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Wednesday, April 24th Dinner Meeting

Location: Santa Rosa Veterans' Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa (across from the So. Co. Fairgrounds)

Celebrating Earth Day (4/22), we welcome our guest speaker Assemblymember Damon Connolly, District 12



Assemblymember Connolly was elected to represent the 12th Assembly District in 2022, and is running for re-election. During his first tenure, he is actively engaged in the environment including Standing Com Member of the Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials & Utilities & Energy, Chair of Select Com on Wildfire Prevention, Member Select Com on CA's Lithium Economy, Member Select Com on Offshore Wind Energy in CA, Member on Select Com on Sea Level Rise & the CA Economy, and Vice Chair of Joint Legislative Com on Climate Change Policies.

Connolly has been fighting for North Bay communities for 18 years, as a Marin County Supervisor, Vice-Mayor of San Rafael, School Board President and California Deputy Attorney General.

As noted, Assemblymember Connolly is very active with environmental issues and needs. He continues to be a sponsor on many bills related to the environment. Q & A will follow his presentation.

Program Schedule:

- 5:30 pm — Mix & Mingle, no-host bar
 - 6:30 pm — Dinner*
 - 7:00 pm — Club Business Meeting
 - 7:30 pm — Program - Assemblymember Damon Connolly, Dist. 12
- Dinner rate \$25.00 and all dinners must be prepaid.:**

You may RSVP here by clicking on the RSVP link:

<https://www.democlub.org/dinner-meetings> Once you have completed your RSVP, you will receive a thank you. Click on the Dinner tab, and scroll down to where you can click on the Act Blue link to pay. Santa Rosa Democratic Club requires all dinner reservations be prepaid through Act Blue. (See Page 6)

OR mail in your check payable to SRDC. Please note on the memo line, dinner 4/24. Mail to SRDC, P. O. Box 32, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

DEADLINE FOR RSVP and payment via Act Blue or check received to our P.O. Box is NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, 4/21/2024.

Dues for 2024 are now requested. (See Page 2)

Price of dinner for all attendees will be \$25.00. We appreciate your continued support. You may attend the meeting only, and ask that you please RSVP and mark 0 for meals.

Menu

Appetizers:

Individual Packets of Treats

Main Course:

Creamy Tuscan Chicken

Vegetarian Course:

Creamy Tuscan Veggie Beyond Chicken

Both served with mashed potatoes, roasted vegetable and salad

Dessert:

Chocolate Chip Cookie

Catering by Kristina Cassidy

April 2024:

Business Meeting...

The April Business Meeting agenda will include the following:

Sandy Reynolds - Welcome & Announcements

Nanci Hoban - Postcards

Bonnie Petty - CARA

Pat Sabo - Election Year Update

Guest Speaker - Assemblymember Damon Connolly

Dues are now due for 2024.



Next Meeting
Santa Rosa Democratic Club
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Program to be announced.

Join the Santa Rosa Democratic Club Today!

Individuals — \$25 year

Families — \$35 year

Renewal

New Member(s)

You must be a registered Democrat to join.

Mail this form with your check to:

SRDC, P.O. Box 32, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

OR pay online

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/srdemclub>

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____, CA Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Yes! I would like to be added to your newsletter email list. [You will receive 2 to 3 emails per month and we do not EVER share your contact information with anyone!]

SRDC Leadership and Club Information

The Santa Rosa Democratic Club Executive Board meets the 1st Thursday of every month, 5:30-7:30 pm, Location is by Zoom. Contact Sandy Reynolds at sreynolds48@yahoo.com if you wish to attend.

Members are always welcome at Executive Board meetings and are encouraged to attend!

General Membership dinner meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of January, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October; and on the 2nd Wednesday of December. There are no general membership meetings in February and November, however, the Executive Board meets every month.

Contact us: Mailing Address: P.O. Box 32, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 Phone: 707-583-2350 Email: info@democlub.org
 Website: <http://democlub.org> RSVP for dinner: <http://democlub.org/rsvp> Facebook: facebook.com/SRDemClub/

For questions about the newsletter or to submit items, send emails to: janetdreynolds@yahoo.com.

