



ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

COMING EVENTS

**MARCH 26, 6 PM
HOUSEPARTY FOR SANDY
BALLY FOR CITY COUNCIL
AT STEVE AND SHANNON
JOHNSONS, 1421 TWP. RD.
843, ASHLAND, OHIO**

**JULY 28: SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR SUMMER PICNIC
AT HONEY HAVEN FARM!**

HOW CAN I HELP?

**HELP SUPPORT OUR
ACTIVITIES WITH A
DONATION! SEE CONTACT
INFO PAGE 3 FOR OUR
ADDRESS. YOU CAN ALSO
DONATE THROUGH OUR
WEBSITE.**

**KEEP TRACK OF ISSUES
IMPORTANT TO YOU AND
TELEPHONE YOUR
REPRESENTATIVES TO
MAKE YOUR VIEWPOINTS
KNOWN.**

RUN FOR OFFICE!

The following is a list of offices that will be up for election in Nov. 2019. If you are interested in running, please contact us. We will connect you with training through the Main Street Initiative and give you local support. You can make a difference on a local level! Filing deadline for these offices is **August 7, 2019**.

Ashland City: 2 Board of Education members, council member

Bailey Lakes: Mayor, 2 council members

Hayesville: Mayor, 2 council members

Hillsdale: 2 Board of Education members

Jeromesville: Mayor, 2 council members

Loudonville: Mayor, 2 council members, 2 Board of Education

Mapleton: 3 Board of Education members

Mifflin: Mayor, 2 council members

Perrysville: Mayor, 2 council members

Polk: Mayor, 2 council members

Savannah: Mayor, 2 council members

In addition, each township in the county will be electing a trustee and a fiscal officer.

Sandra Bally is running for Ashland City Council Member at Large! If you live in the City of Ashland, please consider supporting her. "Like" her Facebook page and from there see how you can contact her to assist with her campaign. Also see her upcoming event on our Events section.

MEET OUR COUNTY COMMITTEE!

STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTION RESULT ANALYSIS

In January, the Ohio Democratic Party sent out a post-election analysis to county chairpeople. Here are some of the points they made.

ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

PAULA WATSON, PRESIDENT
DAVE HOLCOMB, 1ST VICE CHAIR
ANDREW J KINNEY, 2ND VICE CHAIR
JESSICA ELLIS, 3RD VICE CHAIR
STEPHANIE SAFFLE, TREASURER
KARON SUMMER, SECRETARY
DOROTHY BALKIN
JEFF BURNETT
FRED CONFER
STEVE JOHNSON
ROBERTA SKOK
JANE STOOPS

New officers will be sworn in at the next Democratic Womens meeting on March 25! Please join and congratulate the worthy ladies stepping up:

**Barb Lindsay, President
Sandy Bally, Vice President
Carol Ann Dana, Treasurer
Suzanne Carver, Secretary**

- 5 net seats flipped to Democrat from Republican in the Ohio State House.
- Ohio voter turnout was the highest it has ever been for a midterm election. Although the Dems did a great job of turning out their voters, so did the Republicans.
- Richard Cordray was the first Ohio Governor candidate to receive over 2 million votes and NOT be elected.
- The total vote share for statehouse and congressional seats was still split nearly 50/50. The extreme gerrymandering in Ohio was responsible for lopsided Republican victories.

Key Steps for 2019-2020:

Key electoral opportunities include picking up more statehouse seats, winning 2 more supreme court seats, turning Ohio Blue in the presidential election, and ensuring fair districts post-2020.

- Maximize Democratic performance in large urban areas by re-engaging and re-empowering African-American and young voters, who have been under constant attack by GOP voter purging and other suppression tactics.
- Dig deeply into suburban counties and communities that supported Sherrod Brown but not other Democratic candidates.
- Conduct more effective rural outreach and engagement to reduce loss margins in small "red" counties.
- Continue the Main Street Initiative to find and train candidates for local office in suburban and rural areas.



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MEETINGS

ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month at 630 PM at the IAM Hall, 930 Grove Ave, Ashland. Next meetings April 9 , May 14, and June 11. Meetings are open to all.

ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

The Women's Dem group meets on the 4th Monday each month at Tim Hortons back room, 1185 E. Main St, Ashland. The group supports the Democratic candidates in the 7th district and performs charitable works. The meetings begin at 5:30 pm. so please feel free to drop by and join us. Next meetings are March 25, April 22, May 27, and June 24.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Sherrod Brown (D)

216.522.7272 or 614.469.2083

Senator Robert Portman (R)

216.522.7095 or 614.469.6774

Congressman Bob Gibbs (R)

419.207.0650

Ohio House Rep. Darrell Kick (R)

614.466.2994

Ohio Senate Rep. Larry Obhoff (R)

614.466.7505

VOLUNTEERING

Social Committee Members needed! Help plan and implement our get-togethers. If you want to help, just let us know!

ANNUAL SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER

Our annual late winter Soup and Salad Supper was held on Tues, February 12, with Valentines Day accents. Despite the rain, we had a good crowd of friendly folk who enjoyed 7 delicious soups, salad, and a sundae bar for dessert. There were many items to bid on in our silent auction. All proceeds from the dinner will be used to build up our cash reserves for the elections to come.

Our speaker was JoAnn Streeter Shade, the Times-Gazette columnist, who poignantly talked about divisions among neighbors and how the 2016 election affected us. She reminded us that there are many ways to resist . She drew examples from the messages of Michelle Obama and the journalist Connie Shultz to illustrate the various ways we can express our thoughts to friends, family, and community.

Paula Watson reminded us that the Party does not favor any particular Democratic candidate during the Primary Election campaigns, and after a candidate is chosen, we all need to unify behind that candidate.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Donations/Letters: Send to Ashland Democratic Party, C/O 963 Winthrop Lane, Ashland, Ohio 44805