

**San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
Chair's Report
May 2017**

Every month, I will be preparing a Chair's Report that covers a few topics. For this inaugural report, I will discuss General Meetings and the Summer BBQ.

General Meeting

Starting with the May 2017 General Meeting, I am implementing some changes to the meeting format. This topic was discussed with the Executive Board on May 1, 2017. The purpose of these changes is to make General Meeting information more easily available for you. In addition, I hope to streamline report giving so that we have more time for discussion, speakers and programs.

As always, you will receive an electronic copy of the Meeting Agenda. However, instead of inserting the prior Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financial Report, there will be links to these documents on a new General Meeting page on the www.SMCDems.org website. These documents will be posted to the webpage as they become available.

In addition, Committee Reports and Event Reports will also be posted as available. And I will be inviting the Clubs to also provide written reports.

Please submit all reports to me at cecily@smcdems.org and Mitchell Oster, Communications Chair at mitchell@smcdems.org

Summer BBQ Fundraiser

We have scheduled our always fun Summer BBQ for Saturday August 12 at Twin Pines Park in Belmont. Thank you to Mayor Charles Stone for securing the site for us.

We would like to continue the successful format of this important fundraising event. There will be food and beverages. There will a marketplace where chartered clubs, allied groups and candidates can have informational tables. There will be opportunities for announcements of fall San Mateo County Democratic Party activities.

To make this event a great success, we will need your help. Here are some volunteer opportunities:

BBQ Menu Planners and Shoppers: A team is needed to organize the purchase of all food and beverage items as well as paper plates, cups, BBQ briquettes, ice, etc. Nancy Yarbrough has lists of prior year BBQ menus.

Marketplace Organizers: A team is needed to contact the Chartered Clubs, allied groups such as Swing Left, Indivisible, etc. to have information tables. Candidates running for office will also be invited to have information tables. A modest cost to cover table rental will be necessary unless a group wants to bring their own table.

Sponsorship Solicitors: A team is needed to contact elected Democrats and previously endorsed candidates to sponsor the event. This Honorary Committee will receive website and at BBQ recognition, an opportunity to bring literature and be applauded by fellow Democrats. Sponsorship levels are still under discussion.

BBQ Chefs: A team is needed to BBQ the burgers and hot dogs.

Registration, Set-up and Clean-up: Lots of volunteers are sought to assist with these critical tasks.

Who would like to help? Please contact me at Cecily999@sbcglobal.net or April Vargas at Aprilsmcdemocrats@gmail.com to signup.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the California Democratic Party Convention in Sacramento, May 19-21.

Democratically yours,

Cecily Harris, Chair
San Mateo County Democratic Party