



**Auburn Area Democratic Club**

Auburn City Hall. The Rose Room  
1225 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA, 95603

**AADC General Membership Meeting – Thurs., May 5, 2026**

**Officers Present:**

President: Cindy Engen  
Vice President: Don Ferguson  
Controller: Emily Gaber  
Secretary: Joan Jernegan

**Absent:** None

**Committee Chairs and Chairs Present:**

Membership Co-Chairs: Sandy Floyd  
Community Events Chair: (Vacant)  
Communications Chair:  
Voter Registration Co-chairs: Leslie Moonshine and Gail Bartlow  
Fundraising: (Vacant)

**Absent:** Susan Roughgarden (Communications Chair)  
Edlene McKenzie (Membership co-chair)

**Guest(s) Present:**

I. **Call to Order**

A quorum being present, President: Cindy Engen called the General Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II: Introduction**

Cindy Engen, President, Welcome

### **III: Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Don Ferguson moved to accept the Thurs, April 2, 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes. Seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

### **IV. Officer Updates**

- President- Cindy Engen President Engen reported that Judy Gomez had resigned as Controller due to ill health. President Engen has appointed Emily Gaber as Acting Controller.
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- Vice President- Don Ferguson - No report.
- Controller - No report
- Secretary- Joan Jernegan - No report.

### **V. Committee Reports**

- **Membership Committee** - Chair Floyd reported that the membership of AADC remains 238 members.
- AADC Membership Drive - Chair Floyd reported that the membership was held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at AADC headquarters from 1 to 4 pm. and seven new members were added, several current members renewed.
- Renewal dues for existing members are due in July. The standard dues are \$25.
  - **Community Events Committee**- (Chair Vacant)
  - **Voter Registration Committee**- Leslie Moonshine & Gail Bartlow (Co-chairs)
  - Chair Moonshine reported that there will be only one more Tuesday and Wednesday registering voters at Sierra College this semester. They do surveys to engage the students in political discussions. The current survey on AI, reflected that students are not using it much. AADC registered a total of 40 students this semester, mostly No Party Preference.

President Engen reported that the Sierra College Earth Day on April 23, 2026 went well.

President Engen reported that the Earth Day Hip Hop Congress at School Preserve Park on April 25 was great fun.

President Engen reported that the Placer Pride event is on May 17, need volunteers for tabling.

Chair Moonshine reported that the AADC will be participating in the Downtown Tuesday Nights Roseville with Placer Women Democrats. AADC's three nights to staff the table are June 23, 30 and July 14, 2026.

Chair Moonshine reported that AADC and SFUU will be working for 11 days at the polls. Each worker is assigned no more than three full days. Eight of the 31 volunteers dropped out. It's not too late to sign up. Additional volunteers are needed for May 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

- **Fundraising** (Vacant)
- President Engen reported that a fundraising event, a picnic on August 29, will be held. Food from Costco will be provided and Members are encouraged to bring salads.
  - **Communications Committee** Chair Susan Roughgarden (absent) No Report
  - **Alternate to PCDCC – Joan Jernegan** reported that new leadership had been elected last month to the PCDCC:

Chair: Julann Brown  
First Vice Chair- Jacob Boyce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Ruth Cox  
Controller – Charlie Riley  
Secretary Jan Brown

The new PCDCC office is open at 448 Lincoln Blvd, Suites 204 and 206, Lincoln. There will be a space for Club events.

The PCDCC Fundraiser Roosevelt Kennedy Dinner is on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speakers are Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and Chief Services Officer Josh Fryday. A special award will be given to two of our own, Ed and Carol Koons.

- **Scholarship Chair (Ad Hoc)** Chair Joan Jernegan – Scholarship Certificates will be presented by Committee Members Lucy Clark and Mike McGinnis to the recipient at Colfax High School on May 11 and by Edlene McKenzie and Mike McGinnis to the recipient at Placer High School May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Letters of regret will be mailed after the ceremonies to the applicants who were not selected.
- The Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend a General Membership Meeting after their college registration is confirmed and checks are mailed to them.
- The EBoard voted to approve two Scholarships of \$1,000 each to Graduating High School Seniors in 2027. An additional fundraiser will be held if funds are insufficient at years end.

## **VII. Old Business - None at this time**

## **VIII. New Business**

SFUU will have an Open House on Sat. May 16 from 12:30 to 2:00 in the afternoon.

## **IX. Speakers**

President Engen introduced Judge Leon Dixon. Judge Dixon is endorsed by every judge in Placer County, plus 55 other judges in California. He is running for reelection to the bench against David Bass, Republican.

Judge Dixon spoke about his background with the Legal Services of Northern California, assisting in resolving multiple problems with health,

housing and education of his clients. He applied to be a Court Commissioner, but instead was appointed as a Judge to the Superior Court for a two-year term. He is now running for re-election. He would appreciate support in door knocking and phone banking.

**Vice President Don Ferguson spoke on how to deal with long term stress.** He led an exercise to reduce stress. Explained that your entire body is working to protect you: your breath, your voice, your brain, even weight gain is due to stress. Self-care is important for reducing long term stress. His book, Reptiles in Love, is available at the back table for a donation to AADC.

**Neva Parker** announced that she is running for California Assembly, District 5, and has been endorsed by both California State Democrats and AADC. She is conducting canvassing and post carding (she will provide postcards and add addresses and postage later). Canvassing has to include both NPP and Republicans, who have been found to be receptive. Donations are appreciated. More information is available on her website, <https://www.nevaparkerforassembly.com//>

### **Member Announcements:**

Rosalie announced that the League of Women Voters will be hosting two roundtable discussions with candidates before the election. Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> they will meet at the Department of Health and Human Services at the government center at De Witt, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Candidates for the 3rd District will be present.

The second event will be at the Maidu Center in Roseville on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> with Candidates for the 6th District.

Indivisible is sponsoring an ICE OUT of HOME DEPOT from 10-12pm Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Bell & 49.

**XI. Adjournment:** Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.