



Delaware County Democratic Party News

In addition to the latest information on elections and voting in Delaware County, this edition includes news from the following committees:

- Candidate Support
- PROD - Precinct and Regional Organization and Development
- Anti-Racism
- Parker Scholarship
- Communications

May 3 Primary - Voting and Job Opportunities

Voter registration for the Primary ends on April 4, and Early Voting starts April 5. You can [request Absentee Ballots](#) NOW for both the Primary and the November 8 General Election. Contact the Delaware County Board of Elections for more information. **(740) 833-2080**.

The Board of Elections is also in the process of hiring poll workers and seasonal staff to support the Primary. Rob Katula is the recruiter for Democratic workers, his direct number is (740) 833-2096. If you are interested in a more long-term commitment, check out this permanent part-time opportunity for an [Election Specialist](#).

Major campaigns are hiring paid organizers to support statewide candidates. You can find information about how to connect with these campaigns on our website.

In place of a countywide meeting in March, each of our six county regions is planning a gathering to plan how to prepare voters and support our candidates before and after the May Primary. (See PROD information below)

Our party needs a new Secretary. We would like a volunteer to take minutes at the April and May meetings, and a candidate to be elected Party Secretary at our reorganization meeting after the Primary. This position requires a few hours each month, and duties include taking minutes at meetings as well as reporting names of Central Committee members to the Board of Elections/Secretary of State. More info: [Chair](#) or [Barb Berry](#).

Candidate Support Committee

We have two new candidates running for office that need our support over the next 9 months! Tiffany Bukoffsky for County Commissioner, and Vera Thornhill for County Auditor. We appreciate these two plus others who have stepped up as candidates for the Ohio House and Senate. Also thanks to all Democratic voters who signed petitions to get these candidates on the May 3 Primary ballot.

The Candidate Support Committee is working with our two county candidates. More info on how to help them will be coming soon, but in the meantime here's something to digest:

New candidates need support in many ways. Our committee updates a training manual every year from surveys given to previous candidates that helps newcomers in the process of getting elected. Candidates are interviewed and given contacts, money, resources, volunteers, and training to better prepare themselves for campaigning. We aim to give every prospective candidate these tools to make running for office possible.

This is where you come in; if you know anyone that needs these resources, let them know we are here for them! Help us get these tools to more people for next year, and years beyond.

Email Joyce Bourgault at joycedemocratic@gmail.com with any inquiries.

PROD

Each of the 167 precincts in Delaware County has been assigned to one of six regions. The coordinators for each region are listed below. If you are not sure what region you live in, please call our party phone number, **(614) 259-8020**.

Big Walnut - [Diane Kabler](#)

Buckeye Valley - [Joyce Bourgault](#)

City of Delaware - [Judy Carpenter](#) and Linda Diamond

Powell/Dublin - [Heather Karr](#)

Orange Twp. - [Holly Hanson](#)

Westerville/Genoa Twp. - [Marya Kolman](#)

Orange/Powell Regional Meeting

Want to meet County Commissioner candidate Tiffany Bukoffsky and County Auditor candidate Vera Thornhill? Come celebrate Mardi Gras with them at Taranto's Pizza in Lewis Center on March 1st from 5:30-7:30pm.

Questions? Contact [Holly Hanson](#)

Anti-Racism Committee

Join us in April as we participate in the Stand Against Racism Challenge. Complete a short activity each day for 21 days and join our committee for a learning circle discussion.

Read more about the challenge here: <https://www.ywcaofcleveland.org/eliminate-racism/stand-against-racism-challenge/>

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4bada923a5fa7-delaware>

Questions or interested in joining our committee? Email Jenny Yoder and Sarah Narayana at antiracism@ohiodeladems.com

Parker Scholarship

The Committee has sent information to County High Schools and is accepting applications now. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who are pursuing higher education anywhere. Established in the 1980s with an initial investment of \$10,000, this non-endowed scholarship is funded by our party.

In addition to grade transcripts, extra-curricular student activities, community activities, long-term goals, political activity, and letters of recommendation, the committee has always included a requirement that at least one of the student's parents is a registered Democrat in Delaware County.

This qualification has caused some concern in recent years, and the committee would like to put the emphasis on the student applicant's support for progressive values as a selection criterion. In promoting the scholarship this year, this consideration has been included. The committee is considering removing the party affiliation of parents, since this may not reflect the student's values, but will not take this action for this cycle of applicants.

If you have any questions, comments, or are interested in serving on this committee, please contact [David Simmons](#), Parker Scholarship Committee Chair or [Peg Watkins](#), DCDP Chair.

Communications

Communications with our members, activists and the public depend on Facebook, Twitter, and our website, in addition to emails like this one. In the time between our January and February meetings, the Facebook page added 14 new followers, for a total of 1,778 and the Twitter account gained 17 followers for a total of 488. Sessions on the website nearly doubled.

Comments, questions, and of course, volunteers, are always welcome. Contact us at communications@ohiodeladems.org.

Our Goals



Energize Local Democrats

Just knowing you are not the only Democrat in your city, township, or neighborhood makes a difference. As we bring local Democrats together in Delaware County, we find new energy for all of us.



Get Democrats Elected

We need candidates and many volunteers to support our candidates. Explore what role you can play to help get more Democrats elected in Delaware County.



Challenge Single Party Rule

Republican candidates often run without opposition in our county, but this is changing. Every candidate who runs helps to build our party's strength and influence in county government.



Join us!

Membership to our county party is more than just a word. We are a community of like-minded Democrats passionate about bringing change to our community. [Read more here](#) about how to become a member if you aren't one yet. We'd love to have you!



Get Involved

There are many opportunities to get involved! Our party meets once a month to discuss our priorities and organize to meet our goals. There are also candidate events, precinct and regional organizing and community events. Sign up to get connected [here](#) and be sure to keep reading this newsletter for updates.



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