



### Vote on April 13 for DNC Delegates

The February 5th primary decided how many District-Level or Pledged Delegates each of the presidential candidates would receive for the Democratic National Convention, but it didn't decide who those delegates would be. On Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. the doors open for two caucuses, one for Barack Obama and one for Hillary Clinton, since they are the only candidates who won delegates in California, will be held in each of California's 53 Congressional Districts (CD) to decide who will go to the National Convention.

The April 13 caucuses will determine who will be the District-Level Delegates from CD 24. The voting takes place between 2:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Any Democrat registered in the 24th CD is eligible to vote in either caucus, but you can only vote in one caucus. You can also register to vote as a Democrat at the caucus. Attendees are not required to stay for the entire caucus – people can sign-in beginning at 2:00 p.m. and immediately cast their vote and leave. To become a delegate, you must win the most votes per gender.

The location of the Obama caucus for the 24<sup>th</sup> CD is the Foothill Technology High School, 100 Day Road, Ventura CA. Club members who are running include Jay Kaptiz, Sandy Emberland, David Ettinger and Roger Coger.

The Clinton caucus location has not been determined. Club members who are listed as candidates to be delegates include Richard and Suzanne Gunther, Tom Mullens and Sharon Jenson. Contact: (*thommullens@yahoo.com*).

Anyone wanting to attend the Convention as a District-Level Delegate must fill out and submit Form A found on the CA website *www.cadem.org* before April 2. Check out the California State Democratic website for the latest information on the delegate selection.

### On Delegates and Becoming a Delegate

With all of the talk about delegates to the Democratic Convention, let's take out some of the mystery. A

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“Super” Delegate is an elected Democratic official – our Senators, Congressional Representatives, Assembly and State Senate members, party elected officials.

There will be 81 “At-Large” Delegates. The At-Large Delegates are selected to help balance affirmative action goals. This includes Latino/Hispanic, African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American, LGBT, persons with disabilities and youth (under 30). To be an At-Large Delegate, you must be a registered Democrat and you must fill out and submit the Delegate Form B at *www.cadem.org* before 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2008. The At-Large Alternate Delegates will be confirmed by a vote of the District-Level Delegates at the statewide Delegation Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The District-Level Delegates are chosen by Congressional District. The Democratic National Committee Plan gave California Democrats 241 district-level delegates among the 53 Congressional Districts.

See the California State Democratic website for the latest information on the delegate selection: *www.cadem.org*

*Note:* The caucuses open their doors at 2:00 and voters can begin registering and casting their votes any time after that. The caucus doesn't officially start until 3:00. Registration may close at 3:15 for the Obama caucus we have nothing official for the Clinton caucus but voting does not conclude at a predetermined time. There is some opening business for the conveners each candidate gets a minute to speak and they'll hold the polls open until everyone who has registered to has a chance to vote. In 2004 that was more like 3:45. T. Mullens (*thommullens@yahoo.com*).



### General Meeting, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

The April meeting may give you the only chance to see most of the Democrats who will be on your ballot in June together in one place.

Making brief speeches are candidates for the five positions up for election on the Ventura County Democratic Central Committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District:

Matt Breiner	Sylvia Navarro
George Corbin	Francis Okyere
Sandy Emberland	Penny Strowger
Tom Mullens	Laura Winchester

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Elect  
**Sandy Emberland**  
and  
**Jay Kapitz**

to be the Obama Delegates  
from the 24<sup>th</sup> CD to the  
Democratic National Convention

Denver, August 25-28, 2008

Attend the Obama Caucus  
Sunday, April 13, 2 pm  
Foothill Technology HS in  
Ventura

*You must be a registered  
Democrat, live in the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Congressional District and  
personally attend the caucus  
to vote.*

Thank you for your support.

Questions? Contact  
Sandy - [seemberland@verizon.net](mailto:seemberland@verizon.net)  
Or Jay - [J\\_Kapitz@yahoo.com](mailto:J_Kapitz@yahoo.com)

Participating in a candidate's forum for the 37<sup>th</sup>  
Assembly District:

David Hare

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Presenting her candidacy for the 19<sup>th</sup> State Senate:

Hannah-Beth Jackson

We will also give a minute to candidates for District-  
Level Delegates to the National Convention in Denver.

