

True Blue

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FOLLOW THE MONEY

Have you ever thought that money rules politics? Maybe you think that political parties are the main source of money for candidates, but you would be wrong. Political Parties are actually regulated as to how much money they can contribute to state and federal candidates. However, some groups aren't regulated. Two groups that contribute to campaigns and aren't subject to the same limits are political action committees (PACs) and 501c4 organizations. You likely have heard the term Dark Money and wondered what it meant. Dark Money refers to political spending meant to influence the decision of a voter, where the donor is not disclosed, and the source of the money is unknown. Dark Money can refer to funds spent by a political nonprofit or a super PAC.

On July 16, 2018, the US Treasury Department made it even easier for elections to be influenced by "Dark Money" when it ruled that 501c4 groups did not have to report its donors to the IRS. Groups such as AARP and the NRA can give to campaigns and run ads without revealing the source of the funding.

A Common Cause spokesperson said that Americans for Prosperity (AFP) founded by the Koch brothers, has been fighting for this IRS change for years. AFP has been the most active and visible advocate for reducing and preventing disclosure of donors to 501c4 organizations. Elections do have consequences.

It is quite interesting to examine the campaign finance reports filed with the Secretary of State. You can see the contributions made by PACS, both political and corporate, as well as the individuals who support a candidate. Sometimes reviewing a campaign finance report paints a picture of who a candidate may be "beholden" to or what special interests they will support. Check it out for yourself and be sure to go beyond the 1st page to "follow the money"!

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EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS, 215 NORTH CROSS
STREET, WEST UNION, OHIO
(937) 544-2633

WILL BE OPEN FOR EARLY
IN-PERSON VOTING:

October 10, 2018 – October 12, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 15, 2018 – October 19, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 22, 2018 – October 26, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 27, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

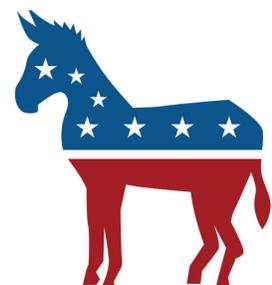
October 29, 2018 – October 31, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

November 1, 2018 – November 2, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

November 3, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

November 4, 2018
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

November 5, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



ECONOMICS PART III

We have fallen through the looking glass into the age of predatory economics. Mega-corporations, not individuals, determine livelihoods as well as all the “rules of the road” for economic conduct. The meaning of ethics has been revamped. The Supreme Court has decided a corporation has all the rights – but not the responsibilities – of a human being. As a result, since a corporation doesn’t have a soul or a moral life, business decisions substitute for ethical decisions. Corporate duty is to its corporate entity, not to its individual workers or customers, or to mankind at large, or to the very earth – which it exploits and poisons for profit. Cost-benefit analyses become moral lenses. Corporate ethics have produced monsters, such as the Challenger explosion, the exploding Ford Pinto, refreshing, mint-flavored cigarettes and safe, easily available opioid pain medications.

A healthy, educated middle class has the knowledge and the power to restrain corporate excesses, so the middle class is targeted for extinction. Debt is centrally involved in the destruction of the middle class. Debt is a by-product of our economic philosophy and is central to our economic system. It is the means by which the rich get richer and the poor, poorer while the industrial system converts from human workers to robots. Pay Day Lending is a useful tool for greasing the wheels for the destruction of the middle class. It is a byproduct of an ongoing manipulation and erosion of the economic system that supported industrialization for more than a hundred years.

A Pay Day Loan (PDL) is a relatively small high-cost loan, usually due in 2 weeks and made with a borrower’s post-dated check or access to his bank account as collateral. The annual percentage rate is extremely high. It is designed to trap borrowers in debt. In Ohio, there are more than 650 PDL storefronts in 76 counties. According to the Pew Charitable Trust, payday lenders in Ohio charge the highest interest rates in the United States, with a typical annual percentage rate (APR) of 591%.

Who needs Pay Day Loans? They are varied, but, mostly, the working poor. They can be

people who get laid off or are employed full-time but cannot make ends meet. They can be people who manage the little money they have poorly. They can be people who are addicts or who have other costly addictions. They can be people whose household has 2 working parents whose Dad works on the roads during the day and McDonald’s at night, and whose Mom is an attendant in a nursing facility who works two and three double shifts a week. They are people who are exhausted and desperate. It is estimated that 1 in 10 people in Ohio has used Pay Day Lending.

