

VOICE of the GROSSE POINTE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Serving the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit's east side

COMING UP

General membership phone bank, meeting and debate watch party, Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the campaign office, 17860 Mack Ave. Phone bank 5-7:30; meeting at 7:30, featuring Supreme Court nominees Judge Deborah Thomas and Judge Frank Szymanski, and presentations from the campaign staff and elected officials; vice president candidates debate 9 p.m. Refreshments after meeting.

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**Open house at the campaign office, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.** Meet your organizers and staff and see what you can do to volunteer.

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Election Day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8.

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**Election night victory party, 8 p.m. Nov. 8,** Bootleggers Pig and Whiskey Bar, 15412 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

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Annual club fundraiser, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, Bogart'z, 17441 Mack Ave., Detroit. Guest speaker: State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor. Tickets \$35. (Order form on Page 3.)

For updates, go to gpdems.com, the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club Facebook page and the campaign office Facebook page, Stronger Together - Grosse Pointe.



Campaign office grand opening: Greeting old friends, making new ones and signing up to volunteer. **The office is at 17860 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe, 586-343-1649. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.**

All hands on deck!

We need you now to help at the coordinated campaign office so we can win in November for Hillary Clinton and all of our Democratic candidates.

Any time you can put in will go a long way. All you need to do is call or walk into the office and say, "We need to win and I am here to help." We can take it from there. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. We are doing voter registration, phone banking and neighborhood canvassing. These are essential tasks for a successful campaign and we need everyone's help.



President
Gary Bresnehan

I want to thank those who attended our office fundraiser this summer at the home of Doug and Shauna Ryder-Diggs in Grosse Pointe or who sent a contribution. Thanks to the Diggs family for hosting our very successful event.

We also had a successful campaign office grand opening on Aug. 28 with a full house of folks motivated to win on Election Day. Based on that, we know we will do more than our part again this year.

I want to thank Constance Merritt who did a terrific job as our membership committee chair for the past several years. Constance moved out of state and she will be missed. Her efforts increased our membership to where we are one of the largest Democratic clubs in the state and we continue to grow.

I want to encourage all of you to attend our upcoming events, including our Oct. 4 membership meeting at the campaign office, featuring our Supreme Court candidates and campaign office staff. We will again have an election night party so all our members can celebrate a decisive Democratic victory.

And don't forget our annual fundraiser on Nov. 14 at Bogart'z on Mack, which was again planned by Margaret Beck.

I also want to thank Margaret for another successful garage sale last May and everyone who volunteered and/or purchased items.

Please renew your dues because your contributions are essential to the continued success of our club. See you at the office!

A lot can happen in 2 hours

It's enough time to make a difference for Election Day

Two hours! Can you spare two hours between now and Nov. 8?

We are in the heat of the election campaign. Victory requires work and there is so much that needs to be done between now and Election Day. The good news is we have a place in our back yard where we can go do that work. The 2016 campaign office is open at 17860 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe.

This is a joint office operated by the Hillary for America campaign and the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club. This will be our base of operation for the next few weeks as we work to make sure Hillary Clinton is elected to be our next – and first woman! – president.

But we can't stop there. We have to elect Democrats to the Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and university and education boards, plus create a Democratic majority in the State House to put an end to the one-party Republican rule in Michigan that has poisoned the children of Flint, weakened public education and neglected our roads.

In the coming years, the next president will choose members of the U.S. Supreme Court, create programs to support the middle class and design student loan reform. It must be Hillary Clinton.

We can make this happen. Members of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club have a



Harry Kalogerakos fired up his fellow Dems at the campaign office grand opening.

history of stepping up to do the work that needs to be done to win elections. That is why the Clinton campaign agreed to be our partner in this office. Now we have to show their trust in us is justified.

Sign up for a two-hour volunteer shift. There are many tasks that need to be done. Phone banking, door-to-door canvassing and voter registration are just some of the activities in our office. If each of us gives two hours to the cause, Democrats will win in November.

Officers and executive board

President: Gary Bresnehan (GP)
Vice President: Jackie Kalogerakos (HW)
Vice President: Aaron Tavalire (GPF)
Treasurer: Kirk Garey (GPW)
Secretary: Larry Macdonald (GPW)

At large members:
Doug Barnes (HW)
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Mary Jo Johnson (GPF)
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Peter McGrath (GPP)
Constance Merritt (GPF)
Bob Murphy (GPP)
La Vern Rutledge (HW)
Roland Samaroo (GPF)
Ricardo Thomas (DET)

Ex-officio members:
Tim Killeen (DET)
Valerie Kindle (HW)
Veronica Paiz (HW)

Past President:
Harry Kalogerakos (HW)

We will make it happen. Hope to see you at the office soon!

