



Women's Newsletter

Greene County
Democratic Women

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Chairman's Chat to the Greene County Democratic Women's Club

Hi Ladies!

First, let me thank you for your kind words of encouragement and congratulations. I really appreciated them. There's an expression that says "A woman's place is in her Party" now we can say "anywhere" in her Party. My win would not have been possible without each of you and the guys, who placed their confidence in me. I will work very hard to make you proud.

On that note, I want to thank all of those who have stepped up to volunteer to phone bank, canvass, do data entry, bring in food, and make signs, on top of all the regular volunteer work they do for the party. Please don't stop! Remember, this is a war we must not lose and the preparation and training we do now, will decide the outcome. If you can't spare an hour or two a week, try to recruit some friend or family member to work in your place. Remember the "We Are Ohio" folks are there seven days a week, 10 AM to 8 PM. This is laying the foundation for the upcoming Presidential election too.

Next, each of us should consider as our personal mission in life as a Democrat to become informed on the issues and share that information with as many people as possible. If you're shy about approaching people, just wear a pin, a t-shirt or a bumper-sticker. They will be asking you about the message or issue.

September 25, 2011 is when we turn in the first set of petitions for HB 194 (Voter Suppression Bill.) I call this a homogenized version of the "Jim Crow" laws of the Fifties and Sixties. It affects everyone regardless of race or party by making it more difficult to vote. Make sure you and everyone you meet have signed the petition by Saturday. If we get enough signatures, Kasick can't put it into effect for Nov 8, 2011 general election or the Presidential /General election in 2012, when it would appear on the ballot and we can officially vote it down.

In addition, if we get enough signatures, the first day for early voting is Oct 04, 2011. If we don't, then early voting is pushed back to Oct 22, 2011. In either case get there at the first opportunity, don't wait till Election Day. (Heaven forbid something unexpected like an illness or broken leg could happen and you might not get to vote.)

Next a quick note: Eileen and Dale Martin's grandson is having surgery this week but they want the garage sale to go on as planned. With the great volunteers in place to carry it off, I'm sure we'll have another successful garage sale.

Don't let a day go by without writing, calling or emailing politician's to let them know we've got our eye on them and we want them to support "our" values: good paying jobs/unions, Health Care, Social Security, Medicare, the rich and corporations paying their fair share of taxes, Green Energy, clean air, water, the list goes on and on.

Your Chairman,
Doris Adams
9/20/11

HB 194 Update

Ohio House Bill 194 (HB194), was passed in June of 2011. Supporters of the bill call it election reform, while some call it a voter suppression bill. The Ohio League of Women Voters opposes the bill, stating it has provisions that are "likely to make it more difficult for Ohioans to exercise their right to vote and which will result in long lines and other problems on Election Day." Democrats also oppose it because it will disproportionately affect Democratic voters and working people who oppose SB 5. Just one of the numerous changes in HB 194 is that many of the early voting times convenient for working people are eliminated: early voting in the evening and early voting on the weekend before election day. In Greene County for the 2010 general election, there were evening voting hours on seven early voting days; HB 194 prohibits these. More details on the bill at <http://www.ohea.org/hb194>.

A referendum petition drive to repeal HB 194 is underway. The process is familiar to Ohioans; we are in a later stage of the same process as we try to repeal the anti-collective bargaining law SB 5. Valid petition signatures must be collected from 231,149 Ohio voters, which is 6% of the number of people who voted in the governor's race in November, 2010. Also, the number of signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties must be at least 3% of the number of people who voted in the governor's race in that county. The 3% threshold for Greene County is 1,754. A successful referendum would put the bill on hold until Ohioans vote on it in November 2012.

Volunteers coordinated jointly by the Greene County Democratic Party and President Obama's Organizing for America (OFA) have collected over 1800 signatures. Additional signatures have been collected in Greene County by other groups. Some of our volunteers have carried a petition when going door to door with We Are Ohio, the effort to repeal SB 5. Some have collected at walk-in and drive-up events, others at festivals, some at houses of worship, some by contacting voters in their precinct, and others have collected from their family and friends. Many of you have been part of that effort and should be proud of this work to stop this unfair law. Last weekend we collected over 500 signatures at the Xenia Community Festival, the Yellow Springs Cyclops Fest, and the Jamestown Bean Festival.

Phase 1 of the petition gathering ends on Sept 25 and signatures will be submitted to the Secretary of State for validation. Shortly thereafter Phase 2 begins in which we collect additional signatures so that we have signatures ready, in case the number of valid signatures falls short. Please join our effort! One way to help is to gather together a group of people who haven't signed (at your home, club, etc) along with one of our petition circulators. Another is to make phone calls. Contact Chris, Doris, Eileen, or Lynn to help.

Submitted by Lynn Buffington.

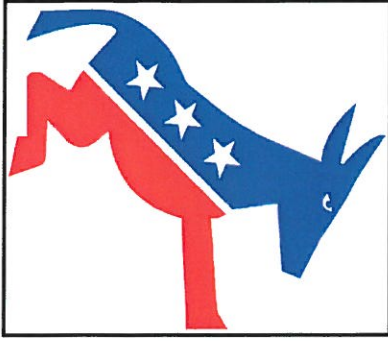
Remember:

Vote NO on Issue 2

and

NO on Issue 3!

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Next Women's Meeting:

**September 26, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

Democrat HQ

Xenia, OH

Topic: Issue 2



Come to Our Garage Sale!

Dates: September 22 and 23, 2011

Time: 9:00 am—5 pm

Place: 3885 E. Patterson Road

Beavercreek, OH

For more information, call 372-6003.