



DELAWARE DIRECTIONS

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A Word from the Pub

I don't usually get to talk about our newsletter, but just a quick heads-up on what you'll find in this edition which is packed with lots of pertinent information about candidates, the Party, fellow DelaDems, state & local politics, and upcoming events. Also wanted to give a shout-out to those who work hard to bring you this information.

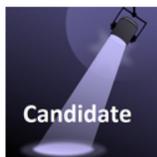


- This issue will kick off our **Candidate Spotlight** which will run up to the November elections. **Heather Karr** is our premier Spotlighter. She is running for Powell City Council, and just made a big splash at the Powell Memorial Day parade.
- Next is a piece about a special **political discussion group** that emerged after the 2016 election. Read about the people who started it, how it addresses important political issues, and the group members who make it work. **Mindy Hedges** and **Marian Jacques** combined efforts to help pull this together.
- In our **Member Spotlight** for this issue, you'll hear from **Amy and Mark White-Predieri**. Thanks to **Mindy Hedges** for regularly reaching out to our constituents and making this a popular feature with our readers.
- In a new feature, **DelaDem Newsmakers**, we asked **Mary Kate Pembroke** and **David Carpenter** to talk about their recent experiences testifying at the statehouse and to provide some insight into the preparation and process of testifying.
- Next is **DelaDems in the News**, our usual list of DelaDems who appeared in local media either writing letters, being quoted, or captured on video.

- Take a look at our **growing list of candidates** for the November elections, and learn about upcoming candidate training and how to get your name on the ballot.
- **Scholarships awarded!** We are pleased to announce the talented and special Delaware County students who were awarded the annual Parker Scholarship award.
- **Updates from Ohio Democratic Party.** ODP passed a resolution calling for same-day and automatic voter registration. ODP also announced its "Summer of Action" program to register voters and increase volunteer capacity, see details below.
- Our final feature is the **Legislative Watch**, which is a culled list and short description of key pieces of legislation working their way through the Ohio Statehouse. **Marian Jacques** is responsible for editing and assembling this list for us.
- Make sure to check out the **upcoming local events**. Take a look at our **photo gallery** with images of some recent DelaDem events. And **read the minutes** of the latest Monthly Meeting.
- And a special thanks to **Bertie Dell** and **Chair Peg Watkins** for advising on stories, checking copy, and of course making sure punctuation goes where it's supposed to.

Thanks for your ongoing support and interest, if you have any questions or comments please contact us at communications@ohiodeladems.org or just 'reply' to this email.

--Brian Jaffe
Publisher



Candidate Spotlight

Heather Karr

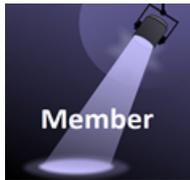
Candidate for Powell City Council

As an advocate, teacher, and mother of two, I believe deeply in the value of service. I live in Powell with my husband David and our children Hannah and Nate. I love this community and when you love something, you fight for it. That's why I'm running for Powell City Council. [**More...**](#)



The Influence of a Discussion Group

Discover how a local community Discussion Group emerged out of the discontent of the 2016 elections, grew, and now thrives and tackles tough issues such as The Convention of States Project which is fueled by right-wing conservative groups. [More...](#)
--Marian Jacques, Mindy Hedges



DCDP Member Spotlight

This issue's Member Spotlight is focused on **Mark and Amy White-Predieri**. Learn how they became active members in the Party. [More...](#)
--Edited by Mindy Hedges

Interested in sharing your story? Send an email to communications@ohiodeladems.org (or just hit 'reply').



DelaDem Newsmakers

Recently, four of our DelaDems testified at the Ohio Statehouse to comment on bills that are currently making their way through the legislature. In addition to **Mary Kate Pembroke** and **David Carpenter**, who shared their thoughts with us on the experience and the process of providing testimony, **Valerie Cumming**, Westerville City Council member and **Andrea Yagoda** testified on HB178 (concealed carry with no training or permits). [More...](#)



DelaDems in the News

- **Corinne Lyman**, [Dispatch](#), May 8, [Letter: Setting Yost straight on gerrymandering](#) (ignore the headline, Dispatch got it wrong)
- **Marianne Gabel**, [Dispatch](#), May 5, [Letter: Carbon fee means cleaner energy](#)
- **Albert Gabel**, [Dispatch](#), May 18, [Letter: Market forces obviate need for HB6](#)

- **Tony Marconi**, Dispatch, May 16, [Letter: Opposition to abortion not scientific](#)
- **Mindy Hedges**, This Week, May 23, [Quoted: Drag 101 riles some, library stands firm](#)

Did we miss a news mention of someone you know? If so please let us know, communications@ohiodeladems.org (or just hit 'reply').



The 2019 Elections!

Our Current List of Candidates:

- **Emma Jones** is running for Delaware Municipal Court Clerk in Delaware County: visit her [website](#) and [Facebook page](#)
- **Melanie Farkas** is running for Township Trustee in Liberty Twp: visit her [website](#) and [Facebook page](#)
- **Heather Stevens Karr** is running for Powell City Council (see her newsletter [Spotlight profile](#)): also visit her [website](#) and [Facebook page](#)
- **Drew Farrell** is running for Delaware City Council, Ward 4: visit him on [Facebook](#)
- **Aileen Wagner** is running for Westerville City Council: visit her on [Facebook](#)
- **Ken Wright** is running for Westerville City Council: visit him on [Facebook](#)

Thinking About Running for Office?

