

- i. When/Where: August 19-22, 2024 – Democratic National Convention will be in Chicago.
- ii. How: Those wishing to attend may apply for 6 delegate spots for Contra Costa County. The California Democratic Party will be accepting and processing applications to become a delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. <https://cadem.org/democratic-national-convention/>
- iii. Cost: No cost to attend except personal travel, hotel and food, which is borne by attendee. Delegates are obligated to attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention (**August 19-22, 2024, in Chicago, Illinois**). While there are no fees or dues required to become a delegate, there are costs associated with travel and accommodation for the national convention. Please note, these costs are not meant to preclude anyone from running as a delegate – in fact, the Democratic Party strictly prohibits discrimination on the basis of status. However, the California Democratic Party does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention, nor does it provide financial assistance to offset the costs of attending. The estimated costs of attending are: Airfare \$400-\$800; 5 Hotel nights \$1500; Food/incidentals \$500; Total: \$2400-\$2800.
- f. Ian won “Youth Entrepreneur of the Year” from Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Ian!
- g. Carolina will send a note to Brentwood City Council about the AV problems experienced during our meetings.

V. Ian Cohen – Vice President

a. Upcoming 2024 Speakers:

January - Collin Coffey, CCC Parks

February - Loki Mulholland – Award-Winning Documentarian and Author – Son of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, original Freedom Rider during the 1960’s civil rights movement. Will speak on, “Dying to Vote.”

March – Will ask Cal Recycle to speak on **SB1383**.

April - Ellen McDonnell, CCC Public Defender

May - Moms Demand Action, Michelle Sinnot Petersen

June through Nov are currently open.

Dec - Accomplishment party!

b. Guest Speaker: Loki Mulholland

- a. Carolina introduced the speaker and his impressive background. Loki Mulholland is an Emmy-winning filmmaker, author, activist, and son of civil rights icon, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland. His work has received over 40 Telly Awards and his films on race and social justice issues have won 20 Best Documentary awards. Loki is the author of multiple books including “She Stood for Freedom” and “Get Back to the Counter”. His films have appeared on Showtime, PBS and Amazon where “The Uncomfortable Truth” has been viewed over three million times. Loki is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and speaks all over the country on issues of race and social justice. In 2023, Loki received an Honorary Doctorate from Ithaca College. You can find more information, including his books and films at The Joan Trumpauer Mulholland Foundation website found at: <https://joantrumpauermulholland.org/>
- b. 40 scholarships given last year for 1200 requests.

- c. If you have a person who would like to come and speak (speaker aligns with democratic values and the goals of the club) to our club, please contact Ian Cohen at (510) 650-6444 or via email: ianscohen@hotmail.com

VI. Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair

- a. Currently, MCDC has 62 members for 2024. I'd like to remind 2023 members that now is the time to renew. If you haven't yet renewed, you will have received an email reminder with an "interest/involvement" form attached. No matter how long you've been involved, please complete this form (only 1 page!) and send it back, so I can bring our records up to date. If you're one of our 600+ supporters, we'd love to have you officially join us!
- b. January 18 through February 7, 19 individuals joined or renewed.
 - i. New member: Vern Schultz
 - ii. Renewing members: Diane Alexander, Chuck Carpenter, Barbara and Gary Chambers, Barbara and Bob Coffman, Ian Cohen, Joe and Kathy Ely, Luci Flynn, Mark Foley, Liz Fuller, Dominique King, Clifton Louie, Carole Main, Bill Nusbaum, Don and Linda Smith.
- c. Membership dues of \$20 (\$10 for students) runs 12 months from January 31 to February 1 of the following year. After joining, new members must wait 30 days to be able to vote on any official MCDC business such as election of officers, changes to bylaws, and candidate endorsements. Renewing Members in Good Standing may vote as soon as dues are paid. If you are not a registered Democrat you are considered an Associate Member and are welcome to participate in any aspect of the Club; however, you may not vote on official MCDC business.
- d. Three ways to join --- credit card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products>, or Venmo MarshCreekDems (3416), or check sent to Thuy Dao Jensen/MCDC, P.O. Box 521, Brentwood, CA 94513.

