



## *April 24th Dinner Meeting*

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

*In honor of Earth Day (4/22) we welcome our guest speaker  
Assemblymember Damon Connolly, District 12*



Assemblymember Connolly was elected to represent the 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 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

**\*Dinner rates (ALL DINNER RSVP'S MUST BE PREPAID):**

**You may RSVP here <https://www.democlub.org/dinner-meetings>**

**Once you have completed your RSVP, you will receive a thank you.**

**Click on the Dinner tab, scroll down to where you can click on the Act Blue link to pay. Santa Rosa Democratic Club will require all dinner reservations be prepaid through Act Blue.**

**Deadline to RSVP 10 pm 4/21/2024.**

**If you do not prepay, you will not receive a meal.**

**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 4/21/2024.**

**Price of dinner for all attendees will be \$25.00. We appreciate your continued support. You may attend the meeting only at no cost, and we do ask that you please RSVP. Mark 0 for meals.**

### **Menu**

#### **Appetizers:**

**Individual packets of treats**

#### **Main Course:**

**Creamy Tuscan Chicken**

#### **Vegetarian Option**

**Creamy Tuscan Veggie Beyond Chicken**

**Both served with mashed potatoes, roasted vegetable, and salad**

#### **Dessert:**

**Chocolate Chip Cokie**

**Catering by  
Kristina Cassidy**

## Club Information

Santa Rosa Democratic Club's meeting will be held in person on April 24th. We highly recommend attendees be vaccinated and boosted. You may wear a mask while attending, and of course, it can be removed during dinner time. Dinner is served buffet style. We thank you for your kind cooperation.

People may join or renew memberships. You can now pay your dues along with your dinner reservation through our Act Blue account which is done online at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/srdemclub> or mail in a check payable to SRDC to P.O. Box 32, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. **Cost is \$25 for individual and \$35 for family.** If you use Act Blue, you do not need to leave a tip as that money is to help Act Blue not our club. **Your dues assist us in funding our postcard writing team and all club expenses.**

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:00 pm, NOW Sonoma County Chapter**

**Program:** To be announced.

**Location:** Zoom – for Zoom link, click through the link below.

**Information:** <https://www.nowsonoma.org/>

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 8:30 pm, Democratic Club of Southern Sonoma County**

**Program:** Waiting to confirm a VERY SPECIAL GUEST If it's NOT this person, we have EXTRAORDINARY back-ups lined up, so make sure you're set to join us no matter what!!

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Information:** For the Zoom link, email [southernsocodems@gmail.com](mailto:southernsocodems@gmail.com)

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Cloverdale Democratic Club**

**Program:** Social Get Together to learn more about each other and do minimal club business

**Location:** Papa's Pizza on the back patio, 105 N. Cloverdale Blvd (parking around in the back)

**Information:** [clodems@sonic.net](mailto:clodems@sonic.net)



**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4 pm, Courthouse Square – Be There!**

Our annual Earth Day Festival will take place Saturday, April 20 from noon-4pm at Courthouse Square in downtown Santa Rosa. This FREE, family-friendly, zero waste festival brings the community together through fun activities, live performing arts, great food, and inspiring exhibits that raise environmental awareness. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our vibrant city and get involved by learning about solutions to address drought, climate change, and environmental concerns in our community.





HUFFMAN'S  
~14th Annual~

May 13, 2024  
6:00-8:00PM PDT

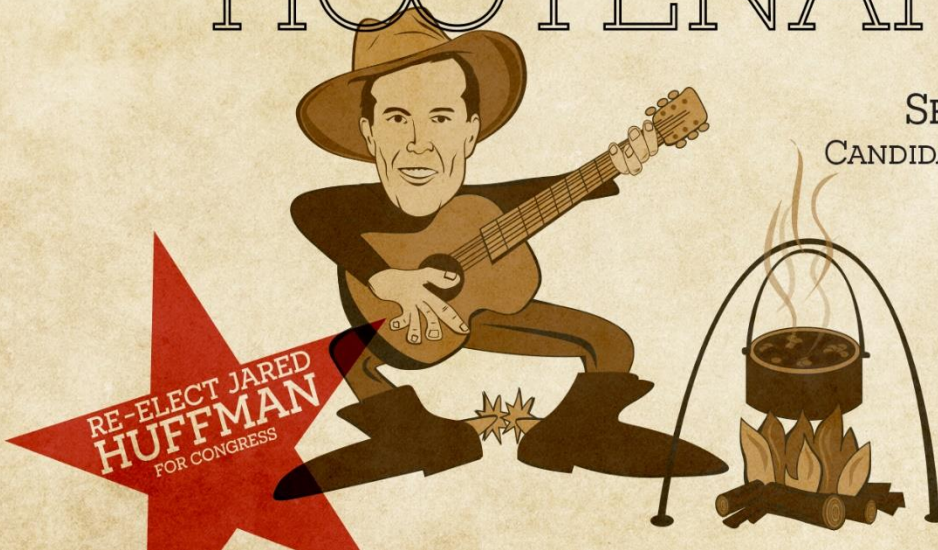
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*Special Guest*

