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August 22nd Dinner Meeting

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

Our Speaker this month:



Richard Coshnear

Immigration Attorney for Comité VIDAS

Immigration attorney Richard Coshnear has been providing low-cost immigration law services, advocacy and community education since 2003 and is currently the staff attorney with the Vital Immigrant Defense and Advocacy Services, Inc (VIDAS).

Rules about who is eligible for asylum have recently changed. In addition, it appears that the Trump administration is taking a closer look at those who have become naturalized citizens and have begun to take away their citizenship. Mr. Coshnear will address some of these issues and update us on immigration problems here in our county.

Note: During our Business Meeting, Susan McDonough will give a presentation on the North Bay Rapid Response Network and Hotline and the training to become Legal Observers over ICE activities.

Program Schedule:

- 5:45 pm — Mix & Mingle, no-host bar
- 6:30 pm — Club Business Meeting (*See pg. 2 for info.*)
- 7:00 pm — Dinner*
- 7:30 pm — Program— Always Free!

***Dinner rates (Payable at the door, cash or check):**

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHECKS MADE OUT IN ADVANCE
 (payable to "SRDC") to help speed up the check-in line.
 You must join or renew to get the member price for dinner.

Membership dues: \$20 Individuals; \$30 Families

Dinner for Members: \$15.00

(includes Members of all Sonoma County Democratic Clubs)

Dinner for Non-members: \$20.00

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR RSVP!:
NO LATER THAN TUES., 8/21, 10:00 AM

Online: <http://democlub.org/rsvp> or Phone: 707-583-2350

Menu

Appetizers:

Spanakopita & Dolmas

Main Course:

Lamb Gyros

[Vegetarian: Falafels]

Hummus with Pita Bread

Tabbouleh

Greek Salad

Tzatziki



Dessert:

Pistachio Ice Cream

August 2018:

Business Meeting...

The August Business Meeting agenda will include the following:

General Announcements: updates on events and general information of interest to our members.

Susan McDonough: Susan has been working with the North Bay Rapid Response Network and will be giving us an overview of the program. She will also explain how members can get involved by getting trained to become Legal Observers and help verify and bear witness to ICE raids. This will be a great opening presentation for our keynote speaker!

Opportunities to volunteer, take action and get involved!

Tentative: updates on legislative activity by our district representatives.

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2018:
Sept 26, Oct 24, Dec 12

Join the Santa Rosa Democratic Club Today!

Reminder: 2018 Dues are now Due!

- Individuals — \$20 year
- Families — \$30 year
 - Renewal
 - New Member(s)

Mail this form with your check to:

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

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, 6-8 pm,
 Location: Sonoma County Conservation Action office: 540 Pacific Ave, Santa Rosa

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/](https://www.facebook.com/SRDemClub/)

For questions about the newsletter or to submit items, send emails to: BonnieLPetty@gmail.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.

2017-2018 Officers:

Sandy Reynolds, President
 Alix Shor, 1st Vice President, Programs
 Diane Brooks, 2nd Vice President, Membership
 Bonnie Petty, Communications Vice President
 Janice Kay, Treasurer
 Jim Neary, Secretary

Members-At-Large

Terry Bell
 Nanci Hoban
 Eileen Bill
 Janet Reynolds

At-Large Alternates:

Lupe Hernandez
 Jann Edwards

Our Intrepid Meeting Volunteers:

Jean Erbland, Sam Krahn, & Mary Stuart, Bar Servers
 Gregg Jann, Bar Change
 Deb Olcott, Set-up/Clean-up Assistance
 John Johnson, Hobbyist Event Photographer

Kitchen:

Lori Kunkle, Chef
 (Looking for volunteers to help with prep and serving)

SRDC Club News

July Meeting

The July business meeting included a special presentation—President Sandy Reynolds surprised **Rocio Rodriguez** with a \$500 scholarship award from the SRDC Elizabeth Basile Education Scholarship fund. Rocio, past president of the Wine Country Young Democrats, is heading off to Columbia University. Since arriving in Sonoma County a few years ago as an AmeriCorps volunteer, Rocio has been a fireball of energy around Democratic issues and policies. She will be sorely missed, but she gives us all hope for the future, as bright young stars like her train to become our future leaders.

Best of luck to you, Rocio! Please come back to visit!

