

# SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Desk of the Chair, Rick Ainey

Thank you so much for having an interest in our Susquehanna County Democratic party and participating as much as you can. We are about to have a primary election on May 21st where we will select our nominees to represent us in the general election in November. On behalf of the county party, thank you to those who have offered themselves as candidates. Being a candidate can be both rewarding and challenging. The reward of meeting and conversing with your neighbors can be so revealing and rewarding. The time and effort to successfully compete for a local office can be extremely challenging. In addition to the primary on May 21st there will be a special election for U.S. Congress in the 12th district which includes all of Susquehanna County. Marc Friedenberg is our nominee. If we are to change the "Washington Way", we need new members of congress that will represent us all.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

**June 10** - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Montrose Parade

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Thompson Parade

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Recognition Luncheon  
Blue Ridge Park, New Milford

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough

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

### SPECIAL ELECTION

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE

12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**MARC FRIEDENBERG**

### MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT

(Vote for Not More Than TWO)

**BETH TARASI**

**DANIEL D McCAFFERY**

**AMANDA GREEN-HAWKINS**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Vote for Not More Than TWO)

**MARYANN WARREN**

**THOMAS G FOLLERT**

**SUSAN ROWE**

**JUDY HERSHEL**

COUNTY AUDITOR

(Vote for Not More Than TWO)

**RICK AINEY**

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## MARC FRIEDENBERG

Marc never thought he would go into politics, but after Congress tried to kick millions of Americans off of 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.

### What Has The IDWSC Been Up To Lately?

Submitted by Barbara Scott

Quite a lot as it turns out! We saw a great turnout at our April 6th General Meeting that was dedicated to a forum featuring the four Democratic candidates for County Commissioner: Sue Rowe, MaryAnn Warren, Judy Herschel and Tom Follert.

We will be cleaning up Chenango Street on April 27th for our biennial Adopt-a-Highway cleanup commitment and we will be preparing the meal for the Open Door Café three times a year on the fourth Wednesday of the month in June, October and February.

Our fundraising committee is planning a film festival with details to follow as we need money for a number of things we have decided to commit to: Yearly donations to the Open Door Café, the Wilkes Barre Planned Parenthood facility, and the Susquehanna County Democrats Scholarship Fund. In addition, we will be raising money to support our 2020 GOTV initiatives and to support our expanding “Just Facts” campaign.

Watch for the launch of our new podcast, “Reality Check Chat,” currently in production. And, feel free to contact us if you are interested in joining or you know of any woman who you think might be. Our email address is IDWSC1920@gmail.com.

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

On Saturday, July 20th, the Party will hold its 5th 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 potluck luncheon, bring your favorite homemade dish to share. Ham, meatballs, drinks and table service will be provided. If you have someone who has served the Democratic Party and you would like to see them recognized, please contact MaryAnn Warren. RSVP to mwarren1822@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

If you have something you would like to submit regarding your corner of Susquehanna County, please email to [scdemcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:scdemcommunications@gmail.com)

Deadline for the next newsletter is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Commissioner's Corner

Submitted by MaryAnn Warren

With Election Day around the corner, I want to share facts regarding the voting machine in each precinct. The 'machine' does not store any information. It is not new to this election, we had the same sort of machine last November, just a different model number. After the directive of the PA Department of State requiring all counties have a paper record of votes cast and the Governor's offer to share costs with Counties in the Commonwealth, we were the first county to get on board. Please watch the newsclip from September 2018. <http://wnep.com/2018/09/21/voting-upgrade-for-susquehanna-county/>

Current County employment opportunities include First Deputy- Recorder of Deeds, Office Manager-District Justice, Accounting Clerk/HR Support, Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff, 911 Dispatcher Trainee. <http://susqco.com/courthouse/employment-opportunities/>

We continue to offer educational sessions regarding issues that seriously affect Susquehanna County residents; tick-borne diseases, suicides and substance use. Unfortunately, the public says we have no resources, but then, does not attend to be educated on the services available. As long as there is a 'need', we will continue to offer these educational forums and look to different marketing techniques in the future.

I continue to share the facts happening in Susquehanna County on my Facebook page.

MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna Co., PA Commissioner

The donated 15 acre property in New Milford Twp. by Andy Aulakh is officially Susquehanna County property, with the plans for the public safety complex moving forward. The need for an updated 911 operation center has been a long time coming and we look forward to also housing the Coroner's facility with a morgue, Magisterial District Judge 34-3-02, emergency management, and GIS. The property is in close proximity to the PSP on SR 848. Further into the future are plans for emergency responder training facilities. For the past few months, we've been paying for meals for seniors who were put on a 'wait list'. We need to be sure that our seniors are receiving nutritious meals and have that safety check five days a week, while family and friends are working.

It's been my honor to share with you at monthly meetings, the news of the Courthouse and good things happening in Susquehanna County as well as volunteering and being a committed member of the Susquehanna County Democratic Party for over 20 years.

### **DEMOCRATIC PARTY HARFORD FAIR 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. Please send an email to [mwarren1822@gmail.com](mailto:mwarren1822@gmail.com), if you can help.

## PA SUPERIOR COURT DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CANDIDATES 2019 Summary

Submitted by John Hotvedt

In the May 21st primary, three candidates are running for the Democratic nomination for two open seats on the PA Superior Court. The Superior Court hears appeals from the Court of Common Pleas in criminal and civil cases and matters involving families & children. Superior Court justices serve 10-year terms. During the final year of their term, justices may ask voters to be retained for an additional term. The candidates are pictured & named below, with their current employment and information resources to find out more. You'll be able to vote for no more than two of the four candidates. The last person listed is a sitting Democratic judge on the Superior Court who is asking to be retained for another term.



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