



Creating Energy & Strength through Unity
Our alliance provides continuity and a communication
network for citizens and groups dedicated to progressive causes.

Progressive Alliance Calendar March 2019

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Important Alert! Special election for State Senate District 1 - March 26

Mail ballots are going out now. Silke Pflueger is the only endorsed Democratic candidate. The other "Dem" on the ballot has dropped out. Go to Silke4senate.com for more information.

February 28 United Democrats of El Dorado County Meeting

Our speaker will be Silke Pflueger, Candidate for State Senate in the District 1 Special Election to be held on March 26th. We will also be having our Election of Officers. Denny's Placerville, noon. Contact: John savage956@hotmail.com

March 2 Free Master Gardeners Class: Propagation from Seed

Learn all about the selection and germination of seeds, starting media, containers, growing out, and transplanting seedlings. 9-12 noon, Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. \$2 parking fee. (Government Center Building C has been scheduled as a back-up venue in case of rain). Contact: 530-621-5512

March 2 Totally Terrific Terrestrial Plant Trail Talk

Naturalist-guided, questions encouraged on this stroll through the El Dorado Ranch's botanical biodiversity. 10-2:30. To sign up and for meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 2 Sierra Wildlife Rescue class: Backyard Habitat

Give wildlife a helping hand by learning how to provide important natural foods, water, and shelter. 1-3 pm, SWR Wildlife Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: 530-621-2650

March 2 What is Going on with Our Health Care?

What is Guaranteed Healthcare for All Californians? A community conversation with speakers and a film. 6-8:30 pm, 3025-A Cambridge Road, Cameron Park. RSVP and contact: paulb1221@sbcglobal.net

March 4 Dose of Dance

Free early morning dance event to "set the tone" for your month. 6-8 am, EDC Fairgrounds Organ Room (enter through the iron gate on Placerville Drive). Contact: 530-644-5959

March 5 Democrats after Dark Meeting New!

7:00 to 8:00pm. We will be discussing how to research and counter False News Stories. Come help kick off this new adventure for our club! For location contact: John savage956@hotmail.com

March 7 Free Master Food Preservers Class: Yes You Can

This class will introduce you to canning methods and demonstrate several live canning techniques. 6-8 pm, Bethell-Delfino Building, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Contact: 530-621-5506

March 7 Immigration Workgroup

El Dorado Progressives workgroup meeting on immigration. 6 pm, Tijuana Taqueria, 1762 Broadway, Placerville. Contact: rebeccaguinn@gmail.com

March 8 International Day of the Woman: Celebrate the women in your life!

March 8 Dragon Claws from Georgetown

Come hear the history and see the craft of carving on ancient “pitch pine knots”; an art-in-nature experience. 6-8 pm. To sign up and for meeting location (Coloma area) contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 9 Free Master Gardeners Class: Second Saturday Open Garden Day

Includes vegetable, succulent, and orchard areas. Also straw bale gardening and pruning demonstrations. 9-11am, Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. \$2 parking fee. Contact: 530-621-5512

March 9 Lichen Walk along the American River

Come and meet some lichens, nature’s own “air pollution monitors”, on this walk. Children 12+ with adult supervision welcome. 10-12 noon. For meeting location and to sign up contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 9 Cell Phone Artistry

Learn the basics of phone photography and have a look at some of the photo apps available. 1:30-5 pm. Fees paid in advance \$55 members/\$60 non-members. Contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 10 Placerville Co-op Owner Discount Day

NEW! The 10th of each month is now Owner Discount Day, no matter which day of the week it falls on. 10% off your purchases. Location: 535 Placerville Dr, Placerville. Contact: (530)621-3663

March 10 Beginning Birding

This class will introduce the hobby of birding at a beginner level. Responsible teens+ welcome. Rain cancels. 10-12 noon. To sign up and learn meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 10 El Dorado Progressives General Meeting

Topics- Steering Committee elections and Environmental issues (Political Action and Personal Responsibility), 3-5 pm, Town Hall, 549 Main St, Placerville. Contact: eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com

March 10 EDP Protect Our Environment Workgroup Meeting

Following the EDP general meeting, stay for a short (5:15-6 pm) environmental workgroup meeting. Contact: patty.wilson5@gmail.com

March 12 Senior Hike: Three Bridges

Departure from Sr. Center is 7:45 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water. Leader: Kathy N. (916)351-0665

March 13 Free Master Gardeners Class: Back to Basics for Gardeners

Learn the basics: soil, tools, and techniques. Plus how to read nursery plant labels and what does "full sun" really mean? 9-12 noon, Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, C.P. Contact: 530-621-5512