Consider attending the **Candidate Workshop** presented by the Delaware County Board of Elections:

When: Thursday, June 6, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Where: Delaware County Board of Elections Conf Room, 2079 US Hwy 23 N, Delaware

RSVP: Bronwen Evener, email: bevener@co.delaware.oh.us, or call: 740-833-2092

Remember: filing deadline is **August 7** (90 days before the general election). But don't wait too long, as you will have to file a petition with verified signatures.

If you cannot make the workshop and are considering getting your name on the ballot, here are some important resources:

- [Nominating Petition and Statement of Candidacy](#)
- [Candidate Requirement Guide](#)
- [Visit the Delaware County Board of Elections - Candidate Portal](#)
- Please contact [Jay Gupta](#), Chair of the DCDP Campaigns & Candidates committee. Find his contact information [here](#).



The Parker Scholarship

The Delaware County Democratic Party has announced the awarding of two \$500 college scholarships to area high school students. The first-place applicant is **Zainah Samer Yousef**, who ranks first among all seniors at Olentangy Berlin High School and will be graduating a year early. The second recipient was **Anika Casanova**, a senior at Hayes High School. Having lived in Mexico for three years, she is multi-lingual and has already received college credit for her advanced-level French courses. **More...**

--David Simmons



From the Ohio Democratic Party

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ohio Democratic Party's Executive Committee passed a resolution to support protection of Ohio voters and expand access to the ballot (former DCDP Chair Ed Helvey sits on the ODP Executive Committee.) The resolution called for automatic voter registration and same day registration, and to restore voters who were wrongly purged under previous court rulings. The ODP reaffirms its commitment to the fundamental freedom of voting, and to making sure voting is *free, fair, and accessible for every qualified voter.*

Summer of Action: The Ohio Democratic Party launched its "Summer of Action" campaign this week with a fellowship program to register new voters, build volunteer capacity and push back on the president's failed policies that are hurting the people of the Buckeye State. "We're proud to be training Ohio's next generation of progressive organizers as part of our 88-county strategy, which is designed to engage Democratic voters in every corner of the Buckeye State," said Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper. "This Summer of Action campaign will expand on our work to register new voters, empower local activists to build community action teams, use the latest digital tools to reach voters where they are and persuade Ohioans who have been hurt by Donald Trump's broken promises."

To apply for the Summer of Action fellowship program, go to:
<https://ohiodems.org/jobs-and-internships/>



Ohio Legislative Watch

This section is intended to keep our readers up-to-date with key legislation moving through the Ohio State House. Read about which bills you should be keeping an eye one. [More...](#)

Compiled and edited by: Marian Jacques



Upcoming Special Events

What: Emma Jones for Del Municipal Court Clerk Dublin House Party Fundraiser

When: Tuesday, June 4, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: Home of Barb Berry, 9235 Leith Dr, Dublin, OH 43017

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/440347726742557/>

What: Powell Street Festival

When: 5-11pm Friday, June 21; noon-11pm Saturday, June 22

Where: Village Green Park | 47 Hall Street

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/powellfestival>

What: Family Pool Party with Melanie Farkas

When: Sunday, June 9, at 2pm – 4pm

Where: 2810 Minuteman Ct, Powell, OH 43065-7811

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/663535930737887/>

What: Summer of Action Training, Hosted by [Indivisible: Ohio District 12](#)

When: Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6pm – 7:30pm

Where: Columbus Metro Library - Northside Branch 1423 N High St, Columbus, Ohio 43201

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/441334436639675/>

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What: Main Street Initiative Candidate Training

When & Where: Sign up [here](#) to receive info about upcoming opportunities and training near you.

More Info: The Ohio Democratic Party Main Street Initiative is hosting professional candidate training across the state to help you navigate and explore opportunities in public service!

Make sure to check out our **Facebook Picture gallery!**



Ongoing DCDP Events

What: DCDP EXECUTIVE/CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30pm – 9:00pm (unless previously notified, see below)

Where: We've outgrown our DCDP Headquarters at 12½ N. Sandusky St. For the balance of the year we will be meeting at the Willis Education Center on 74 W William St, Delaware, OH 43015 **More Info:** Please check our **Facebook page** for any scheduling updates, and take a moment to read the **minutes of the previous meeting**

First Friday: Hidden Spaces and Game Night!

When: Friday, June 7, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Where: DCDP Headquarters, 12 1/2 N. Sandusky St. Delaware, Ohio 43015

[DCDP Event Calendar](#)

What: Westerville's Fourth Friday:

When: Friday, June 28th, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Uptown Westerville

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/629600577545890>

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the following sub-committees:

- **Campaigns and Candidates**
- **Communications**
- **Fundraising**
- **Membership Recruitment**

Also check the [calendar](#) as meetings can get rescheduled.

Sign-up/Renew your Party Membership: While the Party operates on volunteer support, we do have actual costs that are required to maintain day-to-day operations. Please go to our [DCDP Membership](#) area to sign-up for or renew your Party membership.

'Like' and Interact with us on Facebook: Communicate with our active membership and get the most up-to-date information. <https://facebook.com/ohiodeladems>
Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DelCountyOHDems>

Check the [website](#) for **volunteer opportunities**

Central Committee and Executive Committee Membership - This is an opportunity to make a difference. Any registered Democratic voter can run for, or be appointed to a seat on the Delaware County Democratic Party Central Committee. If you are interested in serving, contact the central office for more information: Phone: (740) 363- 7500; email: chair@ohiodeladems.org. You can also get more information on our [website](#) on how to file for candidacy and to see if your precinct has an opening.

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