

We also have two fundraisers each year. Past speakers of note at our fundraisers include Sherrod Brown, Ted Strickland, Rich Cordray, and Kathleen Clyde. Fundraisers are great opportunities to hear, meet, and talk with these influential leaders. Our next fundraiser is scheduled for July 24, 2018 at the Scioto Reserve Country Club in Powell, and will be featuring **Steve Dettelbach**, Democratic candidate for Attorney General. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Finally, let me say that while we have had good local and state legislative candidates in the past, we have never had a full slate, top to bottom. I am pleased to announce this year we do! So, please take this opportunity to meet and learn about this fine slate of candidates, below.

These are *our* candidates. They deserve *our* support. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in July!

Reminder: Miss a newsletter? They are archived on our [website](#).



Introducing Delaware County Democratic Candidates 2018

Louise Valentine for Ohio Senate District 19. Louise is running for Senate District 19 because she wants to work across party lines to strengthen our schools, improve healthcare, and support small businesses and their employees. As a mom, a wife, and a working professional, with two degrees from The Ohio State University, Louise is well-prepared to take this on. <http://www.valentineforohio.com>

Cory Hoffman for Ohio House District 67. With experience protecting Ohioans from investment fraud and working as a tax and business attorney, Cory will bring new ideas to the Statehouse. He's an all-American good guy -- a former missionary, a loving husband to Megan, his wife, and a proud father to Mara.

Kathleen Tate for Ohio House District 68. With a wealth of life experience, Kathleen will be an advocate who can find solutions to problems. Kathleen believes we need to invest in Ohio's people in the areas of public education, healthcare, jobs, the economy and fair taxation. She will work for innovative solutions to serve the people of Ohio.

Indu Rajan for Delaware County Auditor. With a B.S. in Computer Science and an MBA, Indu Rajan is well-prepared to take on the Auditor's office in Delaware County. Indu will use her experience with modern financial technologies to run an efficient operation at the Auditor's office while being fiscally responsible.

Aileen Wagner for Delaware County Commissioner. Aileen is a small business owner who believes planning for growth in Delaware County is key to continuing economic growth while ensuring that all residents benefit. A mother and an educator, Aileen is committed to making sure all children have access to quality education in a safe environment. www.facebook.com/voteforaileen/

Go to the [website](#) to see the full slate of state-wide, regional, and local candidates.

How do we report on the current issues around gun safety? What measures are being considered in Ohio? What do Ohio Elected officials have to say? As soon as you read this, the picture will change, but here is a snapshot from early March.

Governor Kasich Put Forth Gun Reforms

Gov. John Kasich has proposed six gun-law reforms, asking state lawmakers to:

- Create a gun-violence protection order to allow families and law enforcement officers to ask a judge to order the temporary seizure of guns from people proven to be a threat to themselves or others.
- Mirror federal law to create an automatic prohibition against possession of a gun by those convicted of domestic violence or subject to a protection order.
- Incorporate into state law an anticipated federal ban on bump stocks, which allow semi-automatic rifles to effectively be converted to full automatic fire.
- Specifically prohibit so-called “strawman” transactions in which people buy guns for felons and others disqualified from possessing guns.
- Prohibit the sale of armor-piercing ammunition considered a threat to law to enforcement officers.
- Ensure court records of convictions are promptly delivered in order to more quickly flag felons and others who cannot buy guns or get a concealed-carry permit.

Kasich has also said he supports allowing teachers to carry guns in schools, which already is permitted under state law if authorized by local school boards.

The changes do not include either a ban on semi-automatic rifles such as the AR-15 or a limit to the capacity of ammunition magazines.

What Do Gun Proponents Say?

Jim Irvine, the president of the Buckeye Firearms Association, opposes gun-violence protection orders, arguing the seizure of guns could violate individuals’ due-process rights. He also opposes mirroring federal laws prohibiting gun sales to those convicted of domestic violence, saying individual cases vary too much. “The purpose of the Second Amendment is not buck hunting,” Irvine said. “It’s to protect us from an out-of-control government.”

