

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 4th** - Montrose July 4th Parade, 11 AM
July 7th - Thompson Parade, 11:30 AM
July 14th - Recognition Picnic - noon, Blue Ridge Park, New Milford
July 20th - Susquehanna Parade, 7 PM
July 26th - Clifford Parade, 7 PM
August 1st - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.
August 20th - 25th - Harford Fair
Sept. 5th - Monthly County Party mtg., 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.
Sept. 29th - Fall Rally-1 PM, Hallstead American Legion

****Please check updates via email from Chairman Rick Ainey regarding times for meeting places and setting up for parades.**

Congratulations to our County Party officers for the next four years!

Rick Ainey - Chair

Joni Kaiser - Vice Chair

Tom Charles - Secretary

Donna Jablonowski - Treasurer

Jackie Baker - State Committee Representative

DEMOCRATIC PARTY RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

On Saturday, July 14, the Party will hold its 4th annual Recognition Luncheon at Blue Ridge Park, New Milford (the pavilion behind the old school, on Church Street). We use this day to recognize and honor people who have served the Susquehanna County Democratic Party in the past. Please join us at noon for a pot luck luncheon, bring your favorite homemade dish to share. Ham, meatballs, drinks and table service will be provided. Please RSVP to mwarren1822@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

HARFORD FAIR DEMOCRATIC PARTY BOOTH

Have you visited our booth at the Harford Fair? The best way to describe its location is across from the Montrose Band milkshakes and next to the roasted corn. While there we meet with voters, share literature and campaign signs of our party and candidates and introduce our candidates to voters. We're looking for volunteers to fill slots during the week, are you available to help? The slots are four hours long i.e., 10 AM-2 PM, 2 PM-6 PM and 6 PM-10 PM. We provide your admission ticket which is good for the whole day you volunteer. The Independent Democratic Women of Susquehanna County have graciously volunteered for Wednesday, 10 AM-10 PM. Please send an email to mwarren1822@gmail.com, if you can help.



If you have something you would like to submit regarding your corner of Susquehanna County, please email to scdemscommunications@gmail.com

Deadline for the next newsletter is Sept. 15th.



**BECKY
KERR KINNEY**
PA HOUSE DISTRICT 111

FALL RALLY

Join us on Saturday, September 29th at 1 PM at the Hallstead American Legion for our annual Fall Rally. A buffet dinner will be served at the cost of \$30 per person or \$55 a couple. Our Democratic candidates for the November election will be speaking, there will also be a basket raffle and 50/50. Come out, enjoy a great meal, meet up with old friends and make new friends. RSVP to Joni Kaiser at jkaiser@uwbroome.org or 570.727.2292. The Legion is located at 612 New York Ave., Hallstead.

MONTROSE PARADE

Spend a few hours with us in the county seat of Susquehanna County, Montrose, on the 4th of July. The Democratic Party will have a float as well as other vehicles in the parade representing our campaign and candidates. Ride the float or walk and hand out our palm cards sharing candidate and candidates' information or distribute candy. Look for us in the vicinity of NAPA, prior to the start of the parade at 11 AM.

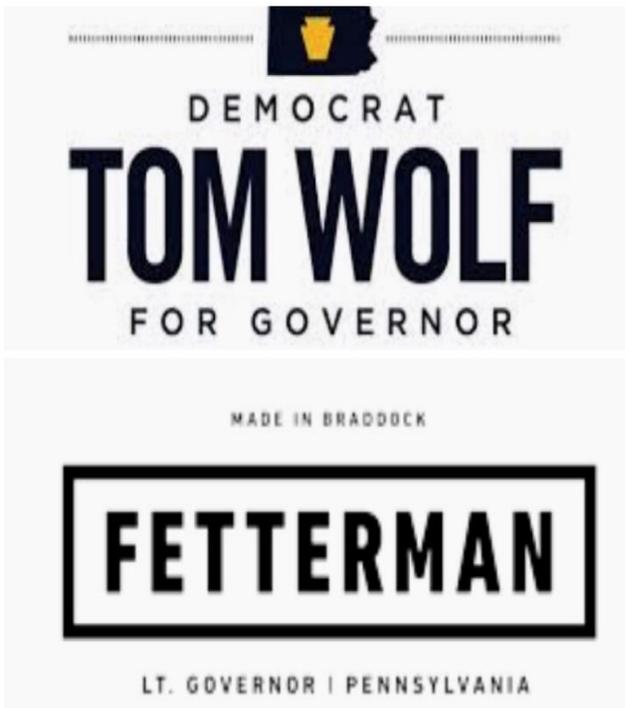
WE PUT PEOPLE FIRST

From the Desk of the Chair, Rick Ainey

First and foremost, THANK YOU, for your confidence and support in entrusting me with another four year term as your county chair.