SENATOR TONI ATKINS  
CANDIDATE FOR CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

*The "House" Band*  
SOLO RIO

LAGUNITAS  
BREWING



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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### March 2024 Thompson Legislative Update:

- Congressman Thompson secured \$16.3 million for projects in California's 4<sup>th</sup> District with the Consolidated Appropriations Act. The funding includes funding for projects in Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo Counties.
  - Lake County:
    - \$4.116 million for the Clearlake Burns Valley Sports Complex
    - \$959,752 for the In-Lake Water Treatment System at Clear Lake
    - \$500,000 for the Big Valley Fish Habitat Improvement and Groundwater Recharge Project
  - Napa County:
    - \$959,752 for the Water Treatment Plant Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System/Microgrid in St. Helena
    - \$800,000 for the Napa River Ecology Center
    - \$1,383,069 for the Lake Hennessey & Deer Park Fuel Reduction and Community Infrastructure Protection project.
  - Solano County:
    - \$959,752 for the Rio Vista Wastewater Plant Consolidation and Reclaimed Water Project
    - \$850,000 for the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club
    - \$500,000 for the Dixon Police Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Expansion
  - Sonoma County:
    - \$1,116,279 for the Highway 37 Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement and Restoration Project
    - \$1,000,000 for the Highway 116/West Cotati Intersection Safety Improvement Project
    - \$898,000 for the Santa Rosa Community Violence Reduction Project
  - Yolo County
    - \$1,050,000 for the I-5/SR 113 Connectors as part of the East Main Street Neighborhood Livability Project in Woodland
    - \$850,000 for the South Davis Library and Community Center Project
    - \$432,291 for a Fire Truck for the Clarksburg Fire Protection District
- Congressman Thompson welcomed Liz Burrell Russell, the former manager of The Pathway Home in Yountville, as his guest to the State of the Union to help amplify the importance of addressing gun violence. Ahead of the State of the Union, Congressman Thompson was selected by Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries to serve as a designated survivor.
- Congressman Thompson, Senator Alex Padilla, Congressman Ken Calvert, and Congressman Doug LaMalfa sent a letter urging the agriculture committees to include

permanent disaster assistance for agricultural producers and communities in the upcoming Farm Bill.

- As Chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, led 138 members of Congress in calling on Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough to protect veterans and address some of the problems caused by the Kennedy Amendment. The Kennedy Amendment rolls back 30 years of precedent and makes it easier for veterans who are mentally incompetent to access firearms.
- Every year, Rep. Thompson selects inspiring women from California's Fourth District to recognize their outstanding work and effort to make our community a better place over the last year. As part of Women's History Month, Rep. Mike Thompson recognized the below honorees:
  - Ana Santana – Lake County
  - Maria Cisneros – Napa County
  - Jill Orr – Solano County
  - Karen Collins – Sonoma County
  - Karen Urbano – Yolo County
- Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) and Rep. Mike Levin (CA-49) led a letter calling on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to avoid imposing charges that will raise constituents' utility bills, and make it substantially more difficult for families to realize cost savings from electrifying their homes, improving their energy efficiency, or installing distributed energy resources such as rooftop solar.
- Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) and Democratic Woman's Caucus Chair Rep. Lois Frankel (FL-22) introduced resolution to support the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month. Thompson introduces this resolution each year to mark March as Women's History Month and celebrate the diverse history of our country's women. The theme of National Women's History Month 2024 is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion."