

# **“DEMOCRATIC DOINGS” by Joyce Evans**

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### [VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE](#)

We had an amazing weekend at the mall. We registered 86 Democrats, with many Republican switchovers and brand new young people. We have never had a weekend like that anywhere. We are located right at the top of the escalator near the Disney store. A great location combined with the excitement people have after Iowa contributed to this awesome turnout. Although our sign says Democrats Register Here, we also have a smaller sign We Register all Voters and several people took advantage. We did register folks for the Republican Party as well; we treat all voters equally. Thanks to my volunteers: Russ Evans, Sheri Ruxton, Maureen Cole, Murray Goldman, Diane Trautman, Helen Bovasso, Kathi Lyden, Chuck Burnham, Pat Martuscello and Dave Martuscello. Here are the totals since 8/07:

513 Democrats 11% Republican switchovers 26% brand-new voters

**VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS 1/22/08.** If you know anyone who needs to register, send them to the mall from 12:00-6:00 Sat. and Sun. the next 2 weekends. There is still time. Please stop and thank the volunteers if you are shopping!

### [IMPORTANT NEW INFO !!!!](#)

#### **FOR NON-PARTISAN/INDEPENDENT/DECLINE-TO-STATE-VOTERS**

I am a poll worker and I just today attended our training session for the primary. Something wonderful has been changed. A little background info: each primary election, the parties are asked if they will permit the non-partisan voters to vote on their primary. This year, ONLY the DEMOCRATIC PARTY and the American Independent party (this is a nasty one-look it up!) will allow them to do so. None of the other parties allow it.

In the past, the non-partisan voter had to request the ballot if he/she wanted to vote in one of those primaries. This year, they have added something super. The ROSTER CLERK (the first person you see in the polling place, will know if you are a registered non-partisan (Decline To State) voter; that information is printed in the roster. If you are, they must ask you if you want to vote for the Democratic or American Independent candidates.

This is a *wonderful* change for 2 reasons: 1. the voter doesn't have to remember to ask for a special ballot; the choice will be offered. 2. Some voters may not have realized that they had that choice and may be excited to know they can vote Democratic. **LET YOUR INDEPENDENT FRIENDS KNOW THIS!**

Non-partisan voters who do NOT do that will receive a ballot with no names, only Propositions.

#### [DAA SERVES HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL](#)

On Sun. night, we prepared and served a meal to 35 people at the SCV Cold Weather Emergency Shelter. Our menu was Turkey chili with cheddar cheese and sour cream, green salad, corn muffins, milk and water, chocolate and vanilla pudding. It was a cold, rainy night. We waited on the clients and there were many requests for seconds and thirds!

Thank you to these wonderful volunteers: Helen Bovasso, Ginger Simpson, Peg Hurley, Drew Hackworth, Diana Shaw, Chris Porrazzo (and her son Logan and his girlfriend), Cheryl Bernstein, Sandra Cattell, Sheri Ruxton, Kathy Christianson, Michelle Woodfork and Jeannie Kaufman. The new shelter has 3 trailers (it was 2 in the past), and one is specifically for dining. There is no kitchen, so the food is prepared at home and brought there to serve. The clients are there from 6 pm to 8 am. Other volunteers make sack lunches and bring them to be handed out when the clients leave in the morning. They can have a cold breakfast before they leave.

**SHELTER VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

I still need the following for Sunday Feb. 3.  
Mashed potatoes for 20 people 2 people needed  
Swedish meatballs (I provide the recipe) 1 person needed  
Waldorf Salad for 15 (I provide the recipe) 1 person needed  
Please e-mail me if you want to help. I will send you more information.

**ANOTHER BILL MAHER FIELD TRIP PLANNED**

I am planning the next field trip to the HBO Real time with Bill Maher Show for February 22, 2008. PRIORITY is given to those who come to the 1/24/08 DAA meeting and sign up in person. After that it will be open to others who do not attend the meeting. Those who sign up must promise to attend; I cannot have any absentees! Last time we had about 44 people and we had a ball!

I will arrange carpools for those who need it, so don't worry if you do not have transportation.

**POLLWORKERS NEEDED for 2/8/08 Primary**

THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS NEEDS POLL WORKERS FOR THE 2/5/08 PRIMARY. IT PAYS \$25 IF YOU ATTEND TRAINING AND \$80 FOR THE DAY, FOR A TOTAL OF \$105. TRUST ME; WE DO NOT DO IT FOR THE MONEY. IT'S A VERY LONG DAY, FROM 6 AM TO 9-9:30 AT NIGHT BUT VERY REWARDING. THIS IS MY FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW DOING IT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CALL 1(800)815-2666 option 7 or submit an on-line application at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

**CALIF DEMOCRATIC PARTY RECOMMENDATIONS ON 2/8/08 PROPOSITIONS**

Prop 91 NO Prop 92 NEUTRAL Prop 93 YES Props 94-97 NEUTRAL

**NEXT DAA MEETING**

Thursday Jan 24, 2008 7pm Vincenzo's Pizza 24504 Lyons Av, Great pizza, great company.

- We are planning another straw poll; let's see how we compare to the primary results
- Sign up for the Bill Maher field trip
- Get a raffle ticket for some goodies!
- Help us start planning for November 2008!

Warm Regards,

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