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A Show of Solidarity with the People of Ukraine!



For more than an hour on Sunday, March 20, a bi-partisan group of nearly 40 citizens from Arenac, Ogemaw and Iosco counties gathered at the foot of Newman Street in East Tawas to express

their solidarity with Ukrainians impacted by the invasion from Russia. A prayer was read, along with a list of names of friends and family affected by the conflict. The Ukrainian flag, in a variety of forms, was on display as were many colorful and creative signs, including one by a canine. The fine weather and overwhelming support from drivers with beeping horns, and thumbs up lifted the spirits of all. To see photos from the rally, please visit Page 13 of The Beacon.

Sue Duncan



Share The Beacon with Your Virtual Community

ICDP is inviting like-minded people who enjoy reading this newsletter to become members. For those of us who are already members, please forward the newsletter by email to your own family and friends who may be interested. Here's a direct link to the membership form from the ICDP website. Feel free to forward any email addresses to me so I can follow through with invitations to join. [Iosco County Democratic Party Membership Form \(google.com\)](#)

Laurie Miles, Secretary



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Gov. Whitmer on Women's History Month

(Last month...) Americans nationwide celebrated Women's History Month with the theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," as a tribute to the tireless work of caregivers today and throughout history. Michigan's history is defined by incredible women. Our state was once home to prominent suffragists like Sojourner Truth, Anna Howard Shaw, Clara Arthur, and Lucia Voorhees Grimes. Today, we build on their legacy, Michigan women work hard to move our state forward. They start small businesses, teach our kids, serve the public in state and local government, create art, and so much more to help Michigan thrive.

March kicked off the *Women's Economic Recovery Tour*, highlighting Michigan's investments in opportunities for women to pursue their potential in our economy. We know that we have a long way to go to create an even playing field for women, and that's why my administration has prioritized building an economy that supports them and their families.

I cannot wait to see what the next generation of Michigan women will accomplish—
Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

We have:

- Kept childcare businesses open and care affordable for families by signing a record \$1.4 billion investment in federal childcare funding
- Expanded access to low or no-cost childcare for 112,000 more working families and free preschool for 22,000 more four-year-olds through the high-quality, homegrown Great Start Readiness Program
- Launched the MI Child Care Tri-Share pilot in 59 counties to share the cost of care between employees, employers, and the state
- Signed a package of bills to repeal the tax on essential menstrual products, including tampons.
- Directed the Michigan Women's Commission to focus on building greater economic security for women and achieving gender equity.
- Awarded grants to community-based organizations to help women workers understand and exercise their rights and benefits in the workplace.
- Extended 12 weeks of paid family leave to all state employees

As the second woman governor of Michigan, I am indebted to the pioneering women who paved the way for myself and other women to step up and lead. I cannot wait to see what the next generation of great Michigan women will accomplish.

Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of Michigan

1st Congressional District Campaign Update

Here are some important updates from candidate Dr. Bob Lorinser, seeking to replace Jack Bergman in the new 1st District of Congress:



Jack Bergman voted against nearing \$13 million for his First District

This included eight Northern Michigan / U.P. projects previously approved by the appropriation committee in the \$1.5 trillion spending bill.

- Northern Michigan University Rural Broadband Expansion (internet to rural households)
- McLaren Northern Michigan Inpatient Behavioral Health (mental health care)

Similar to the Soo Locks funding, Jack voted against 90% of the funding for the New Soo Lock but then took credit for it. The House approved the spending bill 260 to 171, with 39 Republicans joining Democrats. The Congressman for Northern Michigan and the UP wasn't one of them, and then he praised the funding of several of those projects.

Get the word out about the responsible, ethical alternative to our current representation in Congress: Dr. Bob Lorinser.



URGENT URGENT URGENT URGENT Threat to Campaign Filing Petitions

The Bob Lorinser campaign has been informed Republican Canvassers may reject his campaign filing due to a technicality of having "Dr." in front of his name on petitions. This is just one of several partisan attacks on petitions this year. Getting on the ballot is our number one priority, so it's time to unite and mobilize. We cannot allow partisan politics to discredit the 3,400 people who have already signed in support of Bob getting on the ballot.