Some groups purporting to “reform” the system, such as the Ohio Consumers Lenders Association, in fact, provide funding to lobby for the continuation of Pay Day Loan practices. In actions worthy of inclusion in the novels of George Orwell, they paved the way for Pay Day Loaners to obtain licenses through a loophole in a 2008 Ohio law. This allowed them to operate as “credit service organizations.” This is an

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ongoing effort to support the exploitation and destruction of the remnants of the American middle class.

While some other states, such as New York, banned Pay Day Lending long ago, Ohio has resisted changes in Pay Day Lending for years. Finally, with elections looming and the prospect that our Governor may be running for president in the future, John Kasich signed a Pay Day Loan law only weeks ago. He appears to be beginning his campaign with claims that his plan could become a model for the

nation. He recommends what Democrats have been lobbying for, such as setting specific limits on fees and interest rates and prohibiting the use of vehicle registration as collateral. He has signed it into law, but some legislators are fighting it. They claim it is unconstitutional on the grounds it proposes to regulate what private businesses should be able to offer to the public – or perhaps better said – DO to the public.

(May 20, 2018 Peoples Defender; July 23, 2018 Cincinnati Enquirer) ❖

NOW IS THE TIME: PUT PEOPLE FIRST IN OHIO

You probably have heard talk that it is past time to purge the Ohio Statehouse of corruption. We agree! In recent years, there have been too many shady dealings and too much outright theft from tax-paid funds. And there have been way too many power dynamics, with profits given higher priority than people. Here are some examples of negligent and corrupt government during recent years of Republican rule in Columbus.

• **Wage Theft** - Thousands upon thousands of Ohio’s hardest working and most thinly stretched workers have been raked over by minimum wage violations. Studies show that unchecked wage theft has led to \$600 million lost each year from shorted paychecks to Ohio’s workers. The state has all but abandoned its role in enforcing laws to protect workers from this type of abuse. Ohio holds the dishonor of rating second in the nation for its negligence in this area.

• **Police Officers Denied Safety Equipment** - We all know that Ohio’s police officers have extremely dangerous jobs. The State of Ohio has needlessly

put our peace officers at heightened risk by not replacing expired safety equipment, such as body armor and bulletproof vests, in a timely fashion. Yet, Ohio’s Attorney General, who currently is the Republican candidate for governor, has always had uninterrupted access to his very own operational, bulletproof vest!

• **Predatory Lending** - Ohio’s inadequate regulation and oversight of payday loans and title loans has led to an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This investigation recently prompted the resignation of the now-former Republican Speaker of the House. He and his office are at the center of this very serious investigation. Predatory lending practices hit Ohio’s most thinly stretched citizens harder than anyone else.

• **Chartergate** - This is a scandal nearly twenty years in the making. It involves gross misuse of millions upon millions of public dollars by private businesses and “charter schools,” which have inadequately delivered on their promises to educate Ohio’s children. Here in Adams County, in

DEMOCRATIC FALL FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018
SOCIAL HOUR – 5:30 p.m.,
DINNER – 6:30 p.m.

Ohio Valley Career & Technical Center
175 Lloyd Road
West Union, Ohio 45693



Now is the Time con't...

the last two years alone, nearly \$2,000,000 have been siphoned away from public schools for this failed experiment. When our current Ohio Auditor should have been checking these charter schools' books, he was instead speaking at their meetings and accepting campaign donations from them. And, the Attorney General, who now is the current Republican candidate for governor, also has accepted cash campaign contributions from charter school operators.

• **Human Trafficking** - This is a painfully ugly truth that refers to the illegal, outright misuse of fellow human beings for free labor and/or sexual exploit. Ohio has the dubious distinction of ranking 4th in the nation for the frequency of this scourge here in our state. If this problem is to be solved, it needs focused and sustained attention from our state officials. Yet, as this problem was growing in Ohio, the Attorney General, who now is the Republican

candidate for governor, was often absent from Ohio while he toured the USA promoting the Republican agenda. It is nothing short of ironic that he stands accused of intervening in complaints of sexual harassment made against his friends and political allies here in Ohio.

These are just a few examples of the many instances of corruption, negligence, and disregard for human worth and dignity during recent years of Ohio Republican rule. It is past time to restore decency to Ohio's government and to Ohio's citizens. This can only be accomplished by electing new leaders. Democrats have made a commitment to put people first. In order to right Ohio's course, we desperately need to elect Democrats to state offices.

