

# Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News

Issue #3 – March 2019



*Siskiyou Democratic Grassroots Committee members met in Yreka on February 5 to review the results of the January Retreat and develop strategic goals for 2019-2020. Pictured above from left: Myna and Dave Wilson; Bill McKillop, Rhonda Zinkel and Art Hanna; and Mary Ellen Bryant and Carol Faulkner. (More information on page 2).*

## What's Happening

### **JOIN US! PAINT SISKIYOU BLUE Spring Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 30, 2019 5:00pm to 8:00pm**  
**Montague Community Hall, 216 S. 11<sup>th</sup>, Montague**  
Audrey Denney will be the guest speaker at the DCCSC fund-raiser on Saturday, March 30, 2019. The event will be held at the Montague Community Hall, 5:00pm to 8:00pm and will feature a taco buffet, no host wine/beer bar, dessert silent auction, excellent social time, and best of all, Audrey. Tickets are \$25.

ActBlue Ticket Order Link:  
[2019 Siskiyou Democrats Fundraiser](#)

Or Mail Checks to:  
DCCSC, PO Box 4, Mount Shasta, CA 96067

**DCCSC Grassroots Committee Meetings**  
**Tuesday, March 5, 2019: Yreka YMCA or**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2019: Mt. Shasta Library**  
Meetings begin at 6:00pm (same agenda for both).  
Everyone is welcome! Join us to see what we will be doing for the upcoming elections.

**Democratic Central Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 6:00pm to 7:30pm**  
**Yreka YMCA, 350 Foothill, Yreka**  
All DCCSC meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm alternating between Yreka and Mt. Shasta.

## Special Election for SD1 & Measure V

**Special Primary Election: March 26, 2019**  
**Special General Election: June 4, 2019**

The primary for a special election to fill Ted Gaines' CA Senate seat will be held March 26, 2019, and the only Democrat still on the ticket\* is engineer and activist Silke Pflueger. (That's pronounced Silka Flugler, as in sugar). Ms. Pflueger is a laser engineer who emigrated to the US as a graduate student and went on to a long career in Silicon Valley. As an avid traveler, her main interests are in issues of social justice and economic policies around the world. She now lives in Truckee.

Ms. Pflueger's policy positions strongly align with Audrey Denney's. Her priorities are affordable healthcare and support for rural hospitals, addressing climate change and forest management, and job creation through education. She was recently endorsed by the SD1 Democratic delegates, as well as many others in the district. For more detail, visit [silke4senate.com](http://silke4senate.com).

**Measure V is on the ballot! Support needed repairs and improvements in Mt. Shasta parks. Vote YES! (Mt. Shasta voters) [friendsoftheparksmtshasta.org](http://friendsoftheparksmtshasta.org)**

\*A note of caution: another Democrat, Steven Baird, will appear on your ballot. Baird is a former Republican who switched parties, put his name in contention, and once ballots were printed withdrew from the race. We can't be sure, but this has all the earmarks of a dirty trick, to split the Democratic vote. Our grassroots and DCC efforts are aimed at strengthening voter turnout in SISQ County, so let's get out there and vote for Plueger in this primary!

## Why We Need Audrey Denney as Our Congressional Representative

*In each issue of the News, we will look at issues in our area where we need more effective Congressional representation (i.e. Audrey Denney). The first topic – **Public Lands** – is something our current Representative does not support. In fact, he is one of a group of Congressmen trying to undermine public lands. Below is an excerpt from a Letter to the Editor by Tom Laurent published in the Siskiyou Daily News on February 12, 2019. It addresses LaMalfa's stand on public lands.*

People use public lands for hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and biking. Without public lands, most of us would not be able to enjoy these activities as we would not have access to the outdoors. There is an anti-federalism movement against our public lands. The ultimate goal is to sell off our public lands like National Parks, National Monuments, BLM and Forest Service lands to reduce the federal footprint in the western states.

As an example, Rep. Chaffetz from Utah introduced H.R. 621, Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2017, which proposed to sell off 3.3 million acres of BLM managed public lands. These anti-public land politicians are now trying to shrink the size of existing National Monuments for exploitation by mining, oil and gas corporations despite data from national surveys showing that 80% of Americans want to keep the existing National Monuments. (<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.org/2/1/2017>)

In 2017, this anti-public land attack was led by a group of 19 ultra conservative Republican members of Congress. Our very own Doug LaMalfa is one of these anti-public land politicians. (Note: He received \$125,304 campaign funds during the past election from transportation and energy/natural resource corporate PACs ([www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org).) In 2017, as a member of this group, LaMalfa co-sponsored **seven anti-public land bills** (HJ. Res. 36, HJ Res. 38, HR 622, HR 2936, HR 2284, HR 3990, HR 2157).

They are opening up our protected public lands so oil, gas, coal and mineral corporations can extract resources regardless of the resulting destruction to the natural beauty and artifacts within these monuments.

Do our public lands belong to the people or to the ultra-conservative Republican politicians and their corporate donors? Lucky for the American people the Democrats took control of the House in 2018. This puts a temporary stop to the attack on our public lands by LaMalfa and his ultra conservative buddies in Congress for the next two years.

## UPDATES

### Democratic Central Committee

The February 13 regular DCCSC meeting was conducted via conference call in February as snow prohibited driving to Mt. Shasta.

Reports were provided on fundraising, finances, endorsement process for SD1 candidate, and the AD1 Democratic delegate election. The bylaws, which we have been working to revise since December, received unanimous approval.

### Democratic Grassroots Committee

On February 5, the Yreka grassroots group and identified three strategic goals for 2019-2020. The goals address voter registration, canvassing/outreach and community relations.

Unfortunately, snow prohibited our February 12 grassroots meeting in Mt. Shasta. We will conduct the same planning process at the March 12 meeting and then combine the input to develop our plan of action!

### 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](http://siskiyoudemocrats.org) or our Facebook page: SiskiyouCountyDemocrats. Send mail and donations to: DCCSC, Post Office Box 4, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067.