

Manistee County Democratic Party



Monthly Meetings

Next Meeting Date:
September 26th
(4th Thursday of month)
7 pm – 9 pm

Dial-a Ride, Manistee
Meeting Agenda includes
Guest Speaker
News from Lansing
and District 101

Officers

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2013

Don Jennings Award Winner

Ellen Somsel

Who gives unselfishly of her time and talent to help others? Is often an advocate for those without a voice? Cares for those in need? Who holds politicians accountable and isn't afraid to ask the hard questions?? Who is a principled, selfless, patriotic Democrat to her core? It is a person who quietly lives everyday the principles that Don Jennings valued.

It is Ellen Somsel, our 2013 recipient of the Don Jennings Award. Ellen is dedicated to social justice, compassion for human rights...the Don Jennings approach to life! Ellen will be honored at the 10th Annual Don Jennings Award Dinner on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Keynote speaker at this year's event will be State Senator, Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Democratic Leader.

Don Jennings has been deceased for over 10 years but his legacy lives on in the citizens of Manistee County. Don was a local attorney, in private practice. Don stood up and fought for the little guy. Don went to Mississippi in 1964 to help with voter registration and legal representation. Throughout his life Don worked with many organizations in Manistee County to improve the lives of others. This Jennings Award Dinner was established 10 years ago to honor Don's memory and work as well as to honor another person in our community who exemplifies Don's principles. The Manistee County Democratic Party is privileged and proud to honor Ellen Somsel with this 2013 Don Jennings Award.

Tim and Wanda Joseph and the Manistee County Democrats invite you to a

Country Picnic - rain or shine
Sunday, September 29, 3-8PM at the Farm
11171 Kerry Rd, Brethren

Come meet Tom Stobie and other local candidates
Enjoy good local Manistee food, live music and cider-making
Bring an item to donate for a Chinese Auction

Contact Tim Joseph at 231- 477- 5381 for more information. Everyone is welcome and picnic is FREE

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Glen Lottie



WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO WIN IN 2014?

The next election seems a long way off and we feel no urgency to get into the campaign mode. However, this is the time when we should be doing in-depth planning and fund-raising. When election time comes we have to be prepared! It is absolutely essential that we have the capability to support our candidates.

The Republicans are already moving in that direction. It is disheartening that they control the government of 46 states and plan to take over the remaining 4. It is our job, as Democrats, to upset their plans. In our state we must make every effort to retake the state government.

Fundraising “now” has to be our chief priority. Without sufficient funds, we cannot do much to counteract Republican efforts. Therefore, I urge you to participate fully in the upcoming functions that we have planned.

The “Don Jennings Award Dinner” on October 5th is our main fundraiser, supplying the funds from which we support our candidates. We need your participation. Please come!! If you can’t attend, please buy a ticket and donate to our cause.

Let’s Retake Our State Government in 2014!!



Don Jennings Award Dinner

The 10th Annual Don Jennings Award Dinner

October 5, 2013

Manistee Golf and Country Club

500 Cherry Street, Manistee

Social Hour at Six O'clock in the Evening

Dinner at Seven O'clock in the Evening

TICKET PRICE \$50.00 per person

Tickets Available by email at

donjenningsdinner@gmail.com

or the Manistee County Democratic Party Website

www.manisteecountydemocrats.us

For Information Phone: (231) 887-4467



Keynote Speaker

Gretchen Whitmer

Senate Democratic Leader

and

THE VOICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN MICHIGAN

GET FIRED UP! START NOW FOR 2014 VICTORIES

Phil Skaggs is an organizer from the Michigan Democratic Party. He has pledged to work with each county party in the 101st district to make sure Ray Franz is defeated in 2014. Phil believes that the most important thing we can do now is to educate voters about Ray Franz's voting record.

August canvassing was fun and inspirational. Many thanked us for our efforts and were relieved that Democrats were out talking to voters.

Phil will train and supply us with walking lists, scripts and handouts

JOIN US AT GOODY'S ON THURSDAY, SEPT 26, AT 4PM TO WALK!!

Call Judy Cunningham at 231-794-0005 for more information

Manistee Canvassing Schedule

24 & 26 August, Tuesday and Thursday

26 September, Thursday afternoon

26 September Manistee County Party Meeting @ 7pm

28 September, Saturday morning

15 October, Tuesday afternoon

24 October, Thursday afternoon

Volunteer Opportunity with Blue Tigers this Weekend

The Chili Cook-Off is a fundraiser for United Way at the Hops and Props this Weekend. If you would like to get involved, call Josh Swenson at 723-4395

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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<u>Northern Express:</u>	info@northernexpress.com	300 words or less
<u>Leelanau Enterprise:</u>	editor@leelanaunews.com	250 words or less
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