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## **No time for complacency and sitting on DEMOCRATIC LAURELS**

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NEWHALL, CA. With the economy being in the shape that it's in, this is no time for the Santa Clarita Valley Democrats to become complacent, even with President Barack Obama in the White House and receiving high poll numbers. Yes, politics are local and they require vigilance and action for 2010. Local discussions are being held at the Railroad Café in Old Town Newhall, Wednesday June 10, 2009. Come in at 6:30PM, order your dinner and socialize; then at 7:00PM sharp, meeting begins. We will discuss issues such as Obama's first 100 days, Cheney's not going away, the California State Propositions on the May Ballot, the actions of the Canyon Country Advisory Committee, the latest economic news and local issues in this community and single-payer healthcare.

The Emmy producer and director Don Schroeder, who is director of OneSource and a professor of Journalism at USC will be on hand to lead the discussion on "Single Payer's Healthcare" and why we need to know all the other options that are on the table in Sacramento and Washington DC. This discussion is open for questions afterwards. Bring your concerns and comments.

The Railroad Cafe opened in November 2008 by owners, Mindy Bish and Lori Lazarek, long time Santa Clarita Valley residents. The Railroad Café is across the street from the Jan Heidt Newhall Metrolink Station at 24307 Railroad Avenue in Newhall and near the local bus stop. The Railroad Café is wheelchair accessible. For directions only visit Map Quest or call Railroad Café at (661)287-5901.

Enjoy the refreshing combination of great camaraderie with fine blended coffee, healthy homemade sandwiches, chips, salads and baked goodies. Vegetarians are welcomed. Relax but listen and roll up your sleeves as a concerned citizen and express yourself always with conviction. We ask that you bring your documentation and handouts with you to share. All points of view are likely to be heard. This is an excellent opportunity for candidates and soon to be community leaders to join like-minded individuals who believe you are where you live. We believe hope is dead without vigilance, responsibility, accountability, sustainability and action.

We encourage you to watch: <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/05222009/watch2.html> and <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/05222009/watch.html> before you come, so you will be more informed on the healthcare discussion.

The Democratic Club of the Santa Clarita Valley (SCV DEMS) is the oldest registered club with the Los Angeles County Democratic Party. Michael Cruz is President, Bill Bailey is Vice President, Todd Hoover is Recording Secretary, Minerva Williams-Hoover is Corresponding Secretary/Event Planner and Jonathan Kraut is Treasurer. The Hoovers are also webmasters and ambassadors for the club. Several recent Obama and Hillary caucus leaders have joined the club to strengthen the President's and First Lady's "Call for Action" throughout the community. Minutes and agendas from their monthly dinner meetings are posted on their site at <http://www.scvdems.org>. You are not required to dine, but at least try the homemade pound cake and have a latte or soft drink. Mindy Bish has so graciously extended her hours to accommodate the meetings so that community residents have an opportunity to discuss in a relaxed environment the future of the Santa Clarita Valley and how we as citizens can effectively continue to contribute to the sustainability of the One Vision, One Valley plan. The SCV Dems mission is to attract, educate and train leaders for local 2010 elections and to provide the background and support necessary to run a campaign. Independents and Decline to state voters welcomed.



Yes, there are two others clubs in Santa Clarita Valley:

The Democratic Neighbors of the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District (DN38), which are responsible for the GOTV (get out the vote, voter registration and precinct walking), is lead by the assertive Carole Lutness, who recently ran for the California State Assembly, District 38, against incumbent Cameron Smyth. DN38 meets the last Wednesday of the month. There next meeting will be Wednesday June 24th, 2009 at COCO's Restaurant, (in the back area) in Mission Hills. The July month's meeting will be at Carusso II on Sierra Highway in Canyon Country.

The Democratic Alliance for Action (DAA) is responsible for community and educational gatherings at Vincenzo's Pizza Parlor the fourth Thursday of the month. It is lead by a host of diverse community activists ranging from teens to seniors.

Calendars of Democratic activities can also be found locally on the Calendar section of [www.scvyoungdems.org](http://www.scvyoungdems.org), the website for the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley at [www.dpsfv.com](http://www.dpsfv.com), the site for the Los Angeles County Democratic Party: [www.lacdp.org](http://www.lacdp.org), or at : [www.cadem.org](http://www.cadem.org) for the Democratic Party of California . For the meeting and the SCV Dems information, please visit their site at: [www.scvdems.org](http://www.scvdems.org), email Minerva Williams at [minwilli@gmail.com](mailto:minwilli@gmail.com) or call Minerva and Todd Hoover at (661) 295-9318. We look forward to "breaking bread" with you, hearing your voice and helping you find some answers and community actions to get you out of complacency. Hope requires action.