Our keynote speaker for July was **Mr. Jerry Threet**,



Executive Director of the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO), who presented an informative talk on the background and the workings of the this newly formed agency. Created as part of the community response to the Andy Lopez shooting, IOLERO opened in April 2016, with a staff of 2 people;

the mission is to review and recommend policies and procedures for the sheriff's officers, as well as to audit complaints from citizens. Threet spoke about the work of auditing complaints and listed department policies they were looking at such as use of body cameras, use-of-force policies, and situations concerning mental health patients.

The one thing Threet said he would like to see change, with regard to his office, is the appointment of the members of his Community Advisory Council. He expressed some discomfort at being the one to make the appointments.

We look forward to seeing our new Sheriff incorporating more of IOLERO's findings into their policies.

S.O.S.!

Happy Birthday to Social Security! On August 14th, Social Security, one of the most popular—and most successful—programs ever, celebrated its 83rd birthday. The Sonoma County CARA chapter (CA Assoc. of Re-



tired Americans) celebrated on August 15th, with cupcakes and a rally at the local Social Security office on Range Ave in Santa Rosa. Several SRDC members are also members of this newly formed CARA chapter (*which meets monthly on the third Wednesday, 10 am, at the Unitarian church*) and were joined at the rally by other Bay Area CARA members, along with workers with the American Federation of Government Employees (the union that represents workers at the Social Security offices).

While celebrating the birthday (with cupcakes!), attendees were also protesting the attacks on the agency by the Trump Administration. Always the target of cuts from the Republicans, Trump has upped the ante by not only cutting funding and closing local Social Security offices, he is directly attacking the workers by dismantling access to their union. Using his Executive powers, Trump has illegally sent moving vans to AFGE union offices (which are typically located in federal office buildings) and, without notice, evicted the union and cleared out their offices. AFGE has filed a lawsuit, but it's clear that this administration is ANTI-UNION, ANTI-WORKER, ANTI-SENIOR! Democrats will always stand strong in support of AFGE and all union workers and supports strengthening—not decimating—programs like Social Security and Medicare.

Please call your Congressional Representatives and Senators at 1-844-669-5146 and let them know what SSA means to you and ask them to publicly oppose the executive orders attacking SSA employees.

Fishman BBQ

Every summer Maggie and Bill Fishman graciously host this fundraiser for the South County Dems, opening their home and their beautiful backyard to rowdy Dems and signaling the start of campaign season. (*Does it ever really end?*)

This year, the July 28th fundraiser included the Wine Country Young Dems in a joint effort to raise funds for these clubs. Because most of our "Congress Critters" (as Jim Hightower likes to call them) were in Washington, attendees were treated to brief greetings from legislative staff as well as brief remarks from candidates for local offices.

Guests were entertained by acoustic music from Jim Peterson and Friends, satiated with delicious food and wine (by Suncé vineyards), and just generally enjoyed a beautiful afternoon hanging out with like-minded friends.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 19th, 1:00-3:30 pm - CA State Senator Mike McGuire's Boots, Beans & Brews Chili Feed



A huge, fun event, with great food, music by Wonder Bread 5! And, of course, the never-ending energy of the Senator himself! Get your tickets before this sells out!

RSVP: www.SenatorMikeMcGuire.com/chili

More info: Contact Karlene at (707) 838-3279 or Karlene@SenatorMikeMcGuire.com

Tuesday, August 21st – 5:30-8:30 pm - CAPFest 2018

Annual Fundraiser to support Community Action Partnership's (CAP) Pathways housing programs. Includes Paella dinner with salad and dessert (hot dogs for kids) catered by Paella Del Rey. Live music by The Interpretations.

Tickets: \$40 adults; \$20 under 21; kids 5 and under free; available on website.

Location: Lagunitas Brewery in Petaluma

Info at: <https://www.capsonoma.org/> or on their facebook event page: CAPFest2018

Thursday, August 23rd, 7-9 pm - Windsor/North Sonoma County Democratic Club

Program: TBA

Location: Windsor Round Table Pizza, 8499 Old Redwood Hwy, Windsor

Contact: Rick Massell, President, 707-838-7107 rickm@sonic.net

Monday, August 27th, 6:00 pm – Sonoma Valley Democratic Club Meeting

Program: TBA. Prior to the evening's presentation, there will be a potluck dinner and social time, and a brief business meeting. Please bring a potluck dish to share and your own place setting, if possible. Everyone is welcome at no charge.

Location: Sonoma Springs Community Hall, 18627 Hwy 12, Boyes Hot Springs (Overflow parking is available at the Arroyo Veterinary Hospital, about one block north at 18501 Hwy 12.)