You may leave messages for any member of the leadership team at the club's email address or phone number listed above. They will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

2023 - 2024 Officers:

Sandy Reynolds, President

Nanci Hoban 1st Vice President, Programs

David Cahill, 2nd Vice President, Membership

Janet Reynolds, Communications Vice President

Dawn Davis, Treasurer

Jim Neary, Secretary

Members-At-Large

Eileen Bill

Diane Brooks

Linda Graves

Deb Olcott

At-Large Alternates:

Ginger Kelly

Open

Our Intrepid Volunteers:

Jean Erbland and Sam Krahn, Bar Servers

Gregg Jann, Bar Change

Kitchen:

Kristina Cassidy, Chef

SRDC Sponsor & RSVP information



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE IN-PERSON CLUB MEETING and DUES for 2024

Santa Rosa Democratic Club's meeting will be held in person on *Wednesday, April 24th*. We highly recommend you be vaccinated and boosted, but it is no longer required. It is required that all RSVPs be PREPAID. If we do not receive a prepayment, your dinner will not be available at the meeting.

Dues for 2024 are now due. Please note the cost of dues for 2024 will remain the same, \$25 individuals, \$35 household. You can now make payments through our Act Blue account which is done online at <https://www.democlub.org/join>. Or, you may mail a check payable to SRDC to P.O. Box 32, Santa Rosa, CA 95402, please note on memo line, **Dues 2024, along with the membership form (see page 2) are now due. We would prefer you mail in the membership form with a check, and note on the check DUES 2024.**

As noted above, our club is using Act Blue for payment. Personal checks are also welcome. **If you RSVP for dinner, here are the steps for using the RSVP form on our website and paying through Act Blue.**

1. Visit our website at <https://www.democlub.org/>
2. Click on the Dinner Meetings tab and Scroll down to the Act Blue link which will take you to our Act Blue page. Complete the information including payment. Make sure you note that you are **paying for dinner**, and mark No Tip. Click through the final step.
3. You will receive a page that says thank you, and ask if you want to receive your ticket(s). This is not needed, but you may click it if you wish.
4. Go back to our website and click on RSVP.
5. Complete the Form and click on Send.
6. Done!

Thank you!

SRDC Club News

March meeting



Sandy Reynolds welcomed all especially those attending for the first time! Sandy talked about our Elizabeth Basile Scholarship Fund that was given last year to **Monica Barragan**, who has now graduated from Cal State University

Northridge. Monica was invited to attend this evening's meeting. She sent an email letting us know that **she has been selected by the Democratic National Committee as one of 12 entry-level, young people from applicants throughout the US to accelerate their careers and train them into becoming the next generation of leaders in progressive politics.** Monica is now in Washington, DC beginning this training program which will end after the November 5th General Election. This is truly building the bench, and I will let her know we all clapped for her, and our club got to contribute to her.



Sandy thanked **Diane Lange** for sponsoring tonight's meeting. She is unable to attend, but we are so very thankful for all of our meeting sponsors. A special thank you to **Leslie Graves** for her creative and thoughtful idea of having meeting sponsors. It has assisted our club greatly to be able to do this. If anyone is interested in being a meeting sponsor, you will get two free dinners, and your name is shown in our newsletter as well as being announced at our club meetings (see page 11).

Sandy acknowledged the attendance at our meeting of Presidents from two of our 10 chartered Democratic Clubs, **Beth Hadley of Sonoma Valley Democrats**, and **Eric Vazquez of the Wine Country Young Democrats**.

Sandy also acknowledged that in February, our club sponsored three Vice Presidential tables at the Sonoma County Democratic Party's annual Crab Feed. It was a sold out event, and asked all those that attended the Crab Feed to stand. Thank you for your continued support of the Democrats in Sonoma County.

Nanci Hoban acknowledged our club's **Crate Crazies Team, Susan Saludes, Linda Graves, Ginger Kelly, Bonnie Petty, Deb Olcott and herself** for working tirelessly to create over 27 crates for the SCDP Silent Auction Crab



Feed. Due to this incredible work along with the Democratic Club of Southern Sonoma County for their baskets, the Silent Auction raised \$6,600. Three of the crates did not sell and were available for auction at our meeting this evening. It is noted one sold. The other two will be held for the future.

Nanci also reported on our postcard writing group. She thanked **Linda Graves** for managing the postcard writing for several CA races. We will be doing another campaign next month. Please email Nanci at nfhoban@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this group.

Sandy noted that **Bonnie Petty** was unable to be here this evening. She will be talking about a special program that **CARA** will be hosting in May (see page 10). Our club is a member of the **California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA)** which means all members of our club belong to CARA. Bonnie will be here at the April meeting to talk about CARA.



