



# E-Kickin' It Richland County Democratic Party

Events Schedule and Special Notices

Week of January 10<sup>th</sup> , 2021

(Please scroll down to see Calendar)

***JOE'S Corner Bar*** -by Chairman Larry Weirich

*(Just as our HQ's Kitchen will always be Rod Reid's Kitchen, this area of the newsletter will always be "Joe's Corner Bar!")*

Good Morning Fellow Democrats,

It certainly didn't take 2021 long to surpass the craziness of 2020. January 6, 2021 was a very sad day for our country. President Donald Trump and his republican enablers over the past 4 years allowed our capitol building to be taken hostage by a group of right wing extremist. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think the ego of one man and the thirst for power by the Republican Party would lead to such a sad day in our history. Never have we needed the leadership of President Elect Joe Biden and Vice President Harris more than we do right now.

I'm sure you all saw the article about 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Mansfield City Councilman Jason Lawrence decided to change political parties. I was also notified this week that Richland County Auditor Pat Dropsey has also changed his political affiliation. Both of these seats are now controlled by the Republicans. We have a great candidate in Aurelio Diaz gathering signatures for the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. I look forward to having that seat back after the fall election. The same holds true for the auditor's seat the next time it's on the ballot.

We also have an election coming up for a seat on the Richland County Election Board. Former Chairman Joseph H. Mudra will be up for re-election. Joe has served since 2010 on this board. Joe has proven to be a leader in this position, he stands for what he believes is right and always has the best interest of the voters in his decision-making process. More importantly than that, Joe works to make sure the election board employees are treated with dignity and respect. I strongly encourage each of you to support Joe at our executive committee meeting January 14<sup>th</sup> when this election is held. Let's keep Joe working for the voter in Richland County.

Take care,

Larry

## SPOTLIGHT



### National Day of Service - IBEW #688

*Submitted by Carl Neutzling,*  
IBEW Local #688 Business Manager & Vice Chair of the Richland County Democratic Party



IBEW 688 is facilitating a Food and Personal Care Item Drive to take place on Monday, January 18, 2021 in conjunction with the Biden/Harris Inauguration and the MLK National Day of Service. Attached is a flyer for the event and a document describing the National Day of Service. The beneficiary of the drive will be Harmony House located on West Third St in Mansfield.

We would appreciate any donations you could make. Please reference the two attachments to this newsletter - the IBEW 688 Food Drive and the National Day of Service documents.

Please contact Carl Neutzling for more information.

Thank you.

## Calendar of Events

(7 attachments - SADC Membership Drive & 10 Reasons, RCDP Minutes & RCDP Treasurer's Report, RCDWC Meeting Flyer, IBEW 688 Food Drive & National Day of Service)

### *Richland County Democratic Women's Caucus*

*Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. See agenda/speakers on the RCDWC page of this newsletter (attachment)*

#### *Zoom Link -*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87056718404?pwd=MVdpbmpKc0t6OXk5M2p5UGNlalf6dz09>

*Meeting ID: 870 5671 8404*

*Passcode: 499819*

**Phone Only (Alternative): +1 312 626 6799**

(\*6 to mute and unmute while on phone, \*9 to raise hand on phone)

*To ensure the integrity of our meeting, unknown and phone participants will be asked to identify themselves. Unknown parties that don't identify themselves will be removed. Please check that your Zoom display name is your name when you log in.*

### **Richland County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting & Election of Board of Elections Member**

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - Zoom access:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86532907643?pwd=Y2JXY3RSa01XYklrUnlSS1lob3dKZz09>

**Meeting ID: 865 3290 7643**

**Passcode: 134577**

**Phone Only (Alternative): +1 312 626 6799**

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*\*Shelby Area Democratic Club - Thursday January 21 - SADC Business Meeting and Election of Officers - Access details to follow. (see attachments for Membership Drive Info)*

