

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSLETTER

2019 November

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 5th – ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 7 AM – 8 PM

November 11th - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.

January 13th - - Monthly County Party mtg. 7 PM, New Milford Borough bldg.

February 10th - 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.**

Election Day
NOVEMBER
5th

Vote for your statewide and local Democrats

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Superior Court Retention

- Anne Lazarus**
Superior Court
- Amanda Green-Hawkins**
- Daniel D McCaffery**
County Commissioner
- MaryAnn Warren**
- Judy Herschel**
County Auditor
- Rick Ainey**

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Re-elect **MaryAnn WARREN**
Commissioner
'Working for you'

PAID BY FRIENDS OF MARYANN WARREN

Judy Herschel

For Susquehanna County Commissioner

Elect **RICK AINEY**
County Auditor

From the desk of the Chair, Rick Ainey

In a very few days we will all be asked to do our duty to our country, our community, and most important to ourselves by voting on November 5th. We have choices that can and will affect us in the future. The first choices will be to select two Superior court judges. We offer Amanda Green Hawkins and Dan McCaffery. Two talented individuals that if elected will give Democrats the majority in that body to go with the majority we elected to the Supreme court. The next choices will be for County Commissioner. Our two candidates MaryAnn Warren and Judy Herschel bring an opportunity to continue to lead Susquehanna County into the future. Another choice will be more personal to me as your nominee for county auditor. I ask for your vote and support to be your eyes in the courthouse involving county assets. Last, and certainly most important will be your local municipal offices. These folks impact your life probably more then any other elected official. Your close scrutiny of these candidates is most important as all politics is local. The day after November 6th is time to seriously start working on the 2020 election. This election may well be a turning point in our history. How we participate will determine if it be a positive or negative impact, I urge you to become involved. Start by attending our county party meetings, register for our email list, or just contact me to learn how you can be involved.

Happy Holidays and have a great 2020!



KNOW WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT NOV 5TH?

-John Hotvedt

Susquehanna County Democratic Campaign Committee

Summary of Offices & Other Ballot Choices

STATE

- PA Superior Court Judges 2 seats, each for a 10-year term
 - A contest between 2 Dems & 2 Reps (Vote for not more than 2)
- PA Superior Court Judges 4 up for retention for another 10-year term
 - A yes/no ballot question for each judge - 1 Dem & 3 Reps
- Proposed Amendment to the PA Constitution
 - A yes/no ballot question on Crime Victim Rights

COUNTY

- District Attorney
 - No contest 1 Rep (vote for 1)
- 3 County Commissioner seats
 - A contest between 2 Dems & 2 Reps (vote for not more than 2)
- County Treasurer
 - No contest 1 Rep (vote for 1)
- Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds & Clerk of Orphan's Court
 - No contest 1 Rep (vote for 1)
- 3 County Auditor seats
 - No contest 1 Dem & 2 Reps (vote for not more than 2)
- County Coroner
 - No contest 1 Rep (vote for 1)
- Magisterial District Court Judge 34-3-03 (only one of 3 county MDCs in election)
 - Southern District:
Boroughs: Forest City, Hop Bottom and Union Dale
Townships: Brooklyn, Clifford, Gibson, Harford, Herrick, Lathrop and Lenox
 - No contest 1 Dem/Rep

MUNICIPAL

- Twp Supervisors (seats, terms and candidates vary by township)
- Boro Councilman (seats, terms and candidates vary by boro)
- Constable (optional office but usually no more than one for 6-year term)
- School Bd Director (seats and candidates vary per municipality, 4-year term)
- Auditors (seats, terms and candidates vary by municipality & are sometimes hired)

INTRODUCING OUR STATE & COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TEAM

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania

The Superior Court was established in 1895 and is one of two statewide intermediate appellate courts. [Learn more.](#)



Two Democratic candidates are running to fill two seats on the bench of 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. Our candidates are pictured & named below, with their current employment and information resources to find out more. Please click the links and get to know them. Then vote for Amanda Green-Hawkins and Judge McCaffery and say YES to retaining Judge Lazarus for another term.



