

"St. Patrick's Day in May" Dinner a Success

St. Patrick's Day may be over, but we didn't let that stop us from celebrating while raising money to help our candidates win in November.

YTDO held our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on May 2nd at Drury Lane, keynoted by Sheila Simon, Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor. Other speakers included David Miller, nominee for Illinois Comptroller, and Christine Cegelis, newly elected State Central Committeewoman.

York Township and the collar counties would be vital in the November election, all three speakers agreed. "The battleground will be here!" said Simon. "You are important...to this race!" Miller said.

The Simon family has a long history with York Township Democrats. In 1961, Senator Paul Simon was scheduled to speak at the 3rd annual YTDO St Patrick's Dinner. He warned YTDO that his wife was pregnant and he would not be able to attend if she went into labor. Three days before the event, Sheila Simon was born. Senator Simon did attend the dinner and was presented with a stuffed donkey for his new baby. Sheila named it Eeyore and still remembers it. It is part of Simon family lore.
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At the dinner: Democratic candidates Hilary Denk, Ben Lowe, Cathy Sewell, Sheila Simon, Dennis Clark (left to right).

Water Commission whistle-blower to speak at YTDO Meeting

Liz Chaplin, DuPage Water Commissioner and former County Board candidate will speak at the next YTDO monthly meeting at 7 PM on June 2nd in the log cabin at Four Seasons Park near 16th & Main, Lombard. Liz will discuss the developing budget shortfall, and present her view of proposed solutions.

A majority of the Water Commissioners are already appointed by the County Board Chair. Of these, only Chaplin exercised proper oversight of the Commission's finances, according to an

independent audit.

The legislation proposed by State Sen. Dan Cronin was introduced before that audit had been finished and disregards all of the audit's recommendations. Cronin's proposal would put the Water Commission entirely under the County Board. The board chair, an already over-powerful position for which Cronin himself is campaigning, would be freely able to appoint any Board member as the Water Commission chair.

Concentrating power in the hands of fewer and fewer individuals is a recipe for cronyism, not for the sound fiscal management and accountability that DuPage County government needs.

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(continued from front) Over 100 supporters attended the dinner. Guests included County Board members Dirk Enger and Rita Gonzalez, Election Commissioner Jeanne McNamara, County Party chair Bob Peickert and executive director Amy Tauchman, former DPDC chair Tinker Harvey, State Central Committee members Bob Wagner and Julia Beckman, and most local Democratic candidates.

It is never to late to donate money or time to YTDO. You could host a Meet and Greet for a candidate in your home, march in parades, become a committeeman, canvass voters, and much more.

Contributions to help us turn DuPage blue can be made at our website or sent to Steve Stawarz, 191 Saddlebrook, Oak Brook, 60523

Voter Registrar Training

Rocky Lofendo of the DuPage Election Commission presented a voter registrar training session at the May, 5th YTDO monthly meeting before awarding precinct committeemen with their voter registrar certificates.

Neither party affiliation nor candidates should be discussed while registering, Lofendo said, also answering

registering the homeless and naturalized citizens.

Anyone interested in becoming a registrar should contact the DuPage Election Commission at 630-407-5600

Election Judges...

...are appointed every two years by the party they represent. Certified judges are assigned to precincts for a two-year term following the even-year primary election.

In York Township, 114 of 130 precincts have Democratic judges appointed. Applications are still being taken to fill open slots. Contact the EC at (630) 407-5600.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 27, 4:30PM: Meet Lisa Madigan at the home of Carla Feinkind 5710 Astony Ct, Hinsdale RSVP Libby 312-670-0606 or lprakel@lisamadigan.org

Monday, May 31, 9 AM: March in the Elmhurst parade. Meet mid-block on Hahn St west of York.

Wednesday, June 2, 7 PM: Our regular meeting (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details).

Sunday, June 6, 2 PM: Roselle Parade & BBQ. Parade steps off at Turner Park. BBQ afterwards.

Thursday, June 10, 7:30 PM: The Central Committee of the DPDC meets at IBEW Local 701 in

Warrenville.

Saturday, June 5, 3 PM Meet Robin Kelly, candidate for IL treas, home of Megan Schroeder, 6036 Ridge Ct, Downers Grove RSVP 630-270-3511 or dwofdc@gmail.com

Cathy Sewell Endorsed by Sheila Simon

In endorsing Sewell, Simon said that Cathy shares her commitment to putting the people of Illinois first. "Cathy is an amazing woman whom the people of DuPage can trust.... I am proud to endorse her candidacy."

To learn more about the Sewell campaign for County Board District Two please visit www.cathysewell.com.

Now is the time to support the Democratic candidate(s) of your choice! Links to web sites for candidates can be found at www.yorkdemocrats.org.

The York Township Democratic Organization meets every month in the log cabin at Four Seasons Park near 16th & Main, Lombard.

If you need directions or a ride or just have questions, call chair Carol B. Davis at 630-832-5312 or email her at cdavis3183@sbcglobal.net