John R. Talbott
2. The Predator State: How Conservatives Abandoned the Free Market and Why Liberals Should Too- by James Galbraith
3. Bad Money: Reckless Finance, Failed Politics – by Kevin Phillips
4. The Uprising: An Unauthorized Tour of the Populist Revolt Scaring Wall Street and Washington by David Sirota
5. The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008 – Paul Krugman [Nobel Prize]
6. The Way of the World: A Story of Truth and Hope in an Age of Extremism by Ron Suskind
7. The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism – by Andrew Bacevich
8. Give Me Liberty: A Handbook for American Revolutionaries – Naomi Wolf
9. The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability by James Gustave Speth
10. Gustave Speth

11. The Post-American World by Fareed Zakaria
12. The Great Derangement: A Terrifying True Story of War, Politics, and Religion at the Twilight of the American Empire by Matt Taibbi
13. The Myth of Christian America: What You Need to Know about the Separation of Church and State by Mark Weldon Whitten
14. Why is Corporate America Bashing Our Public Schools? by Kathy Emery
15. War is a Force that Gives Us Meaning by Chris Hedges
16. AWOL: The Unexcused Absence of America's Upper Classes from Military Service – and How it Hurts Our Country by Kath Roth-Douquet and Frank Schaeffer
17. Collateral Damage: American's War Against Iraqi Civilians by Chris Hedges and Laila Al-Arian
18. Best American Political Writing 2008 – Royce Flippin
19. Excellent Reasons Not to Hate Taxes by Stephanie Greenwood and David Cay Johnston
20. Censored 2009: The Top Censored Stories of 2007-08 by Project Censored

(Thanks to Kate and the Library Committee for continuing this important outreach project for the Club!)



Strickland Watch:

As legislative watchdog for the Club this year, I'm especially interested in keeping track of the Strickland lovebirds. If nothing else, we should be steeped in their votes and actions for two years from now when Audra terms out, and heads for who knows what - Governor? And four years from now, when Tony will rerun for the state Senate. I'll need help. If you hear or read any good tidbits, please email me (bob@rusts.net) or call me at 484-6601, and I'll pass on their zany antics at our monthly meetings. Thank you.

A Letter from Our Valiant State Senate Candidate, Hanna Beth Jackson

Dear Friends,

The election just past has created new opportunities for our nation and our collective vision for a more just, equitable and globally conscious world. We can all be proud of our candidate and now President-elect who offers a return to the hopes, values and beliefs that make our nation the greatest nation on earth.

Here in Ventura County, we were not quite as successful in bringing those values to our community. But we did come very close. We barely lost the 19th State Senate District by a mere 857 votes out of over 415,000 cast, or less than two-tenths of one percent! We also came very close in the 37th Assembly District as well, demonstrating that even in "conservative" areas, with the right candidates and ideas combined with the hard-work of local volunteers and clubs like the Democratic Club of Camarillo, we can accomplish almost anything.

I am personally extremely grateful for your hard work, time and energy in supporting my campaign. You were simply terrific and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with you in coming so close to an incredible upset win.

I am confident that as we enter the next election cycle, the work you have done will provide a solid foundation for future successes in our now Blue County!

It has been a pleasure and honor working with you and being your standard-bearer. I look forward to many victories for us and our shared values as we begin a new era in Ventura County politics.

With best wishes and thanks,

Hannah-Beth Jackson

(And thanks to you, too, Hanna-Beth, for being the best we could possibly ask for in a candidate – a principled, relentless fighter for what we all believe in. We join you in looking forward to the next cycle. As John Paul Jones said, we have just begun to fight!)

Letter Writers Needed:

Our long national nightmare is just about over -- January 20!! -- but there is still lots of work to be done. I'm not just referencing the myriad ills facing the US and the world, but resistance to the poisonous mindsets of the disgruntled far right. The daily letters to the editor in both the Times and our poor, death-bound Star are full of vituperative, hate-filled right-wingers laying into the progressive opposition to Prop 8 or Obama's picks or his birth certificate or unions or separation of church and state -- and the list goes on. I read these and often fire off a letter, but one person can't get published very often. I proposed at our last Exec Board meeting that we form a small committee (never propose something at a meeting unless you're willing to head it up) to respond as often as these letters pop up. So, I'm searching for letter-writing volunteers to form a loose network to keep progressive ideas and logic in front of the reading public. My email is bob@rusts.net and my phone number is 484-6601.

37th AD Meeting Alert!

(Here is the official announcement :)

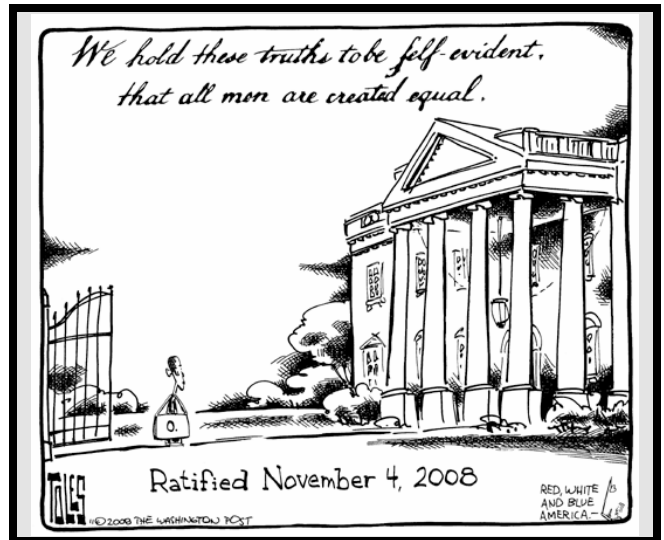
"California Democrats are invited to help select delegates for the California Democratic Party's Convention, which will be held April 24-26, 2009 in Sacramento.

Democrats interested in running to be an Assembly District Delegate must file with the State Party by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 31, 2008. File online to run for Assembly District Delegate. The 37th Assembly District Election Meeting will be on Saturday, January 10, 2008, Newbury Park Library 2331 Borchard Road Newbury Park. Registration starts at 12:00, the meeting at 2:00 P.M. Do more information go to:

http://www.cadem.org/site/c.jrLZK2PyHmF/b.4816891/k.46D8/Assembly_District_Election_Meetings.htm

Why we need to go to this meeting even if we don't want to be delegates:

Because we all need to be there to vote for Camarillans Kim Stephenson, Sue Bolorchi, Joan and Ron Adams, and David Maron, all of whom DO want to go. The Club with the most people at the meeting elects their members -- it's as simple as that. We can talk about carpooling at the January 8 general meeting.



And just one more letter, thanks to Jacky Wallace:
(BTW, why don't YOU send something in, too?)

Dear World,

The United States of America, your quality supplier of ideals of liberty and democracy, would like to apologize for its 2001-2008 service outage.

The technical fault that led to this eight-year service interruption has been located, and the parts responsible for it were replaced Tuesday night, November 4. Early tests of the newly installed equipment indicate that it is functioning correctly, and we expect it to be fully functional by mid-January.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the outage, and we look forward to resuming full service --- and hopefully even to improving it in years to come.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The USA

"Be the change that you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Ghandi

"Do not follow where the path may lead; go instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." -Anonymous

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Membership Application

Date: _____
Name _____
Street
Address: _____
City _____ State _____
ZIP _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Signature: _____

(I am a registered DEMOCRAT
or wish to change to such)

*Annual Dues: \$20.00/individual, \$30.00/couple/family
\$15.00/seniors, \$20.00/couple*

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5150 Laurel Park Drive, Camarillo 93010

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