Please be sure that you, your friends, and your family members are registered, get to the polls, and vote the Democratic ticket! Let's work together to put people first again here in Ohio! ❖

FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

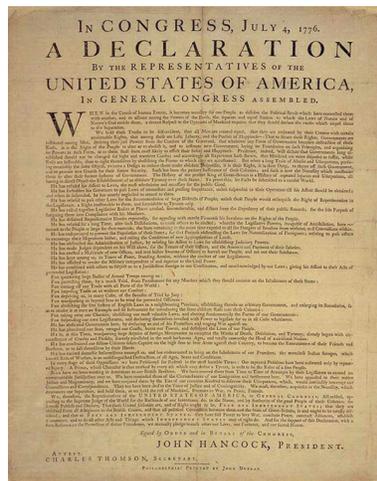
The following words were taken directly from the Declaration of Independence, adopted by 13 united states of America on July 4, 1776:

“Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ... whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it.

“The history of the present King is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world:

- He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good
- He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose, obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners, refusing to pass

- others to encourage their migrations hither
- He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance
- He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws
- [He has] cut off our trade with all parts of the world
- He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us
- Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people”



As these words ring true once again, let us use our hard-won freedoms and elect individuals who will support and uphold our inalienable rights. ❖



TOM HUGHES, A REAL AMERICAN HERO

Tom Hughes, age 99, passed away on July 27 at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown. Tom was active in the Democratic Party as long as his health permitted. He and his late wife, Charlotte, attended and supported many Democratic functions and she was Director of the Board of Elections.

Tom, like many members of the greatest generation, was unassuming. Yet, during his service in WWII in the U.S. Army, he received the Bronze and Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Ohio Military Hall of Fame and the Seaman American Legion Post #633.

We extend our sympathy to all of his 4 children, especially to his daughter Connie Sue Hohn of Seaman. ❖



RUSSELL E. AREY

The Democratic Party lost a loyal member on March 9, 2018, when Russell E. Arey lost a three-year battle with esophageal cancer. Russ was a resident of Clermont County and a member of the Ohio Democratic Party State Executive Committee representing the 14th District. He was a native of Adams County and was always supportive of our efforts. He regularly attended our monthly Club meetings, submitted ideas and cartoons for True Blue, and served as auctioneer extraordinaire at countless fundraisers.

Russ grew up near Peebles and his Democratic ideals were shaped by his parents and grandparents who lived through the Depression and WWII. He heard their stories and took to heart the message of compassion, hard work, and justice. He understood early the importance of laughter and the necessity

for people to have hope.

We will miss his many talents that included storytelling, artwork and auctioneering, but most of all we will miss his laughter and his willingness to work to put Democratic ideals into practice to make life better for others.

Russ is survived by his wife and best friend, Dana Ebrite Arey along with extended family and friends. ❖



VALERIE YOUNG

Valerie Young lived in a time and a place where being a single woman and a Democrat was neither common nor easy. Years ago I was fortunate to meet and interview her for True Blue. I picked her up at her home in West Union and we went for breakfast. She was greeted by everyone in the restaurant. We talked about a woman who ran for local office many years ago and she provided me with information to write an article on the story. Now, I wish it were Valerie I'd interviewed for an article. She was unique – and a wealth of information.

There are many things about Valerie that are widely known. She never married and she lived all her life with her mother and grandmother in their family home. She worked in several businesses locally and retired from the Post Office. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church in West Union. Her special avocation was

Valerie Young con't...

genealogy. And as I was told, she was widely regarded as someone who was always willing to help.

She was described as being something of a private detective who used genealogical research to help people connect up. Her democratic ideals and independent nature led her to attend several inaugurations in Washington D.C. It was important to her that people understand and recognize how fragile and precious human life is. She researched and wrote articles on the cholera epidemic in Adams County in which many citizens sickened in late morning died by sundown. Her personal history pointed to her remarkable courage and independence from an early age. For instance, in high school, in the early forties, she stood up for a teacher who was not rehired. She marched with her fellow students to courthouse square – with signs on tobacco sticks!