We are now mobilizing the public for an immediate petition drive to gather 1,500 signatures on *new* petitions by April 15.

Voters who previously signed Bob's petitions, we urgently ask you to sign again. If you haven't signed yet, please do it now. Bring several friends with you to sign as well. Volunteers are encouraged to help recirculate. Click on this link for locations for Petition Outlets: [Lorinser announces 'urgent petition drive' after learning Republicans may block him from getting on ballot \(votedrbob.com\)](http://votedrbob.com)

Please stop by the ICDP office to sign a new petition before April 15!

ICDP is on Social Media!

Direct links to our pages:

Facebook

Public page:

www.facebook.com/loscoCountyDems

Private ICDP Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/513749385704570/>

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/loscoCountyDems>

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/ioscocoountydems

On the web:

www.ioscocoountydems.org

Please contact Duane Breijak at dbreijak@gmail.com if you have any questions or additions to our social media presence.

We Love Photos!

If you participate in a ICDP-related activity and have pictures to share, please send them to The Beacon by the 1st of the month for inclusion in the next edition!



Needed: Iosco County Precinct Delegates

ICDP is seeking additional volunteers to serve as Iosco County Precinct Delegates. We want to increase the strength of the Precinct Delegate team and welcome anyone interested in helping the cause. Current delegates' two-year term expires this year with the August 2 Primary Election. New Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity for the election this summer must be submitted by **May 3 at 4:00 PM**. This form must be notarized and filed with the County Clerk at the County Office in Tawas City.

Make a difference in Iosco County elections by becoming a Precinct Delegate!

By design, Precinct Delegates play an important role in the work of county parties. They connect Democrats with the information and work of the county party to assure as many votes are cast as possible each election. We need your help as we work on getting out the vote for the Primary as well as the General Election on November 8.

Here's a reminder on some ways you can help as a Precinct Delegate:

- Attend township/city board meetings and report to the ICDP on important actions
- Actively recruit new ICDP members in your precinct
- Hold meetings for ICDP members in your precinct two or more times per year
- Help Democrats get registered to vote and apply for permanent absentee ballots
- Take information on issues and candidates to voters in your precinct
- Help turn out the Democratic vote in your neighborhood
- Keep Democratic leaders and candidates informed on issues that concern voters

Please give me a call at **773-343-8663** or **text at that number to let me know your plans and any questions by April 11.**

Jim Mortimer, Campaign Committee Chair

Did You Know...

Here's a sobering statistic from a recent article in Axios that the ICDP needs to reflect and determine a strategy to embrace both Independents and Biden Republicans.

In Gallup's 2021 polling, 29% of Americans identified as Democrats, 27% as Republicans, and 42% as independents.

Check out the Campaign Committee report on page 11 for an opportunity to influence Iosco County voter messaging.



Chair Yoga = Serenity + Donations

Alaina from Tawaste Yoga donated a chair yoga class as a fundraiser to help raise money for our ICDP office at 224 Newman Street in East Tawas.

She did a great job teaching us to meditate, set intentions, stretch and work on core, strength and endurance poses.

Alaina has a series of classes at Tawaste, 211 Lake St, Tawas City across from Neiman's. She also is willing to go to local businesses to hold classes for employees. Check out www.tawaste.com for more information.



Carole Bleau & Sue Duncan

Become MORE Active!

