

Tenth District Democrats Launch Website

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for Home, News Room, Latest News, Events, Volunteer, Newsletter, Register to Vote, Links, and Contact Us. A banner at the top reads "Display Your Candidate's Banner Here! Click Me For Details...". A "Welcome!" message states the organization's goal to help elect Democrats at all levels of government. A "VOTE" graphic is prominent. A sidebar lists "Upcoming Events" for March 16, 2004, and "Candidate Links" for various representatives like Carol Mosley Braun and Wesley Clark. A map of the 10th Congressional District is also visible.

With the goal of electing Democrats to office, the Tenth Congressional District Democrats launched our website, www.tenthdems.org, December 16 to provide information to all citizens of the area and increase participation in the political process.

The website contains information telling people about this new organization, how to become involved, how to become a precinct committeeman, information about Democratic candidates, where to register to vote and links to other Democratic campaigns and organizations. This website will be a work in progress and suggestions are welcome.

"Our organization will help elect Democrats up and down the ballot," said Lauren Beth Gash, a Democratic State Central Committeewoman and a former four-term State Representative from Highland Park. "We are excited about our website because it is an innovative way to get our message to our citizens. Everything we are doing is being accomplished with volunteer efforts. People have not shown this much energy for change since the 60's and we are entering into a period of renewed activism.

"The amount of enthusiasm this year is absolutely incredible. People are highly motivated to make changes at the national level. This year, they're actually walking the walk and not just talking the talk."

The group is actively seeking volunteers to help with canvassing, phone banking and other outreach activities in Lake and Cook Counties. The Committee will also sponsor and co-sponsor events.

The banner features the text "Tenth Congressional District Democrats Formed" in large, bold letters. Below it, a smaller text block reads: "By forming as a volunteer group to enhance the campaigns of Democratic candidates in Illinois' Tenth Congressional District, the Tenth Congressional District Democrats will be publishing its newsletter on a periodic basis. This newsletter is the first. The group hopes it will be a valuable tool keeping you informed about activities in the area."

The logo features a large number "10" with stars, followed by the text "Tenth Congressional District Democrats" in a bold, sans-serif font.

The banner displays "www.tenthdems.org" in the top right corner, followed by "Tenth News" in very large, bold white letters on a dark background. Below the title, it reads "January 2, 2004 Illinois Tenth Congressional District Newsletter Volume 1, Edition 1".

Two Candidates File for 10th District Democratic Nomination

Nick Chrisos of Arlington Heights and Lee Goodman of Northbrook are the two Democrats running in the March 16 primary hoping to unseat Rep. Mark Kirk (R., Ill.) in November.



Nick Chrisos with sons *Lee Goodman*

Chrisos has never run for public office, but he has two major reasons for doing it now, his 8-year-old and 4-year old sons.

He says the direction in which America is headed is not the kind of world he wants his children to grow up in.

Chrisos is a real estate attorney who was born on the north side of Chicago. His motivation for entering the 10th District race was the invasion of Iraq and the rubber stamping of that action by Congress. He faults the Republican Congress not only for giving the Bush administration a free pass on its foreign policy, but also its fiscal irresponsibility and its tendency to take power from the people and give it to large corporations and the wealthy.

He sees his race for Congress as a referendum on the Bush administration, and on Mark Kirk standing by and enabling the administration to enact policies which have put America on the wrong course.

Chrisos says the American political system is under pressure, and people who believe in what our country is supposed to stand for need to step up and defend it.

A major theme of his campaign will be family values. He says the Bush administration and Kirk's Republican Party talk about family values, but then enact policies that destroy the environment for future generations, allow families to lose their pension funds with nothing more than a slap on the wrist for the corporations that are responsible, and send the bravest family members off to fight an unnecessary war.

Goodman is a professional mediator and arbitrator. He is an attorney and has received awards from the Constitutional Rights Foundation and the Chicago Bar Foundation. He is past president of the mediators' professional association, has served on the boards of the Jewish bar association, the North Suburban Bar Association, the assembly of the Illinois State Bar Association, and was the first man ever elected to the board of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. He is also the founder of the Northbrook Peace Committee, which promotes peaceful solutions to international problems.

In his race for Congress, Goodman is campaigning on the need to provide better health care coverage for all Americans, including a Medicare prescription drug plan that works.

He would also like to see a change in American foreign policy, with a restoration of America's role as a promoter of peace, freedom, and security throughout the world.

He supports the enactment of tax policies that favor working people, and a strengthening of the economy and job creation through sound fiscal policy.

He feels Congress needs to protect civil liberties and a woman's right to make health care choices. He also believes that the Republican assault on environmental protection must be stopped.

Raised in Glencoe, Goodman graduated from New Trier East High School. He and his wife Nancy have been married for 24 years and have lived in Northbrook for the past 15 years. Their two children graduated from Glenbrook North High School and are now in college.