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Hear from Federal, State, Local Candidates at Democratic Convention

Join Tenth Dems for a Democratic Convention right in your own backyard! The event will be held Sunday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Campus of the College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington Street, Grayslake.

Democratic candidates up and down the ballot – including those running for Governor, Attorney General, and even Precinct Committeeperson – will be at the Convention. So far, every one of the Democrats running for Governor of Illinois is a confirmed speaker. This will be a great way for Lake County voters (and others in the 6th, 10th, and 14th Congressional Districts) to hear from Democratic candidates ahead of the March 20 primary.

Whether a Democratic voter has been following every race closely
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Signs of Tenth Dems Appear Throughout the Women's March to the Polls

January 20, the first anniversary of the inauguration of the 45th U.S. President, brought some sunshine along with a sea of protest signs to downtown Chicago. A crowd of 300,000 women and men, children and seniors, came together to protest Donald Trump's policies and persona, as well as the policies of his Republican enablers, and to stand up for justice, fairness, and human rights.

Tenth Dems organized a significant contingent who came to the March from all corners of the 10th Congressional District, and beyond. Many carried signs custom-designed by Tenth Dems, one of which was featured in CNN's coverage of the March in Chicago.



A woman holds a sign that reads "Nasty Woman" -- a reference to what Donald Trump said about his opponent, Hillary Clinton, during a presidential debate -- during a demonstration in Chicago.

CNN photo: A Tenth Dems marcher holds a sign that reads "Nasty Woman" – a reference to what Donald Trump said about his opponent, Hillary Clinton, during a presidential debate – during the Women's March in Chicago January 20th.

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or is just now tuning in, there will be much to learn at the Democratic Convention in Lake County. It's an opportunity to hear some short speeches, see candidates in person, and socialize with fellow Democrats.

In addition to Tenth Dems, other Convention co-hosts include: Indivisible Lindenhurst, Warren Township Democrats, Avon Township Democrats, Indivisible Northern Lake County, McHenry Township Democrats, IL 14 United, Grant Township Democrats, Lake County Democratic Independent Women, Northwest Suburban Democrats, and the Lake Villa Township Democrats.

Registration is free but required. The event is open to all Democrats. For more information or to register, [Click Here](#), email events@tenthdems.org, or call 847-266-VOTE (8683).



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In addition to helping create signs, Tenth Dems volunteers designed and distributed cell phone charging banks to affiliated marchers. The lines, "Democrats 2018/March in January/Vote in November," were imprinted on these blue charging banks, which were produced thanks to the generosity of State Senator Terry Link, who underwrote the project.

The 2018 Women's March may be over, but the movement that inspired it is alive and kicking and heading to the polls in March and November.



Fired-up Vernon Dems Meet and Greet and Plan

By Laurence Schiller

The success of the inaugural monthly breakfast of the Vernon Township Dems on Jan. 13 is a good sign that the area's Democratic-leaning voting base is already energized to win key state, county, and federal races.

The event at Buffalo Restaurant in Buffalo Grove drew an enthusiastic crowd that included a number of elected officials and candidates. Vernon Township Supervisor Daniel Didech and four township trustees were on hand. One of them, Adam Broad, is running for Lake County Clerk. Susan Malter, also at the breakfast, and Didech are vying for the Democratic nomination for State Representative from the 59th District. Other candidates at the breakfast included Holly Kim, a former village trustee from Mundelein who is running for Lake County Treasurer, and Lake County Board candidates Adam Didech (20th District) and Julie Simpson (18th District).

The theme for the meeting was "work locally and get out the vote for every race." Between fantastic candidates and fired-up voters, Vernon Dems are ready to repeat their successful 2017 election season, when they defeated Republican incumbents to turn the Vernon Township Supervisor's and Clerk's offices blue. Democrats who ran for national and statewide office in 2016 also did very well in Vernon, so township Dems are ready to see comparable victories in 2018.



Watergate Prosecutor Keynotes Annual Awards Dinner


Tenth Congressional District Democrats
Fourteenth Annual Awards Dinner
GRASSROOTS IN ACTION!


JILL WINE-BANKS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sunday, December 17, 2017
Hyatt Deerfield
Deerfield, Illinois

The Tenth Dems Annual Awards Dinner on December 17 drew a standing-room-only crowd of close to 300 people to the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Deerfield. The event was a celebration of the grassroots activism that helped local Democrats enjoy victories in 2017 and continues to focus unprecedented energy heading into the 2018 election season.

The Keynote Speaker was Jill Wine-Banks, prominent Watergate prosecutor and frequent MSNBC contributor. Among her many professional accomplishments, Wine-Banks also led an effort to improve the military's handling of sexual assault cases.

Prior to taking questions from the enthusiastic audience, Wine-Banks described her career and current events. She spoke about her integral role in questioning the events surrounding Richard Nixon's secret tape recordings. Drawing on her experience in the Watergate prosecution, Wine-Banks also detailed how the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election could unfold.

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l-Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza speaks to the crowd after receiving the Mikva Leadership Award; r-Keynote Speaker Jill Wine-Banks offers her perspective on Watergate, the Trump presidency, and more.

In addition to the Keynote Speech, the Annual Awards Dinner honored individuals who have made a difference for Democrats over the past year. The Mikva Leadership Award was presented to Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who was grateful to receive an honor named for the late, great Abner J. Mikva, once the 10th District Congressman and later the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Other Democratic candidates and elected officials, including Congressman Brad Schneider and State Senator Julie Morrison, addressed the crowd. Tenth Dems also honored two outstanding volunteers. Jane Smith, Tenth Dems' Finance Manager, received the Founders Award. The Rosenblit Volunteer Award went to Paula DeBofsky, who manages the Tenth Dems volunteer deputy voter registrar program and regularly helps in the office.

