

## February Newsletter

### From the Editor

As you've noticed, the monthly newsletter is changing and, as requested by many readers, we are revising it to make it simpler and more focused. Much of the new format's contents, including an activities calendar, articles and opinion pieces, monthly First Tuesday summaries, and other pertinent information, will also be accessible through the Nevada County Democrats' website and blog.

The newsletter will be electronically mailed out around the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. If you don't immediately find the newsletter in your regular email, please check your social and spam files as it sometimes shows up there. You should be able to easily open the newsletter's contents, as the linkages will be highlighted. If you continue to have questions or problems, let us know.

After much discussion, the newsletter team determined it was best to continue with a submission deadline of the **19<sup>th</sup> of each month** for the following month's edition. (Please submit to: [Finleyjacqueline@gmail.com](mailto:Finleyjacqueline@gmail.com)). Even with the streamlined format, it takes several days to organize, format, review, edit, finalize and mail out.

Another new procedure: Submissions to the blog will be posted twice monthly around the middle of each month and again toward the end of each month. Until we find more volunteer assistance, this bi-monthly schedule will make maintaining the blog easier and less time-consuming.

Thank-you,

Jacqueline Finley, Communications Committee Chair



# Upcoming Events

## Democratic Women's Club - Amanda Wilcox

**February 3rd, 9:30 AM - Margarita's Restaurant.**

Come join fellow Democratic Women at our monthly breakfast meeting. Amanda Wilcox of the California Brady Campaign will discuss the current status of gun legislation in California for this session and how the national laws impact California.



This February 3<sup>rd</sup> the Democratic Women's Club will have Amanda Wilcox of the California Brady Campaign to prevent gun violence as our speaker. Ms. Wilcox has turned a personal tragedy into something meaningful to honor her daughter and protect some of our most vulnerable citizens from senseless acts of violence. She and her husband Nick have been a force to be reckoned with while lobbying in Sacramento. She will discuss the current status of gun legislation in California for this session and how the national laws impact California. For information on Brady Campaign go to: <https://www.bradiycampaign.org/california-chapters>



Where: Margarita's Restaurant, 988 Plaza Drive, Grass Valley  
Time: 9:30 am social time and speaker at 10:00  
What to Bring: Yourself, a friend and an inquiring mind

Cost: Breakfast Buffet \$15.00 Coffee \$5.00

RSVP to Shanti Emerson by January 31st, 2018  
[ShantiEmerson@yahoo.com](mailto:ShantiEmerson@yahoo.com)  
530-575-2891



## First Tuesday Educational Forum - Homelessness in Nevada County

**February 6th, 5:30 PM - Peace Lutheran Church.** Please join us for a forum on the topic of homelessness in Nevada County.



**NEVADA COUNTY DEMOCRATS**

FIRST TUESDAY EDUCATIONAL FORUM  
"HOMELESSNESS IN NEVADA COUNTY"

FEB 6TH 5:30-8PM | PEACE Lutheran Church 828 W. Main Street, Grass Valley

Please join us for a forum on the topic of homelessness in Nevada County. We will have presentations from **A Place to Call Home**, **Hospitality House**, **Sierra Roots** and **Nevada County Department of Health and Human Services** on the work they are doing in the community to address this issue and find lasting solutions.



As always, pizza and salad will be served at 5:30pm, presentation starts at 6:00pm



**To check out the full calendar [on our website, click here, then scroll down.](#)** Please note: The February calendar will be on full display as of February 1st. Until then, scroll to February by using the little triangle arrows at the top left of the calendar.

## Latest Blog Entries

### 2017? Onwards to 2018! - By Dr. Milan Vodicka

Another year, this one designated 2017, is gone. What did it bring? A cultural shift brought about by the elections of 2016? Where are we now – and where should we go?

Oh yes, there are always “positives” and “negatives.” Such is the “nature of reality” – the glass is always half full or half empty, take your pick. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

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### Almost a School Massacre - By Tom Laurent

On November 14, 2017 the Rancho Tehama Elementary School shooting could have been a lot worse. An unstable man went on a shooting and killing spree that included shooting into classrooms at the Rancho Tehama elementary school, seriously injuring one student.

Quick action by the school staff getting the children into the buildings and locking down the school prevented the massacre. What allowed the school staff to react so swiftly was hearing gun shots that occurred approximately a quarter mile away. The staff instantly knew what caused the sound and reacted. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



### On Super-Pacs & Corporate Donations Again & More - By Richardt Stormsgaard

My submission to the Democratic blog named “On Super-Pacs and Corporate Donations” received a response from Janine Rickard. It can still be seen on the Democratic blog and I would like to respond to her comments. We need to have an honest dialogue, occasionally uncomfortable, between the different factions of our party, and I appreciate her comments because it is a conversation we need to have. I personally like Bernie Sanders, I like a lot of his views, but our democracy is under serious attack and we need to come together and at least accept our different views, and find a way forward with candidates that appeal to different voter groups. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



## **We're All the Same -- We Just Look Different - By Dick Sciaroni**

There is a discussion going on in our country about race. It's been ongoing for decades. In fact, it's been going on ever since people discovered they could exploit the notion of race for any number of purposes, primarily wealth and power. Race — the fact that one group looks different than another— has been and remains a tool of exploitation. And the greater the stakes, the greater the propensity to exploit supposed differences in order to keep and control resources, be they money or land or water. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



## **Filing Opens This Month**

Yes, it's that time again. Filing for some of our local offices begins this month. [To read more, click here...](#)

## **Holiday Delivery to Hospitality House**

Margie Joehnck, Diane Emmett, and Carole Chapman deliver holiday gifts to the Hospitality House guests.



See more articles [on our blog!](#)