Valerie was a unique blessing to Adams County. She died at 92 years old. She is missed. Her courage and independence are greatly needed at this time and in this place. I am confident,

had she lived and been physically well enough, she would have stood up to the growing madness, and accompanied those of us who protest racism and sexism and xenophobia – in our pussy hats. In fact, I think she would have documented the history of these hats – for posterity. ❖

MATCH THE CITY WITH THE STATE

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| (1) Eek | (A) Virginia |
| (2) Nothing | (B) Montana |
| (3) Idiotville | (C) Kansas |
| (4) Looneyville | (D) California |
| (5) Soso | (E) Oregon |
| (6) Ransom | (F) Missouri |
| (7) Square Butt | (G) Alaska |
| (8) Wimp | (H) Mississippi |
| (9) Tightwad | (I) Arizona |
| (10) Nuttsville | (J) Texas |

ANSWERS: (1G), (2I), (3E), (4J), (5H), (6C), (7B), (8D) (9F), (10A)

Ohio Issue 1

Ohio Issue 1, known as the Drug and Criminal Justice Policies initiative, will be the only statewide issue on the ballot on November 6, 2018. Issue 1 is a proposed constitutional amendment which would:

- make offenses related to drug possession and use no more than misdemeanors;
- prohibit courts from ordering persons on probation for felonies be sent to prison for non-criminal probation violations;
- create a sentence credits program for inmates' participation in rehabilitative, work, or educational programs; and
- require the state to spend savings due to a reduction of inmates, resulting from Issue 1, on drug treatment, crime victim, and rehabilitation programs.

It is clearly stated that this ballot initiative would not be applied to individuals convicted of murder, rape, or child molestation.

Supporters stress that Issue 1 will save taxpayer dollars, put public safety money to better use, reduce recidivism, and promote public safety. Detractors believe that policies of this sort should be set by Ohio's General Assembly and that passage of the issue might indicate to children that drugs are not dangerous.

A number of judges, some prosecuting attorneys, some law enforcement agencies, and the Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center oppose Issue 1. Mental health and addiction treatment providers, some faith leaders, some law enforcement officers, some victims, and the Ohio Justice Policy Center support the issue. ❖

CORDRAY AND SUTTON FOR GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR

Rich Cordray and Betty Sutton have always put people first. Whether it was going after big banks to protect people, recovering money for peoples' pensions, or creating the cash for clunkers program to help save Ohio's auto industry, they fight for people first.

Under Republican leadership, Ohio's education system has fallen from 5th to 22nd in the country. The opioid epidemic has exploded and is devastating families. The Republican Speaker of the House resigned in disgrace and is under FBI investigation. Republicans stalled pay-day lending reform for years and have not recovered the millions owed from failed Charter Schools that cheated. One party rule has led to corruption in Ohio's capital at the expense of all Ohioans.

Rich Cordray will stand with families to protect children and move Ohio into the future. He has common sense proposals for economic development so people can have a living wage job. He

believes working people should have access to healthcare and will stand up for workers. His healthcare plan includes keeping Medicaid expansion, investing in preventative care and increasing transparency in several programs, ALL of which will save Ohio money!

His opponent has had about four decades in elected office. He is distorting Rich's stellar record by running negative ads that fact-checking shows are "misleading" and "half-true."

It's time to stand with Rich Cordray for a better future for Ohio! ❖



STEVE DETTELBACH FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

As Ohio's top law enforcement official, the job of Attorney General is to protect Ohio families, support law enforcement, and stand up for victims. Born and raised in Ohio, Steve Dettelbach has stood before judges & juries to protect our communities from dangerous criminals and to stop corrupt politicians. As a federal prosecutor for more than 20 years, he put child abusers, drug dealers, and human traffickers in prison and secured convictions against both Democrats and Republicans who broke the law. As Attorney General, Steve will enforce the law to protect Ohio's children and families, take on politicians and political insiders to crack down on corruption, influence

peddling, and backroom deals.

While traveling the state, prior to his official announcement to run, Steve heard a similar theme from the people he spoke with- a belief that politicians have rigged the system to benefit themselves while real problems facing Ohio like the opioid crisis have gone largely unaddressed and hardworking people have struggled to get

ahead. Steve knows that even after the bad guy is caught, the work is often just beginning. Child crime victims are at an increased risk for trouble in adulthood. Without adequate care, violence can shatter lives and lead to an unending cycle of more violence.

Here in Adams County, we know all too well the cycle of violence and



Steve Dettelbach con't...

addiction that leads to shattered lives for generations. Isn't time to elect someone who will put Ohioans first and protect our most vulnerable? Steve is not a career politician. He is a prosecutor. His career speaks volumes about his ability to hold those accountable for breaking the law, no matter who

they are. With Ohio ranking number 2 in the country in opioid deaths and riding the line between 4th & 5th for human trafficking, we need an experienced candidate, one who is an expert in both fields, if we are going to turn Ohio around. Steve Dettelbach is that person. ❖

<http://steveforohio.com>

ZACK SPACE FOR AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO

Space will ensure that democracy is working for every Ohioan.