An album of nearly 150 photos from the event, titled "Annual Dinner – 2017, Jill Wine-Banks Keynoter," can be found on TenthDems.org/photos.

Tenth Dems on Hand to Celebrate Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Barbara Altman

On January 15, Waukegan Township hosted its 16th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dreamers' Breakfast at Lakehurst Banquets in Waukegan. Proud to be one of the sponsors of the event, Tenth Dems hosted three tables. Many more Tenth Dems were seen at other tables throughout the crowded venue.

Food for the soul at the breakfast included both speech and music. Elected officials, clergy, artists, and others gave inspiring speeches, including the 10th District's own Congressman Brad Schneider. Hon. Marc Jones, Director of the Eddie Washington Center and Waukegan Park District Commissioner, spoke movingly about Dr. King's life and legacy. Prominent Waukegan attorney Jed Stone, one of the leaders of the Tenth Dems legal team that monitors polling places every Election Day to ensure that everyone eligible to vote is allowed to

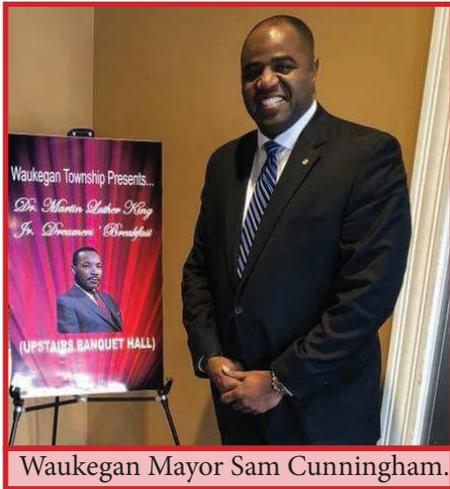
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10th District Congressman Brad Schneider with John Idleburg, candidate for Lake County Sheriff.

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Waukegan Mayor Sam Cunningham.

vote, gave a rousing speech about inequities in our justice system.

The musical program was equally inspiring. Singers, dancers and drummers, and a gospel choir were among those who entertained. And all present stood to sing in unison “Lift Every Voice and Sing” and, later, to stand and join hands while singing several verses of “We Shall Overcome.”

Waukegan Township Supervisor Patricia Jones kept the program moving, and people left the banquet hall with the sense of community and fellowship that Dr. King’s life and legacy inspire—and the renewed hope that we shall overcome someday.



The 8th Annual Tenth Dems Poetry and Prose Contest

Open to high school students in Zion, Waukegan, and North Chicago

2018's Theme: "COURAGE"

Prizewinners will be selected by a panel of published poets and writers.

Prose Awards

\$250 for 1st place
\$150 for 2nd place
\$100 for 3rd place
\$10 for honorable mention (3 awards)

Poetry Awards

\$250 for 1st place
\$150 for 2nd place
\$100 for 3rd place
\$10 for honorable mention (3 awards)

COURAGE — the mental or moral strength to act in difficult circumstances, even when afraid

“Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can’t practice any other virtue consistently.” — Maya Angelou

How to Participate

- Write an original poem, essay, or short story inspired by the theme of **COURAGE**.
- Go to www.tenthdems.org/contest to submit your original essay, poem, or story and compete for prizes of as much as \$250.

Entries accepted through March 21, 2018

For more information, go to www.tenthdems.org, email info@tenthdems.org, or call (847) 266-VOTE (8683).

Awards Night will be held the week of April 16, exact date TBA, in Waukegan or North Chicago.

Participants will be invited to read their works, if they choose.

Poetry and Prose Contest Open!

The Tenth Dems’ 8th Annual Poetry and Prose Contest is under way. Each year Tenth Dems invites high school students in Waukegan, North Chicago, and Zion to submit original poems, stories, or essays on a given theme, with the opportunity to win up to \$250 as well as read their works before the audience at an Awards Night in the area this coming April. This year’s theme is “Courage.”

Once again, a team of published writers has volunteered to judge the contest submissions, which have been stripped of author identifiers. As an added feature this year, young adults who previously participated in the contest will join in judging this year’s submissions. Hon. Marc Jones, Waukegan Park District Commissioner, once again will emcee Awards Night.

More details, including how to participate in this year’s contest, can be found on the adjacent flyer and at tenthdems.org. Waukegan, Zion, and North Chicago high school students can enter the contest at <http://tenthdems.org/contest>.

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Tenth Dems Laugh Together at Capitol Steps' *Orange is the New Barack*

By Todd Sloane



At Tenth Dems' invitation, cast members from The Capitol Steps talked about the show and their lives as political satirists at a dinner we hosted following the troupe's performance.

Nearly 100 Tenth Dems joined a sold-out crowd for a hilarious afternoon with the satirical musical group The Capitol Steps at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie on Sunday, January 28. The talented onetime congressional staffers performed songs from their new album, *Orange is the New Barack*. Later, many who attended the show were joined by several other Tenth Dems for a family-style dinner at nearby Jameson's Charhouse, where the laughter continued. Two of the Capitol Steps cast members came to the restaurant for a brief conversation about the show and their experiences as political satirists before they had to leave for the airport to fly back to D.C.

The sold-out performance included songs such as "Tweet, Tweet" (to the tune of "Rockin' Robin") about – what else? – President Trump's Twitter obsession; a plaintive "Donald Trump, Jr." singing "I Want to Be Just Like You, Dad" (to Harry Chapin's "Cat's in the Cradle"); and "Hello, Is It Mike You're Looking For?" (to Lionel Richie's "Hello") about Vice President Pence's terrifying ability to morph into anything Trump needs him to be.



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