As your chair it is my hope and goal to strive to make our county party more inclusive, more efficient, and more relevant. A step we took this past year to achieve this goal was to develop a strategic plan for our county party. This plan called for the creation of working committees. The four major committees were communications, events, campaigns, and fund raising. These committees are all inclusive soliciting all who wish to be involved members. Active working committees mean distributing the workload creating a much improved efficient county party. The result of being all inclusive gives the county party a broader base of ideas and opportunities. Being inclusive and efficient will make our Susquehanna County Democratic party more relevant within our communities.

Our county party meetings are held the first Wednesday at 7 PM, at the New Milford Borough building on Main Street (SR 11) in New Milford. All Democrats are encouraged to attend and participate. I look forward to working with you for the next four years. Feel free to contact me at anytime with your concerns, ideas, and suggestions for our Susquehanna County Democratic Party. I can be reached at chair@susquehannadems.com.



Submitted by the CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

John Hotvedt/Tom Charles, Co-Chairs

The campaign committee will be quite busy between now and November. First on the plate is the various parades across the county starting with the Montrose 4th of July Parade and the Thompson Parade on July 7th. These parades will see the debut of this year's palm cards. These cards have a listing of our candidates on one side, and other important information on the other. They'll be available at all our events through election day. We're also in the process of developing a co-ordinated county wide voter registration drive, more information will come as it nears. As in the past, we will be phone banking as well, look for more information to come. We'll also have a hand in helping to organize a meet the candidate event closer to election day. Everything will culminate in our get out the vote efforts. From there, we'll be looking forward to the future. County wide elections will be next year, anyone interested in running is encouraged to reach out.

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CANDIDATE BECKY KERR KINNEY

Submitted by: Barbara Scott, IDWSC Coordinator

Becky Kerr Kinney decided to run for the 111th Pennsylvania House seat because she, like many other middle class workers, feels marginalized by the special interests of corporate America. Becky's long-time membership in a union has taught her that fairness in the workplace like equal pay for equal work, a living wage, quality affordable health-care, time off when you are sick and vacation time are benefits that all of us are entitled to and Becky would like the chance to work toward achieving that goal for her fellow PA District 111th neighbors. She has learned that working together for the benefit of the entire group is the only way to ensure a quality of life that we all deserve.



When Becky is asked what her priority issues are she has to stop and think. "There are so many," she says. And then she whittles it down to: quality affordable healthcare for all, and here she emphasizes "quality" and "for all," fully, fairly and equably funded public education, a minimum wage that translates into a living wage, and sound environmental protections. She looks forward to working toward reversing cuts made to public education and even finding money for universal PreK. She will advocate for a fully funded DEP that can afford to inspect sites and ensure that our water, air and soil are clean and safe for generations to come. In addition, Becky feels strongly that we would all benefit from campaign reform, particularly campaign finance reform that allows candidates like Becky who are not wealthy or beholden to big donors, to run for office solely on the strength of their positions.

Becky is a huge movie freak. Recently she watched "Hostile," a movie she highly recommends, that takes place 150 years ago. This movie confirmed her belief that if we can get passed our fears, our preconceived notions, and our distrust of one another, we will be able to recognize that we have many concerns that are identical and that we can narrow the divide that separates us. Becky would like to be the catalyst that starts that narrowing on its course.

Becky says that, "Fairness, equality and inclusion are the bottom line of every position that I hold." She realizes that working for the mutual good of the entire 111th District will require cooperation in a bipartisan way. She understands that everything isn't going to go her way when she gets to the General Assembly and she looks forward to that challenge.

Becky welcomes help on her campaign. She is anxious for your input. If you are interested in helping her, please email her: Rebecca.kinney.district111@gmail.com. Becky is a member of the IDWSC.

IDWSC MAKES THEIR MARK IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE PARTY

Since its inception, the Independent Democratic Women of Susquehanna County has seen its mission as including service to the community at large as well as to the Democratic Party of our county. To that end, we have been busy over the past year and a half.