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, distancing herself from Kasich amid her run for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, has said, “I am deeply concerned that the first instinct of a Republican administration is to roll back the Second Amendment rights of law abiding Ohioans in response to a tragedy ... pushing more gun control laws, which disproportionately affect good actors, exposes vulnerable soft targets to the bad actors.”

Gun Safety Advocates Weigh In

Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, City Council President Shannon G. Hardin and City Attorney Zach Klein issued this statement: “We are encouraged by Gov. Kasich’s meaningful proposals to stem the tide of gun

violence ... We continue to ask Gov. Kasich to support cities' rights to enact laws that are in the best interest of our families and first responders..."

Ohio Democratic Senator Sherrod Brown wants to raise the age limit on gun ownership to 21, ban assault weapons, beef up background checks and get rid of an exemption that allows those on the terrorist "no-fly" list to buy a gun. He does not support arming teachers.

Gun Safety by the Numbers

According to the *Columbus Dispatch*, an average of four Ohioans die each day from gunshots, whether through violence, suicide or accidents. Ohio recorded 1,524 firearm deaths by all causes in 2016, the sixth-highest number in the nation, according to new federal figures. The state's gun-death rate of 12.9 people per 100,000 population ranked 26th among the states.

Gun Control Bill Passes Florida Legislature

The gun control bill that the Florida Legislature passed was, in many respects, a major victory for the new activists of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. It was passed in defiance of the National Rifle Association and, with Gov. Rick Scott's signature, is the first successful gun control measure in Florida in more than 20 years. What the bill does is:

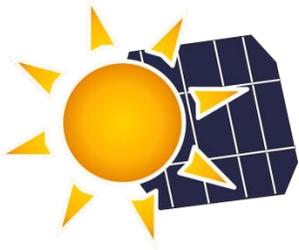
- **Raises the minimum age** from 18 to 21 to buy all guns
- **Creates a three-day waiting period** or until background check is completed with some exceptions for law enforcement and military, among others.
- **Bans bump stocks**, devices that can be attached to rifles to enable them to fire faster.
- **Arms school employees** creating a voluntary "marshal" program under which certain employees could be trained and armed after 12 hours of diversity training.
- **Funds school security**, allocating millions of dollars to make buildings more secure and to hire more school-based police officers.
- **Expands mental health services and regulations.** Among the bill's provisions, Florida school districts would receive state funding to provide mental health care to students and allow the police to temporarily confiscate guns from anyone subject to involuntary psychiatric evaluation under Florida's Baker Act.

What the bill doesn't do. It doesn't ban assault weapons, suspend AR-15 sales, ban high-capacity magazines, or strengthen background checks.

The U.S. Senate will not take up gun safety legislation before the Easter break.

What Can You Do?

Become a Groundbreaker. According to the League of Women Voters, Groundbreakers are individuals, elected leaders and organizations that are willing to be part of the growing grassroots movement led by Ohioans for Gun Safety. Groundbreakers want to take part in the conversation about gun safety in Ohio and help spread the word about the campaign. Find out more about the organization by [visiting their website](#): ohioansforgunsafety.com. Then support Ohioans for Gun Safety by [signing on as a Groundbreaker](#), getting [email updates](#), hosting a [house party](#), or following Ohioans for Gun Safety on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). The League website is www.lwvohio.org. League of Women Voters of Ohio | 614-469-1505.



Solar Democracy

Are you wondering what you can do about climate change?

We have elections in Ohio this year during May, August and November. You can use your vote to save the planet. You can also attend public hearings when the state legislature and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) are making decisions affecting your energy future. Write letters to the editor. Get involved in a variety of local, state, and national organizations that deal with climate or renewable energy.

