



**Official Minutes of the Democratic Club of the Santa  
Clarita Valley, Greater Area  
October 18, 2007**

**Convened:** 7:20 PM by Jonathan Kraut

**Location:** Lamppost Pizza in Saugus

**Minutes:** Taken by Marianne Bailey

1. **Members present:** Michael Cruz, Minerva Williams, Todd Hoover, Ian Swift, Sandra Cattell, Bill Bailey & Marianne Bailey. Allan Cameron and Tim Myers joined us later.
2. **Old Business** – Reviewed the Casino Night lower than expected turn out and discussed ideas for future venues. Ideas we “tossed” around were...having Jim Evans teach Swing dancing; have Jonathan and his dance group teach salsa, while still having Texas Hold'em and Black Jack tables. Something for everyone. We felt the turn out was low due to the I-5 freeway closure which did not allow for SFV residents to come to the SCV and adversely affected local traffic.
3. **Upcoming Events:** November meeting – a fundraiser at the Bailey home. December – A Dems Potluck Christmas Party at Jonathan's on 12/27 combining all 3 SCV Dem clubs. We will bring a gift for the homeless...January – an Ice Cream Social at Jonathans; February – City Council Forum; March - Dinner, Dancing and Poker night. May/ June - Jim Dantona 19<sup>th</sup> district fundraiser.
4. **Candidate Forums** – We can submit questions for the City Council candidates to Jonathan and/or Sandra. There will be 4 forums in various SCV locations. There is a possibility of a 5<sup>th</sup> forum. The final forum will be televised on our local station. Our club began these forums in 1994 and is instrumental in the local televised broadcasts. Each is 1 hr 20 min; the last forum is 1hr 45 min. City Hall has room for an audience. Channel 20 Studios does not. The last forum (4<sup>th</sup>?) is probably in February and we voted to host that one. We talked about having Tim Ben Boydston host this bi-partisan event. Jonathan will invite Bruce and the DAA club members. We will also extend our hand to the local republican groups. Jonathan asked Sandra to coordinate and Minerva and Allan to work with the media.
5. Discussed **candidates** needed to run against George Runner...Robert Rodriguez?
6. **Wilderness Legislation:** Bill discussed the letter to Buck McKeon and Senator Boxer regarding the legislature to save our wilderness. We voted unanimously to endorse his proposal to support this upcoming legislation. Bill will email this to Jonathan and Minerva. Minerva will blast the email to our base. Bill and Mike will attend the DAA meeting to present this proposal.
7. **Emily's List** – Minerva advised us of the free seminar and training for pro-choice woman who are interested in running for office. Minerva will attend this meeting on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in L.A.
8. Lastly we discussed the **3 clubs in the SCV** and reviewed the trouble between. Allan & Jonathan were quite helpful in explaining the history of the Dem clubs in the SCV. We are the moderate club and will continue to keep that position.
9. The **next meeting** is at Casa Bailey, 25608 Bellerive Drive, Valencia – 288-2631. November 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. \$8.00 per person (\$5.00/Students) Spaghetti dinner...Beer and wine \$1.00 (with ID of course!)
10. **Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM**