

AUBURN AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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AGENDA

Club Meeting

February 2, 2012

6:45----- Doors open

I. 7:00 Call to order

- A. Welcome guests and new members
- B. January recap: single payer rally, Citizens United rally, Candidate 101-----Pat Burke
- C. AJR22 signatures, Jack Uppal "signatures in lieu"-----Pat Burke

II. Approval of minutes from January club meeting

III. Additions to Agenda and Correspondence

IV. 7:15 Presentation

Guest Speaker for January – Jack Uppal, Congressional Candidate for CD4. This election cycle there is a viable alternative to right wing ideologue and Tea Party cheerleader Tom McClintock in the newly drawn 4th Congressional District. Jack rose from humble beginnings in India to become an American citizen and went on to a successful career in the semiconductor industry, including 20 years at Intel. A Lincoln resident and self-described moderate, Jack says he will focus on McClintock's record of consistently voting for measures that benefit only the wealthy and penalize the middle class.

V. 8:00 Business

- A. Auburn charter, Dennis Dean, Carpenter's Local Union 46
- B. Bylaw revision status
- C. AADC Continuing Ed Scholarship 2012 status-----Leslye Janusz
- D. Update on Death Penalty Initiative-----Paul Comiskey
- E. 2012 events-----Kathryn Yue
- F. FDR/JFK Dinner March 17-----Pat Burke

VI. Other announcements from club members

VII. 50/50 Raffle

9:00 - Adjourn

Please send agenda items, announcements, upcoming events and suggestions to info@AuburnDemocrats.com or contact any club officer.

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Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Brian Hassett, AADC Secretary, in Mark Rosen's absence.

Welcome Brian welcomed an overflow crowd, including guests and Dennis Dean of the Carpenters Union.

Old Business: Kathryn Yue reported on the success of the AADC Festival of Lights participation: fifteen or so walkers and riders singing, accompanied by Marilou Ficklin on the piccolo, with a truck provided by John and Sharon Blodger, decorated by volunteers.

Minutes of December 1, 2011, Meeting: Motion to approve by Lori LaPorte, seconded by Elinor Petuskey, and passed by acclamation.

Guest Speaker Jennifer Montgomery: Brian introduced Jennifer, now representing most of North Auburn and ALL of the City of Auburn as 5th District Supervisor. Jennifer is running for re-election in 2012 and is certain that she will have an opponent. Rob Haswell is her campaign manager. Her campaign is collecting "signatures in lieu" to bypass some of the campaign expense and she needs 1200 registered 5th district voters to sign on by February 23rd. Final filing date for candidates is March 9, 2012.

Jennifer reported that Placer County is facing tough budget decisions, but is in much better shape than many other counties. Placer has a balanced budget.

Some of the difficult issues: Realignment (state prisoners being returned to counties) Placer receives roughly 25 cents for each \$1 it costs to house and provide for inmates. Placer is also responsible for probation and that department is developing a program of resources for released prisoners. In addition, Jennifer is working with faith-based groups to provide support for that population. Placer also has a strong alternative sentencing program (ankle bracelet monitoring, etc.). There is a new jail in Roseville that hasn't been brought online or staffed due to lack of funds. Operating dollars need to be found somewhere. Paul Comiskey commented on Placer's inmate release process which puts people on the street with no money and no way to contact anyone at all hours of the night. He suggested adopting Sacramento's model: Release at 6:00am and 6:00pm with cash and bus transportation, if necessary.

Wastewater treatment There is much and lengthy debate about regional partnership vs. local upgrade. Jennifer tends to support the regional approach EXCEPT that she has concerns about governance—particularly the partnership is with Lincoln, a city with ongoing financial problems. Jennifer made the point that there are many unanswered questions about the regional proposal and she must balance the welfare of her District 5 constituents with that of Placer County as a whole.

Redevelopment Projects Jennifer identified those projects in Placer County impacted by the court ruling that stopped funding for these projects. Two out of three are in District 5. The streetscaping along Highway 49 is mostly complete and will move forward because of enforceable contracts. More problematic is the Tahoe-area traffic upgrades, particularly in the Kings Beach area; around \$4 million has been spent, but there is a \$7 million shortfall. Jennifer is working with a group to approach Governor Brown for relief relating to the Clean Water Act.

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Guest Speaker Jennifer Montgomery (continued) Other questions put to Jennifer included Larry Smith's comments about WalMart with which Jennifer concurred. She pointed out that the site in question was clearly zoned for a big box store. Costco has been mentioned as possible, adjacent to Home Depot, but faces water and fire response issues.

Jennifer said that an ad hoc committee of four has been convened to hire a Placer County outside search firm to hire a new County Executive. She stated that she was aware of several County employees who were interested in vying for the position and was confident that there would be a new Exec in place in 3 to 4 months.

Jennifer is also working on updating nine community plans in the Tahoe region and consolidating them into four plans.

In summary, Jennifer said that County Supervisors in general do three things: 1) Land use planning, 2) County budget adoption and 3) Deciding overarching policy – how should the County's money be spent, but that there are many more issues they focus on on a daily basis.

New Business: Kathryn Yue discussed the bylaws revision and urged members to review the changes. The link was posted in the last AADC newsletter.

Brian Hassett spoke about the question of continuing the annual scholarship. Leslye Janusz spoke in favor; George Beland spoke against. Jeanene O'Brien moved for a vote to continue the scholarship and Liz Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with one dissent.

Patricia Burke spoke about voter registration at the Galleria and a sign-up sheet was passed. She also encouraged attendance at the SB 810 rally on Monday, January 9th, and the Candidate 101 seminar on Saturday, January 28th.

Trish Grenfell spoke about the Move to Amend rally on January 21st and urged member participation. We will send an alert on January 14th for carpooling information.

Paul Comiskey spoke about abolition of the death penalty and urged members to sign on.

Millee Livingston announced the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration on Sunday, January 15th at the Unitarian Church on Finley Street.

The 50/50 was won by guest Richard Fuller who promptly used the money to join AADC.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Burke

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Financial report for January 31, 2012

Reported by Patricia Burke, Treasurer

Beginning balance, December 31, 2011		\$8,762.41	\$8,762.41
Income	Dues	\$ 125.00	
	50/50	<u>\$ 18.00</u>	<u>\$ 143.00</u>
		\$8,905.41	\$8,905.41
Expenses	Festival of Lights supplies	\$ 21.44	
	Scholarship-second install	\$ 500.00	
	Hospitality (coffee and cups)	<u>\$ 24.31</u>	<u>\$ 545.75</u>
Ending balance, January 31, 2012		<u>\$ 8,359.66</u>	<u>\$8,359.66</u>
Net difference +/-		\$(402.75)	
Paid members at January 31, 2012		94	