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Monthly Meetings

4th Thursday

7 pm - 9 pm

Dial-a Ride, Manistee

includes

Guest Speakers

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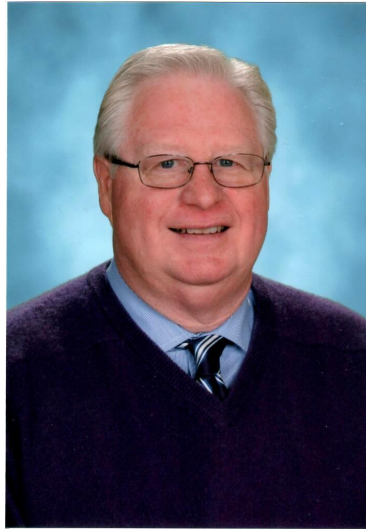
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"We've got a great candidate in Tom Stobie. He's a veteran, teacher, coach, and administrator who ended his career as the Superintendent of Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools in Benzie County.

Tom will fight back against Ray Franz and the extremist agenda that's taken over Lansing."

Dan Scripps

CAMPAIGN LAUNCH TOUR

THURSDAY MARCH 20

Manistee - 11:30am- 12 Noon

The Ramsdell Inn

2nd Floor Lobby Room

399 River Street

COME 15 MINUTES EARLY, grab a rally sign and stand behind Tom as he announces his candidacy for the 101st State House!!! Come and show your support. We need a good crowd for this media event launching Tom's campaign. Tom will speak and answer questions from the press. Appetizers and coffee from TJ's will be served. Tom's Launch Tour will include similar events in Mason, Benzie and Leelanau counties.

MANISTEE CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER FOR TOM STOBIE LAUNCH

FRIDAY MARCH 21, 5:00 – 7:00 PM \$20 SUGGESTED DONATION

At the home of MARY RUSSELL, 272 Light House Circle, Manistee

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND/DONATIONS OR NOT

PARTY WILL PROVIDE APPETIZER REFRESHMENTS

A Letter **FROM THE CHAIR**



Dear Fellow Democrats,

Over the last few years, I've seen the Michigan I've known and love turn into a political nightmare that no way resembles the values of the people who worked so hard to make it great. The mantra on everyone's lips when we talk about another law passed against women's health rights, voting rights, environmental conservation, senior pensions, the gutting of our school budgets, access to phone lines etc. etc. etc., is *we will remember in November*. But that may be too late.

Really, the time is now. Our candidates will be faced with opposition so well funded by special interest groups, Democrats will be greatly tested to counter with ads stating the truth. Be prepared for sensational, half-truth television ads funded by the extremist-minded Koch Brothers and all those shiny, postal cards to fill your mailbox this fall.

Our strength is in our people. We need you to get involved now. Then you can help us identify each and every Democrat in the County and make sure they vote. They can vote by absentee ballot, or we can help get them to the polls in November.

The first step we ask of you is to join the Local Party. A membership form is included in this mailing. Then go the State Party Website where you can join the MDP for free, so you can get breaking news on the state level.

Please find time to participate in upcoming Events. We have a Petition Day of Action on March 22 at Dial A Ride from Noon to 4. Exercise your Voting Rights at the base level and sign petitions.

Lastly, support Democratic Candidates. We have had outstanding people step forward to run for office. After you donate money, donate your time.

Manistee County Dems will have an office open for the fall election cycle. Staff volunteers will be needed. Say yes, when you are called to serve.

Working together, we can bring back Michigan values to the Great Lake State we all love, by supporting and promoting candidates that also hold these time-tested Michigan values.

Peggy Raddatz,
Chair
Manistee County Democrats

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CALL TO ACTION!!

ALL RESIDENTS OF THE 5TH DISTRICT

Who do you, as a voter, want to replace

KARL WAITNER JR.?

Karl Jr. endorses his dad, Karl Sr. for his position



We were sad to hear that Karl Waitner Jr. announced recently that he will be stepping down from his post as the Manistee County 5th District Commissioner seat after accepting employment in another community. However, he has endorsed a candidate as his replacement, Karl Waitner, Sr.

"I strongly endorse my father for the position," Waitner Jr. said. "I get a lot of my views and thought processes from him and from a personal, political and professional standpoint, I think it'd be great to see the father replace the son."

Waitner Sr. served as a commissioner for four years in the early 1990s, on Manistee Area Public Schools board for eight years, the Manistee County Planning Commission for about 12 years and was chair for most of that time, and the Manistee County Blacker Airport Authority for four years.