As the Michigan Democratic Party reminds us, our strength grows faster as more MI Dems get engaged and active across our great state. Check out the MDP's direct links at [Voter Protection Volunteer Opportunities - Michigan Democratic Party \(michigandems.com\)](http://Voter Protection Volunteer Opportunities - Michigan Democratic Party (michigandems.com)) or follow their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MiDemsVoterProtection>. There are numerous options for volunteering on the Voter Protection Team, including the following:

- **Poll Worker (aka) Election Inspector:** Must be a registered voter of MI. Training coming up May 25 at E. Tawas Community Center, repeated at various times. You are paid for your time to train and work; you may work any local or state wide poll that needs help. You receive credentials that are active for 2 years at a time. Contact Iosco County clerk's office (989-362-3497) or your local clerk for more info. A poll worker may also be a Hotline Staffer, on a phone bank team or be an Early Vote Observer, all of which happen BEFORE election day.
- **Challenger:** A poll worker cannot be a Challenger as they are both 'in person' positions. Trained to observe and intervene; at a poll or in an Absentee Voter Counting Room. You receive credentials after training. Challengers DO NOT challenge the person voting, but advocate for voters by alerting election officials of possible irregularities at the time the situation is occurring. Must be registered to vote in MI.

I'll share some additional opportunities in the May Beacon.

Sue Duncan

Have an idea for an Event?

The Service & Events Committee is seeking ideas to increase our social and/or fundraising efforts. Contact Carole Bleau or Judy Goodman to share your thoughts or host an event!



My Voice Guest Columnist Series



Richard Douglass, ICDP member, continues his ongoing series of "How Can You Fix It If You Don't Know How It Got Broke?".

The ICDP thanks Richard for continuing to educate our members and the community at large regarding the factors that have led to the lack of accessible healthcare in rural communities.

Share Your Suggestions

Is there a topic you'd like *The Beacon* to include in upcoming editions? Share your ideas or articles (400 words or less) to Gloria Brooks at gloriadbrooks@att.net by the 1st of the month.

How Can You Fix It If You Don't Know How It Got Broke?

Most of us will remember the time period between 1984-1994 as when health care seemed to dominate the front page of nearly every newspaper on a weekly basis. The national consciousness about the failure of our way of doing things associated with health care for all of us became all too obvious for anyone working in the system. It was also obvious if you were one of the 48 million Americans who had no health insurance. Medical indigence is a serious threat to the poor, those with chronic conditions, the disabled, or those forced into labor that puts them at risk for injury or exposures to cleaning agents or other chemicals. The medically indigent have no primary care physicians to turn to and public health departments had been so underfunded and politically undervalued by 1984 that most offered no clinical services at all. So, what were the indigent to do?

They went straight away to the local emergency room, of course. In major cities like Detroit the emergency rooms replaced family physicians as the only way hundreds of thousands of people received health care. Often waiting until a fever, infection, or other clinical presentation was severe, the medically indigent showed up and knew that if they were sick enough, or injured sufficiently, they would receive care. Often, they were admitted to the hospital after the emergency team stabilized their condition. Sometimes the quietly whispered rule among the staff was to "treat'em and street'em" because the lack of any insurance would mean that the hospital would absorb bad debt. No department's normal functioning is as expensive, service for service, as an emergency department. It is like going to the city park and using a Lexus SUV, paying for parking, and insisting on a full gas tank instead of just walking three blocks.

State governments, however, usually came to the financial aid of metropolitan hospitals whose emergency departments often generated 70-80% financial losses because of medical indigence. Hospitals serving the poor and medically indigent are in a strong position to claim the need for help and state governments are the payer of last resort, at least in part because state licensing laws require hospitals to accept patients in emergent medical need. In other words, we the people cover the bad debt created by the medically indigent seeking care at the most expensive level.

Another wrinkle in fully understanding the place of the medically-indigent is the historic relationship of the poor with teaching hospitals. Medical students and post-graduate residents need clinical experience in order to learn. Think about a check list for resident training in emergency medicine. If a teaching center has too few incoming patients, or too little diversity in the problems brought in by patients, it will extend the time required for students to learn what they need to know. A busy urban emergency room, such as the one at Receiving Hospital in Detroit, counts on a large and varied volume of patients coming in the door for students to learn from while staff care for the medical problems. Without such volume and variety of presenting problems a training program

Emergency Rooms as Healthcare Delivery Settings—Part 12A

cannot process students or residents quickly enough. Even if these patients do not have insurance, and even if the presenting conditions are not literally life-threatening, the patients serve a need for the teaching enterprise. In such settings the Residents in Emergency Medicine are paid through Medicare, independently of the age or other demographics of the patients, as are most Residents in teaching hospitals. You see, the patients become part of the process of medical education and are both people in need and also needed commodities.

