



# ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

## COMING EVENTS

**2/12/19. SOUP SALAD AND SUNDAY DINNER AT THE KROC CENTER, 6 PM. BRING YOUR SOUPS AT 530. SPEAKERS TO BE DETERMINED.**

## 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.**

Thanks John and Deb Boyer for the picnic at Honey Haven Farm (and wonderful sweet corn). We are proud of our local candidates Steve Johnson, Mike Zickefoose and Ken Harbaugh! Although it was not the total outcome we wanted, we did make progress. We should all be proud of the positive outpouring! We may be 29% of the voters but we positively made ourselves seen and heard! Please continue to support the Ashland County Democratic Party in the way that is best for you. Lets go from 29% to 35% in the next election. Lets keep our voice alive and heard! **I thank each and every one of you for the support. Have a wonderful Holiday Season, whichever you celebrate, and then back to work in January 2019!**

## MESSAGE FROM PAULA WATSON, ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRWOMAN

The election is over! We had some great wins. Senator Sherrod Brown and Ohio Supreme Court judges Melody Stewart and Mike Donnelly were elected. We came up short on the other races. However, Ashland County Democrats have gained so much this year!

We had a wonderful office that was run and staffed by Barbara Lindsay. Barbara's staff of volunteers were awesome! They dedicated their time since late June working in the office to keep it open Mon-Thurs.

We had great Field Staff. Thank you Sara Haas and Matt Ducey and all their assistants. Connor Thompson was our talented local intern who ran the Get Out The Vote operation.

We have a newsletter prepared by Jane Stoops, and a new website created and operated by Joe Ellis.

Many people either donated financially or donated their time. Both were greatly appreciated.

Dave Holcomb again moved us into the headquarters, kept us maintained, and moved us out. We are so grateful!

I want to thank the Ashland County Democratic Women for their donations towards the headquarters. Also, thanks Stephanie Saffle and Jane Stoops for organizing staffing at the fairs.

## MEET OUR COMMITTEE!

## ASHLAND COUNTY DEMS MAKE APPEARANCE AT LABOR DAY PARADE!

### 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



The Ashland County Dems made our first appearance in the Ashland Labor Day Parade in several years. We marched to show our solidarity with Labor, to promote our candidates, and to walk with Ken Harbaugh's campaign staff and their intriguing duct tape and PVC airplane. We were well received and even heard applause from the crowd!

The Dems also staffed our booths at the Ashland County and Loudonville Street Fairs, held a rally in Corner Park on October 10 to promote early voting, and also a Nov 5 rally. It was important to maintain visibility in our communities. We will not be silent!

## Thank you!

We want to thank everyone who volunteered and made such an outstanding effort to work on the election. 26 regular volunteers staffed headquarters and many others stopped by when they could to see how they could help. Together, we stuffed and mailed 17,000 letters, wrote over a thousand postcards (Thanks Fran!), made thousands of phone calls, and knocked on thousands of doors. Wow! Others made generous donations to keep our operations running. How inspiring it was to meet each other and work together! We have laid the groundwork and will continue to build up our visibility in our communities and stand up for our values.



Would you like to receive this newsletter and our event blasts via email? If so please send your email address and name to [jplapisjp@gmail.com](mailto:jplapisjp@gmail.com)

## MEETINGS

### ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month at 630 PM at the AIMAW Hall, 930 Grove Ave, Ashland. Next meetings Dec 12 (at Beuhlers) , Jan 8 Feb 12 (at Kroc Center), and March 12.

### 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. No December meeting. Next meetings Jan 28, Feb 25, March 25.

### 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

All of our wonderful, dedicated volunteers can take a few months respite! We closed down headquarters on November 15. You may find that you need to call your state representatives regarding pending legislation. 2019 will be dedicated to fund raising events in order to set ourselves up for the 2020 campaigns.

You are all welcome at our monthly meetings and hope to see you at our soup supper, summer picnic, and other events throughout the year.

## CONGRATS PAULA WATSON!

Ashland County Dems Chairwoman Paula Watson was honored by the State party as Chairperson of the Year, small county division. This honor is well deserved, as Paula works very hard to maintain an effective and informed Democratic Party presence in Ashland County. In the last few years especially, Paula has built up a large volunteer base to help elect Democratic candidates to office. Also notable in the last year under her guidance was the development of a new website , a newsletter, and an email database of Democrats across the county. Thank you Paula for your hard work, inspiration, and dedication!

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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**Website :** [Ashlandcountymocrats.com](http://Ashlandcountymocrats.com)

**Donations/Letters:** Send to Ashland Democratic Party,

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