Space will shine a light on the improper influence of pay-to-play politics. He will help take politics out of the redistricting process.

Space will use performance audits to protect you and your tax dollars. He will use performance audits to assess our state's response to the opioid crisis, to

determine the effect of restricting access to health care coverage, and to understand the implications of cutting local governments funds to Ohio communities of all sizes.

Space will serve as a watchdog for hard-working Ohioans. Zack Space will put people first! ❖



KATHLEEN CLYDE FOR OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE

Young, intelligent, hard-working, capable – all words that describe Kathleen Clyde. Representative Clyde has served in Ohio's General Assembly for eight years and has been consistently passionate about the rights of Ohio's voters. She fought to restore the busiest days of early voting and was named 2016 Legislator of the Year by the bipartisan Ohio Association of Election Officials. Kathleen Clyde is committed to keeping Ohio's elections safe and secure.

In response to the current Secretary of State's intent to resume voter purging after the November 2018 elections, Representative Clyde observed that his "overly-aggressive purging of infrequent voters hurts the integrity of our elections and is a waste of state resources." She has also noted, "If we're going to stop partisan gerrymandering, make it easier to start a



business, and ensure [that] every voter has a voice, it's going to take all of us standing together to win this race."

Once elected as Secretary of State, Kathleen Clyde has stated that she will "encourage economic development, job creation, and innovation." In fact, she has put forward a six-point program that includes the following: make the office more user-friendly, extend office hours, support our veterans, protect against fraud, strengthen support for businesses owned

by women and minorities, and collaborate with stakeholders (business owners, trade associations, entrepreneurs, etc.)

Whether as Chief Elections Officer or as leader of Ohio's Business Services Division, Kathleen Clyde will work to put the needs of the people first. More information can be found on her webpage:

www.kathleenclcyde.com ❖

ROB RICHARDSON FOR OHIO TREASURER

Richardson will bring accountability to the Treasurer's office and put Ohio's taxpayers first. He believes in investing in people and expanding opportunity.

One example of how he puts people first is

illustrated by his stand on the opioid epidemic:

"Ohio currently ranks 2nd in the nation in opioid deaths. Ohioans are dying and families are being torn apart while pharmaceutical companies rake in billions. The only way we can put an end to

Rob Richardson con't...

the epidemic is to hold pharmaceutical companies accountable for the deaths they cause.

My opponent is happy to accept thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the same pharmaceutical companies that profit off the opioid epidemic.

The pharmaceutical companies won't

find a friend in me. We aren't taking their money, and as Treasurer I'll make sure to divest our tax dollars out of pharmaceutical company stocks. We will not be complicit in the deaths of thousands of Ohioans."



Rob Richardson cannot be bought and will protect your tax dollars and will always put people first. ❖ <https://www.robforohio.com>

SHERROD BROWN FOR U.S. SENATOR

"Washington bailed out Wall Street, and Wall Street turned around and stole pensions Ohioans worked for...now Congress has responsibility to protect the pensions workers earned before it is too late." – Senator Sherrod Brown

in the face of Big Money opposition, the Koch Brothers included.

Even in the "deeper" background, one can see energetic efforts to represent the interests of all Ohioans. He succeeded in introducing 120 bipartisan bills in 2017 alone. Similarly, he led the Senate to stand up to our geopolitical adversaries. Consistently, Sherrod has taken positions on the cutting edge of issues important to middle-class Ohioans, supporting the empowerment of border agents to identify and apprehend fentanyl smugglers, for instance, and yes, to protect the pensions that Ohioans

How easy would it be to write a background piece on Senator Sherrod Brown for an Ohio audience? For those who have spoken to him when he has visited Adams County, the reaction must surely be a positive one. And for those aware of his constituent work including advocacy to save a local Post Office, the reaction must similarly be a positive one. And if the anecdotal fails to impress, then his record as Ohio Secretary of State, then Ohio Congressman, then Senator from Ohio, ought to.



have earned. (He now serves as Co-Chair of the Joint Select committee on Pensions.)