Pat Sabo, Chair of the Sonoma County Democratic Party (SCDP)

noted that since we last met, we had an election. Now we know what we are facing. The County Party did set goals for the primary election. Our results turned out pretty decent. Of the 6 endorsed candidates, 5 were elected. On measures and propositions, two did not make it. Most were school bonds which required 2/3's of the vote to pass. We had 5,000 slate cards. Many were given to our endorsed candidates and the remaining ones were walked out of our office to homes in Sonoma County. We set a goal of 1,600 slate cards to be dropped at homes from the office and ended up dropping 3,760 total slate cards. Our goal for postcards was 8,500, and we sent out 19,030 postcards! Postcards included campaigns in other states. This is all voluntary. Many individuals worked for candidate campaigns as well. We are very pleased with what we did.

SRDC Club News continued

Pat further noted that the SCDP Crab Feed is attracting more and more “BIG NAMES” throughout the state. She stated we are doing the right things, and none of this happens without the support of each and every one of you. We have room for ALL. Watch for news about our BBQ in August. SCDP is building every year.

Pat stated that tomorrow is Sandy Reynolds birthday so we had a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday Sandy!

Finally, as you know, our current Assemblymember Jim Wood (District 2) announced by surprise that he would not seek re-election. This became an open seat with about 2-1/2 months to put together a campaign and win a hotly contested race. We are in an incredibly BLUE area, but when you have 7 or 8 Democrats and 1 Republican, it became a tight race for the Dems. At this point, it looks like our own Chris Rogers will be our next Assemblymember from District 2 after the November 5th General Election. We will miss him on the Santa Rosa City Council.

Chris Rogers thanked Pat for the introduction and stated we knew if we could get out the vote in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County, we could squeak out a win. That will be about 1400 votes. I would not be here looking at November without all of the volunteers who worked for me. When you pick a candidate that you believe in, do the volunteer work for them.



Nanci Hoban introduced our guest speaker, **Sonoma County Supervisor, District 1, Susan Gorin**. Supervisor Gorin thanked all of us stating we are an affinity group. We’ve shared experiences together and learned from those experiences. She noted she has been helped by our Democratic clubs, and if she had not had us, I would not be here standing before you today. We are strong, we are powerful, and when we are united, we are even more effective. This is her last year of her third and final term. She recognized all of the school board trustees who are struggling with many issues. She noted that Chris Rogers was the person on the Santa Rosa City Council she always

called on when she needed help. I predicted you were going to win, and we will miss you in Santa Rosa. Gorin gave a heads up to Santa Rosa City Councilmember Mark Stapp stating. “You can do it Mark.”

Supervisor Gorin took office as Chair of the Board after her third election and walked headlong into COVID. Many challenges from many perspectives including how do we survive in isolation. Silver lining is that Zoom allowed us (and other platforms) to meet with folks all over the district. We are very dependent on technology, and we do not have full access to that yet.

Some of the major themes included a living wage ordinance and noted we have just approved amendments on that this past Tuesday. Have modified the Project Labor Agreement, and noted that tree preservation finally came forward. Still working on trying to figure out the Sonoma Development Center, and Hanna Center. Gorin noted serious concerns about evacuation plans for Sonoma Valley especially with the homeless services on the Los Gullicos campus. This campus is so far away from needed services. She is turning in a budget request for an evacuation analysis of the Los Gullicos campus noting Oakmont has one.

She very much wants to work on the Springs Community Plaza which she started a couple of years ago in partnership with an investor/developer.

Gorin noted she made it clear when she was elected for her third term that she would be retiring and asked her staff who should run for her seat. To a person, they said Rebecca Hermosillo. They met, Rebecca checked with her family, and her Congressman, and has hit the ground running to move into this new position in January.

Congratulations Rebecca!

Nanci Hoban introduced our next guest speaker, Supervisor-elect, District 1, Rebecca Hermosillo. Supervisor-elect Hermosillo stated she is very excited to be here. Her life has always been about helping people including what she has done the last 11-1/2 years with Congressman Thompson’s office.



SRDC Club News continued

to be asked. She wants other BIPOC people to run and is looking forward to filling seats on committees and commissions with young people. She thanked Logan Warren who helped to support her by putting up her signs, and Devon, our intern at the Congressman's office for that help. She feels very fortunate that Supervisor Gorin is leaving the district in great hands. Next year there will be a lot of priorities and looks forward to working on the issues and being focused on the constituents in the district.

She ended by thanking us for making history!

