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Many Chances to Get Involved Before Primary

If you haven't had a chance to get into the swim of the 2004 election, you can either dip your toes into the water, or dive in over the coming days.

Here is a sampling of the events happening between now and the March 16 Primary. More events will be scheduled in the days ahead, so keep checking www.tenthdems.org for an up-to-date listing of Democratic political events in the area. If you have an event, please email us at admin@tenthdems.org.

Lee Goodman Campaign Kick-Off and Fundraiser

Sunday, February 29 – 3pm
 Highland Park Community House
 The first big event in electing a Democrat to Congress from District 10

847-266-8683
lee@leeforme.com

Elaine Nekritz Fundraiser

Monday, March 1 – 5:30pm
 Cy's Steak & Seafood, Glenview
 Re-elect a Democrat in State House District 57
 847-998-1002

Legislative Breakfast with Susan Garrett, Karen May & Carol Spielman

Wednesday, March 10 – 8am
 Deerfield Village Hall
 Discuss the issues affecting the state, and Lake County
 847-433-2002

Lake County Central Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 10 – 7pm
 Flanagan's, North Chicago

**Get ready for Primary Election Day
 John Kerry Fundraiser**

Thursday, March 11 – 6pm
 The Vic Theatre, Chicago
 Hosted by John Kerry's stepson, Chris Heinz
 847-940-8972

North Suburban GOTV Canvassing Day

Saturday, March 13 – afternoon
 Libertyville, Vernon Hills, Mundelein
 Help Democrats by going door-to-door
 847-573-8703
tjurgens@hotmail.com
 (See story below)

The seven candidates running for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination are also actively campaigning. The Barack Obama campaign is looking for phone bank and election day volunteers in the 10th District. Call 847-542-1417 for details.



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Tenth News

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Grassroots Politics is the Way to Win

Tom Jurgens is aiming high.

Jurgens wants the American people to re-gain control of the country from the Bush Administration. Though this is an ambitious target for a Libertyville precinct committeeman, Tom knows how to make it happen. He knows grassroots politics is the way to win an election.

Tom is a member of the Tenth Congressional District Democrats Steering Committee and on March 13 he is going to lead a door-to-door canvassing effort in Libertyville, Vernon Hills, and Mundelein.

"We're going to let the people of Lake County know that the Democratic Party exists, and that their votes are very important," he said.

The campaign is called the North Suburban GOTV Canvassing Day.

"Everyone I've called to help has said yes," Tom said, but he's always looking for more volunteers. Anyone who wants to help get Democrats out to vote should call 847-573-8703 or e-mail (tjurgens@hotmail.com), whether it is only for an hour, or the entire afternoon.

Volunteers will assemble at 1p.m., break into teams, work until 4pm, and get back together at a restaurant for pizza at 4:45pm.

Tom, a computer programmer/analyst who created the Tenth Dems Website, did some political volunteer work in the past, but has not been politically active in his nearly 17 years in Lake County. The 2000 election changed that.

A moderate Democrat, Jurgens vowed not to sit on the sidelines in 2004 and "let the extreme policies of Bush/Cheney continue to threaten our country's future."

On March 13, he will lead many others who feel the same way.



On the Trail

Tenth Congressional District Democratic candidate, Lee Goodman, meets with two supporters at a recent event. Goodman has been traveling throughout the district meeting voters and listening to their concerns. Goodman's formal campaign kick-off event is a combination rally and fundraiser from 3 to 5 p.m. tomorrow at the Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road. All residents of the Tenth District are urged to attend and support Lee.

Mark Kirk Supports India Outsourcing

by Greg Mysko

Why is it that the Bush Republicans, so many of their corporate sponsors and Congressional supporters hate American jobs?

Almost daily, the President travels around the country at taxpayer expense making excited speeches about the "expanding economy" and giving platitudes about how more jobs will be created, though not necessarily for American workers.

Yet, the President's Council of Economic Advisors issued a report February 9 encouraging American corporations to outsource services to low-cost countries like India. The Republican Party followed that advice when its fundraising call center last year started operating out of India instead of giving Americans those jobs.

On the other hand, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) has labeled companies which outsource jobs as Benedict Arnolds.

With Rep. Mark Kirk, (R-Ill.) supporting the current Administration most of the time, he must not mind when many of his constituents suffer as a result. Many of those who still have jobs are paid significantly less than before the current wave of outsourcing forced pay cuts and reemployment in lower paying industries.

Closer to home, layoff notices are being handed to Tenth District information technology workers. Those well paying jobs are being shifted overseas, mostly to India, taking significant dollars out of our local economy.

"Outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade. More things are tradable than were tradable in the past. And that's a good thing," said N. Gregory Mankiw, chairman of Bush's Council of Economic Advisors. "This can be difficult for workers who are displaced and need to find jobs in new growing industries, but the economy overall benefits."

Kirk seems to agree with those sentiments, judging from a letter he sent out to inquiring constituents.

"Many IT companies are investing millions to employ services in countries such as India, China and Russia," he said, comparing the current wave of job exports to India with earlier manufacturing job shifts overseas.

Not all of Kirk's colleagues in Congress agree. House members of both parties have attached a rider to the 2004 Budget barring government contracts from being awarded to companies which outsource their work.

This Congressman is out of touch. He supports a party that would rather have an economy with lower prices in America while millions are out of work and cannot even afford the lower prices. When Americans are working, they can afford domestically produced products.

During his recent visit to India, Mark Kirk was quoted by Voice of America saying that India's high tech sector could develop software for a new American missile defense system.

"There are plenty of software engineers in the U.K., Australia, Japan and the U.S., but given India's new role and potential, her democratic values and the threat that she faces, I think we should work together," he said. So much for new American jobs.

Since Kirk has little regard for lost American jobs in his district, the voters should take his.



10th Dems Teach-In

State Sen. Terry Link (D-Vernon Hills) and former state Rep. Lauren Beth Gash (D-Highland Park) tell more than 70 precinct Committeepersons and other activists ways to build effective organizations at the grassroots level February 28. They were joined by Ela Township Democratic Chair Nancy Shepherdson, and state Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park). The event, sponsored by the Tenth Congressional District Democrats and the Eighth District Democrats and Independents, follows the November Training in Libertyville. More events will be planned.

New Trier, Northfield Democrats Endorse Obama, Kerry



Signaling increased Democratic interest in the upcoming elections, the New Trier Democratic Organization recorded an upsurge in membership and attendance at its recent endorsement session where more than 260 people packed the room for political speeches, heated discussion and animated debate.

After hearing from all the major candidates in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate except Blair Hull, the New Trier Democrats overwhelmingly endorsed state Sen. Barack Obama, with 78 percent of the vote.

Coming in a distant second was Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes, with 16 percent of the vote. Obama, whose support along the North Shore seems to be hitting a crescendo, has also picked up endorsements from the Democratic Party of Evanston and the Democrats of Northfield Township.

In the presidential primary, the New Trier Democrats enthusiastically endorsed U.S. Sen. John Kerry with 70 percent of the vote. And, in a bit of an upset, for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Jerome Orbach was endorsed over incumbent Dorothy Brown.

The group did not endorse in the Cook County State's Attorney's race since neither candidate -- incumbent Dick Devine and opponent, Tommy Brewer -- received 60 percent of the vote.



A standing room only crowd attended the New Trier Township Democratic Organization's endorsement session.



State Sen. Barack Obama (D-Chicago) addresses the New Trier Township Democratic Organization's endorsement session before receiving the group's endorsement for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R-Ill.)