Remembering constituents (and helping them out when they need it), leading fellow senators to make hard decisions, and taking stands to represent Ohioans even when those positions are unpopular at a national level – these activities do not make for the best headlines. But they do make for the best Senator! Senator Brown has remembered us for years. On November 6, it is our turn to remember him. ❖

Or one might consider the issues Sherrod has championed in the past: supporting fair trade policies (before the issue was popular); opposing efforts to export good jobs to other countries (and recall here that Sherrod once joined Representative Ted Strickland in the US House to vote against NAFTA.); or advocating consistently and robustly for middle class issues

<https://www.sherrodbrown.com>

JILL SCHILLER FOR REPRESENTATIVE, OHIO'S 2ND DISTRICT

She is a mother, former attorney, and a founder of a successful nonprofit that focuses on children's literacy. "I care deeply about the future of our Nation and the Ohio 2nd Congressional District, where I am raising my two precious children." Jill is running for Congress because families in

Southern Ohio deserve someone who champions their values. "Our education system needs to be funded, our healthcare is too expensive, and jobs are leaving the district in record numbers."

"The Second Congressional District is as diverse as America- stretching from the skyline

Jill Shiller con't...

of Cincinnati, to the bustling communities of Clermont County, to the hills of Adams & Brown Counties, and the strong city of Portsmouth in Scioto County. This diversity of geography is reflected in its wide-ranging economy. From Fortune 500 businesses to local farms, we have it all. While our regional economy is diverse, it is also challenging. My plan is to focus on local/state/federal partnerships to improve our infrastructure and bring new energy jobs to Southern Ohio.”

With regards to education, Jill wants to expand the Head Start Program, support teachers and strengthen our public schools, support vocational education, and make college affordable. “Our schools are vital to the success of our children and communities- more than any other public entity.” Jill would also like to see healthcare



that covers pre-existing conditions, prenatal care, and other essentials. She will prevent insurance companies from charging you more because you are older or have health problems. There will be a safety net, so you do not go bankrupt and lose everything because you or family member gets sick.

Jill will work to ensure there is a fair tax system, she will fight to protect Social Security and Medicare, reasonable sick time and family leave, and supportable living wages. With so many issues affecting the 2nd Congressional District, it is reassuring to know there is someone who will fight for us. We are not currently being supported. Our schools need support, we need more jobs brought into our area, and healthcare needs are not getting met. Jill will stay accountable to us the people- she will listen, research, and provide strong, energetic support and a voice for our area. <http://voteschiller.com/> ❖

ADRIENNE BUCKLER FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 90TH DISTRICT

Buckler grew up in the 90th District, and that is where she returned after finishing law school and opened up her small business. Adrienne is tired of hearing only negative comments about our community. Adrienne will be a representative who will promote our district and move it to its fullest potential.



While in Columbus representing the 90th District, Buckler will make our district known. This belief in our district will help Adrienne promote job creation and retention. Adrienne believes our district is situated in a prominent and enticing location with a strong workforce eager to earn a living wage. She believes that once a person can work and provide an honest wage, they become vested and proud of their accomplishments. They will work to better themselves and their family, and as a result, their family unit becomes strong. Adrienne will see to it that we take advantage of our local resources to create jobs for our citizens and boost the area

both financially and emotionally.

As an attorney, Buckler knows firsthand how the opioid epidemic has ruined lives and dramatically crowded the criminal court docket. She has seen how drug abuse and addiction can affect parents and children. Adrienne believes that criminal sentencing is not the absolute answer to this crisis, rather

drug treatment and counseling are essential in treating this disease.

Buckler knows that quality education is essential to our children’s success. She believes that free, appropriate public education is the foundation for the future of our State and our Country. However, Adrienne has seen the struggles placed upon our school districts by unfair funding practices handed down from the powers that be in Columbus. She will work feverishly to make sure that our local schools have what they need to educate the children of Adams, Lawrence, and Scioto Counties. Adrienne strongly believes that our young

Adrienne Buckler con't...

children deserve the best and she will not sit idly by as our area waits for elected leaders in Columbus to act.

As a native, Adrienne is committed to

our District and invested in its future. She is passionate about sustaining our future but also ensuring it thrives. We need her energy, charisma, and intelligence in Columbus representing us.

<http://adrienneforohio.com> ❖

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR THE OHIO SUPREME COURT

The success of American democracy is dependent on the concepts of separation of powers and of each branch of government providing a check on one another. This election season, the Ohio supreme court will have openings that the electorate will decide. Democrats have put forth two candidates who would add expertise and diversity to the decisions confronting the court.