Q: What is happening with incorporation of the Springs into the city of Sonoma? A Gorin: We are in discussions regarding the annexation. There was an attempt about 15 years ago indicating the residents of the city of Sonoma did not want to do this. It took a lot of city activists in electing the right people on the City Council and the Board of Supervisors to bring this back. Hope Springs Eternal. **A: Hermosillo:** At this time she doesn't know the timeline and needs more community input about why we would look at annexing. **A: Gorin:** Why this might be important is that a coalition is debating about how to fund homeless services and providers. If this area were actually in the city, we wouldn't be having this conversation. The next step is the city of Sonoma to explore the steps and have community conversations about annexation.

Q: What types of Brown Act training do the supervisors have? A. Gorin: Gorin stated we take this very seriously, and have trainings frequently throughout the year. Rebecca will meet about learning the Brown Act. It is very serious, and we need to abide by that. We have been having a number of closed sessions on DEMA. In closed sessions, we can only talk about very specific things, and are required to abide by that. We are now trying to reconcile that and get the records in place. I believe the full report is now on the Auditor/Controller/Tax Collector website. **A. Hermosillo:** As Supervisor-elect, I am living in the spirit of the law, and will meet about learning the Brown Act.

Q: What is the latest on the Sonoma Development Center (SDC). A. Gorin: We are on a broad-based coalition to preserve the SDC. It can be used for many things. Currently, there are no utilities; no

electricity, no water, no sewage. The state has selected a developer who has proposed 1900 units. We are looking at 620 units with a max of 720. I am unsure if this project will move forward in my term or Rebecca's. It is also caught up in a state bill SB1330.

<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB1330/id/2932609>

The supervisors are trying to figure out how we review that. This will be really challenging and in litigation with the neighbors.

Q: For Rebecca Hermosillo: What county boards and ad hocs do you want to serve on? A: I have a lot of appointments to make. I need to do more leg work to try to find the best spot for me. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors makes the appointments.

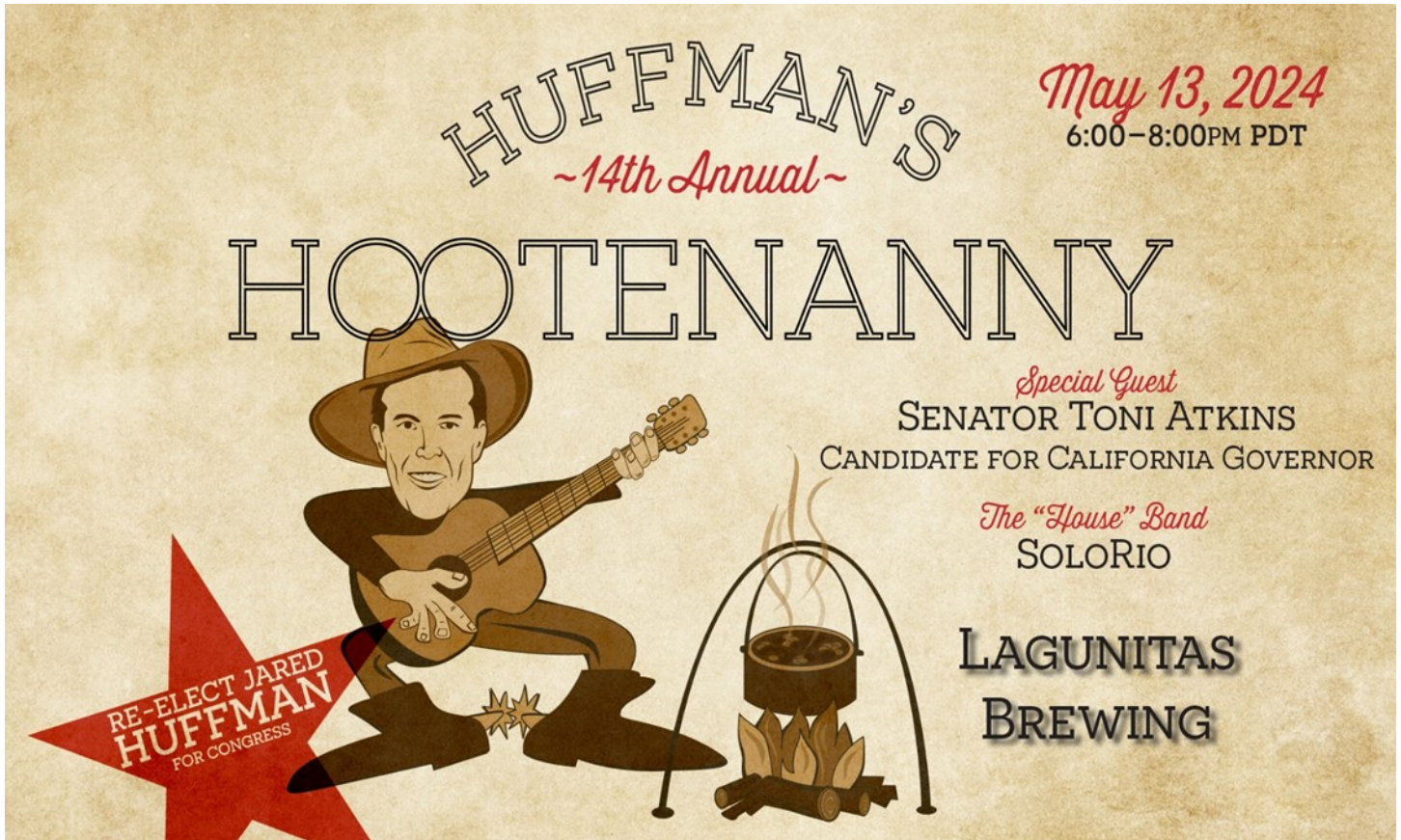
Q: Will the Oakwood Lands protection come with putting a moratorium on vineyards? A. Gorin: For agriculture, it is mostly about maintain the vineyards we now have. Losing the hillsides through vineyard conversions is a concern. Protections are for all trees and there are hefty changes to cut down some of the trees. This is coming back to the Board in April. We are in a moratorium in tree cutting. **A. Hermosillo:** Having been raised in the wine industry for years, some vineyards are being pulled out for oversaturation. She noted that only 6% of county land is planted in vineyards. The industry is going through a lot of consolidating.

Q: For Rebecca Hermosillo—what are you most excited about working on? A: Hiring staff. I have such a good team at the Congressman's office. I am excited about starting fresh and how to train to work with our constituents. I want to be a resource to my staff. I am also looking forward to working with state and federal elected which I currently do.

We have been and will be in Good Hands!



Upcoming Events continued



The 2024 Huffman's Hootenanny, is just around the corner, and it's shaping up to be our best ever!

This year, I'm thrilled to announce that our special guest is a leading candidate for Governor, State Senate President Pro Tem Emerita **Toni Atkins**, who will be joined by the current State Senate President Pro Tem, our own **Mike McGuire**.

So, mark your calendar for the evening of **Monday May 13th at the Lagunitas Beer Garden in Petaluma, 6-8 pm**. You'll enjoy live local music from our incredible "House" band Solo Rio, delicious local food, Lagunitas brews and just the right amount of politics.

All we need to make this celebration complete is you!

Individual tickets are \$40/person. Sponsorships available.

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Upcoming Events continued

MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH LET'S CELEBRATE AND EDUCATE OURSELVES

HOSPITAL STAY! – WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

(How to protect ourselves, our loved-ones, our patients!)

- Who will help you when you are taken to the hospital?
- Coming out of surgery, will you have decisions to make?
- What about insurance? Care instructions? Observation status or hospital admission? Safe discharge planning?



HELP is at hand! Learn about the protections and services available to Medicare patients and how you and your loved ones and caregivers can avoid serious pitfalls.

Wednesday May 15th, 10:00 AM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Rosa
 547 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa
 Glaser Center – Founders Room (parking in lot behind Church)
 Brought to you by CA Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA)

Join our Empowered Elder Workshop!



HOW TO APPEAL A HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

You have the right to appeal a discharge if you or a loved one is being discharged from a hospital or referred to an RCFE after a hospital stay as part of your recovery and you believe it is **UNSAFE** for you to leave.

Call Livanta toll free to appeal the discharge :1-877-588-1123 24 hour voicemail 1-855-887-6668 (TTY)
 Mon.–Fri. 9am -5pm, Sat.–Sun. 11am - 3pm

***Just bring yourself and a friend, snacks and handouts will be provided.
 RSVP to Bonnie at 707-579-5228 or bonnielpetty@gmail.com***



MONTHLY MEETING SPONSORSHIP FORM
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SANTA ROSA VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

We are once again asking club members and friends of the club to sponsor one of our monthly meetings. The costs is \$400 per meeting, and assists us with the room cost. We are asking this in order to continue to support the many efforts we work on throughout the year. We are overwhelmed with gratitude at the outpouring of support we received in 2023, and humbly ask again for this kind assistance in 2024.

