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President's Message

Dear CV Democratic Club Members & Friends,

We're almost halfway through the year and as we approach the June Primary, it's a good time to look back at the past few months and decide what we did right and what we can do better in the run-up to the November election.

First, I have some thoughts about our last endorsement meeting. Given the number of candidates and critical ballot issues we reviewed, I felt a bit overwhelmed by the logistics of presenting them for your consideration and information. It was a marathon, but many of our members came forward with insight that helped the decision process. I appreciate everyone's endurance. Beginning with this month's meeting I plan to include an agenda item that will bring us up to speed on at least one issue for the November election.

The parade was fun and a good chance to visit with Ellen Corbett. She appreciated our participation and liked the idea of a more creative theme next year. Thanks to Dave Siegel for getting the banner! We'll have a chance to use it at voter registration at the CV Farmer's Market. Also we finally managed to get all of our officers together to move the club's money to Fremont Bank. Thanks, Dolly! Not only does this move demonstrate our commitment to responsible community banking, it saves on our monthly fees! See you on May 25th! -- Saundra

On May 15th we participated in the brunch honoring Rep. Barbara Lee & Rep. Pete Stark at the brand new CV Library. This event which we co-sponsored with the Hayward Demos, featured Alberto Torrico, Rev. Byron Williams, and Carolyn Moskowitz from the CV Library. Past President John Bass did an excellent job introducing the speakers and filling in time until Barbara Lee arrived! Listening to Pete Stark and Barbara Lee speak made me proud to be a Progressive Democrat. This wonderful event could not have been possible without the hard work of the Hayward Demos Event committee: James Forsyth, Harry Scott, Helena Straughter, James Farley, and James Gonzales. So many people helped to pull this together and it was just a joyous occasion. The food was delicious! When we all work together we can accomplish great things, as we saw in the election of Barack Obama. Let's try to recapture that feeling as we go into this next election cycle. Our fellow co-sponsors were: So. Alameda County Peace & Justice Coalition, GLOBE, Lighthouse Community Center, and Eden Area United Democratic Campaign. For events that you can join in now, go to www.acdems.org/calendar. Phone banking is also a fun way to help. Yes on Prop 15 has some phone banking coming up. Details will follow at our next meeting on Tues., May 25th, 7pm at Faith Lutheran Church. -- Mary Swain