And like any big show, we may be adding other names  
later. Tom Mullens. Contact:

([president@conejodemocrats.com](mailto:president@conejodemocrats.com))



### The Sustaining Wall

If you want to further help your DCCV as we carry  
on our goal of electing Democrats, then you may  
want to consider a Sustaining Membership. You  
may contribute any amount from \$50 to \$1,000, and  
become a Sustaining Member. In addition to  
'feeling good' about your generosity to the  
Club, your name will be listed here in the  
Newsletter for the remainder of the year. And we  
will fill this "wall".

#### Our first Sustaining Members are:

Melanie Ashen, Ronald Block, Arlene and Jerry  
Clein, Bruce Gardner, Penne Letson and Gayle  
Macleod.

By the way, there are other opportunities for  
Sustaining Members. For example, you can  
Underwrite one page of our Newsletter for \$100 or  
one full Newsletter for a donation of \$400. You can  
also Sponsor one day of the Conejo Valley Days  
Booth for \$115.



### EYE ON THE ISSUES

The April program will feature Assembly Member,  
Lloyd Levine and guest panelists Steve Kane and  
Marcie Pollack. A lively discussion on waste water  
pollutants and other state issues was led by host  
Constance Starkey. (Other candidates for State  
Senate were unable to attend the taping.) *Eye on  
the Issues* is now airing Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on  
Time-Warner Channel 25.

### OneCareNow Supports Passage of SB840

What we need most of all right now is money.  
There is a donation screen on the website,  
[www.OneCareNow.org](http://www.OneCareNow.org). Believe me; the few  
minutes spent in making a donation can help us  
tremendously.

Since this is a Presidential election year, I believe  
that most active volunteers will want to support  
candidates for the June primary and the November  
election. After all, getting people who are open to  
the idea of supporting single-payer healthcare into  
office will help us to move toward a non-profit  
universal healthcare system. At the same time, we  
want to obtain endorsements from groups – clubs,  
governmental entities – to help get SB 840 passed in  
the California Assembly this year. Penny Strowger,  
Ventura County, Chairperson, [pen1@verizon.net](mailto:pen1@verizon.net).



(Editor's Note: The views expressed in this column are the opinion of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the Club.)

## The Assault on Obama

As this is being written, the story about Barack Obama's pastor's comments is in its fourth or fifth day. The media is in a feeding frenzy, and the GOP is having a field day. This is despite the fact that Obama has issued an unequivocal denial that he was ever in the audience when his minister made the comments that have sparked this controversy, and there is not a scintilla of evidence to the contrary.

Pardon my suspicion, but it sounds as if the GOP spin machine is in overdrive in an attempt to destroy this man, and the media is eagerly wagging its tail as it goes along. Obama has consistently outperformed his rival Sen. Hill-ary Clinton in polling match-ups against GOP nominee-to-be John McCain. It is no secret that the Republicans would much prefer to run against her. For example, Rush Limbaugh has been urging his listeners to vote for Hillary in the Democratic primaries now that the GOP race is over. GOP strategists are not stupid. They realize defeating Obama in November is a tall order and a task they would prefer not to deal with if they can avoid it.

So now we are subjected to the message that, in spite of his healing statements, demeanor, and voting record, Barack Obama is a closet racist who would tear America asunder should he, heaven forbid, become president of this country.

This is taking guilt by association to a new low, but, hey, what would you expect from today's GOP? I find it ironic that Republicans constantly accuse Democrats of playing the race card and then pull a stunt like this at such a crucial time in the election cycle. I certainly cannot say I am surprised. I well remember how, during the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings, Anita Hill was treated with contempt simply because she stuck to her guns and refused to give Thomas a pass for his atrocious behavior. Never mind that three other women had similar stories. They were not even allowed to testify. And Thomas had the gall to play the race card and call it a "high tech lynching of an uppity black," ignoring the fact that his accuser was also black.

