



**Official Minutes**  
**Democratic Club of the Santa Clarita Valley**  
**May 14, 2008**

**Convened:** 7:12 PM by Jonathan Kraut  
**Location:** Mulligan's Restaurant  
**Minutes:** Marianne Bailey

1. **Members present:** Jonathan, Mike, Todd, Bill, Marianne, Sandra, Carole, Kris
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike's report stated that our club has \$700.00 and are still expecting \$500.00 from Padilla.
3. **New Members and Visitors:** We had the following in attendance: Michael Kulke, Bob Conaway, Jackie Conaway, Richard Wall, Stephen Winkler, Rick Drew, Rebekah Newtel, Ferial Masry, Serena Murillo.
4. **Casino Night:** A successful event. We will repeat in a few months.
5. **Local Elections and Events:** June 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary was the focus of the meeting. 60% voted by absentee ballot in our last election (City Council). 14,000 votes were cast. Absentees vote 7-10 days in advance. We learned that the "soccer moms" actually went to soccer games to talk to voters.
6. **Announcement:** There will be a joint meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Vincenzo's. All 3 clubs will participate and some of the candidates for the Judicial seats will attend and speak at this meeting.
7. **Guest Speakers:** **Ferial Masry**, High School Government and History Teacher, running for assembly in the 37<sup>th</sup> district. If elected Ferial will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Person from Saudi Arabia to hold a democratic office. **Carol Lutes** running for assembly in the 38<sup>th</sup>. Carol is a local that we all know, supporting Clean Money for our campaigns. **Jackie Conaway** – running for Congress in the 25<sup>th</sup> district. Jackie and her husband and daughter traveled to us from Barstow. Jackie is for Clean and Open Government. **Serena Murillo** is running for open Judicial Seat # 69. Serena is a bilingual first generation Latina with deep labor roots. She has over 10 yrs jury trial experience. There are only 12 Latina judges of the 431 in our LA County Courtrooms.
8. **PDA: Dr. Bill of the PDA** – Progressive Democrats of America. Pdamerica.org – an excellent speaker. This organization began in 2004. Dr Bill explained the premise of the club and encouraged us to research the clubs website. Many of us signed up to receive emails.
9. **Endorsements:** Our club endorsed the following candidates: **Ferial Masry 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District**;; **Carole Lutness 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District**; **Bruce McFarland 17<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District**;; **Hanna Beth Jackson 19<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District**;; **Jackie Conaway 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District** and **Serena Murillo Judicial Seat # 69**.
10. **Upcoming events:** May 18<sup>th</sup> *DPSFV annual picnic and Softball tournament - \$25.00; Planning meeting for joint clubs – contact Kris Daams*
11. **Next Meeting:** June 11<sup>th</sup> at Mulligan's at 6:30 PM followed by Spirited Discussion
12. **Meeting adjourned: 8:40 PM**
13. **Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM**