

ElkCoDems Goin' On 2018

Official Newsletter of the Elkhart County Democratic Party

Chair's Corner

Precinct committee chairs are encouraged to appoint a Vice Chair. Please send name, address, phone and email to Chad Crabtree, chad@alumni.iu.edu and copy to elkcodems@gmail.com.

Remember that low number D license plates are available! The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles gives the political party County Chairs the ability to authorize low number plates, 20 D 1-100. Numbers 1- 4 are reserved for the County Central Committee. Individual who are interested in a low number plate should contact the County Chair (see above) for an authorization form to take the BMV.

Be sure to join the Chairman's Club for a nominal contribution of at least \$10 a month or \$120 for the year. Individuals help support the operation of the Elkhart County Democratic Party. These members are recognized on social media and various events throughout the year.

In addition there are two additional levels of opportunity for giving. The Platinum Circle at \$2,500 a year and the Gold Circle at \$1,000. Please contact Treasurer Don Shuler, drshuler@gmail.com, if you have interested in these opportunities.

It's Summertime

Candidates are actively reaching out to get-to-know the folks they will be representing, and for folks to get-to-know them. Democratic elected officials are getting out to interact with the citizens of our community. Dems are continuing to actively support candidates and causes, bring up issues to provide awareness, and encourage elected officials to respond and act. Voter registration has been a focus included in many of these activities.

The Elkhart County Democratic Party has been coordinating outreach for some summer events as well. We had an information booth during Rhapsody Arts & Music Festival in June. The primary focus was to provide information about Dem candidates and voter registration. Angela Davis did a great job coordinating the booth. Thanks to Dems who stepped up to volunteer at the booth. You made it happen!

The next big event is coming up soon. The Elkhart County 4H Fair and Parade is opportunity to meet folks and share perspectives. We will be reaching out with information about our values and our candidates. We will also be helping folks check their voter registration status and register to vote if needed. Booth volunteers will receive a gate pass for each day that you work at our booth.



Upcoming ECDP Events

Monthly Meetings

Wednesday August 8, 2018
6 pm

Ivy Tech Community College

Thursday September 13, 2018
6 pm

Ivy Tech Community College

Elkhart County Fair Parade
Sunday July 22, 2018 @ 1:30 pm
Linway Plaza Goshen

Elkhart County Fair Booth
July 20 – July 28, 2018

Commercial Exhibit Bldg. F
[Sign-Up Here](#)



Your monetary donations to the general fund continue our party's efforts. You may donate by using the ActBlue link on our website at <http://www.elkhartcountymocrats.com/> Or you can send them to PO Box 1116, Elkhart IN 46515.

If you wish to make a donation in person, join us at our monthly meetings.

Monetary donations to the ECDP are not tax deductible under IRS regulation.

Come on down to the 4H County Fair and join the fun! Spend a few hours with fellow Dems and fellow community members. Support our candidates and help get the vote out. Take in the shows, events, activities, and exhibits. Attend educational programs. Chat with 4H participants to learn more about what they do. Take in some carnival rides and games. Find those items that you can't buy in stores. Collect free trinkets and sales pitches. Sign up for door prizes. Dine on Fine Fair Food (don't pass up the ice cream at the Dairy Barn). The fair schedule brochure can be downloaded [here](#) . You can sign up for time slots to work the booth at signup.com or contact Dwight at atFish73@comcast.net .

The parade is on Sunday July 22, 2018 beginning at Linway plaza in Goshen at 1:30 pm. We have a spot to showcase the Elkhart County Democratic Party. We will be staged in line with Dem candidates who will also have groups of walkers. If you are interested in walking the Dem talk through downtown Goshen, contact Dwight at Fish73@comcast.net.

Report From Goshen Council Member Adam Scharf

The state party's field organizer for Elkhart County, Elisabeth Wilder, hosted an in-home campaign kickoff in Goshen. Those in attendance included not only local leaders and activists, but also some folks newly exploring political involvement and others who have aligned with Republicans in the past but are seeking to learn more about what the Democratic Party is offering. There was good conversation and sharing in a nice atmosphere, while at the same time real — and at times emotional — recognition of the stark choices and serious consequences we are facing as Americans as we move into the first Trump era national election.

We're excited to announce the DNC Talent Bank!

We know that if we want to win elections, we need great talent, new voices and people with diverse experiences leading campaigns to victory. With the midterm elections on the horizon, the DNC is making every effort to make sure campaigns have a pool of diverse talent for their upcoming big hiring waves.

This is a place where anyone interested in working on a campaign or for a state party can submit their resume to be considered for open positions this cycle and future cycles. All you have to do is submit your resume and fill out a short questionnaire at iwillvote.co/TalentBank. We will make specific note of people who have undergone our training programs. Once submitted, the DNC reviews each person's information and submits appropriate resumes to campaigns and state parties to undergo their hiring process. You can read more about this initiative in [Roll Call!](#) (<http://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/dnc-announces-hiring-and-training-initiatives>). Campaigns and state parties are always looking for the next generation of leaders to lead them to victory. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass it on.