March 14 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Raptors

This class will provide basic information on rehabbing orphaned and injured raptors resulting in a successful release back into their natural habitat. 6-8 pm, SWR Wildlife Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: 530-621-2650

March 14 Democratic Women of EDC Club Meeting

Speaker TBD. 6-8 pm, Placerville Raley's Event Room, 166 Placerville Drive, Placerville. Contact: demwomenedc@gmail.com

March 15 Sierra Renaissance Society Present: The Nancy Hart Militia

Learn about these "Women of Uncommon Courage" during the Civil War. 1-3 pm, Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, C.P. Contact: www.srsedc.org

March 16 Free Master Gardeners Class: Pests and Pollinators

Learn how to create a garden that can attract and sustain pollinators and beneficial insects, reducing the need for pesticides. 9-12 noon, Government Center Hearing Room Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville. Contact: 530-621-5512

March 16 Master Food Preservers Class: Low Sugar Canning

Learn how to safely can low sugar products using the latest science-based methods at this Make & Take Workshop. After doing a hands-on recipe you can take your product home with you. 9-12 noon, Bethell-Delfino Ag Building, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Pre-registration is required. \$20 materials fee. Contact: 530-621-5506

March 17 Green Day Hike at El Dorado Ranch

This 5-7 mile moderate-strenuous hike with constant elevation changes will explore the El Dorado Ranch. Ages 12+ welcome. Rain cancels. 9 am-1 pm. For meeting location and to sign up contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 17 Civil Rights Now! Workgroup

El Dorado Progressives Civil Rights workgroup meeting. 9-11 am, Placerville CoOp, 2nd Floor Community Room, 535 Placerville Drive, Placerville. Contact: Michael Saunders eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com

March 17 Cronan Moonlight Hike

Enjoy a 3-5 mile moonlight hike at the Cronan Ranch. Fit 10yr+ welcome as well as well-behaved dogs on a leash. 7 pm. To sign up and learn meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 19 Monthly Democratic Central Committee Meeting

6:30pm - Social, followed by Meeting start at 7pm, open to the public. Raley's Community Room, 166 Placerville Dr, Placerville.

March 21 Yoga in the Park

This beginner level class is at the Nature Center in Coloma. All fitness levels welcome. Ages 10+ with adult supervision OK. 5:30-sunset. Contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 21 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Fawns

Learn all about rehabbing fawns. 6-8 pm, SWR Wildlife Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: 530-621-2650

March 23 Free Master Gardeners Class: Tomatoes from Seed to Table

This combo class with Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers will show you how to choose the right varieties, care for and harvest your tomatoes and discuss what you can do with your tomato harvest. 9-12 noon, Government Center Hearing Room Building C, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville. Contact: 530-621-5512

March 23 “Roots” Botanical and Human History of El Dorado Ranch

This easy 4+ mile hike will take you to an old mercury and cinnabar mine as well as a stop at the Miller Ranch House. Ages 10+ welcome. Rain cancels. 10am- 4pm (approx). Contact ARC for meeting location and to sign up:

julie@ARConservancy.org

March 24 Cronan Ranch Hike

Hike a challenging 5-7 mile hike at the Cronan Ranch Trails. Fit 10 yr+ welcome. 8:30-11 am. For meeting location and to sign up contact:

julie@ARConservancy.org

March 24 Capturing Wakamatsu: A Poetry Walk/Workshop

Explore the farmhouse, barn, and surroundings and write a poem inspired by what you have seen. Children 8+ welcome with adult supervision, 10-12 noon. For meeting information and to sign up contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 25 Placerville Mobility Support Group Meeting

Placerville Mobility Support Group meetings are for all persons with mobility impairment, friends, caregivers, and medical professionals. For additional information, contact Lynn Murray at lynnmurray2684@att.net . Visit the PMSG website: placervillemobilitysupportgroup.org

March 25 PFLAG Placerville Meeting

This meeting is open to those who support PFLAG’s mission. Meetings are a place to discuss issues and learn more about them, in a confidential environment. Support is offered to deal with issues around being GLBT, and the impact on GLBT individuals, their families, and their friends. 6:30pm. Location: Federated Church, 1031 Thompson Way, Placerville. Contact: info@pflagplacerville.org

March 26 Special Election Day

Make sure your ballots have been turned in or that you visit your local polling place and VOTE! More information:

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/Elections/voterguide>

March 26 Senior Hike: Traverse Creek – Special Interest Area

Departure from Sr. Center is 7:45 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water. Leader: Barbara H (916)261-4404

