



## Delaware County Democratic Party News

### Message from the Chair, Peg Watkins

Now that we are past the first of two primaries, we need to look ahead to the next primary and our general election. We will work together with the Ohio Democratic Party to support all of our Democratic candidates, from the national level, statewide and state legislative, as well as here in Delaware County. Our party is organized geographically by region as well as having several committees that focus on specific party work.

As we anticipate a second Primary and move closer to the General Election in November, we will need more volunteers. There are opportunities both behind the scenes and working directly with campaigns and voters. Active committees put in many hours and report each month to our Executive Committee. The following committees are seeking additional volunteers at this time.

- Anti-Racism
- Candidate Support
- Communications
- Events & Fundraising
- PROD (Precinct and Regional Organization and Development)

### May 3 Primary Results

The results of the May 3 Primary have been posted on [our website](#). Thank you to all candidates who ran, including 77 candidates for Central Committee.

### Party Organization in early June

We expect the Board of Elections to certify the results of the first Primary on May 24, and then those elected to the Central Committee of the Delaware County Democratic Party will meet to organize the party anew. We will elect five officers, and follow other procedures contained in our new Constitution and By-Laws. At this time, we do not have a candidate for party Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of the following offices, you should start campaigning now, and provide the [Communications Committee](#) with a brief biographical/campaign statement to share.

Known candidates at this time are:

Peg Watkins for Chair  
Joydeep Gupta for Vice Chair  
Holly Hanson for Vice Chair  
Corey McCaffery for Secretary

### Anti-Racism Committee

Jenny Yoder ([yoder\\_jenny@yahoo.com](mailto:yoder_jenny@yahoo.com)) & Sarah Narayana ([sahrnarayana@gmail.com](mailto:sahrnarayana@gmail.com)):

The Antiracism Committee is committed to being good allies in Delaware County and ensuring our local party is welcoming to all. We do this through continued education and supporting organizations within Delaware County that celebrate diversity. For more information email [antiracism@ohiodeladems.org](mailto:antiracism@ohiodeladems.org)

This Month:

May is Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Here is a list of Delaware Area Asian Markets to explore:

[Asian Grocery](#)  
[Chu Chay's Market](#)  
[Sunrise Super Market](#)  
[Tensuke Market](#)  
[The Indian Warehouse](#)

Save the date! **Juneteenth** will be celebrated in Delaware on **June 18** at Blue Limestone Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Questions or want to join our committee? Email [antiracism@ohiodeladems.org](mailto:antiracism@ohiodeladems.org)

### **Candidate Support**

*Update from Joyce Bourgault ([joycedemocratic@gmail.com](mailto:joycedemocratic@gmail.com)):*

Read all about our candidates via the links on our party website: [www.ohiodeladems.org](http://www.ohiodeladems.org)

### **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

*Update from John Schmarr ([schmajo@aol.com](mailto:schmajo@aol.com)):*

Thank you to John Schmarr and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Brian Jaffe, Robert Davis, Doug Babcock, Rich Bradley, and Valerie Shafer. They are pleased that their work is done, and look forward to doing it again - in 33 years! The newly revised Constitution and By-Laws has been [posted on our website](#) and sent to the Ohio Democratic Party, the Delaware County Board of Elections, and Ohio Secretary of State.

### **Events and Fundraising Committee**

*Update from Holly Hanson, 2nd Vice Chair ([hhanson7661@gmail.com](mailto:hhanson7661@gmail.com)):*

Delaware First Fridays June 3, July 1, and August 5. You can sign up to help at our events [here!](#)

Westerville Fourth Fridays - May 27, June 24, July 29. We partner with the Westerville Progressive Alliance every month to share candidate information in downtown Westerville. Contact [Steve Schottel](#) or [Kim Kennedy](#) for more information.

June 4 - Delaware Pride Festival - sign-up [here!](#)

June 18 - Delaware Juneteenth Celebration at Blue Limestone Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Communications Committee**

Update from Don Swartwout ([dswartwout@gmail.com](mailto:dswartwout@gmail.com)):

The Communications Committee is looking for a volunteer to handle our Instagram account. If you love pictures and you'd like to take and post photos of our people, activities, and candidates, contact us at [communications@ohiodeladems.org](mailto:communications@ohiodeladems.org). We also need someone to help with Data Management. This is a never-ending job that includes accounting for who is a supporting member, who is a member of the Executive Committee, and who subscribes to party emails. Not to mention keeping up with phone, address and email changes.

The Communications Committee coordinates and manages what goes out to our members and friends, as well as messages that come in from members, friends, the press, and the general public. Communication channels include our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#), this newsletter, and email. We promote DCDP and progressive values, pass along news items, and always try to maintain a positive presence on social media.

### **Precinct & Regional Organization & Development (PROD)**

With the first part of the Primary completed, we can see that there is work to be done to increase Democratic voter turnout. While overall voter turnout in Ohio compares favorably to the last three gubernatorial primaries, this year Republican voters in Delaware County outnumbered Democrats 3 to 1. We will be working on getting regions and precincts better trained and organized to reach out to the Democratic voters in their areas and getting them OUT to vote.

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](#)

Before the second part of our Primary this year, Precinct Reps will be getting training in how to reach out to Democrats in your neighborhood to encourage voting. We will again prepare and post a **printable Slate Card** with Democratic candidates on our website. Encourage your neighbors to request Absentee Ballots NOW!

Poll Workers are needed for the next Primary and the General Election in November - these are paid positions, and so important. Contact [Rob](#) at the Board of Elections or call (740) 833-2080. The Ohio Democratic Party is also still hiring. See their [website](#).

In order to increase our party's visibility in the community, it is important that Democrats are seen serving on **various county boards**. Most of these are unpaid, volunteer positions, but they are very important and can sometimes lead to bigger opportunities. Nancy Pelosi started her political career by serving on her local Library Board. Watch for openings on the Delaware County Commissioners [website](#).

## Voter Protection Program

ODP is recruiting Poll Observers for the General Election. Observers may work outside their home county. If you are interested, please reach out to [voterprotection@ohiodems.org](mailto:voterprotection@ohiodems.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.

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### Join us!

Membership in 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 regularly to discuss priorities and organize to meet our goals. There are also candidate events, precinct and regional organizing and community events. Sign up [here](#) to get connected and be sure to keep reading this newsletter for updates.



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