Thank you,

The Political & Organizing Team, Democratic National Committee

Reply-To: communityengagement@dnc.org

2018 Chairman's Club

David Coyne
Chad Crabtree
Brent Curry
John Frybort
Daniel Grimes
Gordon Hostetler
Allan Kauffman
Julia King
Shari Mellin
Tanzie Nielsen
Mike Puro
Jim Pyles
LaRita Robinson
Alec Sanderson
Adam Scharf
Don Shuler
Robert Hostetler
Adam Kapacinskas

Organizations

IBEW PAC Voluntary Fund



Candidate Corner – Who’s Running?

Joe Donnelly – US Senator

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Focuses: Supporting the mental health of the members and veterans of our armed services, strengthening Indiana manufacturing, fighting the scourge of opioid abuse, finding bipartisan solutions that focus on what matters most to Hoosiers (finding and keeping a good-paying job, taking care of their families, and retiring with dignity and health).

Jim Harper – Secretary of State

Nominated by the delegation of the Indiana Democratic State Convention

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Focuses: End Gerrymandering, Voter Accessibility, Supporting small business, Election security.

Joselyn Whitticker – State Auditor

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Focus: restoring trust through accountability and transparency in the Auditor’s office.

John Aguilera – Treasurer of State

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Focuses: transparency, inclusion and diversity in various boards under Treasurer oversight, creative ways to utilize resources to help rebuild our Cities and Towns, practical and methodical approach to overseeing the Indiana State Police Pension Trust.

Mel Hall – 2nd District Congress

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Focuses: Health Care, Jobs + Economy, Social Security + Medicare, Empowering Women, Veterans.

Ed Liptrap – State Senate District 11

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Focuses: A Strong Public Education System, Protecting Our Environment, Making Our District More Inclusive, Legalize Medical Marijuana and Decriminalize Its Use.

Other Local Candidates

Cleveland Township Board
(3 seats)

Sandi Pontius
Andrew Williams

Concord Township Board
(3 seats)

Chad Crabtree
James Little
Oxana Werbiansky

Elkhart Township Board
(3 seats)

Minda Clemens
Susan Lanning
Charles Mumaw

Osolo Township Board
(3 seats)

Aaron Mishler
Tanzie Nielsen
LaRita Robinson

Washington Township Board
(3 seats)

Erin Hipsher

Bristol Town Council At-Large
(2 seats)

Whitney Pierle



Carl Rust – Indiana State Representative District 21

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Focuses: Healthcare for all, Living wage, Education standards, Election reform, Universal background checks for gun purchases, Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness should be guaranteed to all law-abiding people.

Mike Wilber – Indiana State Representative District 82

<https://www.facebook.com/votewilber/>
<http://www.votewilber.com> - not up yet
m.me/votewilber – messenger

Focuses: Increasing funding for public schools, State investment in job-training programs for the workforce.

Nicole Ludlow – County Auditor

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1063210330493641/about/>
<https://www.nicoleludlow.com/>

m.me/nicoleludlowforauditor – messenger

Focuses: Communication, Efficiency, Continuity, Customer Service, Compliance.

Ralph Spelbring – County Council District 1

Paul Steury – County Council District 3

Veronica Donaldson – Concord Township Assessor

<https://www.facebook.com/Veronica-Donaldson-For-Concord-Assessor-225622897987340/>

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Focus: Bringing 34 years of assessing experience.

Gregory Burtsfield – Cleveland Township Trustee

Jeremy Everett – Concord Township Trustee

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Focuses: want to hear your concerns on: Adopting a budget, Setting health, safety ordinances, overseeing programs and services, maintaining roads, setting up parks.

Stephen Salisbury – Middlebury Township Trustee

Susie Meeks-Wade – Washington Township Trustee

<https://www.facebook.com/votesusie/>

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Focuses: increase transparency, provide timely information to residents, connect residents with resources provided by the Township, keep and maintain all cemeteries in the township, maintain an open and transparent relationship with residents.



Ride With Democratic Pride

Do you have a low number D license plate? Show your Democratic Pride on the outside! The County Chair has control of 20 D plates 1-100. Plates numbered 1-4 are reserved for the Central Committee but others are available. For more information or to request your plate for the 2017 renewal please contact Chad Crabtree.



Got a Newsletter Idea?

What do you want to read about in the ECDP newsletter? Let us know.

Perhaps you would like to contribute your own writing. Possibilities include a review of a Dem event you recently attended or worked, a project your committee is working on, a story about the history of the Elkhart County Democrats, or a profile of one of our members. For story ideas, comments, questions, suggestions or critiques, please email elkcodems@gmail.com.



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