

ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year

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COMING EVENTS

FEB. 13. ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER AT THE KROC CENTER.

MARCH 17. DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

HOW CAN I HELP?

WE NEED SPEOPLE TO BRING SOUPS FOR THE SOUP SUPPER, AND SEVERAL PEOPLE TO SETUP AND TEAR DOWN THE EVENT. WE ALSO NEED SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AND HELPERS, IF YOU CAN ASSIST, PLEASE CONTACT PAULA WATSON, JANE STOOPS, OR ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER.

WE WILL NEED \$1000.00 A MONTH FOR OUR 2020 FALL HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE!

WINTER DINNER A BIG SUCCESS!



Pictured from left are: Judge John P. O'Donnell, State Representative Joseph Miller III, and our emcees Kevin Barnet and Steve Johnson.

The Ashland Dems winter dinner was held at the beautiful Continental Country Banquet Hall in Nova, and was catered by Brenda Baker of Fast Eddies. Our audience of 62 dems enjoyed socializing and listening to our speakers.

Judge John P. O'Donnell spoke first. He is currently a Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge, and is ranked "excellent" by local bar associations. He is running for a seat on the Ohio Supreme Court in 2020. Judge O'Donnell discussed parallels between the Nixon and Trump impeachment processes. He emphasized the importance of the balance of power between the executive and judicial branches of government. The executive branch must not have absolute power!

Next we heard from State Representative ((56th house district) Joe Miller. A former teacher, Joe is a passionate advocate for education, jobs, green energy, and solutions to the opioid crisis. He spoke of lessons learned while running for various offices. Most important to success, Mr. Miller stated, was to know your future constituents and what matters to them. Do your homework!

Paula Watson finished the evening by exhorting us all to be ready to work hard to bring about the outcomes we want in 2020. We will need to have a headquarters, canvass, volunteer, and do all we can! Just voting is not enough.

MEET KEVIN BARNET FOR OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 70



Hi! My name is Kevin Barnet, and I've been a resident of Ohio for the last 14 years. My family moved here from New York to open and run a Bed and Breakfast. After we sold the business, my wife Kathy and I decided to stay in Ohio, because we had found the place we wanted to raise our children and grow old together. We currently reside in Ashland, Ohio and I work at Allstate Insurance.

I've always been interested in politics, but it wasn't until after this last Presidential election that I felt I could no longer sit on the sidelines and take a passive stance. I started by getting involved with the Women's March on Washington in January, 2017.

Women's rights are important to me because I was raised by two women. My father died when I was 10 years old in a car accident at work. When money got tight, my mother and I moved in with my sister and her 3 kids so that together we could make ends meet. I didn't think we grew up poor, but I did know my house was the only one with a padlock on the kitchen door, so that my two teenage nephews and I couldn't raid the kitchen when my mom and sister were working.

When I was 17 years old Ronald Reagan came to office and was cutting Social Security benefits to dependent children over 18 years old unless they were in college. So, in January of my senior year of high school, I enrolled in the local community college so my mom could continue getting my Social Security benefits. These experiences taught me how important a living wage, pay equality, access to quality healthcare, and Social Security are for everyone.

As I became more involved and started to talk with people, I was shocked to find so many people afraid to speak their minds because of their standing in the community. That's when I decided I wanted to use my voice and run for the Ohio Legislature, District 70 House of Representatives seat in 2020. If you elect me, I promise to fight for: affordable comprehensive medical coverage for everyone including seniors and people with preexisting conditions; a living wage; the bargaining rights of the middle class worker; our public education system; putting people before profits; the rights of the marginalized in our communities, and the rights of the voiceless. I believe in fairness and dignity for all. My name is Kevin Barnet and I want to be your state representative. Check out my Facebook page [Kevin Barnet for State Representative](#), website barnet4staterep.com.

MEETINGS

ASHLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month at 630 PM , mostly at the IAM Hall, 930 Grove Ave, Ashland. Next meeting Jan 14 will be at Tim Hortons. Feb. 11 and March 10 meetings will be back at the IAM Hall.

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 meetings begin at 5:30 pm. Feel free to drop by and join us. Next meetings are Jan. 27, Feb. 24, and March 23.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Connor Wilson won his Mifflin Village Council seat in the November election. Sandy Bally did not win her Ashland City Council at large seat, but did get nearly 42 % of the vote, which is great for Ashland. Congratulations to you both for running great races!

WINTER DINNER AWARD WINNERS



Paula Watson (left) Chair of the Ashland County Democratic Party, presented the annual awards.

The Glen Ellison Award for service went to Roberta Skok, who has been an active and helpful party member for years, and serves as our Union liaison.

The MAMS award was given to Barbara Lindsey. Barbara ran our 2018 headquarters, making sure it was staffed adequately. This year, she volunteered to lead the Democratic Women organization. Barb let us know that she will be calling on us to work in the headquarters in 2020!

Steve Johnson presented the Democrat of the Year award to George Bringman. George preceded Steve as chair of the Ashland Democratic Party. He welcomed new members with open arms and was free with helpful advice. George was also a member of the Board of Elections, and led the effort to gain sufficient funding for good elections.

George is a military veteran, wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He is active in his church and community. Prior to retiring from GM he was a good union man. George sets an example of volunteering and making new members feel at home. Our challenge is to follow his example.

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