The GOP double standard is clearly at work. When a Democrat denies something and there is no contradictory evidence, he is not to be believed. When a right-wing extremist likely commits perjury before the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Republican reaction is to slander the accuser.

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These people really have no shame. Most would trample their grandmothers' graves if it meant somehow furthering the interests of the Republican Party.

If the Democratic Party nominates Hillary Clinton because she makes a dramatic comeback in the primary process and polls show her as the Democrats' strongest candidate, that is one thing. But if the Obama candidacy is sunk by these lowest of low charges, then the Democratic Party has lost its soul. By Richard Kolber



## Save the Date for Tres de Mayo

Tres de Mayo Fundraiser, May 3. Time and location to be announced. Contact Debbie Birenbaum, [ginso350@roadrunner.com](mailto:ginso350@roadrunner.com), to volunteer.



**Wanted:** Person or Persons to edit and produce a monthly Democratic newsletter. Editing skills, computer skills, knowledge of Word and Email. Contact Jim, [Gikumac@gmail.com](mailto:Gikumac@gmail.com)



## Club Cookbook Fundraiser

**Wanted:** Recipes for Democratic fundraiser cookbook. We need recipes from at least 75 people to make this a viable fundraiser. Thanks to you who have submitted recipes for inclusion in the Club cookbook. Please call Sharon Thomas at 805- 499-2423, [sharonannethomas@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharonannethomas@roadrunner.com)



## DCCV to Poll Sit November 4

DCCV to Adopt-a-Poll for the General Election November 4. The club will earn \$475.00 for the day. This is a very long day, but it will be divided into two to three hour shifts. To volunteer for this exciting fundraiser, contact Debbie Birenbaum [ginso350@roadrunner.com](mailto:ginso350@roadrunner.com).



## Calendar of Events

April 9  
6:30 p.m.

**DCCV General Meeting.**  
**Candidates for State and County  
Primary Elections.** Main Library,  
1401 Janss Road, TO. Contact: 805-675-  
8785 or [www.conejodemocrats.com](http://www.conejodemocrats.com)

April 12  
10:00 a.m.

**Dem Women**  
\$20/Person. Mandevilla Restaurant, 951 S.  
Westlake Blvd # 102. RSVP  
[AdminVP@DWCCV.org](mailto:AdminVP@DWCCV.org)

April 13  
2:00 p.m.

**OBAMA Caucus to select  
Pledged Delegates** to the  
Democratic National Convention for 24<sup>th</sup> CD.  
Foothill Tech HS, 100 Day Rd., Ventura.  
Contact: Roni Flowers  
[roniflowers@msn.com](mailto:roniflowers@msn.com)

April 13  
2:00 p.m.

**Hillary Caucus to select  
Pledged Delegates** to the  
Democratic National Convention for 24<sup>th</sup> CD.  
Location TBD. Contact: Tom,  
[thommullens@yahoo.com](mailto:thommullens@yahoo.com)

Wednesday  
at  
7:30 p.m.

### **New Day & Time**

Eye on the Issues,  
Time/Warner Cable, Channel 25.

April  
2:00 p.m. to  
4:00 p.m.

## **TABLING**

Contact Sean Richards  
[maysman24@yahoo.com](mailto:maysman24@yahoo.com) 818-309-9408.

19 April  
11:00 a.m.  
to 4:00 p.m.

## **ARBOR DAY**

**Conejo Creek Park.** Contact,  
Sue Gunther at [suegunther@verizon.net](mailto:suegunther@verizon.net)

May 3

## **TRES DE MAYO**

Club Fundraiser. Location to TBA.  
Contact: Debbie Birenbaum at  
[ginso350@roadrunner.com](mailto:ginso350@roadrunner.com).

May 14  
6:30 p.m.

**DCCV General Meeting.**  
**Candidates for the 24<sup>th</sup> CD.** Main  
Library, 1401 Janss Road, TO. Contact:  
805-675-8785 or [www.conejodemocrats.com](http://www.conejodemocrats.com)

June 3

## **CALIFORNIA PRIMARY**



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