The IDWSC truck (belonging to Barbara Scott and John Hotvedt) appeared with a contingent of riders and walkers in both the Montrose Fourth of July Parade and the one in Thompson, as well as the Clifford Firehouse parade.



Our presence was visible at rallies and at our legislator's offices around the county and the area as we spoke out for the Affordable Care Act, and DACA, and at the March for Our Lives on January 21 in solidarity with women around the world. We staged a "Honk for Love" demonstration at the intersection of I-81 and Route 11 after the hateful behavior displayed in Charlottesville. We participated in the Tax Rally in Binghamton and the Climate Change rally in Ithaca. Several of us boarded buses for the Fair Districts PA rally at the Capital in Harrisburg in March. It helps to be together in times of stress and challenge. We are proud of our accomplishments and committed to being a continuing presence in the county. Any Democratic woman who would like to join us in making our mark is welcome! We will begin meeting again in the fall. Check out our Facebook page: Independent Democratic Women of Susquehanna County or send an email to IDWSC1920@gmail.com.

DONNA IANNONE CANDIDATE FOR THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Submitted by the Candidate

I have been living and working in the 110th district almost my entire life. I have seen and personally experienced many of the struggles people face in this area, but it's my desire to help people solve these issues that has propelled me into the race for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Gas royalties are one of the biggest issues facing rural Pennsylvanians today, and the current legislature does not seem concerned with doing much to solve it. If I'm elected, I will fight to ensure that people are being paid the royalties that were promised in their leases, no matter who I must fight against.

I believe that high speed internet is as important as electricity, clean water, and good roads, so I want to improve rural broadband access through public and private partnerships with internet providers.

I have lost some dearly loved people to the opiate epidemic, and I will do all I can to bring it to an end. I believe that possessing small amounts of marijuana should be decriminalized because it is costing tax payers far too much money in court cost, jail time, and booking costs.

We need to find a mechanism so that people can get the health care and mental health care. We need to make sure our children, elderly, veterans, women and anyone else that needs mental health services are receiving those services.

I am a small business owner, and I understand, firsthand, about all the problems and successes that can arise there. I will do everything I can to support local businesses and local farmers because I believe they are the backbone of this area.

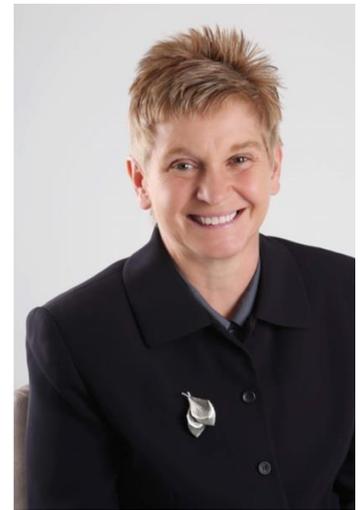
I am incredibly supportive of our local volunteer fire departments and emergency service personnel. I want to work to ensure that we find a balance between training requirements for volunteer personnel versus professional personnel. We need to encourage more people to volunteer for our local services versus putting undue burdens on people willing to volunteer and serve their community.

The Pennsylvania State Public Education System is another arena where I will fight tooth and nail for the students in the state. I believe public schools are being bled dry by cyber and charter schools, and the cyber and charter schools are not producing the results they should be with all their funding. I believe that all cyber/charter students need to adhere to the same standards as public school students. I also want to limit the amount of funding that public schools contribute to cyber/charter schools, and that all funding and expenses related to the cyber/charter schools, including the administration cost, need to be transparent.

I believe strongly that people should be free to love who they love, and the state should not stop two people from marrying. And, above everything else, I believe that all people are important and can make a difference when and if they are given the opportunity.

You can learn more about my campaign at www.donnaiannone.com or you can support my campaign by donating to Donna Iannone, PO Box 32, Dushore, Pa 18614.

I realize that there are numerous issues, but as your representative, I will fight to make sure you come first. I respectfully ask for your vote and support in this important Pennsylvania House race.





The mission of the Susquehanna County Democratic Party is to build the party by increasing participation, valuing and including a diversity of people and electing Democrats.

CANDIDATE MARC FRIEDENBERG FOR U.S. CONGRESS 12TH DISTRICT

Marc Friedenbergs is a native of Northeast Philly, the oldest son of Charles and Lori. He first moved to State College fifteen years ago to enroll at Penn State's College of Information Sciences and Technology, where he graduated with a Master's Degree in 2006. Marc has always had a passion for figuring out how technology could be used to improve people's lives. His Master's thesis was focused on helping emergency responders locate each other in the field, back before smartphones and Google Maps were popular.

