



Monthly Meetings

Next Meeting Date:
September 25th
(4th Thursday of month)
7 pm – 9 pm
Party Headquarters
320 First Street
Meeting Agenda includes
Guest Speaker
News from Lansing
and District 101

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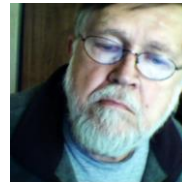
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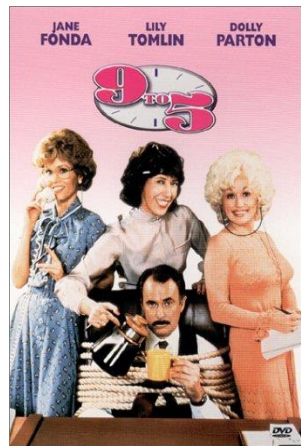
2014

Don Jennings Award Winner



Lee Trucks

The Manistee County Democratic Party is privileged and proud to honor Lee Trucks with the 2014 Don Jennings Award. Lee will be honored at the 11th Annual Don Jennings Award Dinner on Saturday, October 18, 2014. **Keynote speaker at this year's event will be Senator, Carl Levin.** Reserve your tickets by emailing donjenningsdinner@gmail.com or mail check to P.O. 65 Manistee.



Continuing our “**Combating the Republican War on Women**”, the Manistee County Democratic Party will be hosting movies at the Vogue Theatre celebrating strong women, women and leadership and documenting the unique challenges facing women. Movie dates are September 27th and October 4th and 25th. Show time is 10AM and price is \$10 each or all 3 movies for \$25. The kiddie matinee is at the same time, so bring kids too! Seats are limited (42-seat theater), so be sure to call/email to reserve tickets: 231-jpc4466@gmail.com.

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

Country Picnic - rain or shine

Sunday, October 5, 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 a Dish to pass

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

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR



Peggy Raddatz

***WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO WIN
THIS FALL?***

The election seems a long way off and we feel no urgency to get into the campaign mode. However, there are less than fifty days until the election and each and every one of us needs to think about getting involved. Will you be that person who just sits by and lets those guys get re-elected! This will be the year of low voter turn-out. We can win by getting our people to the polls!

Stepping outside your comfort zone for an hour a day, one day a week until the election would mean that many more votes for our candidates. Each and every one of us needs to look within ourselves and say “I can do this.” I can do this for our children’s education. I can do this for women’s economic standing and access to health care. I can do this to save Social Security and Medicare.

We are blessed this year with two state organizers that can help **You** with your first few door knocks, or phone bank calls. They know and can teach you the way to assess our Manistee voters within a few minutes.

All elections are about the numbers. How many votes can they get to the polls than we can? This count is the most important. We only need one more vote than they do! That is what all this work is for... just one vote more than the Republican opponent and we can win this!

If you find yourself with a free hour or so come staff the office, knock a few doors, make a few phone calls. **Call Ellen Somsel, our Volunteer Coordinator at (231) 392-6679) or Peggy Raddatz at (231) 510-3726**

Fundraising too 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 18th 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 GET OUT THE VOTE This Fall!!

11th Annual
DON JENNINGS
AWARDS DINNER

October 18, 2014

Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Center

Social Hour at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM

Keynote Speaker



Carl Levin, U.S. Senator

From the first piece of legislation he introduced as a U.S. senator – a bill to end discrimination by credit card companies – Carl Levin has spoken up for working families, held powerful institutions accountable and worked to build an America that lives up to the ideals of its founders.

TICKETS: \$55 PER PERSON

Reservations Available by email at donjenningsdinner@gmail.com
or send your check to Manistee County DEMS at P.O. Box 65, Manistee, MI 49660
or pay online at: www.manisteecountydemocrats.us
For Information Call: 231.887.4467



Come Join Us NOW!

→ The Blue Tigers are members of the Manistee County Democrats dedicated to building the Party through civic and community participation. We are proud of our accomplishments so far. We have volunteered at the Vogue Theatre, weeded Blossom Boulevard and worked toward setting a scholarship fund for people who wanted to get their GED (General Education Diploma.)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Blue Tigers Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. September 18, 2014
 Democrat Headquarters Office
 U.S. 31 and 1st Street
 Manistee, MI 49660

2. Canvas for General Jerry Cannon on September 20th and 21st.
 Meet at the Democrat Headquarters Office for brief instructions and canvas Manistee area for Cannon (bring a friend and canvas in twos)
 - Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, September 21st from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT: Les 231.398-7949 or Jo 231.723.0125 ~ We need you!



