

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1st - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.

October 9th - Last day to register for the General Election

October 30th - Last day to request an Absentee Ballot

November 2nd - Absentee Ballot must be returned by 5 PM

November 6th - General Election, Polls open 7 AM to 8 PM

November 7th - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.

****Please check updates via email from Chairman Rick Ainey regarding any changes or added events.**

Submitted by Jackie Baker



John Fetterman, Jackie Baker, Governor Tom Wolf

Susquehanna Democratic Party Chair, Rick Ainey and State Committee Member, Jackie Baker attended the PA Democratic State Committee in Harrisburg, PA on Sept. 7th and 8th. They attended several Deminars and Caucus meetings. Jackie attended the Thank You Reception with Gov. Wolf. where she personally thanked Gov. Wolf for all of his hard work for Pennsylvanians and met candidate for Lt. Governor, John Fetterman, who will be attended the NEPA Democrats Fall Rally in Susquehanna County on Sept. 29, 2018.

VOTE FOR OUR TEAM ON NOVEMBER 6TH

	Governor TOM WOLF Lt. Governor	
	JOHN FETTERMAN	
U.S. Senate BOB CASEY	U.S. Congress 12th District MARC FRIEDENBERG	
PA House 110th District DONNA IANNONE	PA House 111th District BECKY KERR-KINNEY	
<i>We put people first</i>		



MARC FRIEDENBERG
FOR CONGRESS

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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 Dec. 15th



FIGHTING TO CHANGE HARRISBURG

TOM WOLF

JOHN FETTERMAN

www.WolfForPa.com

From the desk of the Chair, Rick Ainey

Let me thank you all for the great efforts you are making for the benefit of our Susquehanna County Democratic party. We may be the minority party in number of registered voters, but that does not mean we are the party with less principles, the party with less respect and care for our citizens, or the party with less ideas on how our government should work for the people. You see we put people first. Not the corporations, not the super rich or connected, but just plain people.

We believe that seniors have earned an opportunity to live their golden years in happiness and tranquility. They should not have to worry if they will be covered by medicare without cuts. Will they see cuts in social security? Can we let the current national leaders in our nation continuously embarrass us? Will any effort be made to get this opioid epidemic under control? Or will our congressional representative keep letting big pharma influence him with their political contributions?

In November there will be an opportunity to begin to bring sanity back to government. We can do that by reelecting Bob Casey to the U.S. Senate, reelecting Tom Wolf Governor with John Fetterman as Lt. Governor. We need a congressman that will be available to his constituents by electing Marc Freidenberg as our congressman. Our state representative candidates Donna Iannone and Becky Kerr Kinney will be effective in Harrisburg in representing us.

We all need to vote on November 6th to avoid the terrible mistake made in 2016. Staying home will only continue the current chaos. If you should need an absentee ballot contact us. Again I thank you in helping us as a party by putting people first.



Past Susquehanna County Democratic Party
Chairs, Joe Plonski and Bob McNamara

Submitted by the CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE John Hotvedt/Tom Charles, Co-Chairs

As election day gets closer and closer, there's more and more for the campaign committee to do. Our phone bank is already up and running. Very soon, our first ever billboards will be going up in Montrose and Hallstead. We're also in the process of preparing our other advertising as well. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled. In addition, we'll be looking ahead to next year. 2019 will be a year for local elections, both on the municipal and county level, and school board as well. If you're interested in running, please reach out to us at scdemscampaign@gmail.com and we'll help out however we can.

This is a few months old but shows how our Senator never waivers on his decisions and always puts people and values first and is packed full of information.

FOR PA 110
DONNA IANNONE
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videos/1846741995438958/](https://www.facebook.com/139221640108224/videos/1846741995438958/)

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR PENNSYLVANIA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

40 Pieces of Legislation Enacted into Law	34,607 Constituent Cases Closed Since 2012
PA is 1 of 18 States Receiving Support from the Pregnancy Assistance Fund	104 PA Police Officers Hired Through the COPPS Program
\$1.2 Billion Over 10 Years Saved for PA Education Funding	Saves \$1,137 Per Person on Prescription Medications for Seniors in PA
\$178 Million Secured for Homeland Security in PA	2,000 PA Minors and Widows Have Health Insurance
PA Bipartisan Address Infants on Opioids	

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMTZ6aRo28Q>

CANDIDATE BECKY KERR KINNEY

Submitted by the Candidate



This week I came home from work to my mailbox to find a letter with a return address of the PA AFL-CIO on it. I opened it to find that the PA AFL-CIO was endorsing me as a candidate for House District 111. As an almost thirty-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, you cannot imagine the pride I took in receiving this endorsement.