Harry Kalogerakos

Meet your organizers



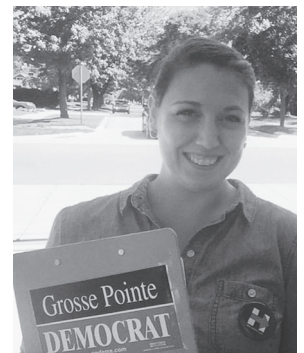
Alejandra Roel

Alejandra Roel is field organizer for Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Woods, and Mara D'Amico is field organizer for Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and East English Village.

A native of Matamoros, Mexico, Alejandra is a proud southwest Detroiter, who describes herself as Texas-raised but Michigan-made. She grew up in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas and moved to Detroit when she was 13. A graduate of Univer-

sity of Michigan with a degree in communications/media studies, she moved to Houston after graduation and came back home this summer.

Mara is a proud Michigander and lifelong Democrat. She graduated from Central Michigan University and earned her master's in public service from the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas. She has worked domestically and internationally to address domestic violence and empower women.



Mara D'Amico

GROSSE POINTE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Speaker: Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood
Michigan State Senate Downriver Area



Monday November 14th, 2016

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Bogartz Sports & Music Café
17441 Mack Avenue (near Neff) Detroit

Tickets \$35

Tickets available by mail or at the door

Includes: Pizza, salad, and dessert, coffee, tea or soft drink and one glass of house wine or beer

Checks only, please (including tickets purchased at the door)
Please make check to "Grosse Pointe Democrats"

_____ Yes, I will attend, please reserve _____ tickets at \$35 each.

_____ No, I cannot attend, but I am enclosing a gift to support the club.

Name _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

*Occupation _____ *Employer _____

*Address _____ *Zip _____

Please return by November 9th with check to Grosse Pointe Democratic Club enclosed. Send to Treasurer, Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, P.O. Box 36881 Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Reservations will be held at the door. For more information call Margaret Beck (313)882-7775.

*required by MI campaign finance law

Contributions are not tax deductible. Reminder: We will be accepting membership renewals at this event.

2016 Grosse Pointe Democratic Club membership list

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 Knox, Yvonne
 Lalonde, Hon. Leo & Joyce
 LeFevre, William
 Lemmons III, Hon. Lamar & Joyce
 Mancini, Charles
 McMullen, George
 Schreuder, Ellen
 Scott, Commissioner Martha G.
 Taylor, S. Martin
 Uthappa, Seetha
 Walker, Cecilia & Jeffrey
 Youngblood, Bernard & Roberta

PRESIDENT'S CLUB 250

Casazza, Andrew

CENTURY CLUB 100

Alpern, Dana M.
 Banks, Brian
 Beck, Margaret
 Clark, John
 Collier, Judith L.
 Deldin, Marc A.
 Greenfelder, Russell
 Harvey, Cheryl A.
 Hathaway, Paul
 Jones, Lily
 Kalagerakos, Harry & Jackie
 Killeen, Timothy
 Kopf, Susan & Bruce
 McClure, Joanne
 McGrath, Peter
 Merritt, Constance
 Niforos, Lambro
 Palmer, Chuck & Chris Vadino
 Pegues, Francine
 Prokopowicz, Aulga
 Ropke, Cheryl & Ron
 Spezia, Gary & Geraldine
 Sroka, Neil
 Stephens, Cynthia
 Wiggers, Nancy & Frank Zebot
 Williams, Amos
 Wood, Susan

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Daugherty, Jackie & Joe
 Devereaux, James
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 Lahood, Al & Marquita Bedway
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 Metry, Ted & Lillian
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 Paiz, Veronica
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 Strey, Leroy & Joyce
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 Coleman, Ronald & LaWanna
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 D'Angelo, Maggie
 Dean, June
 Deuben, Carroll
 Dungan, Donald & Susan
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 Eaves, Ernest
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 Kindle, Valerie
 Korte, William
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 Lobert, Bonnie & Larry
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 McGaugh, Rufus & Monica
 McInerney, Pete & C. Oldani
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 Mullaney, Katherine
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 Osler, John
 Pelyak, George
 Peters, Frederick
 Poynter, Ken
 Roeske, Dan & Tish
 Romano, Frank & Carol
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 Shiemke, Trudy
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 Alff, Joe & Marge
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 Boynton, Susan
 Brady, Frank

