

## Castro Valley Democratic Club Newsletter August 2011

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Our next meeting will be Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood Rd.,7pm. Billy Bradford will speak about the CV Pride Rally. There is so much going on with the American Dream Movement, MoveOn, We Are One, etc that it is sure to be a lively and interesting meeting. – Mary Swain

\*\* Check out "The Loop", the online newsletter published by the Contra Costa Dems. , <u>www.ContraCostaDems.org</u>. This month they will have an article from one of our members!

"What I did on my Summer Vacation" by Karl Hodges, Pres.

As I left for my high school reunion in Iowa my boss quipped ,"you're really just leaving California so you can appreciate it again". While the reunion was great his words proved to be prophetic. On our way home we stopped in Pella because they tout their Dutch heritage. We learned quickly why Right Wing Extremists start their presidential campaigns in Iowa, it is full of Extremists! I was horrified to hear Rush on the radio of the local antique shop. While you might play Rush at home, you simply can't air such hate filled tripe in a place of business! What's really sad is that the Netherlands is the most warm & friendly place I know. They welcome the stranger and were the 1<sup>st</sup> to give free care to addicts. They would be shocked at how Pella exploits "Dutch Heritage" while being so narrow minded. It wasn't much better in Omaha, people were more human but the airport security with the "Chertoff Porno Scanner"were on freak-out – alert status! Nothing like that occurred at SF International, go figure.