



**Official Minutes: Democratic Club of the Santa Clarita Valley,  
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Wednesday, February 11, 2009 7:00PM to 9:00PM**

**El Presidente Restaurant, 26550 Bouquet Canyon Road,  
Santa Clarita, CA.  
Minutes: by Todd Hoover, Recording Secretary**

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**Present:** Bill Bailey; Michael Ballard; Steve Brooks; Hillary Crosby; Kip Crosby; Isadore, Amanda, Brandon, and Mike Cruz; Monika Curry; Rick Drew; Mary Ashley Fuchsman; Dr. Bruce Hector; Todd Hoover; Kristin Ingram-Worthman; Jonathan Kraut; Bob Levine; Marcia Schneider; DawnAnn W. Spittle; Sydell Sykes; Minerva Williams; and Elaine Wilson.

- 1.) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Michael Cruz, new president at 7:15PM.
- 2.) **The Agenda was approved.**
- 3.) **FINANCIAL Report:** Jonathan Kraut reported that there are two accounts:  
Checking: \$756.58 Federal Account: \$50.00 Total in the bank \$806.58.
- 4.) **MEMBERSHIP: New Members as of December 2008:** Dr. Bruce Hector, Bob Levine, Carole Lutness, Dave Lutness.
- 5.) **New Members as of February 11, 2009:** Kristin Ingram-Worthman, DawnAnn W. Spittle; and Steve Brooks.
- 6.) **SPECIAL GUEST: Hilary Crosby, a CPA,** spoke about her background and candidacy Controller for the California Democratic Party.
- 7.) It was agreed that **Eric Bradley, who is the current controller for the California Democratic Party would** be invited to the March meeting.
- 8.) Cruz led the introduction and mission of the club and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.
- 9.) **Mike Cruz** spoke about the club and what our 2009 mission will be:

Our goal is to team-up with several non-profits and assist them in collecting monetary and non-monetary donations to assist them. He also said that democratic minded groups will be invited each month to build membership.

Minerva and Todd will work on a directory of nonprofits to assist and familiarize the Democratic community, as a work in progress, it will eventually be introduced on the website.

December we have aligned our efforts on the SCV Homeless Shelter that was the catalyst for the Christmas Party at Jonathan and April Kraut's home. A local SCV Salsa Dance club was invited.

February Cruz invited everyone present to attend the Biennial DPSFV meeting featuring Lt.Gov. John Garamendi, Mayor Gavin Newsom, San Francisco; and Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles. This will be great networking opportunity Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 9AM to 1:30PM, lunch will be included. He asked those going to carpool, the parking is rough at the campus and with over 25 clubs and community members attending he suggested early arrival. See calendar for details and preregister by February 15 for \$10 rates; it will be \$20 after February and at the door. Register at the following site which also accepts credit cards: [www.dpsfv.com](http://www.dpsfv.com).

The March meeting will be held at the home of Bill and Marianne Bailey. Cruz will invite Beverly Crawford from the SCV Food Pantry to attend. All members will be emailed the address and asked to bring a potluck dish to share and food items for the food pantry or a monetary donation in lieu.

January Cruz attended Obama supporters "Obama for Change" meeting, of which DawnAnn was present to discuss changes in the Obama Administration and the "new local goals for change." Which segwayed into introducing DawnAnn

**10.) DawnAnn W. Spittle Coordinator, Obama for Change SCV, Santa Clarita Valley, CA. Phone: (661) 288-1304 email: [ObamaForChangeSCV@Yahoo.com](mailto:ObamaForChangeSCV@Yahoo.com)** elaborated on the activities of the Obama supporters and their efforts to bring about change. The Economic Stimulus Package was discussed. Spittle suggested that we sign up at [mybarackobama.com](http://mybarackobama.com) to receive updates and information regarding other meetings targeting specific topics. Minerva and Marcia will work with her to galvanize young people to future meetings.

**11.) Endorsements:** After careful consideration The Democratic Club of Santa Clarita Valley Democratic Club endorsed the following candidates for March 2009 election.

**a. LA CITY and COUNTY**

Paul Koretz, LA City Council, District #5

<http://www.paulkoretz.com>

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Jack Weiss, LA City Attorney

<http://www.jackweiss.com/>

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Robert Nakahiro, Community College Board, Seat #6

<http://www.robertnakahiro.com>

Wendy Greundl, LA City Controller

<http://www.wendygreuel.com/>

**b. CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY:**

John Burton, Chair, California Democratic Party

<http://www.burton2009.com/>

Eric Bauman, Vice Chair, California Democratic Party

<http://www.ericbauman.com/>

**12.) CONVENTION DELEGATES UPDATES:**

**Congratulations to:**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District:** William Carter

**SIX FEMALE STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR THE 37<sup>TH</sup> Assembly District:**  
Debbie Birenbaum, President, Democratic Club of Conejo Valley; Jody Avery Smith, Joan Adams; Sue Boloochi, President, Camarillo Club; Kim Mara Stephenson, and Roni Flowers; Woman Proxy (came in 7th): Karen Peters.

**SIX MALE STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR THE 37<sup>TH</sup> Assembly District:**  
Ron Adams, David Maron; Sean Keenan, President Ojai Democratic Club; Paul Markowitz, Cleofus Navarro, William Carter and Male Proxy delegate: Tom Mullen.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District:** Chad Jones

**SIX MALE STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR THE 38<sup>TH</sup> Assembly District:**  
Michael Ballard, Newhall; Chad Jones, Mike Cruz, Newhall; Charles Igwe, Granada Hills; Bob Levine, Stevenson Ranch; and Steve Tannehill, Valencia;

**SIX FEMALE STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR THE 38<sup>TH</sup> Assembly District:** Andrea Lomax, Sylmar; Kristin Ingram-Worthman, Canyon Country; Lynne Plambeck, Newhall; and Rosalind Scarbrough, Granada Hills; Marcia Schneider, Northridge; and Barbara Wilson, Newhall;

**25th Congressional District Appointments by JACKIE CONAWAY:** Aaron Conaway, San Bernardino; Minerva Leah Williams, LA County.

13.) **ANNOUNCEMENTS by Minerva Leah Williams note all the following:**

- **MON. FEB. 15, 2009 Democratic Alliance for Action (DAA) Steering Club meeting if you want to be put on their agenda for the February 26<sup>th</sup>'s meeting or meet with their Executive Board. RSVP's heavily requested.**
- **SUN. FEB. 22, 2009 DPSFV BIENNIAL MEETING Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, Mayor Antonio Villariagosa and Mayor Gavin Newsom are the invited guests.**
- **See details at [www.dpsfv.com](http://www.dpsfv.com)**
- **WED.FEB. 25, 2009 7:00PM Democratic Neighbors 38<sup>th</sup> AD Mtg, headed by Carole Lutness. TBA**
- **THURS. Feb. 26, 2009 SCV Black Business Committee "Black History Month Celebration" at El Torito Mexican Restaurant, Old Road (Near Magic Mountain) Kacey Thorp, presiding.**
- **THURS. FEB. 26, 2009 DAA Meeting at 7:00PM Vincenzo's Pizza Parlor on 24504 ½ Lyons Avenue, Newhall**
- **SUN., MAR 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Noon to 3PM Griffith Park Obama "Bring your Own Picnic" and discussion group, Lot 2 near Old Zoo Picnic area, near the Merry Go Round. See [www.scvyoungdems.org](http://www.scvyoungdems.org) calendar for detail "ant" flyer or email [EllenLubic@aol.com](mailto:EllenLubic@aol.com).**
- **TUES., MAR. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 LA County Democratic Party, UTLA Bldg, 3303 Wilshire Blvd., cross street Berendo, Los Angeles**
- **WED. MAR. 11, 2009 SCV Dems Meeting at 7:00PM TBA, check the website for update: [www.scvdems.org](http://www.scvdems.org) or [www.scvyoungdems.org](http://www.scvyoungdems.org) "calendar".**

- **Patty Hobbs has Obama gear, rhinestone pins and other Democratic paraphernalia. She can be reached at 661 424-9077; [www.maxhobbs.com](http://www.maxhobbs.com); or email her at [pattyhobbs@aol.com](mailto:pattyhobbs@aol.com); (661) 424-9077.**
- **Rick Drews, CTEC Registered Tax Preparer (15 years of experience) is offering 10% discounted rates to Democratic club members. He can be reached Landline: 661 298-7261; Cell: 661 713-0145, 15500 Nasturtiun Drive, Canyon Country, CA 91387.**

**14.) Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> TBD at 7:00pm, bring food items for the SCV Food Pantry. The group decided we have enough business to meet monthly rather than every other month as agreed upon in December. Next month's meeting will be between 7:00PM to 7:45PM and socializing and networking to following . . .

**15.) Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM by President Michael Cruz**