

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

**Meeting of Thursday July 2, 2015
Lower Lake United Methodist Church Meeting Room**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll call was taken by circulating an attendance sheet.

Voting Members Present:

District 1: A. Rubin; R. Green District 2: L. Baron; S. Howland

District 3: J. Evans; L. Rigod; J. Sheehy District 4: M. Harris District 5: L. Acosta; B. Curry;
A. Esutoki; H. Luia;

Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: W. Harris (Stonewall); District 2: W. Manners (u); H. Riley (u); D. Smith District 3:
J. Luiz (McGuire) District 4: V. Cerenio (u); T. Jordan (u) District 5: W. Holbrook(Thompson)

Alternate Members Present

District 1: C. Negrete (Green) District 3: L. Matthews (Rigod); W. White (Evans)

Associate Members Present:

District 3: R. East; C. Leskar

Guests: Jim Knox; Barbara Sheehy

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: J. Conard / Approved as presented.

Approval of June 4, 2015 Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: J. Swetnam / Approved as presented.

Public Comment:

Larry Barron circulated a list to sign in support of the effort to get Kaiser Permanente to open in Lake County.

Appointments & Resignations: Nelson Strasser has resigned due to having three consecutive absences from the DCC because of the illness of his son. Since Nelson didn't have an alternate present, he cannot remain a voting member at this time. He will be an associate member.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook (absent):

Becky Curry (on behalf of Wally Holbrook):

- H.R.2663 (Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2015): Bi-partisan legislation aiming to streamline the permitting process for wind, solar and geothermal development on public lands and establishes a revenue sharing mechanism that ensures a fair return for relevant stakeholder.
- H.R.2649 (Medicare Secondary Payer and Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement Act): Bi-partisan bill to protect injured workers whose compensation claims overlap with Medicare coverage.
- H.R.2712 (Commonsense Reporting and Verification Act of 2015): Bi-partisan bill introduced by Thompson and Black to provide workable options for employers to administer and offer health coverage for their employees. The bill is designed to refine reporting, improve accuracy and minimize risk of employees having to repay premium tax credits and/or cost sharing subsidies. It also enhances privacy protection.
- Applications for Service Academy nominations are now being accepted at Thompson's office for eligible youth.
- H.R.2799 (Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine Act, a.k.a. FAST): Bi-partisan group introducing bill to expand telestroke treatment in Medicare.
- H.R.2507 (Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act): Bi-partisan bill to strengthen Medicare Advantage passed the House by voice vote.
- Announcing water conservation grant of \$730,000 for Los Carneros water district to fund The Irrigation Efficiency Partnership Project.
- Master Limited Partnerships Parity Act: Re-introduced bi-partisan legislation to modify the federal tax code thus enabling combining the funding advantages of corporations and tax advantages of partnerships.
- Bi-partisan background check bill up for a vote (Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act of 2015): Expands the existing background check system to cover all commercial firearms sales, including gun shows, internet or the classifieds.
- Statement on King vs. Burwell decision: Affordable Care Act is constitutional.
- Statement on House GOP water bill: Its passage would be disastrous for millions of Californians.
- RRISC Congressional Reception and Awards Program: Thompson & Lake County Water Resources Dept. honored for their efforts in reducing risk of invasive species.
- Thompson, Lee letter to Sutter Health expressing concerns over potential closure of the "Thunder Road" Adolescent Treatment Center in Oakland. It would be a devastating loss of services to youth and their families across Northern California.

Full report available on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org.

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative Swetnam:

No report.

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz (absent):

No report.

Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard:

Judy Conard reported that Assemblyman Dodd has been working on:

- Elder Abuse legislation
- Funding for the lake
- Pay equality bill, which is advancing through the legislature.

Details about these projects can be found on his website. Link on the DCC website

www.lakecountymocrats.org.

Club Reports:

Lake County Democratic Club Representative M. Harris:

- Wally Holbrook was the speaker at the 6/9/15 LCDC meeting and he gave a presentation on the first 100 days of the *Way to Wellville* project in Lake County.
- The membership committee's goal is to increase membership by 15%.
- Dave Smith was appointed to the membership committee.
- Community Choice Aggregation now under the Candidates and issues Committee.
- Moira Harris has accepted the position as the new Club Representative to the DCC.
- July guest speaker is Jim Steele.
- Membership chair, Carlene Leskar, announced a letter writing campaign to former members, as well as Democrats-at-large in Lake County, inviting them to join the Club.
- Dave Smith looked into the announcing Club meetings and speakers on public access TV.
- Becky Curry reported the staff will set up a voter registration table at the July 4th parade in Clearlake.
- The Candidate and Issues Committee revised the *Application for Consideration of Endorsement and Candidate Questionnaire*.
- Two small changes were made to the Bylaws in Section III E & F.