# Committee Reports and Notices

**VIA Party Officers** - Since we haven't been able to meet in person since before we re-organized as the Executive Committee and we haven't been able to get to know our newer members in person, we will be "Spotlighting" some of our Central and Executive Committee members. If you would like to feature a person, or even yourself, please send a brief resume or background information and a picture if possible to Paulette at [phankins@embarqmail.com](mailto:phankins@embarqmail.com) **Please keep them coming so that we can introduce, or re-introduce our members!**

**VIA Joseph H. Mudra, former Chairman and Member of the Richland County Board of Elections** - Please accept my apologies for the date error in my letter sent to each of you asking for your support to be re-elected to the Board of Elections' seat. It should have stated that the meeting would be Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> (during our regular monthly meeting) instead of the 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope to "see" you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Shelby Area Democratic Club

<http://shelbyareadems.blogspot.com/>

Organized in 1968, the Shelby Area Democratic Club meets generally on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Sutter Roush Room, 23 East Main Street, rear - behind the Municipal Utilities Office in Shelby, Ohio. Our meetings are open to all area Democrats and persons of good will. Membership dues are \$5 annually.

Our meetings usually begin with a speaker in an informal, conversational setting. We then have our regular business meeting. All Democrats and people of good will are welcome to attend.



*"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."*

### **SHELBY DEMS OFFICERS FOR 2020**

President Garland Gates  
 Vice President Ted Clabaugh  
 Secretary Gail Eckstein  
 Treasurer Carol Kimmel

### **Notes & Reminders**

Hello, Shelby Area Dems...

Please see the attachments to this newsletter concerning our 2021 Membership Drive and listing the top 10 reasons to join the Shelby Area Democratic Club.

"Let us move forward with strong and active faith." - Pres. Franklin Delano Roosevelt

GJG

## Women's Caucus Blue Wave Corner



### Thank You for Your Generous Support:

The Women's Caucus would like to thank the people that supported our fundraising effort this year. You have helped us *meet our expenses as well as support local and state candidates, support the presidential campaign by purchasing Biden/Harris yard signs, provide funding toward the chase mailing for early voters, help Democratic candidates in Georgia and support our local party.* We wanted to recognize the generosity of the following people:

Ron Abrams, Emily Adams, Pat Addeo, Lucy Amsbaugh, Brenda Ault, Brenda Baker, Mary Jo Black, Brooke Boyd, Billie Brandon, Lucille Bridgeman, Brenda Brooks, Chris Brown, Christina Brun-Horrigan, Amy and Sean Burns, Rich and Pat Carlisle, Carolyn Caudill, Nancy Clabaugh, Kathy Clevenger, Vicki and John Dye, Gail Eckstein, Stephanie Eckstein, Mary Sue Edmiston, Sally Ford, Sandra Frye, Garland Gates, Susan Gentile, Susan Glorioso, Yvette Hallabrin, Bart Hamilton, Paulette Hankins, Ellen Haring, Mary Heminger, Amy Hiner, Tonya Johnson, Jane Johnson, Beulah Jones, Christine Judson, Jan Kennedy, Carol Kimmel, Deanna Krieger, Catherine Lowe, Irene Maginnis Gilbert, John Makley, John McCollister, Elzonia McCowan, Tiffany Mitchell, Jayne Moser, Joanne Mudra, Joe Mudra, Nancy Mudra, Cindy Mudra, Jody Nash, Christina O'Millian, Betty Palmer-Harris, Donna Payne, Kay Potter, Debora Pscholka, Kirsten Pscholka-Gartner, Emma Quander, Vernon and Deb Rapp, Rae Reeder, Lydia Reid, Jack Reiner, Solveig and David Root, Sharon Schulz, Gil Sellers, R. Lee Shepherd, Brenda and Darrell Starr-Jude, Jean Taddie, Gary Utt, Shirley Vogt, Barbara Watkins, Paula Watson, Violet Wetzell, Alberta Williams, Mary Wise, Carolyn Zara

