

SV Dems General Mtg. Minutes Nov. 24, 2025 via Zoom, Attendees 31

1. **Club Holiday Party** - Sun., Dec. 7th at Pueblo Serena Club House, 5-7 PM. Potluck. Collecting new women's and men's warm socks and underwear for HAS and SOS.
Sonoma Valley Postcard Action - contact Beth if you are to join this group.
2. **Financial Report:** Checking: \$2390, Savings: \$1361. Please consider becoming a member, only club members can vote on motions. <https://www.svdems.org/memberships/>
3. Voting for 3 **Club Representatives** for the CADEM virtual Pre- Endorsement Caucuses on January 17, 2026. Need to live in AD 4 (Assm. Aguiar-Curry). Martin Bennett, Richard Phillips, and Beth Hadley were approved by acclamation.
4. **FISH:** Sherry Michael presented. Friends in Sonoma Helping is celebrating 55 years of activity. Supported by individual donors. No Fund raising. 170 current volunteers. Need for drivers to transport to medical visits, sometimes out of Sonoma. In addition to food distribution they also supply rent subsidies, pay for utilities. "Bell Ringer" event to take place in December. Further info/to volunteer go to: <https://fishsonoma.org/>
5. **Wake Up Sonoma:** Lisa Storment, President, presented the SNAP Buddy Program which entails purchasing \$20 gift certificates from grocery stores for distribution to the needy. Bring cards to Refill Madness, 500 W Napa St # 540, Sonoma. Many of these recipients do not qualify for SNAP. Diane Chin pointed out that many Mexican Markets don't have gift cards. La Luz is sponsoring a similar program. Food is also distributed by Sonoma Family Meals, which is supported by the Catalyst Fund supporting 1000 seniors. Wake Up is also partnering with the North Bay Rapid Response network to develop training for a local warning system when ICE is present in our community. More at: <https://www.wakeupsonoma.org/>
6. **John Otti** - Auburn Area Democratic Club - presented the Democratic Economic Boycott targeting companies that support MAGA ideology. Motion for our club to support: Yes 20, No 0, Abstain 0. Motion passed. Details at: <https://www.svdems.org/news-2/>
7. **Announcements:** Gil Dong reported that Betty Yee, candidate for Governor, will be hold a campaign event at the Cucina Paradiso Restaurant in Petaluma Dec. 14, 11:30 - 1PM. He urged all interested to attend to meet and hear from this candidate.

Next General Meeting: Monday, Jan. 26, 6:30 PM via Zoom

Minutes - Dr. Mary McDevitt, Secretary