



Democratic Neighbor's of the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District,  
"the feet of the Democratic Party for the Santa Clarita Valley"

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## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

**LOCATION: Caruso's II Restaurant in Canyon Country**  
18340 Sierra Highway, Santa Clarita (Canyon Country) for directions only, (661) 251-8450  
(a good back room for our meeting)

**Meeting Convened** by Carole at 7:32 p.m.

**In attendance:** Dave Lutness, Kristin Ingram-Worthman, Rosalind Scarbrough, Minerva Williams-Hoover, Todd Hoover, Michael Kulka, Dorri Raskin, Carole Lutness, Mary Fuchsman, Steven Brooks, Patti Sulpizio and Rosemary Jenkins.

**Minutes** approved as read in e-mail posting by Rosemary Jenkins

**Treasurer's Report:** Approximately \$900 (John was unable to make this meeting)

### Old Business:

**Voter Outreach:** We registered 23 new Democrats and have applied for Bounty compensation (the applications of the 23 Dems will be sent to CDP so DAA can get the Bounty); several people from this area indicated they are interested in starting a Democratic club up their way.

We need to hit the Sylmar area for VR

We discussed having VR about once a month even when an election is not imminent

-After church services is often a very good time (Minerva will research a number of churches for us).

-We must continue to concentrate on 210 Freeway corridor

### MAY 19<sup>th</sup> Election- General Information by Carole regarding results:

Sacramento wants to make draconian cuts in revised State Budget from *children's health care and other social programs* while still assisting big business (see list passed out)

**On jails:** Halliburton subsidiary is largest builder of jails in California

--A huge prison population would mean private prisons would get overflow

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- Rural areas that have prisons benefit from additional funding because the prisoners are counted as part of their population even though they cannot vote
- Corporations should share the burden of taxes
- Democrats at this time seem to favor cuts to prison budget (freeing those who have committed "minor" crimes, undocumented immigrants, etc.)

**California Constitutional Convention** there is a question whether there will be a brain storming session --this could be a double-edged sword since good doctrine could be replaced by bad even if some of the bad is eliminated

**California Taxes:** *Population* pays about the same 7% as in the 1980s but *corporations* are paying much less

The **Calitics** website is good vehicle to keep up with California politics

#### **African American Outreach Committee:**

- Rosalind** researched about doing a prisoner voter registration drive  
Minerva indicated that Darren Parker encouraged us to refer to Mark Ridley-Thomas; that he would be a good contact with regard to getting into the jails to register prisoners
- Fed Stimulus Forum** on Tuesday June 2 Church of Christ on Reseda Blvd in Reseda
- Minerva -SCV Black Business Mixer**, June 25, 5pm, Salt Creek Bar & Grill Restaurant, 24415 Town Center Drive, Valencia.
  - May 31 at **Fame Renaissance Church** in LA: A symposium on death penalty headlined by the **Honorable Maxine Waters & Dr. Charles Ogletree**
  - Kacey Thorps**, President of Black Business, will hold a community meeting in the future with SCV Dems and DAA
  - Connie Sparks** of the Wade Institute Financial Services Company and **Kacey Thorps**, Realtor and President of Black Business Committee, were both honored for their business outreach by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal last month.

#### **Youth Outreach Committee: Harrison Katz, absent**

#### **New Business:**

**4th of July Parade:** DAA, SCV Dems, and DN38 might want to do it as a federation of clubs to be in the parade to show our presence (Eric Bauman might know someone with a flatbed truck for parade instead of walking)  
Theme of the Parade: "Having Fun in Santa Clarita"  
Suggestion for Voter Registration table at end of the parade in the park  
We could tie VR in with having fun by the Obama call for action by providing a service in the community

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**Make a Difference Day & Picnic** in October sponsored by **USA Today**. Combining *SCV Democratic Picnic* in October with candidate for Governor Jerry Brown with "Make a Difference Day" is a possibility.

**Mary Fuchsman:** Upcoming elections: School districts above SFV are having elections this fall:  
--**Mike Cruz** may run for Newhall Water District, but no papers have yet been filed.  
--We shall soon find out who will be running in various elections after the application deadline; then we can plan voter outreach

There is a question as to whether or not **Sue Solomon** is still a Republican. She is running for Hart School Board.

**DPSFV Memorial Day Picnic:** This Sunday, May 31 at 11 a.m. at Sherman Oaks Park

#### **Announcements:**

**Instant run-off voting**, presented by **Patti Sulpizio**, response from Nancy Skinner, Assemblywoman, 14th District (undecided as to value)--it might come out of committee tomorrow

**DAA Buy Blue Businesses** presented by Mike Kulka and being planned in August or September, members with businesses should contact him for this evening event.

**Rocketdyne Committee (presented by Dorri Raskin)** is tomorrow--Discussion over water control, Ventura Water Board allowing Boeing to get away without fines or violations.

**Renewable Energy Forum:** Saturday in Lakeview Terrace

**SINGLE PAYER CONCEPT:** Every two years Dem clubs need to re-endorse *single payer concept* (DN38 does not do this because of nature of this club). Carole encourages us to contact our local legislators to support this cause. Contact list and bill summary made available.

- Feds must not prevent states from allowing single payer even if Feds do not pass a Federal version of this bill
- **Mark Leno** asks that organizations sign on again; note: **Barbara Boxer and Maxine Waters** supports single payer

**Next Meeting:** Coco's--always last Wednesday of the month (June 24, 2009)

**Adjourned by Carole Lutness:** 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Jenkins, Secretary  
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