

Sonoma Valley Democrats General Meeting

10/27/25 via Zoom

1. **Announcements: Holiday Party Dec 7th** Pueblo Serena 5-7 PM.
2. **Alina Castro Gonzalex:** 2025 recipient of Gerald Hill Memorial Scholarship. Now at UC Berkeley. Majors; Political Science and History. Plans to be a lawyer, Public Defender. Presently working to get Prop 50 passed.
3. **Financial Report:** Bob Baeyan, Checking: \$2694. Savings: \$1360. Dues are \$30/year. New members pay now will apply to 2026 dues. Anyone can attend meetings but must be a member to vote. <https://www.svdems.org/memberships/>
4. **November Election:** Ballots must be postmarked by Tues, Nov 4th. Suggest you deposit in official drop box at our Library.
5. **Yes on Prop 50 Actions:** Phone banking group or at home, canvassing, sign-waving. For details go to: <https://sonomademocrats.org/volunteer/>
6. **CADEM Pre-Endorsement Caucus** in January. Need 3 representatives from our Club. Vote at Nov. 24th meeting. Email Beth if interested: bethh@sonic.net
7. **Movie Las Abogadas** (The Lawyers) at Sebastiani Theater, Wednesday, Octo 29th at 6 PM. Fundraiser for Sonoma Immigrant Services (SIS.)
8. **Jenny Belway:** Member of Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women. Main concern at present is collapse of non-profits due to decreased funding by the Federal Gov. Most prominent area is the elimination of the SNAP program and the President's refusal to use contingency funds. Funding of Medicaid will also been decreased. Many employees of our wine and hospitality businesses depend on MediCal for healthcare. SNAP funds cut for the Redwood Empire Food Bank that brings food to distribution centers in Sonoma Valley. <https://refb.org/>
The federal government has also made significant cuts to housing which especially affects those with mental health conditions. She feels that all non-profits should collaborate and we should all become advocates for our favorite non-profit. Talking to your friends can be an important source of support. FISH (Friends in Sonoma Helping) is one our most active nonprofits and especially needs drivers to deliver food to those who are housebound. <https://fishsonoma.org/> Several members are interested in joining an Ad Hoc group to explore mutual aid.
9. **Announcements:** API Democratic Club virtual meeting Nov. 20, 6 PM
<https://www.socoapidemclub.com/>
10. **Next Meeting:** Monday, Nov. 24th 6"30 PM via ZOOM
Minutes: Mary McDevitt