The post-Viet Nam period also witnessed levels of homelessness that became highly visible during this time period. The homeless, most likely being medically indigent, presented a perplexing set of problems to city and state governments. Homelessness became a political issue, a threat to the way we saw cities, and a hot button for both progressive and conservative voices. Homelessness is generated by many factors, often simultaneously, and is a tough nut to crack. The deinstitutionalization of mental health inpatient facilities led to moving mentally ill adults into prisons which became holding centers for thousands of people that gave rise to building medium or minimum-security penal facilities in rural locations needing jobs. If it weren't for the Michigan Department of Corrections the unemployment presentation of Northern Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula, would be dire. So, in a way, the homeless who were medically indigent, and often mentally ill, served the economic needs of places where an aversion to spending tax dollars at the local level found a convenient exception if the spending was for crime and punishment. This even served some of the medical needs of these people because a conviction of a felony is just about the only way, in our Constitution, to ensure access to medical care.

When people are released from prison, however, their access to medical care through the Department of Corrections is gone. Jobs with medical insurance benefits are hard to find for these people, drugs and other ways to deal with the reality of being on the street are easy to find. The proportion of the homeless population over 55 years old that was most recently housed in prison is about 33% based on research I conducted in Detroit. This is a medically needy population that is medically indigent and completely reliant on emergency rooms for medical problems.

A larger group of homeless people, in fact the majority, are women with dependent children who are running from domestic violence. In my research on sheltered and non-sheltered homeless populations in Michigan it was abundantly clear that domestic violence was the principal cause of the person's situation. These women often lack medical insurance, and their children usually lack ongoing medical care and health monitoring of a pediatrician. These people, too, go straight to the emergency departments when anything goes wrong; seeking and receiving the most expensive medical care because they have no alternatives. As these numerous illustrations point out, the ER is no place for primary healthcare delivery.

Richard Douglass

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Why I'm a Democrat

I received this email from the Whitmer-Gilchrist campaign and thought others should know about the progress Gov. Whitmer is making towards ideals shared in her State of the State speech.

Share this information with your personal network and community to show Gov. Whitmer is worth reelecting in 2022!

Beth Borowski



Gov. Whitmer's Budget Agenda: Supporting MI Workers

Michigan workers are the best in the country. They are dedicated, resilient, and creative. Since my first day in office, I have been committed to boosting our economy by empowering Michigan's workforce. We've delivered bonuses to direct care workers and childcare workers, provided hundreds of millions in small business relief, and added jobs – 220,000 in the last year alone. In my 2023 budget, I proposed huge investments into our workforce to support working families and build on our economic momentum.

Here are some of those investments and what we've accomplished so far:

Education

What we've done:

- Thanked educators for all they do for our children by providing premium pay through the MI Classroom Heroes grant program.
- Invested \$10 million to support teacher recruitment, training, development, and retention.

What's next:

- Recognize the hard work of our teachers and school staff by giving a \$2,000 bonus for every school employee this fall – that includes teachers, aides, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and everyone who shows up for our kids.
- Staff that returns in 2023 will receive an additional \$2,000 bonus, and teachers and eligible staff who stay for four years can get \$11,000 in bonuses.
- Invest in fellowships, stipends for student teachers, and funds to hire and train 10,000 more teachers.

Frontline Workers

What we've done:

- Increased the direct care worker wage by \$2.35 per hour.
- Honored the sacrifices of frontline workers through Hero Pay, helping essential workers get the pay they deserve.
- Provided bonuses for healthcare workers through a bipartisan bill that provided \$300 million for healthcare recruitment, retention, and training.

