

Currents

Spring 2017

Food Drive

Shiawassee Democrats held a food drive at the regularly scheduled March meeting to benefit the Shiawassee United Way (SUW). SUW is the administrator of the Shiawassee Hunger Network, an alliance of 10 independently run food pantries located throughout the county. Everyone was excited to be able

to give back in a meaningful way to our community.



We will be looking for other ways to benefit our community in the future. Please contact us if you know of an organization that we could assist either by doing a collection at a future meeting or by arranging a volunteer day.

23rd Annual Pasta & Politics



Jocelyn Benson
Former Dean of
Wayne State Law
School



Curtis Hertel Jr
Senator from Michigan's 23rd Senate District



Brandon Dillon
Chairman of the MDP

Letter from the Chair

Greetings Democrats,

I am happy to tell you that the Shiawassee County Democratic Party is increasing our membership. Attendance at our monthly meetings has tripled over last year. Our new members are very energized, they are ready to take on the challenges we will face in the 2018 elections. Many of them are younger professional people, and they are bringing new resources and valuable skills to our efforts.

The Michigan Democratic Party has announced Project 83, an effort to bring Democratic issues and candidates to all of our 83 counties. They Shiawassee County Democrats will be making a similar effort locally. With the help of our expanding membership, we will be making a serious effort to find candidates for as many County Offices as possible, and to find resources and the energy to get those candidates elected. Expect to see Democrats on the ballot for City Councils, Township Supervisors and Trustees, offices in the Courthouse, and the Board of Commissioners.

Can you help us? In 2018, we will need many volunteers in this effort. There will be doors to be knocked, phone banks to make calls to voters, and fund raising efforts to host as we get organized for 2018. Please join the Michigan Democratic Party and attend a few of our regular monthly meetings. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month, in the lower level of the Community Center in McCurdy Park. Our meetings include a discussion hour at 5:30 PM, before the regular business meeting, which starts at 7:00 PM.

Thanks for your interest,

Paul Ray



Shiawassee County Democratic Party

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- Chair – Paul Ray
- Vice Chair – Carol Spaniola
- Treasurer – Jan Ray
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- Fundraising – Brian True
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- Pasta & Politics – Ann Arwin

Contact Us

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Meetings

4th Tuesday of
every month

Lower level of the
Community Center
in McCurdy Park.

Discussion - 5:30

Jocelyn Benson, CEO, Author, Attorney and former Law School Dean, has built a career fighting for fairness, transparency and accountability. Benson is currently the CEO of RISE - the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality, a venture led by professional sports organizations, including the NFL, NBA and MLB, to improve race relations in America.

After earning her bachelor's degree at Wellesley College, Benson began her career at the Southern Poverty Law Center, investigating hate groups and hate crimes throughout the country. She earned a Master of Philosophy as a Marshall Scholar at Oxford University in the United Kingdom, and subsequently earned her law degree from Harvard Law School.

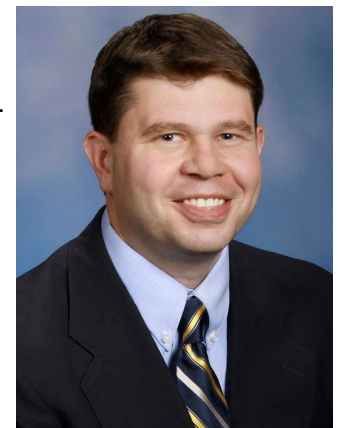


Senator Curtis Hertel Jr. was elected in 2014 to serve Michigan's 23rd Senate district, which encompasses most of Ingham County. Prior to his time in the State Senate, Hertel served as an Ingham County Commissioner from 2001 until 2008, the Legislative Liaison for the Department of Community Health under Governor Granholm from 2005 until 2008, and Ingham County Register of Deeds from 2009 until 2015.

Hertel is a graduate of Michigan State University's James Madison College and lives in East Lansing, with his wife Elizabeth and four children.

Brandon Dillon was recently elected to a second term as the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party. For over a decade, Brandon Dillon has served as a champion for Michigan Democrats.

Representing Kent County as a commissioner and Grand Rapids as a state representative, Brandon has been a leading voice and advocate for progressive causes, public education, labor, women's issues, LGBT rights, and Michigan's middle class.



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SHIAWASSEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**Paul Ray - Chair, Carol Spaniola - Vice Chair
Janet Horvath - Secretary, Jan Ray - Treasurer**

23rd ANNUAL PASTA & POLITICS

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

ZCBJ/WFLA Hall

1775 Owosso Ave, Owosso, MI 48867

6:00PM – 9:30 PM

**Speakers: Dr Jocelyn Benson, Former Dean of Wayne State Law School;
Senator Curtis Hertel Jr, of Michigans 23rd Senate District;
Brandon Dillon, Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party**

It's Spring and time for the Shiawassee Dems' major fundraiser, Pasta & Politics.

Your support in the past is appreciated and the party looks forward to your continued participation. Please call if you need more tickets or information.

TICKET DONATIONS: Adults: \$25 or 2 for \$40;

Seniors & Students: \$20 or 2 for \$30; Children 12 & Under \$5.

Add \$5.00 to buy Tickets at the door

Checks should be made out to: **Shiawassee Co. Democratic Party**. Corporate checks **cannot** be accepted. Any amount from one person that is \$20.01 or more **must be in written form (check or money order)**. *Please complete all the information on each ticket.*

**BY FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST PLEASE SEND OR REPORT
CHECKS AND RESERVATIONS TO:**

Jan Ray, 2273 East Hibbard Rd, Owosso, MI 48867

Phone: 989 743-3591 or Email: janray61176@gmail.com

THANK YOU,

The Shiawassee County Dems

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR:

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Platinum Sponsor: \$125 & Over Includes 3 Dinner tickets plus full page ad

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IN THE PROGRAM. *For our campaign filing forms we need your name, address, employer and employer's address.*

APRIL 21st IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFO IN ORDER TO CONFIRM FOR PRINTING AND RESERVATIONS. CORPORATE CHECKS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Items or monetary donations for the Silent Auction: Please contact Ann Arwin (989)-721-7446 by our Meeting on Tuesday April 25th.

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Did you know that the Shiawassee County Democratic Party participates in the MDOT Adopt-A-Highway program? The Shiawassee Democrats are responsible for cleaning up a three-mile section of M-52 between Brewer and Miller Rds. Volunteers from the party will participate in the annual highway cleanup on Saturday, April 15. Thank you to those that will help!

JOIN US!

Membership in the Shiawassee County Democratic Party is now automatic when you join the Michigan Democratic Party. You can join the party online or by mail through the website www.michigandems.com. Dues are not required but your donation helps us reach more people and be more effective in our efforts.

Shiawassee County holds regular monthly meetings the fourth Tuesday of each month at the community center in McCurdy Park in Corunna. An informal discussion time is held starting at 5:30 p.m. with the official meeting called to order at 7.

Meeting notices are published in area newspapers, on social media and are always posted on our website, www.shiawasseedems.com. We welcome you to come check us out and see how you can get involved!