Szmrecsanyi, Emery & Dee
 Telang, Julie
 Thompson, Janet
 Tighe, Robert
 Trowbridge, Steve
 Urso, John & Gail
 Versical, Jan
 Vitolins, V. Robert
 White, Gretchen & David
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 Williams, Daniel J.
 Williams, Darnella
 Woodhouse, Craig
 York, Amanda
 Zander, Anthony
 Zaydel, Clifford & Dana
 Ziemba, Tina

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 Amar, James
 Bachand, Nicholas
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 Bendure, Heather
 Benson, Scott
 Berk, Barry
 Bleich, Anne
 Bowens, Greg
 Bradley, Robert
 Bresz, Dennis
 Broughton, Michelle
 Brush, Mary Anne
 Bryant, Dennis
 Burt-Feller, Elizabeth
 Caporale, Vincent
 Casazza, Eugene
 Casazza, Linda
 Chylinski, Patricia Kukula
 Coleman, Olivia
 Cook Scott, Betty
 Cotter, Evelyn
 Cron, Marcia
 Dale, Colton
 Dixon, Clara
 Doughty, Blondell
 Ellis, James T.
 Evans, Matthew & Jessic
 Feaster, Bruce Sullivan
 Feen, Holly
 Feller, Robert C.
 Felton, Paul
 Fiore, Jennifer
 Fisher, Linda
 Foy, Shelley
 Frost, Elaine
 Ganem, Claudia
 Goodman, Julia
 Gordon, Ann
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 Hall, Joan
 Haberman, Rick
 Hammes, Roman

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 Henry, Edwina
 Holland, Jr, Joe
 Holsapple, Linda
 Hubbard, Monica M.
 Hunwick, Kathleen
 Ingram, M. K.
 Jacobs, James
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 Hyden, Jane
 Johnson, Mary Jo
 Kashuba, Diane
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 Koutsopoulos, Anastasia
 Kraemer, Ann Marie
 Landuyt, Richard
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 Mabarek, June
 MacDonald, Lawrence & Kathleen
 Manardo, Cynthia
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 McHale, Edward
 Mixon, Ronnie D.
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 Murphy, George
 Neal, Brandi L.
 Nicholls, Jeane
 Nichols, Ellen
 Nowosad, Susan
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 Reid, Kenneth
 Richards, Claude & Jane
 Rine, James
 Rohan, Kathy
 Rossi, Rosalind
 Salot, William
 Sheffield-Arnett, Mildred
 Shields, June
 Sisler, Robert
 Sossi, Pamel
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 Stebbins, Randy
 Summerfield, Brian
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 Szymanski, David
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 Thomas, Regina Daniels
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 Torp, Allan J.
 Triano, Rosanne
 Tzavellas, Pantel
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 Walker, Beverly Kindle
 Wang, Elizabeth
 Webster, William
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A witness to history

History was made in Philadelphia on July 26 when the Democratic Party nominated former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as its 2016 presidential candidate, the first woman ever nominated by a major political party.

I was privileged to participate in the process as a Clinton delegate from Michigan's 14th Congressional District.

The 14th was represented by nine delegates – three who were pledged to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and six who were pledged to Clinton, based on results of the March primary. Among Michigan's 147 delegates, there were 81 votes for Clinton and 66 for Sanders.

State party chair Brandon Dillon chaired the Michigan delegation; former Gov. James Blanchard was the chair of the Clinton delegation.

Our hotel was in Valley Forge, 20 miles from the downtown Convention Center

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– Kirk Garey



where daytime events were held. We spent a great deal of time riding buses each day and getting to know delegates from Minnesota and Tennessee who were also staying at our hotel. At night the action shifted to the Wells Fargo Arena another seven miles from downtown and another bus ride. The first day of the convention I spent more

time waiting for and riding buses than I did attending events.

The days were long and hot (temperatures hit 95-100 every day) with events starting at our hotel at 8 a.m. and lasting until well into the early morning hours. I averaged 5 hours of sleep a night for the week.