What's next:

- Create retention bonuses of up to \$1,000 for law enforcement officers and public safety personnel, including state police troopers, conservation officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics, 9-1-1 operators, local unit of government jail and state corrections facility-based staff, airport public safety officers, and eligible personnel associated with ambulance operations licensed under the public health code.
- Offer a one-year bonus payment that will be provided on a per pay period basis to almost 1,000 state psychiatric hospital direct care staff and to approximately 50,000 behavioral health workers operating in Michigan communities to retain and recruit more behavioral health workers.
- Expand the Michigan State Loan Repayment Program to provide financial assistance through student loan repayment to eligible behavioral health practitioners working in federally designated HPSAs.

I am proud of the work my administration has done to lower costs for families and support our workers, and I know we have a lot of work to do moving forward.

Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of Michigan

Finding Common Ground on the Gun Debate

We've got to get back talking, and right now, we're just throwing out solutions that one side rejects completely, and one side accepts. And all they're saying is, 'When I get the majority, I'm going to force it upon you.' That's not the way to pull a nation back together.

I support the 2nd Amendment and recognize the need to address gun violence as a public health issue. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." This law is part of our Constitution, and it shall not be infringed. Gun-rights advocates view firearm ownership as a fundamental American civil liberty.

I support the 2nd Amendment. *At the same time*, it's critical to recognize that gun-related deaths and violence in the US claimed nearly 21,000 lives, and suicide by gun claimed 25,000 lives last year. We have a problem in this country.

Gun violence like cancer has no single cure or cause. There are many 'types' of gun violence with different risk factors and different prevention strategies:

- Suicide
- Urban gun violence primarily affecting minority young men
- Family violence
- Mass shootings
- Police/law enforcement
- Accidental shooting (children at homes with guns)

Federal gun violence research restarted after nearly 25 years of absence in 2019. Federal money for gun research essentially stopped in 1996 with the Dickey Amendment, which barred the CDC from spending money to "advocate or promote gun control."

Unfortunately, there is scant rigorous evidence to prove or disprove policies to decrease gun violence. Limited research continued at the state or local levels. Other branches in the federal government like the National Institute of Health (NIH) are starting to give us support moving forward.

Solutions shouldn't be an either/or – Keep guns or prevent gun violence. Instead, we should discuss how to protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners *and* reduce gun violence. We need a win-win, not a win-loss. Gun violence is a public health problem and deserves attention and research commensurate with its impact on our Nation.

We must move forward together addressing gun violence with the support of science in our decision-making. We can and will work together to address gun violence and its tragic impact on our communities.

Dr. Bob Lorinser

My Voice: Guest Column

Dr. Bob Lorinser has been publishing his position on several important topics integral to American political discourse. This month we focus on gun rights, a topic that is often divisive and not associated with support from Democrats.

What's your response to Dr. Bob's perspective? Send your thoughts to [The Beacon](#) for inclusion in next month's edition.

Gloria Brooks, Editor



Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates

APRIL

- Saturday, 4/9/22 2:30—5 pm
Michigan Democratic Party
Endorsement Convention,
Huntington Place, Detroit
- Friday, 4/22/22 2 – 4 pm: Earth
Day Adopt-A-Forest Location
TBD
- Sunday, 4/23/22 10a—2p:
Iosco County Fun Fair, Oscoda
High School
- Thursday, 4/28/22 4—5:30pm:
Brew & Stew, ICDP office, 224
Newman St, East Tawas

MAY

- Tuesday, 5/3/22 5:30—7 pm:
General Membership Meeting
ICDP office, 224 Newman St,
East Tawas
- Wednesday 5/4/22 5:30—7
pm: Acrylic Pour Art Class, ICDP
office, 224 Newman St, East
Tawas \$25/person