March 28 United Democrats of El Dorado County Meeting

Denny’s Placerville, noon. Contact: John savage956@hotmail.com

March 30 Free Master Gardeners Class: Grow and Show

The class is designed for kids 5-12 and will cover the basics of growing plants and then encourage the young gardeners to demonstrate their new skill by entering their plants in a peer competition at the upcoming county fair. Pre-registration encouraged. 10-11 am, Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. \$2 parking fee. Contact: 530-621 5512

March 30 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Foxes, Coyotes, and Bobcats

Learn how to rehab 3 of our largest and most fascinating predators. 1-3 pm, SWR Wildlife Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: 530-621-2650

March 31 Open Space Easy Tai Chi-Qigong at Wakamatsu Farm

Let the open space enhance your overall wellness via movement exercises. Ages 8+ welcome with an adult. No prior experience necessary. Rain may change location. 10:30-11:30 am. Contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

March 31 Poppy Walk (date is weather and bloom dependent)

This one-of-a-kind poppy walk will overlook the South Fork of the American River. Hiking to the flowers takes about 15-20 minutes. 2-5 pm. Cost: \$30/adult, \$15 children under 15. Donations aid the Bill Center Memorial Fund supporting river frontage and trails. Contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

Save the Date

April 13 Friends of Seniors 8th Annual Spaghetti Feed. 3-7 pm, Mother Lode Lion's Hall. Contact: FriendsofEDCseniors.org

April 27 Earth Day Festival, Placerville Library, 10am-4pm. Free family event with live music all day, local arts, crafts, earth related info, kids activities and great food. Get your face painted and enjoy Smokey the Bear! No dogs or alcohol please. For info or booth space, call (530)620-6659 or text 391-1085

May 5 Democratic Annual Kennedy-Roosevelt Dinner. 3-7 pm, Cameron Park Community Center.

June 6-9 Wakamatsu Festival 150, Celebrating 150 years of Japanese-American Heritage. Contact: ARConservancy.org

For Your Information

American River Conservancy Nature Camp for Kids is accepting registrations now for the coming summer. Contact: education@ARConservancy.org

Donations to help feed local folks can be made to the Food Bank of El Dorado County here: <http://www.foodbankedc.org/give-help/monetary-donations>

Or to Upper Room Dining Hall here: <http://upperroomdininghall.org/index.html>

Community Volunteers/Help Wanted

Earth Day Placerville info or booth space, call (530)620-6659 or text 391-1085

Websites and Contact Information:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Contact: Amber Henrichs
530-626-1222
amber@mentors4youth.org

The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

24/7 Crisis Help Line: 530-626-1131 or
916-939-6616, Office Phone: 530-626-1450
or 916-939-4464 www.thecenternow.org

Coalition for Change

www.coalitionforchange.org
patty.wilson5@gmail.com

Democratic Women's Club

www.edcdems.org
Contact: Lorraine King
916-220-2872
Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net

El Dorado Peace & Justice Community

www.edpjc.org
jrmarti2@earthlink.net
PO Box 543
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Jim Martin (530) 622-9549

El Dorado Progressives

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eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com
<https://eldoradoprogressives.org/>

Friends of EDC Seniors

info@friendsofEDCseniors.org
(530)626-6323
P.O. Box 564, Placerville, CA 95667

Sierra Foothills Democratic Club

www.edcdems.org
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Christine Berry

Sierra Club Maidu Group

www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/maidu
twoperegrines@yahoo.com
Contact: Bob Johnson
(530)919-5543

P.F.L.A.G.

www.pflagplacerville.org
info@pflagplacerville.org

League of Women Voters EDC (nonpartisan)

www.lwveldorado.org
President: Elaine Lyman tlyman2@gmail.com
VP Membership/Outreach: Bev Van Meurs

United Democrats of El Dorado County

www.edcdems.org
Contact: John Savage
Savage956@hotmail.com

New Morning Youth & Family Services

www.newmorningyfs.org

David Ashby, Executive Director

David@newmorningyfs.org

530.622.5551 x122

El Dorado County Democratic Party

www.edcdems.org

info@edcdems.org

Placerville Mobility Support Group

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placervillemobilitysupportgroup.org

Photo of the Month



Sunday morning at Federated Church snow began to fall. As it accumulated, the steep uphill road to the church still was not plowed and was too treacherous to drive up so services were cancelled. That became an opportunity to further serve our homeless guests, extending their time at the church, using our hall as a warming center until the afternoon. We visited, snacked, had an assortment of hot and cold drinks, watched movies, napped and played in the snow, even building a little snowman. It was a great bonding experience in a warm, safe place!

Patricia McKinney

If a friend sent you this calendar and encouraged you to sign up, send an email message to the Progressive Alliance to receive it to your email address! edcprogressivealliance@yahoo.com