VII. Mac & Cheese Fund Raiser: Linda. Smith

- a. Power Point will be shown to highlight the results of the Mac & Cheese Fund Raiser. In the interest of time, this will be tabled until the next meeting. Made \$3700, \$372 to MLK Foundation (Oakland). Rest to the candidates only.

VIII. Voter Outreach: Linda Smith

- a. Local Postcards for MCDC endorsed candidates- Postcard writers will be notified after Feb 14th (Shanelle's are ready)
- b. Postcards & Letters to Swing States start in May 2024. Last year 15K to swing states. 4 years ago 24K. You can make a difference.
- c. Farmer's Market Outreach results: 242 of our 600 supporter names were collected from the Brentwood Farmer's Market, which Marsh Creek Dems staff on Saturdays, 9 am to 12 noon unless rain or super cold.
 - i. Do come visit us if you are at the Brentwood Farmer's Market. We are in front of Bank of America.
- d. We have many opportunities to make phone calls to prospective votes. I am happy to be a buddy to anyone who wants to call. Calling is the 2nd most effective way to reach votes, 2nd only to knocking on doors.
- e. Every other wed in May will be meeting more details to follow.
- f. First meeting – here to see what we can do to make a difference. New Year's resolution to attend this meeting, concerned about what is going on in our country.

IX. Webmaster – Joe Ely

- a. In process of reviewing the committee pages.

X. Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair – Carolina will be meeting with Ray to discuss goals for this committee. Banned book reviews will be on our website.

- a. We are a small committee and would love to expand. Would love to take a fresh look at function. If you join, take a position on something of importance to you. Ultimate intent--become the subject matter expert and see how that issue affects local issues.

XI. Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair

- a. Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am.
- b. Next meeting is Saturday, March 2nd, 11:30.

- c. If interested in joining, email Bill Nusbaum at billnusbaum13@gmail.com.
- d. Working on communications materials advocating why Democrats must win the Presidency, Senate and House seats. Should be available in late February or early March.
- e. Trying to coordinate with other democratic organizations with respect to these materials going out to them.

XII. DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca, DPCCC District 3 Director

Precinct Walks:

- a. Saturday February 10th at 10 am – DPCCC scheduled canvass in Downtown. Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street, meet in the lobby at 10 am. Candidates Lori Wilson (CA Assembly District 11), Monica Wilson (CA Assembly District 15) and Rozzana Verder-Aliga (CA Senate District 3) will join us!
- b. Saturday February 10th at 10 am – Canvass for Shanelle Scales-Preston for Contra Costa County Supervisor in Hercules. Location to be determined.
- c. Sunday February 11th at 10 am – Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Brentwood – Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street, meet in the lobby at 10 am.
- d. Saturday February 17th & Sunday February 18th at 10 am - Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Antioch. Meet at Williamson Ranch Park parking lot, Lone Tree Way & Hillcrest Ave., Antioch.
- e. Saturday February 24th & Sunday February 25th at 10 am - Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Concord. Meet at Starbuck's in Dana Plaza, 4125 Concord Blvd., Concord.
- f. Saturday March 2nd & Sunday March 3rd at 10 am - Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Concord location to meet TBD.

XIII. Carolina Villaseca, Chair of Publications and Social Media Committee

- a. Send Marsh Creek Dems Facebook link to 3 friends who are not members.

XIV. Swing Left – Doug McClelland In the past, people have donated to candidates we like without having good information about their chances of winning. Swing Left is using a more data driven approach to ensure funds go to candidates who really need the help but also have a good chance of winning in swing states. Doug gave everyone a copy of Swing Left's, *Blueprint Funds*" document. He would like the club to pick a "blueprinted fund" to support. He hopes to crowdfund a goal of \$10,000 for that fund. Crowd funding – raised \$5K last year. \$30K officially donated. Contact Doug with thoughts: add his dougatsfor@aol.com. There are three funds as follows:

- a. **2024 Impact fund:** Supports Biden-Harris, Senate Majority, Winning Back the House and Building power at the state level.
- b. **Blue Print for Democracy fund:** This is the highest priority among Democratic candidates and civic organizations in super states.
- c. **Win Back the House/Defend the Senate fund**
- d. **Super States Strategy fund:** This is for highly targeted races in all states where gains can be made (55 total races supported. We could pick our own fund by picking the super state strategy for our club's priorities.)
- e. Lathrop needs help, Doug canvassed there. Josh Harder area in Contra Costa County will be canvassed as well. *Boosting Biden* page will be added to General Meeting Agenda because that goes to all our members. Doug will send to Joe for consideration on the club website.
- f. New: remind CA 9th District. partnering with Berkeley-Lathrop knock on doors there.

