

Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News

Winter 2022-23



Election News

National results—Some Highlights: While most of us closely followed the high profile races, especially those to hold Democratic control of the Senate, there were several other critical state races that might have gone unnoticed.

For the 2024 presidential election, two swing states will be hugely important—Michigan (MI) and Pennsylvania (PA)—and both saw big wins for Dems. Along with Minnesota, MI is now a Dem trifecta (both legislature and governorship), and in PA the Republican trifecta was broken when Dems won both the governorship and the state House. This means that draconian laws aimed at women’s and voters’ rights can’t pass there.

In governors’ races, wins by Josh Shapiro (PA) and Katie Hobbs (AZ) signal shifting views of moderate Republican voters and Independents. Given gerrymandering, none of these victories would have been possible without them. This is all great news for our party and our country!

In California, all statewide offices will continue to be held by Democrats, with Gavin Newsom easily defeating Brian Dahle for Governor 59% to 41%. For US Senate, Alex Padilla soundly defeated Mark Meuser 61% to 39%. Other winning Democrats include Eleni Kounalakis, Lt. Governor; Shirley Weber, Secy. of State; Malia Cohen, Controller; Fiona Ma, Treas.; Rob Bonta, Atty. General; and Ricardo Lara, Insurance Comm’r. Turnout was about 51% statewide and 62% in Siskiyou County. Max Steiner garnered 38% of CA D-1 votes, while Belle Sandwidth got 36% in AD-1.

Three propositions passed: Prop 1, Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom, (67% in favor); Prop 28, Public School Arts & Music Education Funding, (64% in favor); and Prop 31. Prohibition on Sale of Certain Tobacco Products, (63% in favor). Props 26, 27, 29 and 30 failed.

In local elections, Siskiyou Democrat Robin Richards narrowly lost her bid for Yreka City Council, and Kip Van De Water did not win a seat on the Scott Valley Unified School Board.

In This Issue

This short issue closes out a very active year for Siskiyou Democrats, and we want to thank all of you who gave your time, energy and donations to local, state and national campaigns. While our Congressional candidate, Max Steiner, was not successful, we can all be proud of many other accomplishments. And we wish Max all the best in whatever comes next for him.

On page 1, you’ll find final election results, and on page 2, highlights of our local efforts. You loyal Democrats, who turned out to vote, volunteer and donate, made all this possible, so many, many thanks!



Have a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!!



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY!

Supporting Fire Victims: On November 21, DCCSC members (l. to r.) Karen Zeigler, Pattie Crossen, and Carolyn Miller presented a \$1,000 check to Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative (SCRC), to support long-term fire relief efforts. Receiving the contribution were (r.) SCRC Board President Ken Palfini and (c.) Program Director Steve Bryan. Here, all pause to enjoy applause from seniors attending the Monday Senior Lunch, held weekly at the Weed Community Center. Siskiyou Dems regularly serve an average of 65-75 community participants. SCRC coordinates and administers the event, and Weed City provides funds. **Thanks to all our Dem donors, who made this donation possible.**



Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence: Each year, Siskiyou Democrats give personal necessity gift bags to the Siskiyou Domestic Violence and Crisis Center (SDVCC). At left, DCCSC Chair, Alice Rogers (right), presented the gift bags to the SDVCC Director, Carla Charraga, who expressed the center's gratitude for our support.

The Center provides a number of services to the community, including a 24-hour hotline and crisis response, emergency shelter, sexual assault advocacy, counseling and information/referral. If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact the office at 530-842-6629 or toll free at 877-842-4068.

Supporting Students: Early in 2023, the DCCSC Scholarship Committee will begin seeking applicants for our next Siskiyou Scholar award. We offer \$1,000 to a Siskiyou County graduating senior who has a minimum 2.5 GPA, is registered or preregistered as a Democrat, and has completed 15 hours of community service. Sam Shelley, last year's recipient, reports that he's off to a great start at Vassar College, and we wish him and his family a wonderful 2023!

Women Running for SUHSD Board Win!

As many of you are aware, the California GOP had a goal of overtaking school boards in the state (see article in Cal Matters: [Back to school: California Republicans bet big on local board races.](#))

The Siskiyou Union High School District (SUHSD) was one of the districts targeted. As a result of significant non-partisan campaign efforts, the three strong women we supported won there! Thanks to all who knocked on doors, made phone calls, and spread the word. It paid off! (See sidebar)

Area 1: Weed (top 1 elected)
Carrie Williams – 54%
Kevin Charter – 46%

Area 2: Mt. Shasta/McCloud (top 2 elected)
Kristen Riccomini – 35%
Mindy Hamann – 25%
Scott Dolf – 18%
Paul Chapman – 18%
Matthew Hilliard – 4%



New SUHSD Board members sworn in!
From left, Riccomini, Williams & Hamann.

What's Happening

The SISKIYOU DEMOCRATIC GRASSROOTS COMMITTEE and the SISKIYOU DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE meet monthly, on Zoom or in person, TBD. To attend meetings of either group, send an email to: siskiyoudems@gmail.com for a link or info. The Grassroots Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month. The Central Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month.

Your Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County (DCCSC):

Officers: Alice Rogers – Chair, Abigail Van Alyn- Vice Chair, Katherine Shelton – Secretary, Robin Richards – Treasurer;
Members: Neldena Anderson, Patti Crossen, Darla d'Agay, Gail Domanski, Rick Greene, Ann Herfindahl, Matthew Hilliard, Al Lugo, Carolyn Miller, Anne Skadsen, Barbara Smythe-Jones, Patsy Wellman, Karen Zeigler For more information, visit our website: siskiyoudemocrats.org, Facebook page: [SiskiyouCountyDemocrats](https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountyDemocrats) or Instagram: [SiskiyouCountyDemocrats](https://www.instagram.com/SiskiyouCountyDemocrats) or Twitter: [siskiyoudems1](https://twitter.com/siskiyoudems1)

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