

Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News

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Above, clockwise from top: The crowd of almost 200 enjoy the festivities; Dom Favero and Nancy Bacon talk with Nirvan Mullick, a documentary filmmaker on "climate uprising" (right); Steve Robeson doing a great job of emceeing; a delicious "Paint Siskiyou Blue" cake for the silent dessert auction; and Audrey listening to fellow democrats.

What's Happening

DCCSC Grassroots Committee Meetings

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019: Yreka YMCA or
Tuesday, April 9, 2019: Mt. Shasta Library**

Meetings begin at 6:00pm, with the same agenda for both. Everyone is welcome! Join us to get involved in planning actions for the upcoming election.

Democratic Central Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Best Western, Mt. Shasta**

All DCCSC meetings are open to the public, and you are encouraged to attend. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, alternating between Yreka and Mt. Shasta.

Fire Summit Being Held In North State

The University of California Department of Agricultural and Natural Resources, in partnership with the California Science Consortium, is hosting a Fire Summit – *Vision 20/20: A Fire Resilient California*. The cost of the Summit is \$50 and will take place on April 16-17, 2019 in Redding at the Sheraton Redding Hotel at the Sundial Bridge. Details on the event can be accessed [here](#).

Paradise Forest Practices

Documentary filmmakers Nirvan Mullick and Jeff Schneider, who attended the fundraiser, have helped organize an event with Audrey, in Paradise on April 27. Bernie Sanders is considering an appearance, that's how important this is. For more on the film and event: <http://www.climateuprising.org/>

Thanks for Your Support

Thanks to all of you who supported and/or attended our March 30 fundraiser at the Montague Community Hall! Our many volunteers did a fabulous job! With ticket sales (214), no host bar, and silent dessert auction, we raised over \$10,000 to support our Democratic efforts in Siskiyou County. Bravo!!

Audrey Inspires!

At the fundraiser, Audrey Denney was greeted with a standing ovation, and the love and respect our community has for her was electric. She spoke about her growing love of the district and of Siskiyou County and our extraordinary grassroots actions and commitment; about her evolution as a candidate from Republican to Democrat and her vision of an all-parties and peoples effort to make a loving, just, thriving and peaceful society; and about her policy focus on the economic and societal threats we all face from a warming planet.

She urged us to study up on the possibilities of a new green economy, and the urgent need for mitigating actions now, not only to reduce human generation of carbon but to sequester existing carbon. Climate policy will be the theme of May's Grassroots Newsletter, where we'll explore Audrey's policy positions in greater depth. For more about Audrey, here is an article published recently in the Siskiyou Daily News:

[Recent Siskiyou Daily News Article on Audrey](#)

Domestic Violence in Siskiyou County

Below is an excerpt from a Letter to the Editor by Abigail Van Alyn Booraem, recently published in the Siskiyou Daily News and the Mt. Shasta Herald. It addresses the issue of domestic violence. For the News, the author has added an author's note on Doug LaMalfa's opposition to the the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

In California 32.9% of women and 27.3% of men experience intimate partner domestic violence. In the North State percentages are estimated to be even higher, especially among teens. Nationally the Violence Against Women Act, enacted in 1994, received bi-partisan support through many reauthorizations. VAWA funded improved criminal justice response, community based protection and prevention activities, and child education, prevention and mental health treatment services. But this landmark legislation expired during the recent government shutdown, and funding has been removed from Trump's proposed budget. **

Locally, we are fortunate to have the Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center in Yreka. Founded in 1984, it's our county's primary resource for services from hotline response to emergency care/protection, social services support, and prevention education throughout the county. While the SDVCC feels the impact of the loss of VAWA funds, it continues to operate funded by California Office of Emergency Services and private donors. You can find information on important upcoming fundraisers at SDVCC.org or by calling (530-842-6629).

** The author would like to note that Doug LaMalfa has consistently voted against the VAWA, because it takes firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers. If far-right Republican resistance to the bill succeeds in killing it, SDVCC and other rural organizations will lose badly-needed funds to combat domestic violence. As economic conditions worsen for average Americans, drug addiction and domestic violence rise. We urgently need a change in Congressional leadership. We urgently need Audrey Denney!

UPDATES

Democratic Central Committee

The Democratic Central Committee Siskiyou County continues to move ahead! At our March meeting, we endorsed Mt. Shasta's Measure V and talked about Silke Pflueger's run for State Senate, and updates on her campaign.

The group recommended possible letters to the editor and finalized the assignments for our spring fundraiser. (If you were there, you know what a great job everyone did).

An ad hoc Public Relations Committee was appointed to promote our efforts within the county, and the Democratic Grassroots Committee provided a report on their current activities.

Democratic Grassroots Committee

At our March meetings, the Grassroots Committee created three goals we will be working on for 2019-20:

Goal 1. Conduct canvassing/outreach activities within all of the precincts with a precinct captain (goal=40) to listen to voters and register non-voters

Goal 2. Identify key local issues and promote democratic principles/activities to the people of the county at least monthly.

Goal 3. Increase voter turnout for democrats (to 80%) and like-minded NPPs (to 65%)

In April, training on communication based on value differences and techniques for getting-out-the-vote will be provided. Join us!

Your Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County (DCCSC):

Officers: Carolyn Miller - Chair, Alice Rogers – Vice Chair, Katherine Shelton – Secretary, Robin Richards – Treasurer
Members: Neldena Anderson, Kate Coggin, Rick Green, Ann Herfindahl, Al Lugo, Larry Marks, Bill McKillop, Karina Pollard, Maggie Robeson, Steve Robeson, Daniel Soltis, Abigail Van Alyn Booraem, Dolly Verrue, and Karen Zeigler.
For more information on the DCCSC, visit our website: siskiyoudemocrats.org or our Facebook page: [SiskiyouCountyDemocrats](https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountyDemocrats). Send mail and donations to: DCCSC, Post Office Box 4, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067.