American River Democrats

Monthly Club Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 6:30 Social time, 7 – 8 pm meeting

Samurai Sushi, 12251 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

1. Review and approve agenda

2. Introductions.

3. Recording Secretary’s report: Debbie Martinez– minutes, April 2017

4. Treasurer’s report: Betty DiRegolo, monthly report

5. Communications Secretary’s report: Ken Kiunke

6. Presidents Report - Barbara – Flipping Red to Blue CA, list of 2018 seats open

State Fair Sign ups, Friday July 28, 10a to 2p, 2p to 6p, 6p to 10p

7. DPSC report – Barbara

8. Postcards – Ed & Kris Tavares

9. Survey – Ed

10. Food Bank - Ed

11. Summer Social & other Social Events – Debbie Martinez

12. Tonight’s Speaker – Jeri Dahlke, Ca Kids Action – current CA bills

14. Next meeting – June 21

Club needs:

Membership Chairperson/Outreach

Fundraising – social events, sign sales, buttons, etc.

Volunteers to follow and report on elected officials, issues for our website, FB page and meetings – must be substantiated, no copying and pasting your FB newsfeed!

Precinct captains – Knock Every Door, California Away, Swing to the Left

and Hosts for phone banks

Educational outreach coordinator/liason to like-minded groups

Activity trackers/coordinators – marches, interclub tabling, social events

Ongoing ways to help:

501 C-4 Political Donations to clubs and the Democratic party are used to support the election of candidates/issues. DNC, DSCC, DCCC, End Citizens United

Sample list of 501 C-3 organizations needing help- Organizations to join/donate to – ACLU, Environmental Defense Fund, Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Center, Planned Parenthood, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, Southern Poverty Law Center.

# American River Democrats General Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2017, 7:00 PM

### Board Members Present: **Barbara Leary – chair, Debbie Martinez, Betty DiRegolo, Ken Kiunke, Ed Tavares.**

# Agenda/ Introductions: A motion was made and passed to approve the agenda. Members and visitors introduced themselves.

# Recording Secretary Report: A motion was made and passed to approve the March minutes.

1. **Treasurer Report**: Betty DiRegolo reported a balance of $2,290 as of March,2017. This includes over $400 raised by the yard sign fundraiser. The club budget currently includes over $1,000 available to be donated to Democratic campaigns or other discretionary spending.

# Communications Secretary Report: Ken Kiunke directed members to check out the Events page on FaceBook & our website to keep up with the latest marches, rallies and other events in our area. Ken and Barbara polled the members present about preferred method and frequency of communication from the Club. With so much going on now, sending more messages would provide the members with more timely information. Members liked the idea of 2 more emails per month or 1 per week.

1. **President’s Report**: Barbara gave us an update on the Flipping Red to Blue,” initiative. Several of the vulnerable Republicans are in California including Darrell Issaa and Jeff Denham. Notices will be coming out about phone banking, canvassing, and donating to their democratic opponents.
2. **DPSC Report:** The 2017 California Democrats State Convention will be May 19-21 in Sacramento. If you signed up to volunteer, you should get your assignment soon. New Citizen’s Voter Registration on April 26 at Memorial Auditorium. Del Surette needs help with set-up and registering voters.
3. **Activism Opportunity:** Ed Tavares brought new postcards with our logo for meeting attendees to fill out with our own personal message about the ACA, Show Us Your Tax Returns, or any other issue we care about. We also encourage sending positive messages/ thank you’s to our representatives doing the right thing. The club provided postage, and Ed collected the completed postcards and mailed them to the White House. A can was passed to help cover postage and fund future activism.
4. **Member Survey:** Ed Tavares said a survey was emailed to all members to gather your input for future club activities and speakers. The link will be resent. Please take the survey.
5. **Voter Registration:** Voter Registration, organized by Julie Calderwood was held at Folsom Lake College on April 5th. Thanks to all who helped.
6. **Volunteer opportunities:** Bill Durston thanked members that helped to judge essays in the Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) contest. The finalists will present their essays at a dinner on April 30th. See the website for ticket information.

# Speaker: SB562, The Healthy California Act. Shirley Toy, RN Chief Nurse Rep at UC Davis and Zulma Michaca, Legislative Advocate/Community Organizer, California Nurses Assoc./National Nurses United. Shirley & Zulma gave us an overview of the bill that is making its way through the State Legislature committees. There will be a rally in support of SB562 on Wednesday, April 26th. They encouraged ARD members to attend as well as let their assembly person know they support SB562.