



# DELAWARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

## Chair Message:

As I shared in an email last week, there are two very timely events happening this month, including an election at our monthly Executive Committee meeting.

- **January 16:** [30th Annual MLK, Jr Breakfast](#) at Ohio Wesleyan.
- **January 19:** At our regular monthly business meeting, the Delaware County Democratic Party will vote on one of our members of the Board of Elections. After the open vote, we recommend that person to the Secretary of State, who makes the official appointment. As with any elected office, those who attend the meetings of this organization make the most competitive candidates.

**Thank you** to our many volunteers and financial supporters, and **thanks again** to all our candidates. Democrats in Delaware County were very active in the 2022 election cycle, with great candidates and many hours and dollars devoted to running against the odds. We succeeded in increasing the Democratic share of votes in Delaware County, with our top vote getters achieving more than 40 percent: Tim Ryan, 47%, Tamie Wilson, 46%, Louise Valentine, 45%, Justice Brunner, 44%, and Judges Jamison, Zayas, and Heather Swiger, 43% each. If you want more data, see the [BOE website](#).

Our local party helped federal candidates organize events, and also helped state candidates to collect their required petition signatures, then hosted each of them at our Executive Committee meetings and other gatherings.

**Volunteers run this party** – including every one of our officers, regional managers, and committee chairs, who each donate hundreds of hours each month to party business. As we look ahead to the new year, I want to THANK YOU but also encourage you to continue your involvement with DCDP guided by these Bee's: BEE Social, BEE Informed, BEE Active, BEE Involved, and BEE \$upportive.

## **BEE Social:**

**Many Delaware County Democrats mixed, mingled, and made merry at our December 10, Holiday gathering.** Each of our six regions was represented, and there was nonstop pleasant conversation, as well as some friendly competition on Blue Bingo. This event reflected our county party's growth, and we are grateful to

Julie Houston, Carol Young, Tamie Wilson, and everyone who brought food or just a pleasant presence to make it a success.

Regional gatherings are another opportunity to meet fellow Democrats in a relaxed setting. See info on upcoming events in your area below.

### **BEE Active:** *State legislation & what you can do*

While some of the worst bills that were proposed in the Lame Duck session did not pass, there are others that may yet be approved. [Innovation Ohio](#) is taking the lead in writing [legislation](#) that would allow voters to draw district lines, not politicians. [Sign up](#) to stay in the loop.

### **BEE Involved:**

**DCDP Committees** will be meeting between now and our January meeting to debrief from this past election and to develop plans for the new year. **Committees are listed on our party website under the “[Contact Us](#)” tab.**

**We need volunteers to help with organizing Events and scheduling. Send an email to [info@ohiodeladems.org](mailto:info@ohiodeladems.org).**

### **Candidate Support Committee:**

Chaired by Joyce Bourgault, the Candidate Support Committee meets every month to plan how best to work with candidates. In 2023, there are more than 70 non-partisan races in Delaware County, which are an important way to “build our bench” to strengthen our local Democratic party. Petitions for these nonpartisan races are not due until early August, but the LEAD Academy will start Candidate Training in January. Training for campaign staff starts in March. Please consider attending meetings of your district school board, city or village council, or township trustees to learn about these local offices. You may discover your interest OR meet someone else who could be a good candidate. More info, contact Joyce at [joycedemocratic@gmail.com](mailto:joycedemocratic@gmail.com) or (614) 778-0153.

### **RAPID: Regions and Precincts in Development (New Name!)**

Our regions reached out to many voters this campaign season, and also supported our candidates directly by distributing literature, yard signs, and hosting fundraisers. There will be multiple regional meetings before our next meeting in January, so make sure to connect with your [region](#).

- Big Walnut – Thursday, January 12, 2023 Contact Diane Kabler
- Buckeye Valley – Sunday, January 8, 2023 Contact Joyce Bourgault
- Delaware City/Twp – Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m. at Guy Fisher’s house
- Dublin/Liberty/Powell – Wednesday, Jan 25, 7 p.m., location TBA Contact Heather Karr
- Genoa Twp/Westerville – Thursday, Jan12 at 7 pm **on zoom** Contact Marya Kolman

- Columbus/Orange/Berlin – Meets **1st Wednesday each month**, 6:30, location TBD Contact Holly Hanson

### **Communications:**

The Communications committee manages the party's website (<https://ohiodeladems.org/>), Twitter account ([@ohiodeladems](https://twitter.com/ohiodeladems)), and party mailboxes. We contribute to the party's public Facebook page, Democrats-only Facebook group, Executive Committee Facebook group, and mass emails. We work to keep our database of Democrats up to date. We want to be more active on Instagram, but we need a volunteer to help with that. If you love pictures and have some time to spend, contact us at [communications@ohiodeladems.org](mailto:communications@ohiodeladems.org).

### **BEE Active** in your community:

Show Delaware County that Democrats will step up to participate on [County Boards](#), such as the Rural Zoning Commission and Local Library Board.

### **BEE \$upportive:**

Your Delaware County Democratic Party (DCDP) may enjoy more financial support than many other county parties in Ohio, though our revenue is wholly dependent on your donations. We have no other source of stable income. In order to achieve financial agility, we seek to increase the number of recurring donors. Please do what you can - whether [on line](#) or with a [personal check](#). Donating Members are encouraged to give an annual or recurring monthly donation to the DCDP to ensure that our work supporting Democratic candidates can continue. Many thanks to those who have already donated in 2022. We look forward to your continuing support in 2023 as we welcome new donors in the new year.

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Happy New Year!

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### **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. [Contact us](#) today. We'd love to hear from you!



### **Get Involved**

There are many opportunities to get involved! For example, candidate events, organizing events, and community events. Sign up to get connected [here](#) and be sure to keep reading this newsletter for updates.



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