Judge Michael P. Donnelly

Michael P. Donnelly was elected in 2016 for the second time to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Judge Donnelly has impressive credentials for the position. He received his law degree from John Carroll University and his law degree from Cleveland State University’s Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. After being admitted to the Ohio bar in 1992, he served five years as Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. After this position, Judge Donnelly worked in private practice for seven years before he was elected to the Common Pleas bench. During this time period, he was appointed by Ohio Supreme Court to the Commission on Professionalism from 2007-12. He served on Ohio State Board of Examiners and on the Ohio Jury Instructions Committee. Also, Judge Donnelly has been involved in and serves on the board of the Cleveland Baseball Federation which is one of Cleveland’s oldest charitable organizations helping Cleveland’s children play ball in the summer at no charge.



An important question to contemplate when considering a candidate is why is the candidate seeking this position and what policies will he be working towards. Let us quote Judge Donnelly, “I love being a trial court judge because it offers me the opportunity to use the law to help people resolve disputes. This ability of our courts makes them an indispensable backbone of our society. . . . I believe that to ensure the public’s confidence in our courts, we must be as transparent as possible and give the public the chance to discern that disputes are being resolved fairly through an open and efficient process. . . . As a Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, I will . . . provide all citizens with the opportunity to access the courts for dispute resolution and ensure that justice is neither delayed nor denied.”

The Supreme Court of Ohio is a critical component in the governing of Ohio. With all the present seats filled by the Republican Party, a countervailing voice is required. Your participation and vote are critical. ❖

Judge Melody J. Stewart

Judge Melody J. Stewart is currently serving in the Ohio Court of Appeals in the Eighth Appellate District, Cuyahoga County. She has twice been reelected to this position (in 2010 and 2016) and is a candidate in the November 2018 election for a seat on the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge Stewart earned her law degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland

State University, and has completed her Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve University’s Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Ms. Stewart is also a graduate of the College-Conservatory of



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Music at the University of Cincinnati.

Judge Stewart will bring 30 years of life/work experience to the Ohio Supreme Court. She has worked in the healthcare industry, as a music educator, a non-criminal trial lawyer, an assistant dean at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and also as a professor at the

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, in addition to her years of service on the Ohio Court of Appeals.

We very much need a Democratic voice on the Ohio Supreme Court as presently all seven seats are held by Republicans. Judge Melody J. Stewart can be that voice. For more information visit <https://www.stewartforohiosupremecourt.com/> ❖

JUDGE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS (2 TO BE ELECTED)

What is the court of appeals? There are twelve appellate districts established by the Ohio Constitution. The number of judges in each district depends on caseload and the size of the district. The number of judges varies from four to twelve and the Fourth District Court of Appeals has 4 judges and is comprised of fourteen counties. The primary function of the appellate court is to hear appeals from the common pleas, municipal and county courts and each case is heard and decided by a three-judge panel.

Appellate judges are elected in even-numbered years to six-year terms on a nonpartisan ballot and must be attorneys with at least six years of experience in the practice of law.

JUDGE MARIE HOOVER 2/09/2019 Term

Judge Marie Hoover is running for reelection to the Ohio 4th District Court of Appeals. Judge Hoover was elected by the court as the Presiding and Administrative Judge. Judge Hoover serves on the Executive Board for the Ohio Association of Appellate Judges; She is the 4th District Trustee for the Ohio Women's Bar Association, and she was elected as a Fellow for the American Bar Foundation in 2017; She teaches continuing legal education seminars throughout the State of Ohio as well.

Judge Hoover obtained her law degree from the Ohio State University College of Law and her bachelor's degree from Miami University. She has extensive jury and bench trial experience in State and Federal courts in both Ohio and Kentucky. She has been a prosecutor and a defense attorney.

Judge Hoover is married to attorney R. Tracy



Hoover, and they have two children Nate (20) and Nick (18). Nate is in his first year of law school at the University of Toledo College of Law on a full-tuition scholarship. Nick is a senior at Shawnee State University and plans to attend medical school upon graduation.

Judge Hoover is a third-degree black belt; and she has training in handguns,

close quarters personal control, and CCW handgun retention concepts. Judge Hoover is a member of the League of Women Voters, Order of the Eastern Star; and the NWTF.

Judge Hoover has served on the Ohio Supreme Court and other appellate districts as a visiting judge. She has been working extremely hard, campaigning throughout the 14 counties in the district. She appreciates your support in the upcoming election to help her retain her judicial seat. ❖

VALARIE GERLACH FOR JUDGE 2/10/2019 Term

Valarie Gerlach is a native of Portsmouth where she is in private practice at Gerlach and Gerlach. She is running for an open seat Ohio's Fourth District Court of Appeals due to the retirement of Judge William H. Harsha who was first elected in 1989.