Full details on the LCDC website www.lakecountymocraticclub.org.

Stonewall Club Representative W. Harris (absent):

No report.

Officer's Reports:

Chair Curry:

- Harold Riley went to the Pride parade in San Francisco.
- Watch Bernie Sanders' speech in Madison, Wisconsin, on uTube. It's an articulation of core Democratic values.

- DCC August guest speaker will be Hezekiah Allen, Executive Director of Emerald Growers' Association.
- The strike in HVL by Laborers 324 has ended and the striker went back to work on June 22nd. Letter received from HVL Board Chair Herb Fish, in response to DCC letter, thanking us for our interest.
- Attended Mendocino Women's Political Caucus June 22 candidate training. Next training will be in Ukiah on July 11.
- Will meet with Kevin DeLeon, CDP Rural Caucus Chair, Eldorado County, on July 15th to discuss rural issues, PILT money, Keep It California, etc.
- Will attend the Executive Board meeting in Burlingame August 13-15.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- Converted two Republicans to Democrats.
- Will be out of town for the next Club meeting on July 14th.

Secretary Rubin:

- Enjoyed the June 17th Concert-on-the-Green in Hidden Valley Lake, where she, Wanda and Shirley did voter registration, signed up a new member, collected donations, handed out information on Keep-It-California and had political discussions with some interested concert goers.
- The concerts have been such a success that the remaining concerts have been added with the help of Stonewall Club (they are paying for the two concerts in July and August).

Treasurer Evans:

- Received BBQ sponsor donation of \$1,000 from Congressman Thompson, \$100 from the North Bay Labor Council and \$100 from Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Building Trades Council.
- Balance on hand is \$2,310.
- Expenses have been kept to a minimum, but we still have \$3,200 in expenses before the BBQ. We need to raise at least another \$1,000 before then. Income sources will be member dues, the Bounty program and BBQ sponsors.

Full report available upon request.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- There are several open seats on school board, County Office of Education and Mendocino College Board. Kelseyville has 3 open seats, Lakeport has 2, County BoE has two (D1 & D2), Mendocino College has one for area 7 (Kelseyville).
- Filing opens Monday July 13th and closes Friday August 7th.

Finance:

Chair Evans:

No report.

Issues:

Chair Green:

- SBC 277 signed by the governor, eliminating opt out for childhood vaccines.
- Wal-Mart expansion: We need to decide what the Dems want to do. Petitions
- SoJ: State Senate passed Kevin DeLeon's resolution SRJ 13.
- Please visit the Keep it California website and add your endorsement & like the Face book page.

Motion/ Adckinjo: Letter to Bill Dodd thanking him for his support of the resolution. 2nd/Joy. Approved.

Voter Registration:

Chair Luisa:

- Voter registration on July 4th booth: need more volunteers. Need volunteers 12-2 pm shift. Set-up & other shifts covered.
- Voter Reg Booth at Concert on the Green July 17th will be staffed by Wanda, Shirley, Anne and Luisa.
- *Power to the Youth* sign-up sheet circulated.
- Lake County Fair booth sign-up sheet circulated.

On Going Business:

Strategic Plan:

- Letters to lapsed members have been sent by Dave Smith.
- Carlos N. reported that based on the conversations he has had with the Young Dems on Yuba campus, they would like their own charter, rather than going through the DCC.
- School is out now so there will not be another meeting until September.

BBQ 2015:

- Silent Auction donation forms were passed out.
- Chair wrote letters to businesses soliciting sponsorships/silent auction donations – Judy/Adckinjo & Dave will make follow-up calls.
- All donation check should go to James.
- Anticipated \$1,000 donation received from the Teamsters.

Confirmed attendees: CDP Region 2 Director Craig Cheslog as MC; Controller Betty Yee; Mike McGuire; Bill Dodd. Possibly Gavin Newsome.

Announcements:

- A benefit for KPFZ on August 22nd presenting with Barry Melton. Tickets available on-line, at the Travel Center in Lakeport, and at Soper Reese. Tickets range from \$15-\$25.

Next meeting will be on Thursday August 4, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room, 527 Konicti Blvd., Lakeport.

Adjourned 7:30 pm