Next, Marc graduated from Columbia Law School, pursuing his interest in cyber law and Internet privacy. After graduating in 2009, in the midst of the Great Recession, he worked for two law firms and pursued cases against the Wall Street banks that caused it, using his skill with computer technology to sift through the data and prove that fraud had occurred.

While suing the big banks, Marc saw firsthand the greed, corruption, and carelessness that has taken over our economy and our government and has never forgotten those experiences while talking to working people out on the campaign trail.

In 2012, Marc was recruited for a teaching position at his alma mater, Penn State's College of Information Sciences and Technology, and returned to State College, excited by the opportunity to give back to the community as an educator. Today, he serves on the Faculty Senate and teaches classes related to cyber law and the global economy.

Marc never thought he would go into politics, but after Congress tried to kick millions of Americans off their health insurance to give a massive tax break to the ultra-wealthy, Marc felt called to act. He first started a group called PA5 Truth and Action, dedicated to organizing local activists and concerned citizens and mobilizing them against the effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act. The repeal effort was successfully beaten back, but it became clear that Congressional Republicans—the recipients of millions of dollars in donations from the health insurance industry, Big Pharma, and Wall Street banks—had decided to stop listening to their own constituents altogether. Marc decided to step up and run to give the people of Pennsylvania a chance to vote for a representative who would work for them, rather than for big corporations and ultra-wealthy donors.

Marc declared his candidacy in September of 2017 and kicked off his campaign by announcing plans for a Listening Tour that visited every county in his district, where citizens of any political affiliation can come and voice their concerns. He is incredibly grateful for the insights, feedback, support, and encouragement he has received from people across the district.

After the Pennsylvania Supreme Court redrew the State's Congressional District lines in February 2018, Marc's home in Centre County was included in the new 12th Congressional District. Even though he was looking forward to winning the fight against Glenn Thompson, Marc quickly announced his plans to seek the Democratic nomination in this new district to take on a new incumbent, Tom Marino. As Marc said: "I first decided to run for Congress because my family, my friends, and my neighbors deserve better representation in government, and I felt called to act. That hasn't changed just because the map has." Email: marc@marcforpa.com Phone: 814-409-7470



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Submitted by MaryAnn Warren

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The Commissioners created a **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND RECOVERY INITIATIVE** and have committed \$10,000 from the general fund to assess the resources available to County residents and improve upon the extent of services available and also ensure residents receive those services in a timely manner with choices to services. Over 1,000 County residents are receiving substance abuse disorder services. An updated **Susquehanna County Resource Brochure** is also in the works. Thus far, over 12,000 have been distributed. The **Resource Brochure** was one of many goals shared with Susquehanna County residents from the Suicide Awareness Initiative begun in 2015. Scranton Counseling has a presence in the County as well as a 24-hour crisis number, 1.844.348.6100 and we have a Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Diane Hawley-Wurth educating residents on the resources available for suicide prevention. Call her today at 570.892.1190 to schedule a presentation for your school, church or organization.

We continue to work with Trehab as the County's designated **Literacy** facilitator as this community action agency also has an active Workforce Investment program and helps residents with employment opportunities through education and training.

Construction continues on the clocktower of the Courthouse and we expect a completion date later in August. We've awarded the bid for the new maintenance building to be built on Ellsworth Drive, Bridgewater Township at a cost of \$990,000. Our Act 13 monies have been announced based on 2017 numbers and we'll soon receive just over \$5.9M, which will be included in the 2019 budget, as we continue to apply for grant funds for a Public Safety Building.

Employment opportunities with the County can be found at the following link:

<http://susqco.com/courthouse/employment-opportunities/>.

I continue to have Community Outreach hours in Forest City at Elegante's Restaurant on the 3rd Thursday of each month and would support the opportunity of another venue in the County. I welcome your comments, suggestions and opinions, please email me at mwarren@susqco.com or by phone, office 570.278.6604 or cell 570.533.3716.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SCHOLARSHIPS



Dennis Holbrook, Montrose Borough 1W Committeeman, presented Emma DeMark of Mt. View High School our \$300 scholarship.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OUR SENIORS,
OUR FUTURE LEADERS!**



Laura Bonner, Strategic Planning Chair, presented Blue Ridge High School senior Delia Geyer our \$300 scholarship.