Valarie Gerlach graduated first in her class from Capital University Law School and Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from the University of Cincinnati. While in law school, she was selected to be on the Law Review and the National Moot Court Team. She was also a Legal Writing Advisor

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at Capital University Law School.

Valarie Gerlach began her legal career as a law clerk for a United States District Court Judge. After this position, she joined her parents, Franklin and Cynthia Gerlach, in their law practice in Portsmouth, Ohio. She has previously served as a member of Portsmouth City Council and as an instructor at Shawnee State University.



Valarie is currently the President of the Scioto County Bar Association.

Valarie Gerlach is uniquely qualified by education and experience for a seat on the Fourth District Court of Appeals. "I've spent most of my adult life trying to help people solve their problems in southern Ohio," Gerlach said. "I have great training for the position, demonstrated academic aptitude and over 26 years of legal experience." ❖

ROY GABBERT FOR JUDGE OF THE ADAMS COUNTY COURT.

Roy Gabbert is a candidate for Judge of the Adams County Court. The County Court Judge is responsible for handling matters such as traffic cases, misdemeanors, small claims, and evictions. Roy Gabbert graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. from The Ohio State University in 1986; and received his Juris Doctor, With Honors, from The Ohio State University School of Law in 1989.



Roy Gabbert has been Adams County Court's Acting Judge for over twenty years, handling the court's docket whenever the regular Judge would be unavailable. In addition, Roy Gabbert has been in the private practice of law for over twenty-eight years and served on the Adams County Board of Elections for over eight years, including a term as that Board's Chair.

The Adams County Court is the judicial portal for the front line of rural America's addiction problem. It is important to remember that most citizens' first contact with Appalachia's opioid and meth problem is the Adams County Court. This contact could be as the Defendant with the disease of addiction or as the victim

of a crime where an addict has stolen property to finance the disease. The Judge of the Adams County Court deals with these problems in the rawness of their first iteration when the wounds are the freshest on the body of our community. Such situations as these require hard work, common sense, patience, and open-mindedness from a Judge.

One can't say they love Adams County, but then not love all of the people in Adams County. Roy Gabbert believes that a courtroom is the great level playing field of our society, where everyone is subject to the Rule of Law and nobody is above the law. In Roy Gabbert's courtroom, everyone will be treated equally and impartially with no favoritism based on your wealth, power, or political persuasion.

Roy Gabbert and his wife, Amy Gabbert, live in West Union, where they work together to raise their daughter, Lucy. If you feel our county could use some of the thoughtful, fact-based, open-minded, intelligent, and science-backed thinking outlined in this article, then vote! And tell a friend so the momentum can build for Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, and Walking Humbly. ❖



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A Message of Love and Peace, Not Hate and Fear

“Beyond the South Pacific”

We’ve got to be taught to be afraid
of people whose eyes are oddly made
and people whose skin is of a different shade.
We’ve got to be carefully taught*

People in poverty we can’t abide.
Native Americans are pushed aside.
We’re often reminded that we can’t stand
people who come from a far-off land
or even our neighbors ‘cross the Rio Grande.
We’ve been so carefully taught.

Now, my friends, come, gather around.
Let’s blend our voices in a brand new sound
of love and peace, not hate and fear
to tell those people we are glad they are here.
It’s got to be carefully taught.

*Borrowed from lyrics of the musical South Pacific
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CLIP & SAVE

The Democratic ticket has a Blue Print for Ohio that includes affordable health care for all, jobs with a living wage, educational opportunities for everyone, and protections for women. Democrats are leaders you can trust to fight for you and for every hard-working Ohioan. This election is the time to put Ohio in the lead for the 21st Century.

Vote for these candidates to put People First!

✓	Richard Cordray & Betty Sutton	Governor & Lt. Governor
✓	Steve Dettelbach	Attorney General
✓	Zack Space	Auditor of State
✓	Kathleen Clyde	Secretary of State
✓	Rob Richardson	Treasurer of State
✓	Sherrod Brown	United States Senator
✓	Jill Schiller	Representative to Congress (2nd District)
✓	Adrienne Buckler	State Representative Ohio House (90th)
✓	Michael Donnelly	Justice Ohio Supreme Court
✓	Melody J. Stewart	Justice Ohio Supreme Court
✓	Marie Hoover	Judge 4th District Court of Appeals (2/9/2019)
✓	Valarie Gerlach	Judge 4th District Court of Appeals (2/10/2019)
✓	Roy Gabbert	County Court Judge