More Information: email Beth at bethh@sonic.net

Friday, September 7th – 6-9 pm – Fundraiser for Congressional Candidate Josh Harder

Sponsored by the Oakmont Democratic Club, Harder is running against Republican incumbent Jeff Denham in Congressional District 10 (Modesto area). This is a fundraiser to help "flip the House" in November.

Location: Berger Center (Oakmont), 6633 Oakmont Dr, Santa Rosa

More info: Contact Tom Amato 209-601-4457 amatothompson@gmail.com

Friday, September 7th – 6-8 pm – "Connecting Labor & Community" – 3rd Annual North Bay Jobs with Justice Awards Celebration and Fundraiser – Featuring Cleve Jones!

Keynote speaker, Cleve Jones, is a nationally known human rights activist, author and lecturer who joined the gay liberation movement in the early 1970s, interned for LGBT activist Harvey Milk until his assassination in 1978. He is now the Community & Political Organizer for UNITE HERE. Awardees include: Community Activist Sebastian Mendoza; Teamsters Local 665 workers; & the Fair & Affordable Housing Coalition for Measure C campaign work.

Location: Santa Rosa Veterans' Memorial Bldg, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa

Tickets: \$35 advance; \$40 at the door Reserve your ticket online: <https://nbjwj.eventsmart.com/?p=6>

More info: northbayjobswithjustice.org Email: jwjevents@gmail.com or call (707) 293-2863

Upcoming Events

**Sonoma County Democratic Party
12th Annual BBQ
Saturday, August 25, 2018 12pm-3pm
Gazebo in Howarth Park
600 Summerfield Drive, Santa Rosa**



Please join the Sonoma County Democratic Party at our 12th Annual BBQ.

As always there will be great food, friendly conversations, and opportunities to chat with local elected officials and candidates. Vegetarian options are available.

Tickets: General Admission Ticket \$15 or Family Pack (2 adults and 2+ children) \$40

Sponsorships

\$500 St. Louis Style

\$250 Kansas City Style

\$100 Hickory Smoked

\$50 Oak Smoked

Tickets can be ordered online on SCDP website: <http://sonomademocrats.org/>

All Tickets can be claimed at will call.

Executive Board & Treasurer's Reports

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

Now that the Sonoma County Fair is over and the Wednesday Night Market is winding down for another year, the SRDC Executive Board wants to thank all the VOLUNTEERS who helped staff the booths, registering new voters and telling thousands of local residents about what our party stands for. Great job everyone!

It's hard to believe but the November election is only a few short weeks away—less than 3 months—so it's great news that the So. Co. Democratic Party's official campaign headquarters is open for business in the Washington Square Shopping Center in Petaluma. It's not as centrally located as in the past, when the office has usually been in downtown Santa Rosa, but the savings we realize from the donated space means just that much more money we have to get the word out about Democrats running for office here (and everywhere!) and to get out the vote in November. Democrats have a very real chance to take back Washington—at least the House of Representatives—and begin to unwind the damage that this Administration has been doing to our democracy. But, it's going to take all of us, doing our part—and there are myriad ways to help out. If you haven't already done so, go to the SCDP website (sonomademocrats.org) to sign up.

The Board also welcomes the return of our previous Chef, Lori Kunkle. Lori recently returned to Sonoma County, after some traveling with family, and returned as our chef last month. Lori was our chef for decades and many will remember all the fabulous meals she has provided for us over the years. So we are anticipating more of the same, as she settles back into her previous role. Please be sure to welcome her back. We are also looking for some volunteers to help Lori with serving and other kitchen duties. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact President, Sandy Reynolds and let her know. Kitchen volunteers get a free dinner.

With the kids all heading back to school in the coming weeks, please remember to drive safely—especially in school zones and anywhere children are playing.

