

**Clovis Democratic Club**  
**September 17, 2015, Seven Restaurant, Clovis, CA.**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by President Jeni Kren. Following the Flag Salute led by Jim McClanahan, Jeni invited all to a moment of silence for Bob Ramsay, a long time faithful member, who has passed away.

Bob Ramsey's service will be as follows: Date: September 26, 2015 at 11 a.m. Location: Holy Family Episcopal Church at 1135 E. Alluvial, near Millbrook and Alluvial.

**Program:** Vice President Alexia Baca introduced Lisa Bryant, Assistant Professor, CSU Fresno, Department of Political Science. She was accompanied by Sarah Hayes and Jose Verduco, students at CSU Fresno. Lisa Bryant explained her early political experiences by working in radio broadcasting where she was challenged to make women more interesting in politics. Lisa Bryant on the subject of getting young persons' age 18 to 24+ to vote, emphasized experienced voters who communicate with young people should be in a questioning mode by asking the young voters what are issues they care about. Often the response relates a lack of trust in the government. About 33% are not committed to a party. Often by beginning as non-committed, they turn to being Democrats. The new voter law of registering persons when they get a driver's license increases the no-party preference.

Sarah Hayes and Jose Verduco were introduced. Jose grew up in Ivanhoe, he is a Democrat and his dad worked on a Dairy owned by Devin Nunes' cousin. Jose is concerned with social injustices, environmental issues and the student loan crises. He says as Democrats we should show what we offer and engage with the voters. Sarah Hayes explained she grew up in a family that discussed political issues and values. She also recommends finding out what the young voter wants, and educating the voter.

Lisa Bryant summarized the young voter issues as legalizing marijuana, student loans, tuition rate, jobs and bringing down the Pell Grant to the local level. Republicans are trying to get rid of it and Democrats support it. She reminded us to use the soft sell on young voters.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 20, 2015 were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Club Treasurer, Lew Pond reported sending a check of \$500.00 to Democratic Central Committee leaving a balance of \$1,603.15.

**Membership Report:** Judy Noteboom is out of town. We were reminded membership renewals are coming up.

**President's Report:** Doug Kessler, Director, Region 8, said that the club was eligible for two delegates for the upcoming California Democratic Party endorsement process, but we had no candidates to vote for.

**Central Committee Report:** There will be a booth at the Big Fresno Fair with a need to man the booth in shifts. Benefits are you will get free admission to the fair but will still have to pay for parking. Eric Bauman made a presentation at the meeting about need to challenge false statements of Republicans.

**Old Business:** We will have a booth at the Clovis Fest on September 19 and 20. Bernie Sanders will be represented on Saturday and Hillary will be represented on Sunday. The location of the booth was described.