XV. Treasurer’s Report (See below) – Thuy Dao Jensen, Treasurer – no questions.

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement
January 8 - February 6, 2024**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of January 8, 2024:	\$ 1,773.43
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$260.67
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$105.91
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$57.66
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$115.62
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$67.37
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$236.99
8-Jan-2024	VOID check #1091 (donation to MCDL from Shannon)	\$83.53
10-Jan-2024	CHECK deposit of (2) membership dues	\$40.00
10-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$193.00
12-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
16-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$75.25
16-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$1,829.76
16-Jan-2024	CASH & CHECK deposit of Mac & Cheese event	\$970.00
22-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$57.36
22-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$95.90
29-Jan-2024	CASH deposit	\$87.00
	Total INCOME	\$ 6,087.69

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1101	Supplies for Mac & Cheese, 2-year WIX renewal	\$626.14
1102	Food for Mac & Cheese	\$135.43
1103	Supplies for Mac & Cheese	\$75.56
1104	HUB International Insurance	\$210.46
	Total EXPENSES	\$1,047.59

BALANCE as of February 4, 2024: \$ 5,040.10

PAYMENT RECEIVED

Check #	Name on Checks	Notes	Amount
9706	Walter & Suzanne Cook (2024 membership)		\$ 40.00
	Nicole Cook (Mac & Cheese ticket)		\$ 20.00
CASH	Chuck Carpenter membership, \$7 donation		\$ 27.00
CASH	Carol Main		\$ 20.00
CASH	Kathy & Joe Ely		\$ 40.00
		TOTAL:	\$ 147.00

XVI. For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions)

- a. Valerie Thurston spoke about **Unite for Democracy** (UFD) at the meeting during for the good of the order. It is run by Peggy Oneil who was Asst Atty Gen under President Bill Clinton. She is announcing a non-partisan visionary webinar, which seeks to educate people about what might happen if President Trump is re-elected for a second term. The UFD Website will likely launch by early March. Below are the details, including how to register:

Unite For Democracy is committed to reshaping democracy in the United States. Voting and running for office are extremely important, yet we must go beyond that if we want to retain democracy. This is the grassroots effort to get to the roots of the issues – and to transform our country in a way that works for all of us!

Our commitment is to preserve and upgrade democracy as we know it and move beyond party lines. There is only so much that elected politicians can do. Democracy by definition is a system of government **BY THE PEOPLE**. It is more than a system; it is a way of life.

Mark your calendar and join us for an experiential webinar that offers a fresh perspective on the power we hold as citizens to shape the democracy we desire. We have a few dates upcoming. I hope you can make one of them.

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Central, 5:30 Pacific, 8:30 Eastern

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Central, 9:00 Pacific, 12:00 Eastern

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Central, 9:00 Pacific, 12:00 Eastern

Register by emailing peggy.oneal@unitefordemocracy.org. Let her know the date you select, and she will send you the Zoom link. The event will not be recorded.

- b. **Jovita Mendoza** – Juneteenth in Brentwood is coming for the first time the week of June 19 at City Park instead of the regularly scheduled movie in the park. The Final housing element was finally approved and sent to the state. Grayson wrote SB423 which was supposed to help with building affordable housing, however, 90% of the cities will not make the goals set by the state. The fact is because legislators didn't pay attention to constituents on this, they are handing your cities over to the developers.
- c. **Suzana Meyer**: 4/27 annual community day of service. 2/20 – state of the city by the Mayor. She was invited by Senator Glaser to the Reproductive Freedom Tour – headlined by VP Harris. The meeting was held in San Francisco and the state of she did a great job.
- d. **Linda**: After this meeting we are going to La Hacienda Grill at 71 Sand Creek. You are all invited (pay your own way).
- e. **Chuck**: If you go to contracostadems.com, you can see all the slate cards for the election on March 5th.

XVII. Adjournment 4:14 pm