I was fortunate to sit in the front rows of our delegation each night. I had an opportunity to meet and talk with people from all over the state and learn about their clubs and activities. I met Blanchard and his wife, Janet; Congressman Sander Levin, and Flint Mayor Karen Weaver.

Nov. 8 is just a few weeks away. We need to be focused and energized as we register voters, call supporters and knock on doors. If we give our best we can all be part of history and help elect Hillary Clinton as the first woman president of the United States!

Kirk Garey

Committee reports

Fundraising

My garage sale did well considering it rained both days in May, raising \$751 to donate to the club.

Thanks to all who helped. About 60 people helped set up and disassemble each day, and also helped by selling, contributing and buying items and lending tables.

Nov. 14 is our annual fundraiser at Bogart's. Hope you can come. We will need volunteers to greet guests and work at the check-in table. Call Margaret Beck at 313-882-7775, or email margretbeck@comcast.net to volunteer.

Margaret Beck

Precinct delegate action

On Aug. 2 primary voters selected precinct delegates for the 1st and 2nd state House Districts.

In April of each election year, the Democratic 14th Congressional

District chair reallocates positions for each precinct in those districts. Each precinct has a minimum of one delegate, but for this election cycle they were allocated an additional position for each 65 votes cast in the secretary of state race in 2014 (in 2012 it was each 100 votes cast in the presidential race).

While the number of precincts in Districts 1 and 2 remained at 49 and 59 respectively, our positions were reduced in the Detroit portions of both districts and increased in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Consequently the total allocation went down about 20 percent.

When results were tallied, we have 63 delegates, or 32%, in District 1, and 91 delegates, or 47 percent, in District 2.

While these percentages are well above the statewide average, they leave room for improvement in August 2018.

We encourage newly elected and returning precinct delegates to join the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and the 14th Congressional District.

There are several combined campaign offices in the area, including the Grosse Pointe Dems office at 17860 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe, which welcomes volunteers. Stop by from 9-9 any day or call Rod Dunwoody, 586-343-1649.

There are also opportunities for individual precinct delegate training; call Ed Keelean, 313-618-6067.

Ed Keelean

Membership

The primary fundraiser for the club is member dues. For 2016, more than \$10,000 was contributed by 365 members renewing and joining.

Renew your membership for 2017 today. With your help we will continue to support the 2016 presidential campaign and other Democratic candidates and causes.

Constance Merritt



**Grosse Pointe
DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

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**Grosse Pointe Democratic Club
endorsements**

**U.S. Congress – 14th
District**

Brenda Lawrence

**Michigan Court of
Appeals**

Judge Cynthia Stephens
Nicole Lynette James

**Wayne County Circuit
Court**

Tom Hathaway
Brian Morrow
Regina Thomas

Wayne County Clerk

Cathy Garrett

**Wayne County
Commission – District 1**

Tim Killeen

**Wayne County
Prosecutor**

Kym Worthy

Wayne County Sheriff

Benny Napoleon

Wayne County Treasurer

Eric Sabree

**Michigan House
District 1**

Brian Banks

**Michigan House
District 2**

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Ash Ahmed
John Austin

**Regent of the University
of Michigan**

Laurence B. Deitch
Denise Ilitch

**Trustee of Michigan State
University**

Dianne Byrum
Diann Woodard

**Governor of Wayne State
University**

Yvette McElroy Anderson
Mark Gaffen

**Justice of the Supreme
Court 8-Year Term**

Frank Szymanski

**Justice of the Supreme
Court Partial Term end-
ing 1/1/19**

Deborah Thomas

This is a partial list. The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club endorses all Democratic primary winners and Democratic candidates nominated at the state convention.

Member news

- Jackie Kalogerakos was chosen as an elector for the 2016 election, and will be among those casting electoral college votes in December.
- Three club members were elected officers of the new Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods chapter of the NAACP: Greg Bowens, president; John Clark, first vice president, and Valerie Kindle, second vice president.
- Club members Margaret Beck, Dorothy Burrell and Roland Samaroo and precinct delegates Hope Miles and Tanisha Yancey, both of Harper Woods, attended Camp Millie, the training program for activists and candidates sponsored by the Justice Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party. The annual event is named for late union and worker activist Millie Jeffrey and this year was held at UAW Local 600 in Dearborn.