JUNE

- Saturday, June 4 5—8 pm: ICDP
Fundraiser at Judy Goodman's
630 N. Plank Rd, East Tawas.
RSVP 989-362-6443.
- Tuesday, 6/7/22 5:30—7 pm:
General Membership Meeting
ICDP office, 224 Newman St,
East Tawas
- Sunday, 6/12/22 2—4 pm:
Potluck Picnic in the Park, East
Tawas City Park, 407 W. Bay St.
- Thursday, 6/23/22 4—5:30pm:
Brew & Stew, ICDP office, 224
Newman St, East Tawas

ICDP Committee Roundup

Communications — *Cindy Schwedler & Sue Duncan*

Newspaper Articles	Paper	Publish Date
Captioned Ukraine Rally Photo	INH	3/30/22
Newspaper LTE Topic	IDCP Member/Paper	Publish Date
Fiction from the GOP side	Richard Douglass INH/OP	3/8/22
Democratic Party Working to Preserve Country	Susan Duncan INH/OP	3/8/22
Republican alt-right virus	Jesse Lyman	3/15/22

- The Rural Caucus reviewed Antrim County Democrats' advertising campaign for ideas to be used in the upcoming ICDP campaign
- WKJC has determined it will not run its Viewpoint series during election year.

Events & Service — *Carole Bleau & Judy Goodman*

New events that were added to the 2022 Calendar include:

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am—2:00 pm: Iosco County Fun Fair- Oscoda High School. ICDP will have a kids game booth. The game will be laminated construction paper with numbers on each. The kids throw until they land on two squares. Based on age, they either add, subtract or multiply. Everyone wins a prize. Carole will make the game and buy prizes.

Sunday, April 24: 2:00-5:00 pm at HQ: *Celebrating Women's Contributions* fundraiser will include women speakers who have held jobs where women were historically not allowed will share their experiences. Members of the committee will provide vegetable pizza, buffalo chicken cheese dip and tortilla chips, cheese and cracker platter, Japanese vegetable pancakes, cheesecake and other desserts.

Wednesday May 4, 5:30 pm: Acrylic Pour Art Class HQ. Betty Fahselt will donate supplies and teach the class. Suggested donation \$25

Saturday June 4, 5:00-8:00 pm: Judy Goodman is hosting a fundraiser at 630 N. Plank Rd, Tawas City. 989-362-6443. Suggested donations are as follows: Host \$100, Sponsor \$75, Supporter \$50, Attendee \$30. Attendance is not required to contribute to this event. Please RSVP to Judy. Send checks to ICDP PO Box 727, Tawas City, MI 48764.

ICDP Committee Roundup *Cont'd*

Campaign Committee—*Jim Mortimer*

Twenty-five members have stated their interests in contacting voters by phone, texting, post cards, email and/or doors. Some are Precinct Delegates who are planning to serve a new two-year term in the August 2 Primary election. I hope we will attract more members to this team at each monthly meeting during the next six months. We will try to organize team members into County Commission District-level groups forming ongoing relationships with neighbors.

Mid-term Election History and Goals

In the August 2018 election 6,173 ballots were cast in our county. In November 11,905 ballots were cast. Republicans cast 56% of the total with 6,532 voting for Schuette for Governor. Whitmer received 4,771 or 40% of the votes. 21,319 voters were registered in losco in October 2018. Now we have 22,993 registered or 1,674 more. The VAN now lists 4,647 strong and leaning Dem voters in the county. We need to reach out to independents and “No Data”

We all need to be involved—even if you can only spend 30 minutes a week to help elect Democrats—we need you!
Marguerite Schmidt

What is our goal for Whitmer’s percentage of the votes in November? We propose 51%. Our messaging would focus on:

- Promote voter registration and permanent vote by mail applications
- Invite independent voters to support Democratic candidates in context of national turmoil
- Invite strong Dems to join ICDP and reach out to friends and neighbors to support our candidates
- Publish information on local voter interests and concerns found through individual contacts

The committee shared a draft Action Plan at the April General Membership meeting. To review the plan and provide to me anytime. I look



input, please reach out forward to your partici-

ICDP Leadership

Please feel free to contact an Executive Board member with any ideas, questions or information that would help in the work of the party.

