Greetings From Our Chairwoman!

by Saundra Ellison

Welcome to the March 2018 edition of the Muscogee Democrat Voice, our new county committee newsletter. Thanks to Laura Walker and our Public Relations & Communications Subcommittee for putting together the first newsletter for the Muscogee County Democratic Committee.

We have a busy and important year ahead so we want to keep you informed about upcoming elections and special events. You have a role to play in the “Big Picture” and we want you to take part in our efforts to ELECT DEMOCRATS!

The theme for 2018 is “MCDC: ENERGIZING & MOBILIZING GEORGIA TOWARD A BLUE HIGHWAY.”

Please consider joining us in making our community, state and nation BLUE. The MCDC has many uses for your time and talents on our various subcommittees.

Muscogee County Democrats can have a huge impact on turning Georgia BLUE this Year!

Best Regards!
How Can I Help? Subcommittees!

The Muscogee County Democratic Committee ALWAYS needs help on its subcommittees!
Membership? Fundraising? Voter Engagement? What's your passion?
Please email muscogeedems@gmail.com for more information about upcoming meetings.

- **Bylaws Revision & Organization (Dr. John Van Doorn, Chair)** – periodically reviews MCDC Bylaws to ensure that they are in compliance with Georgia and federal Democratic Bylaws; also responsible for creating & periodically reviewing operational policies, financial policies, fundraising policies, roles of Postholders, roles of the various other subcommittees, and community recognition activities.

- **Finance & Budget (Adrian Chester, Chair; Tom McDaniel, Vice Chair)** – develops and reviews financial policies to safeguard MCDC financial resources and provide accountability for the management and disbursement of such resources; also recommends a Budget Plan on an annual basis.

- **Fundraising (Mattie Hall, Chair)** – plans and oversees the execution of fundraising events and campaigns.

- **Planning (John Mallory Land, Chair)** – devises and recommends a calendar of meetings, events and activities on an annual basis; plans Programs for General Membership meetings and secures venues for various meetings and events; monitors the accomplishments and challenges of the other subcommittees, and recommends changes to improve effective operation; periodically revises the Strategic Plan.

- **Membership (Val Almonord, Chair)** – contacts and engages Democrats and potential Democrats in various ways, in order to encourage membership and active participation in the MCDC; also facilitates cooperation with like-minded local sister organizations and informs potential volunteers of volunteer and support opportunities.

- **Outreach & Education (Val Almonord, Chair)** – informs and trains local Democrats and the general public on the importance of voting and on issues & initiatives of importance to Democrats, and creates opportunities for local Dems to socialize and coalesce.

- **Voter Engagement (James Washington, Chair)** – registers local voters and trains volunteers in voter registration; informs Democrats and the general public of the voting process and of important dates and deadlines in the registration and voting process.

- **Public Relations & Communications (Carlo Newroth, Chair; Laura Ratcliff Walker, Vice Chair)** – keeps local Democrats and the general public informed of MCDC meetings, events and activities, through various means, including traditional print & electronic media, social media platforms, and the press; also creates a positive image of Democrats in the local community and engages local Democrats to become involved.

- **Affirmative Action (Linda Richburg, Chair)** – ensures that MCDC Bylaws and other rules, as well as policies, procedures and practices, are in compliance with Georgia and federal Democratic guidelines for Diversity Inclusiveness.

- **Candidate & Intra-Party Relations (Bennie Newroth, Chair; John Mallory Land, Vice Chair)** – serves as a liaison between Democratic officeholders & candidates’ campaigns and the MCDC; leads the effort to establish a local campaign headquarters and to select, train & schedule local volunteers who staff the headquarters during each campaign season.
MCDC in the COMMUNITY!
The Muscogee County Democratic Committee was well represented at the Sisters, Inc. Rosa Parks Women of Courage Breakfast on Monday, March 5! Sisters, Inc. honored Major Eileen Albritton, (Ret.) U.S. Army, Master Sergeant Patricia Liddell, (Ret.) U.S. Army, and Captain Cynthia Maisano Griffin, (Ret.) U.S. Army, for their commitment to the military and to their communities. Speakers included Mayor Teresa Tomlinson of Columbus, Mayor Eddie Lowe of Phenix City, Colonel Andrew Cole, Chief of Staff, Maneuver Center of Excellence, Representative Carolyn Hugley; and then former State Representative Stacey Abrams, candidate for Georgia Governor, was our guest speaker. Well done, Sisters, Inc.!

Lindy Miller, GA Public Service Commissioner Candidate, and Saundra Ellison, MCDC Chair

Marlyne Morrow and Tom McDaniel

Patricia Lassiter and Chelsey Tyler Hall

Juanita Booker and Lindy Miller

Aslean Florence and Tammy Bailey
UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday, March 19, MCDC Executive Committee Meeting
- Saturday, March 24, 11 am - 3 pm, March For Our Lives organized by Indivisible Columbus, Rally at Broadway Median between 10th and 11th Streets
- Monday, March 26, 6 - 7:30 pm, MCDC District Post Committee Meeting, Columbus Public Library, Macon Rd.
- Tuesday, March 27, 6 pm, MCDC General Membership Meeting, Columbus Public Library Auditorium, Michael Owens speaking
- Friday, March 30, 5-6:30 pm, MCDC HAPPY HOUR, The Speakeasy, 3123 Mercury Dr, Columbus - Come Meet Other Dems!

SPOTLIGHT ON: MCDC General Membership Meeting

- Guest Speaker:
  Dr. Michael C. Owens,
  Cobb County Democratic Committee Chair

Please join us for this dynamic and educational speaker! Dr. Owens will be addressing the challenges and opportunities presented for Democrats by the 2018 Midterm Elections. You will also learn about how you can help during this very important election cycle. We can't wait to see you!

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