You can also take direct action today by going solar. Going solar is cheaper than you think. You can have a solar array that provides the majority of the power to your home for less than \$10,000 out-of-pocket (after a 30% federal tax credit). Then you can spread that cost over five years while letting savings from your electric bill pay for most of those payments. Solar also adds to the resale value of your home.

Solar is durable and reliable. The typical panel has a 25-year warranty and can last much longer. They are built to withstand high winds and hail. Every panel that you add reduces our dependence on fossil fuels.

Coal is the most dangerous and the most expensive way to generate electricity. The more we increase the capacity of solar, wind and even natural gas, the more coal plants we will retire. This amplifies the positive effects of going solar.

What about jobs? Solar now employs three times as many people as the coal industry, both nationally and in Ohio. Solar installation jobs can't be outsourced. It's not just about the panels either. The support rails and electronics create additional manufacturing jobs. There are also sales, design, research and operations and maintenance jobs. Solar helps our economy.

So vote with your wallet. Go solar. Save your world.

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	Delaware County Presidential Elections Results					<i>The Delaware County Democratic voters have been steadily chipping away at the Republican stronghold in Presidential elections. Keep up the strong opposition by getting neighbors and friends to vote Blue for all candidates in the 2018 elections.</i>
	Year	Repub.		Democrat		
	2016	54.50%	57,568	38.70%	40,872	
	2012	60.90%	60,194	37.70%	37,292	
	2008	59.20%	54,778	39.60%	36,653	
	2004	66.10%	53,143	33.60%	27,048	
	2000	66.10%	36,639	30.90%	17,134	
	1996	58.30%	24,123	32.50%	13,463	
	1992	49.40%	18,225	25.10%	9,263	
	1988	72.60%	20,693	26.60%	7,590	
1984	76.20%	19,050	23.10%	5,773		



Ohio Gubernatorial Candidates Forum in Union County A Hit

On Sunday, February 25, 2018, the Ohio Democratic Party, along with the Ohio Democratic County Chairs Association and co-hosted by the Delaware County Democratic Party hosted a forum with the Democratic candidates for governor and four statewide candidates – Cathleen Clyde, candidate for Secretary of State, Zach Space, candidate for Auditor and the two Supreme Court candidates Michael Donnelly, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge and Melody Stewart, 8th District Court of Appeal Judge.

Zach Space led the discussion with an impassioned statement about supporting the gerrymandering issue (now Issue 1), as that is what has been the decisive defeat of the democratic process in the state of Ohio since its inception.

Cathleen Clyde continued with the same theme by strongly supporting fair Voter Registration policies once she gets into office, including a push to allow 17 year-olds to vote.

The Columbus Dispatch reported that getting Ohio Democrats who voted for President Donald Trump back into the fold was the theme for this Gubernatorial candidate forum in Marysville on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

The candidates on the stage also talked about how to win back blue-collar voters who traditionally have formed the backbone of the Ohio Democratic Party. All vowed to fight what they see as union-busting and other anti-labor measures emanating from the Republican-controlled legislature.

Ohio Sen. Joe Schiavoni, an amateur boxer from the Youngstown area, said he tries not to lead with his chin when talking to eastern Ohio voters.

“I’m from the Trump-crossover capital of the world,” he said, adding, “If Democrats keep running the same candidates with the same message, we’ll get our butts kicked again in November.”

Former congressman, Cleveland Mayor and presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich said he’d seek to reclaim the soul of the Democratic Party.

“The Democratic Party lost its soul when it made nice with corporate America and started taking corporate America’s money and the American people caught on because the trade agreements that were made under Democratic administrations said they were going to protect jobs, the environment, workers’ rights and none of those things happened,” he said.

Richard Cordray, former director of the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a former Ohio attorney general, said Kucinich should speak for himself.

“Not all of us have lost our way as Democrats on this stage,” he said. “Not all of us became paid commentators for Fox News and praised President Trump’s inaugural address as a great speech. I went to fight for consumers in Washington.”