Amanda Green-Hawkins

Currently Asst. General Counsel for the United Steel Workers Union in Pittsburgh

<https://www.AmandaGreenHawkins.com> & <https://Facebook.com/AmandaforJudge>



Daniel D. McCaffery

Currently sitting Judge on Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas <https://Facebook.com/McCafferyforSuperiorCourt>



Anne Lazarus

Currently a sitting judge of the superior court asking to be retained for another term

<http://www.pacourts.us/courts/superior-court/superior-court-judges/judge-anne-e-lazarus>

2020 POTLUCK PLANNING MEETING: The First of Many submitted by Barbara Scott

Saturday September 14th was the first of what we hope will be many informal get togethers of Democrats in our County planning to do our part to take back our democracy in 2020. Over Democratically raised hamburgers and donkey shaped cookies, we started brainstorming ideas for getting Democrats actively involved in next year's campaign. We hailed from Dimock, Hallstead, Franklin, Liberty, Oakland, and Rush precincts. Recognizing that we need more people interested in helping out, sooner rather than later, we began plans for an issue-based forum to be held in early January, and tossed back and forth ideas about where and when we should have more of these informal discussions. Of course, we complained vociferously about our current administration and the need to get a Democratic president and as many Democrats in office (in Washington and Harrisburg both) as possible. The desire to vent among fellow Democrats who don't agree on everything, but do agree on ONE thing for sure, was refreshing in a way. So, if you missed it never fear, our next potluck planning meeting will be Saturday, November 16th. Details will follow but mark your calendars if you're interested in conversing, or venting, sharing ideas and good food with fellow S.C. Democrats. Join us. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th!



IDWSC debuts “Reality Check Chat” podcast

Submitted by Liz Kearney

“Reality Check Chat,” the IDWSC’s podcast, is on the air. Subtitled, “Defining the American Dream,” the Independent Democratic Women overwhelmingly came to the conclusion that facts matter. In this world of ours we need to be aware of what is real and what is not, and we decided to take on the task of clarifying some misunderstandings and falsehoods that seem to surround and affect our lives more and more.

Each podcast runs about 30 minutes and is hosted by IDWSC members Barb Scott, Judy Herschel and Liz Kearney. The first issue, on the Equal Rights Amendment, debuted in early July. Subsequent topics included education, climate catastrophe and food in-insecurity. Upcoming podcasts will include Democratic candidates for local elections, health care, fair elections/voter rights, and more. The goal is to air a show about every two weeks.

And even though we’re up and running, we could still use some volunteers eager to help with research and other podcast tasks. Email us at realitycheckchat@gmail.com or ISDWC1920@gmail.com for more information on volunteering. (Barb says working on the podcast is more fun than she expected!)

Visit us at www.realitycheckchat.com where you can listen to the current and previous podcasts, check out our facts and sources page, and subscribe.

Reality Check Chat may also be found through the SoundCloud app.

Thank you to our webmaster, Amanda Cook, and to Carl Hagstrom for our theme music.

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.

Thank you to those who have supported me in the past! I believe the partnerships gained over the last 16 years have made Susquehanna County a great place to live, work, play and be educated. I humbly ask for the consideration of your support and vote on November 5th to continue to build on our past accomplishments and keep Susquehanna County moving forward. I have proven my ability to be a team player and am proud of our accomplishments which include continued fiscal responsibility with no County tax increases, 2006 through 2020, the elimination of the occupation tax and a fully funded pension. We have made the Courthouse ADA compliant, made upgrades for the safety of employees as well as you and look forward to finally being in compliance with all the regulations of a new public safety complex in New Milford Township, with donated property. We will continue the ‘fight’ for home delivered meals and wellness checks for our seniors five days a week as we actively research other options.

Please vote on November 5th for people you can count on to keep YOUR interests a priority today and tomorrow.

Respectfully,

MaryAnn Warren

[MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna Co., PA Commissioner](#)

Nowadays, we can not turn on the television, open up a newspaper, or go on our Facebook page without seeing something “political.” It can be overwhelming, confusing and disheartening at times. I get it. I’ve been there myself.

However, we must persevere. We can never allow our political irritations to cause apathy within ourselves. Not voting, choosing not to pay attention, and not being involved in the election process are NOT the answer. In fact, any of these things will most certainly only add to the problems we face. Your involvement, your vote, and your voice are the SOLUTION!

We have a very important local election coming up on November 5th. Who you vote for will have a direct affect on you and your family every day. This is something we can’t take lightly. Get involved in our local elections. Talk to family, friends and neighbors about the difficult topics. Encourage your community members to register to vote. Drive someone to the polls. Attend a political event. Canvass and phone bank for the candidate you believe in. Learn, listen, talk, and, VOTE. If we all did our part, we can ONLY move forward and succeed!

Judy Herschel

Candidate for Susquehanna County Commissioner

www.supportjudy.com