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For additional information about Marilyn Kelly, please visit [Marilyn Kelly - Law School - Wayne State University](#)

ICDP Endorses Marilyn Kelly for WSU BOG

The Iosco County Democratic Party informed the Michigan Democratic Party of its endorsement for the nomination of Marilyn Kelly to serve a second term on the Wayne State University Board of Governors ahead of the Michigan Democratic Party's Nominating Convention on April 9, 2022.

Justice Kelly has dedicated her life to America's fundamental values of truth and justice. Her career spans not only service as an educator at the public school, private college, and state university level, but also as an attorney assisting citizens needing legal representation. Her extensive experience as a judge and justice at the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court, including Chief Justice, are a testimony to her understanding of governance and her ability to create fair solutions and move organizations forward. She has received strong support from Michigan voters during her seven successful campaigns to elected office, including her recent election to serve on the WSU Board of Governors in 2014.

Justice Kelly's leadership at the Wayne State University Board of Governors has already included serving as Chair. She has the most experience of any other candidate seeking nomination to the position. She is a proud lifelong Democrat and was a member of various unions during her career. She also has volunteered her time as a board member at several nonprofit organizations in metro Detroit, including those that serve domestic violence survivors and the sight-impaired community.

Justice Kelly is epitome of a Democratic candidate's values and experience. The ICDP enthusiastically supports Marilyn Kelly's nomination to the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Carol Bleau, Chair & Józef Drozdowski, Vice Chair

Correction from March Newsletter

DRG's are Diagnostic Related, not Drug Related, Groups that relate to how a healthcare provider is reimbursed.

Richard Douglass

Gloria Brooks, Editor



Rally to Support Ukraine: In Pictures

Learn more about this event on the front page of The Beacon.



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The Iosco County Democratic Party is a group of passionate Democrats working together to change our country's leadership throughout the Michigan legislature and in Washington DC.

We believe in truth, justice, and the American way.

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April General Membership Meeting Update

- There will be a *Meet the Candidate* event on Thursday, May 5 from 10 am—5 pm at Fr. Rushman Hall at the Tawas Area Knights of Columbus, 821 Newman Street in East Tawas. Registration fee is \$50 per table includes breakfast and lunch for one attendee. ICDP voted to purchase a table.
- Democrats can have 29 precinct delegates for the upcoming elections. Please see related story on Page 4 of The Beacon.
- Carole shared that election Inspectors are a paid position for election day workers and the training will be held May 25 at East Tawas Community Center.
- MDP is operating a voter assistance hotline during the election on 1-833-MI-VOTES
- July 12, 1978 is the anniversary date for the ICDP's inception
- Jim Mortimer said we had success with mailing 1,000 postcards to encourage residents to vote by mail. Special thanks to our volunteers Carole Bleau, Gloria Brooks, Mary Cox, Rozanne Curley, Sue Duncan, Pat Elisor, Judy Goodman, Margarite Schmidt, Trish Schmidt, Cindy Schwedler, Christine Sheldon, Judy Shuler and Chris Zimmer.
- Jim mentioned that Becky Mason is considering a run as ICBOC Commissioner Candidate for District 3 running against Charlie Finley.
- Cindy Schwedler encouraged more volunteers to sign up for office shifts at the ICDP, and suggested the concept of a scheduling captain.
- Cindy also discussed ways to improve the Brew & Stew meetings. Suggestions from the meeting included guest speakers, alternating locations between the office and restaurants. Time for this meeting is 4—5:30 pm.
- Website for Cindy's campaign for ICBOC commissioner District 2 is www.cindyschwedler.com
- Sue Duncan shared her thoughts regarding the upcoming campaign. She's been doing phone bank for MDP.
- Sue encourages us to take a look at the MI Democratic Party website <https://michigandems.com>. "Click through to the *Voter Info* tab, it's the second screen you see, scroll down to the blue boxes where a wealth of info is hidden!" says Sue.
- Carole shared that we are collecting data from any returned postcards to update addresses in VAN.

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