That was a shot at a tweet by Kucinich praising Trump's "America First" inaugural address. The tweet has since been deleted.

It is important that the Delaware Democrats continue to show up to all local Town Halls and candidate forums/debates. We need to show strength and support for all who run for public office. Go to the [website](#) to see the full slate of statewide, regional, and local candidates.



Central Committee Meeting News and Getting Involved

March Central Committee Meeting Update: Emotional ups and downs

The Central Committee meeting was held on Thursday, March 15, and began on an emotional and sad note. Chair, Ed Helvey reminded attendees about the passing of Margaret Jones and the role she played in supporting the DCDP. For years Margaret had allowed the DCDP to be headquartered, rent-free, in the second floor of her building at 12 North Sandusky. Ed pointed out that much of what the Party has achieved in the recent past is because we had a place to hold meetings, host events, and work with candidates on their campaigns. Jim Nugent suggested a plaque for the office honoring Ms. Jones; leadership agreed that would be a worthy tribute. Memorial service is Thursday, March 22, see below for details.

Ed also reminded Party members and attendees of the importance of voting, and [early voting](#), in the upcoming primary election on May 8th. With the recent Democratic victory in Pennsylvania's 18th congressional district, there was a sense of "we can do this" in our own 12th district. Central Committee member Jack Hartman further heightened excitement by reporting that a major political analyst had adjusted his rating of Ohio's 12th from "Likely Republican" to "Leans Republican"! The same analyst indicated that PA 18th and OH 12th are similar in that about half is urban and the other half small city/rural. As a result, there will be an abundance of media attention and focus on our congressional district. We have an opportunity to make history by showing a strong turn-out and winning the August 7th special election for a seat that has been held by Republicans since 1983.

Reminder: Central Committee [meeting minutes](#) are posted on the [website](#) each month.

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>

Attend a Central Committee Meeting:

The county-wide Central Committee meets the third Thursday every month, 7:30pm, and is open to all Democrats and Progressives. It is held at 12½ N. Sandusky St. Delaware Ohio.

Check the [website](#) for volunteer opportunities

Central Committee Membership - Opportunity to Make a Difference

An interested candidate can always request an at-large 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 always get more information on our [website](#) on how to file for candidacy.



Become Part of the Solution

What: Margaret Ellen Jones Memorial Service

When: Thursday, March 22, 1:00pm

Where: Ohio Living Sarah Moore, 26 North Union Street, Delaware Ohio 43015

[Margaret Jones Memorial Service Details](#)

What: Young Dems Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 21, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: Delaware Democratic Headquarters, 12-1/2 North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar»](#)

What: Postcard Writing - cards provided BYO stamps

When: Thursday, March 22, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Where: The Oak & Brazen Wine Co., 38 E Winter St, Delaware, OH 43015, USA ([map](#))

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar»](#)

What: COLUMBUS: Campaign for Ohio 2018 Launch

Let's turn Ohio blue.

When: March 17, 2018 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: 340 East Fulton Street, Columbus, OH

[RSVP](#)

What: Dayton: Campaign for Ohio 2018 Launch

Let's turn Ohio blue.

When: March 18, 2018 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: 6550 Poe Avenue, Dayton, OH 45414

[RSVP](#)

What: All Registered Congressional District 12 Non-partisan Forum - Democratic, Republican and Green Party

Who: Delaware, Licking and Franklin Counties League of Women Voters and the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government

When: April 12, 2018, 6:30pm-9:00pm

Where: Delaware Area Career Center North, 1610 State Rte 521, Delaware, OH 43015

[Tickets/RSVP](#)

What: [March For Our Lives](#)

When: Saturday, March 24, 11:00am

Where: Genoa Park 303 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

What: [Tax Day March #2](#)

When: Sunday, April 15, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Bricker Federal Office Building 200 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215