Happy Fall, Everyone!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

From Treasurer Janice Kay

July 2018 Report:

Balances as of 6/30/18:

Checking	\$8,456.50
Savings (Scholarship Fund)	<u>\$1,262.77</u>
Total SRDC Monies	\$9,719.27

Income (Checking Acct):

Dinners (65 paid dinners)	990.00
Bar	169.00
Membership Dues	210.00
T-shirt sales	<u>30.00</u>
Deposit to Checking	1,399.00

Income (Savings/Scholarship Acct):

50/50 Raffle	69.00
Scholarship Donation	98.00
Interest on Savings Account	<u>.09</u>
Deposit to Savings	167.09

Total July Income **1,566.09**

Expenses:

Dinner Expense	574.82
Bar Expense (incl. ABC license)	45.35
Rent (Vets & SCCA office)	455.00
Office Expense	210.39
Insurance	<u>550.00</u>
Total Expenses	1,835.56

Scholarship Awarded **500.00**

Total Income for July	1,566.09
Total Expenses for July	<u>2,335.56</u>
Net Profit/Loss (incl. savings interest)	-769.47

Balances as of 7/31/18:

Checking	\$8,019.94
Savings (Scholarship Fund)	<u>\$929.86</u>
Total SRDC Monies	\$8,949.80

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Announcement From the Editor:

As previously announced, in December of this year, I will conclude my second 2-year term on the Santa Rosa Democratic Club Executive Board as the Communications Vice President and Editor of this newsletter; I will not be standing for election to another term. I wanted to make the announcement early, to allow enough time to meet and/or work with any candidates who may want to take over this key role, to facilitate a smooth transition and to pass on important information.

I am happy to report that one person has expressed an interest in the position. We will be meeting soon to discuss the details, and to determine if that person is still interested in taking on the role. I would like to encourage anyone who may be thinking about becoming the Editor and Communications Chair to please contact me as soon as possible.

If you are at all interested or if you would like more information, please contact me at: BonnieLPetty@gmail.com or you can talk to me at our next meeting.



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Members of SRDC may advertise in the Donkey Tale. All ads must be camera-ready art, business card size (3.5"x 2").

Rates:

1 month: \$20	3 months: \$45
5 months: \$70	10 months: \$120

If you are interested, please contact
 Bonnie Petty, editor, at:
BonnieLPetty@gmail.com

Please note: the Santa Rosa Democratic Club does not in any way vouch for the services offered. Consumer awareness is the personal responsibility of each person.

Payment in advance is required and must be received no later than the 10th day of the first month ad is to start running.

Purchase your Rally Signs and T-shirts at our club meetings!

Rally Signs: \$3 each



**T-shirts:
 \$15 each**
 (Womens' &
 Mens' styles available)



Sonoma County Democratic Clubs

Sonoma County Democratic Party	Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 6:30 PM CTA office, 2490 Guerneville Rd, Santa Rosa	Laurie Gallian, Chair, 707-575-3029 scdp@sonic.net
Cloverdale Democratic Club	Meets 1st Thursdays, 6 PM Mary's Pizza Shack 1143 S Cloverdale Blvd, Cloverdale	Email: CloDems@sonic.net
Democratic Club of Southern Sonoma County facebook	Meets 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 PM Mentor Me Cavanagh Recreation Ctr 426 – 8th St, Petaluma	Therese Horsting / Michele Larkey, Co-Chairs 707-664-1687 southsododems@gmail.com
Oakmont Democratic Club	Meets: 3rd Thursdays, Oakmont West Recreation Ctr, 470 Meadowridge Dr, Santa Rosa Contact club for more details	Email: OakmontODC@gmail.com
Santa Rosa Democratic Club Website: democlub.org facebook	Meets 4th Wednesdays Doors open at 5:45 PM Santa Rosa Vets Memorial Bldg. 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa	Sandy Reynolds, President, 707-583-2350 info@democlub.org
Sonoma County Latino Democratic Club facebook	Meets 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 PM Family Engagement Ctr, 2140 Jennings Ave, Santa Rosa	Caroline Banuelos, President, (707) 328-3240 socolatinodems@gmail.com
Sonoma Valley Democratic Club facebook	Meets 4th Mondays, 6:00 PM Sonoma Springs Community Hall, 18627 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma	Beth Hadley, President, 707-939-8322 bethh@sonic.net
Windsor/North Sonoma County Democratic Club Website: windsordemocrats.org facebook	Meets 4th Thursdays, 7:00 PM Windsor Round Table Pizza, 8499 Old Redwood Hwy, Windsor	Rick Massell, President, 707-838-7107 rickm@sonic.net
Wine Country Young Democrats Website: winecountryyoungdems.com facebook	Meets 2nd Mondays, 6:00 PM Contact club for information.	Email: winecountryyoungdemocrats@gmail.com
SRJC Democratic Club	Meets 3rd Thursdays, Noon Room 4643 Ctr for Student Leadership, Bertolini Hall, Santa Rosa Campus	Email: invisible3200@gmail.com