### Women's Caucus Officers 2020

**Susan Gentile, President**

**Billie Brandon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Tiffany Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Carol Liles, Secretary - Joanne Mudra, Treasurer**

**<https://www.facebook.com/RCDPWC/>**

**VIA Billie Brandon - January Meeting Agenda**

**ODP Chair Candidate Antoinette Wilson will speak on the state of the State Dems.**

**RCDP Chairman Larry Weirich will speak on the state of the County Dems.**

**Board of Elections Director Paulette Hankins will provide info on open seats in the county.**

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~Margaret Mead***

## Election Notes

*By Director Paulette Hankins*

### Democratic Staff Members

**Paulette Hankins, Director**

**Debbie Obenour, IT Support/Election Specialist V**

**Diana Naumoff, Election Specialist I**

**John Makley, Voting Equipment Supervisor**



The filing deadline for Mansfield and Ontario Candidates and all Issues is February 3, 2021. The city-wide races require 50 signatures on the petition, and the ward seats require a minimum of 25 signatures. Shelby Candidates have a different filing deadline date of February 18<sup>th</sup> and different signature requirements according to their Charter. Petitions are available now.

Please note that petitions for non-partisan seats, such as school boards and village & township seats will be available soon. These have a filing deadline in August since they're not on the Primary ballot.

*Please contact Chairman Larry Weirich if you are interested in running for any office in 2021*

**Email: [boardofelections@richlandcountyoh.gov](mailto:boardofelections@richlandcountyoh.gov)**

**Twitter - @RichlandBOE**

**Website: [https://www.richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/public\\_administration/board\\_of\\_elections/index.php](https://www.richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/public_administration/board_of_elections/index.php)**

or

**[Vote.richlandcountyoh.gov](https://Vote.richlandcountyoh.gov)**

# Contact Your Representatives

CALL, EMAIL, TEXT, VISIT IN PERSON

## To Contact Your Federal Legislators:

**12<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Troy Balderson**  
(12<sup>th</sup> includes – City of Mansfield, Franklin (split), Madison (split), Jefferson, Perry, Lexington and Troy, Washington and Worthington.)

Washington, DC Office: 1221 Longworth House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515

Phone: [202-225-5355](tel:202-225-5355) Fax: [202-226-4523](tel:202-226-4523)

**Ohio Office** 250 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 100, Worthington, Ohio 43085 email: <https://balderson.house.gov/contact/email>

**7<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Bob Gibbs (R) – Washington, D.C.**

(7<sup>th</sup> District includes – City of Shelby, Bloominggrove, Butler, Cass, Franklin (split), Jackson, Madison (split), Mifflin, Monroe, Plymouth, Sandusky, Ontario, Springfield, Weller.) 2246 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515

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## Senator Sherrod Brown (D) Ohio

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## Senator Rob Portman (R) Ohio

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## To contact Ohio Legislators:

### Senator Mark Romanchuk (R)

District 22 – includes all of Richland County

Senate Building  
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Columbus, OH 43215  
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### Representative Marilyn John (R)

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## Richland County Democratic Party Info

Our Headquarters is located at 16 S. Park St. in Downtown Mansfield, on the south side of the Square. It is available to rent out at a reasonable cost for various functions by contacting the Building Manager. Call 419.522.0673 between 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. and talk to Ken Bender or Kathy Clevenger, or leave a message.



Our Annual "Friends of Party" Contribution drive for 2021 is underway. If you are a county employee, please remember you may submit a letter to the Auditor requesting your bi-weekly contribution amount be deducted from each pay. Please make your donation in the following amounts:

**Chairman's Club Gold - \$1000 and up**

**Chairman's Club Silver - \$500 - \$999**

**Sustainer - \$250 - \$499**

**Donator - \$100 - \$249**

**Contributor - \$50 - \$99**

**Please send contributions to: Sean Burns, Treasurer,  
Richland County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1256,  
Mansfield, Oh 44901.**

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**Paulette Hankins, Richland County  
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