"I'm not new to the county's political arena," Karl Sr. said. "I believe I have something to contribute. I want to do what's best for the residents. You have to look at each issue and determine what's best for the people."

District 5 consists of the part of Onekama Township that is the Village of Onekama, all of the township lying south of Eight Mile Road and the portion of the township lying west of M-22 and north of Portage Lake; and all of Manistee Township, except the Village of Eastlake.

The following commissioners will be making this decision. Contact them and tell them who you, the voter, want to replace Karl Waitner, Jr.

MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS:

District 1 Ken Hilliard, P.O. Box 247, Onekama, MI 49675 (231) 510-4828;
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District 7 Alan Marshall 914 Vine Street, Manistee, MI 49660 (231) 510-2421; e-mail: awmarshall@hotmail.com

PETITION DAY OF ACTION

In Saturday's Manistee News Advocate, the editorial stated: "America is a country that was built on having choices at the ballot box, and we need to see more of that at the local level. Giving the voters a choice is what democracy is all about, and we hope the residents of the 5th District will get the opportunity to exercise those rights in November".

Although the editorial referred to the appointment of a replacement Commissioner on the County Board, it also rings true for all the open seats this coming November (whoever is appointed by the County Commissioners to replace Karl Waitner, Jr. may choose to run for office in November, 2014 for the seat).

The Manistee County Democratic Party is participating with the *Mark Schauer* for Governor, *Gary Peters* for U.S. Senate and General *Jerry Cannon* for Congress campaigns to hold a PETITION DAY OF ACTION.

Come and join other Democrats, Sign the petitions and help put our candidates on the BALLOT!!!

SATURDAY: MARCH 22, 2014

DIAL-A-RIDE BUILDING

101 MEMORIAL DRIVE

12:00 NOON – 4:00 PM.

Blue Tiger Democrats VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Vogue Theater - April 19-20 and May 17-18**

Help support this beautiful community theater with other Democrats on the Blue Tigers Team Vogue.

Duties include concessions, ticket takers and ushers.

No pre-training necessary.

- **Blossom Boulevard - June 21-Aug. 16**

Help beautify US 31 through the city by planting and watering petunias

Priorities for 2014 are fundraising for scholarship/student support.

If you want to help: contact.... Jo R. Hall 231-723-0125
jo.hall@sbcglobal.net



[Check out the Blue Tigers Volunteer sign up page on ManisteeCountyDemocrats.us](http://ManisteeCountyDemocrats.us)

2014 Manistee DEMS Membership Year

January – December 2014

- Your membership will keep you informed of events through email, newsletters and phone.
- Your membership will help us build an organization of volunteers as we prepare to win our election cycle.
- The Manistee County Democratic Party will support our local county candidates, as well as the 101st State Representative and 1st Congressional District and other campaigns as deemed worthy with know how and funds to win.
- Your paid membership will help Democrats win. *Please join today, and send in a separate membership form for each member of your household.*

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Other joining members in same household _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

E-mail _____

2014 Membership Levels **Per Individual**

(2014 DEMS Dues will be split between
Membership and Campaigns.)

(MEMBERSHIP/CAMAPAGN)

100 Club - \$100.00 (\$25/\$75) or specify the split

Gold Club - \$50.00 (\$25/\$25) or specify the split

Silver Club-\$25.00 (\$10/\$15)

Supporter -\$10.00 (\$10/\$0)

_____ Additional Donation to Elect Candidates

_____ Amount of Enclosed Check

Please make checks payable to
Manistee County Democratic Party

Send this completed form along
with your check to:

Manistee County Dems

P.O. Box 65

Manistee, MI 49660

See what we are doing:

Go to our WEBSITE at manistecountydemocrats.us

Join us on FACEBOOK : facebook.com/groups/210484709015534

Or on Twitter <https://twitter.com/manisteedems>

Join our discussion group by signing up on our website.

What Democrats Value

- We are for capitalism, but against its abuse.
- We are for religion, but against its use as a political tool.
- We are for democracy, but against the manipulation of the democratic process by corporate forces.
- We are for the American Dream – the opportunity for every citizen to prosper.
- We believe democracy flourishes when we strengthen the middle class, not provide entitlements and tax havens for the top 1%.
- We believe government is best when it serves the public good—free public education, universal health care, good paying jobs and a well-maintained public infrastructure.
- We believe in a social safety net to help those who can't help themselves - It's humane and it strengthens democracy.
- We don't believe Corporations are People.