We have just passed Labor Day, a holiday that I always respected immensely. I often reflect on how far we have advanced. I reflect on those who fought for and sometimes lost their lives to win rights for the working men and women of this country and others. It seems we live in times where the working class is being attacked on all fronts. Teachers, waitresses, nurses, truck drivers etc. etc. Corporate America would have us believe that we don't deserve a decent wage and benefits, and too many politicians seems to agree. They would have us believe that organized labor is bad and hurting the viability of business in America. All these tales, while CEOs take home millions of dollars yearly, many times right up until they sell the employees down the drain as they effortlessly leap into their golden parachute.

I have always been proud to be a union member. I actively sought out a union company to work for when I was 29 years old. Growing up in a Teamster household where my family survived on only my dad's paycheck, and in a home where healthcare was provided for all family members at no cost to my dad, I knew early that union was the "life" I wanted. I have also always taken great pride in the caliber of work I have done in the workplace, whatever job I did. I did and still do believe that many standing together were stronger than one standing alone. I also believe that if one dedicates decades of their adult life to contributing to the financial success of a company they should be treated with respect both physically and financially. They should share in the success of the company they work for, despite the current culture of companies treating employees like a necessary evil and many times "the enemy."

Unfortunately, many workers have bought into this narrative. The companies cry poverty, laughing all the way to the bank. Do I begrudge a CEO making millions? No, I do not, if those millions are not depriving the workers who contribute to the company, of a good wage. A working person should not have to work 2, 3 or more jobs to survive. They should earn a good wage, and if they choose, a union wage. Unions should be embraced by workers as the gap between workers pay and CEOs pay continues to widen. We should embrace organized labor, as more and more benefits are taken from the working class while more work, more hours etc. are expected of workers. Health care, pensions, life insurance, vacations, sick leave etc. are usually no longer part of a worker's compensation. That is unless you work in a company whose employees are represented by a labor union.

There is one thing corporate America neglects to tell the American worker. **WE ARE THE JOB CREATORS.** When we spend our paychecks and buy goods and services, we create a demand for such goods and services. The better our pay the more we can spend to stimulate the economy. This in turn, creates jobs. We are the workers of this country. We keep this country functioning on a daily basis. We should once again take pride in the work we do. We need not buy into the "fairy tale" that says we are not worth a good wage, we are not worth respect, we are not worth healthcare, we are not worth pensions, etc. We should stand up and say, "I am worth a good wage." "My coworkers and I will stand together to ensure we get the best pay and benefits that we can get for our contribution to the success of the companies we work for."

I think Robert Kennedy summed it up perfectly, years ago when he said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." It is these opinions I have had regarding the work place and the quality of the jobs I have done that make me so proud to have received the endorsement of the PA AFL-CIO.

SOLIDARITY!

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.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Submitted by MaryAnn Warren

The first meeting of the **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND RECOVERY INITIATIVE** was well attended and with the diverse group of professionals, elected officials and community members involved I look forward to the progress of the next year. With over 1,000 County residents receiving substance abuse disorder services, we've already identified unmet needs as well as resources we were un aware of. Work continues on the updated **Susquehanna County Resource Brochure** as more resources are shared.

Scranton Counseling Center 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.

I look forward to the long awaited opening of **Trehab's Community Resource Center** in Montrose. It will be a one stop venue for those looking for help in the recovery process. Many of the resources are already being shared i.e., GED classes, computer classes, life skills, workforce investment as well as counseling.

Work has begun on the 2019 budget with an approval date scheduled in December. Watch my facebook page for it being out for public display.

Employment opportunities with the County can be found at the following link:
<http://susqco.com/courthouse/employment-opportunities/>.

The public comment meeting for the Comprehensive Plan was recently held with NO public input. The public hearing will be held in October.

We continue to have meetings and events as it is stated, we have no resources, but only a minimal amount of public has presence. Please share with me what you would like to see in the County.

I was honored to have been invited by Senator Bob Casey to attend the Rural Summit in Washington recently regarding the Economy and Healthcare in Rural America. All the problems facing Susquehanna County are affecting rural Counties nationwide.

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.

The Independent Democratic Women of Susquehanna County

Submitted by Jackie Baker

The Independent Democratic Women of Susquehanna County (IDWSC) are sending out postcards to registered voters in Susquehanna County in an effort to Get Out The Vote for the November 6th general election. Postcards were sent out to 4800 registered Independent and Democratic women in Susquehanna County and 200 were sent to registered Democratic men between the ages of 18-30. Postcards were sent out the third week of September.

The IDWSC will have a general meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Community Room at the Susquehanna County Library in Montrose. Independent and Democratic women are welcome to attend.!