NAME(S): _____

OCCUPATION/BUSINESS NAME (If Applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

RETIRED

CHOOSE MEETING(S) TO SPONSOR: As soon as we have determined programs, we will notify the sponsors and republish this form

Please note: Form and payment needs to be received by SRDC a full 30 days prior to the requested meeting date below.

_____ ~~JANUARY 24, 2024~~

_____ ~~JULY 24, 2024~~

_____ ~~MARCH 27, 2024~~

_____ ~~AUGUST 28, 2024~~

_____ ~~APRIL 24, 2024~~

_____ ~~SEPTEMBER 25, 2024~~

_____ ~~MAY 22, 2024~~

_____ ~~OCTOBER 23, 2024~~

_____ ~~JUNE 26, 2024~~

_____ ~~DECEMBER 11, 2024*~~

*All meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month except for December.

Thank you for your \$400.00 sponsorship of a SRDC Monthly Meeting. Your sponsorship assists our Democratic Club in covering the costs associated with our monthly meetings and continue with our mission. Your sponsorship will include the following promotion:

Highlighted in our monthly email newsletter.

Printed recognition on our meeting program.

Mentioned by our Club President at our monthly meeting.

Two free dinner tickets to the sponsored monthly meeting.

Please indicate if you would like your sponsorship to remain anonymous by checking this box.

The completed form and check can be mailed to SRDC, P. O. Box 32, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

Executive Board & Treasurer's Reports

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

Board members continue to be involved in many civic activities as well as postcard writing, and we are now focusing our efforts on the November 5th General Election..

At our April Board meeting, we reviewed the March meeting. We were very pleased with Supervisor Susan Gorin's talk about her work over the last several years as a County Supervisor, and excited to hear from the incoming Supervisor for District 1, Rebecca Hermosillo. Both amazing women who have forged their careers in politics. We thank them for their service.

David Cahill, VP of Membership, gave an update on 2024 memberships at 92 paid members. We remind board members and those who have not yet renewed to do so. We invite new members as well.

Nanci Hoban reported that Assemblymember Damon Connolly will be our guest speaker at our **April 24th meeting in honor of Earth Day**. She noted she is working on 2024 programs.

Dawn Davis reported that we are in the process of moving our bank accounts to Redwood Credit Union, and noted that Act Blue will now do direct deposits into our bank account. Previously, they mailed checks to our P.O. Box. We thank Dawn for her work with our finances, and required reporting.

As reported previously, we will continue our meeting sponsorships into 2024 (see page 11). We are so thankful for this financial help.

Nanci Hoban reported that postcard writing continues. This effort is focused on several campaigns to ensure we flip the House to **BLUE** in 2024, and keep the Senate if not add seats. We currently have 17 writers. If you are interested in our postcard writing group, please contact Nanci at nfhoban@gmail.com.

There was discussion and a vote for scholarships from our Elizabeth Basile Scholarship Fund to be awarded at future club meetings.

For Sonoma County 3/05/24 Primary Election results, click through the following link.
<https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/CA/Sonoma/119437/web.317647/#/summary>.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

From Treasurer Dawn Davis

March 2024 Report

Balances as of 2/29/2024	
Checking	\$4,535.60
Savings (Scholarship Fund)	<u>\$2,454.86</u>
Total SRDC Monies	\$6,990.46

Income (Checking Account)	
Membership Dues	\$ 665.00
Contributions (donations)	\$ 90.00
Bar	\$ 218.00
Sponsors	\$ 800.00
Dinners	<u>\$ 1,875.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 3,648.00

Income (Scholarship Fund)	
Raffle	<u>\$ 101.00</u>
Scholarship Fund Total Income	\$ 101.00

Expenses	
Rent	\$ 370.00
Catering	\$1,600.00
Act Blue Fees	\$ 81.55
Liquor license	\$ 50.00
Postage	\$ 53.00
Bay Link	\$ 99.00
Redwood Credit Union initial deposit	\$ 575.00
Checks & Endorsement Stamp	<u>\$ 71.32</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,899.87</u>
Net Profit/Less	\$ 748.13

Balances as of 3/31/24	
Checking	\$5,283.73
Savings	<u>\$2,555.86</u>
Total Bank Balances	\$7,839.59

Redwood Credit Union Checking	\$ 500.00
Redwood Credit Union Savings	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

Total Bank Balances RCU	\$ 575.00
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Cash on Hand	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
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Total Cash Balances 3/31/24	\$8,684.59
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Note: Act Blue 4 checks coming totaling \$935.36 less fees of \$65.27 = \$870.09

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