3. Volunteer at the Vogue Theatre this fall with the Blue Tigers on designated Saturdays:
September 27th, October 25th, and November 22nd (the 4th Saturday)
 Make sure to sign-up at: <http://voguetheatremanistee.org/> (or call Frank Greco at 231.723.4844 for help on registering) and wear your Blue Tigers T-shirt.

GET FIRED UP!
ENGAGE NOW FOR NOVEMBER VICTORIES
TEAM STOBIE

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.

Every Tuesday afternoon and evening TEAM STOBIE will be canvassing from 4-6 pm than staffing a Phone Bank from 6-9 pm.

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

JOIN US AT DEMS CAMPAIGN OFFICE ON TUESDAYS AT 4PM TO WALK!! AND AT THE OFFICE AT 6PM TO JOIN THE PHONE BANK

TEAM CANNON

Nick Robinson is the organizer from the Michigan Democratic Party staffing the Manistee Dems Campaign Office in conjunction with the Mason Dems Campaign Office in support of the Gen. Jerry Cannon for Congress Campaign. Phone Nick to volunteer: (503)407-6622

Mondays and Thursdays

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Phone Bank, Manistee Office

Tuesdays

6:30PM to 8:30 PM

Phone Bank, Arcadia

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

6:30 to 8:30PM

Phone Bank, Ludington Office

Fridays

4:00PM to 7:00PM

Canvasses, Manistee Office

Saturdays and Sundays

10:00AM to 1:00PM and 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Canvassing, Rotating Locations

Judy Cunningham: What Republicans Must Do to Get Women’s Votes

Dear Editor:

Tom Stege may be amused, but he is confused if he thinks women are so easily side-tracked from the important issues they care about by his references to a 1993 law misconstrued by the Supreme Court. If Republicans want to get women’s votes, here is a short list:

- Women care about children’s financial /food security. Single-mother households make up 25% of US households, or about 4.1 million, and 41.5% of these women and children live in poverty. Yet, Rep. Ray Franz (R) and Sen. Darwin Booher (R) voted to strip these hard-working mothers of the child tax credit and cut the Earned Income Tax Credit to offset tax cuts to businesses. This raised taxes on 800,000 working families in Michigan and pushed 14,000 children into poverty.
- Women care strongly about equality and fairness. Women working hard to support their families are still paid only 77 cents for every dollar men are paid. Yet, Rep. Dan Benishek (R) voted against closing the 23% gap.
- Women care about a strong public education system because it is the key to every child’s future. In 2012, Rep. Ray Franz (R) and Sen. Darwin Booher (R) voted to cut 1 Billion from the school budget. Also, lack of state funding for higher education has led to higher costs for Michigan students working their way through college. This is a bad economic policy.
- Women care about the health of their families and know the serious financial risks of not having medical insurance. Yet, the Republican Party has made repealing Obamacare their primary goal.
- Women care about quality of life, and family planning is critical to the financial stability, health and well being of their family. Yet, Planned Parenthood clinics, clinics that provide health services and contraceptives for low-income women, are consistently under threat of being de-funded and closed by Republicans.

By providing aid to developing countries, we’ve learned that the most effective way to improve a community’s economy is to educate the girls and provide family planning and contraception to women, allowing them to work hard and provide for their families.

Women also value cooperation and know that much more can be accomplished when they work together so everyone can succeed. Maybe Republicans need to re-think their policies. Policies that unfairly attack women, especially low-income women, will never get our votes.

Judy Cunningham, Bear Lake

WHERE TO SEND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/Maximum Length

<u>Record Eagle:</u>	letters@record-eagle.com	200 words or less
<u>Northern Express:</u>	info@northernexpress.com	300 words or less
<u>Leelanau Enterprise:</u>	editor@leelanaunews.com	250 words or less
<u>Grand Traverse Insider:</u>	news@grandtraverseinsider.com	
<u>Benzie Record Patriot:</u>	recpat@pioneergroup.com	
<u>Manistee News Advocate:</u>	editormna@pioneergroup.com	500 words or less
<u>Ludington Daily News:</u>	sbegnoche@ludingtondailynews.com	

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/CAMPAIGN)

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 manisteecountydemocrats.us

Join us on FACEBOOK : [facebook.com/groups/210484709015534](https://www.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.

