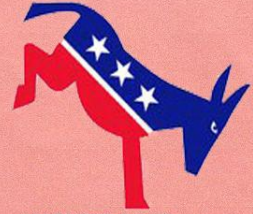


KICKIN' NEWS

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Hey - Dems ! It's all about November ! This election is imperative to our state and country.

Many of our members are working for this cause. Note Mary Berger's article on club activity. Don't be a "looky lou"- Get involved !

VOUNTEER !!!!!!!

Remember the 60's ? "If you're not part of the solution - you're part of the problem." Plus - it's fun spending time with other members of the club.

I'm also happy to report Wayne Powell, who is running a strong campaign against Eric Cantor, will be here September 12, 4:00-6:00 in the Lower Level of the Clubhouse. Beverages and pastries provided. No charge. All welcome. He'll be speaking and taking questions.

Less than 90 days to election day! Hope you enjoy this issue and are inspired to do whatever you can. For every effort counts!

KICK IT DEMS !!!!!!!

BLUE POWER !!!!

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

We have reached the "home stretch" for the November elections, and I know how hard many of you are working. The voter registration and the phone banks have been well manned.

If there is someone who wishes to help, call Mary Berger (972-3066) and she will set you to work, Hope all will attend the September 12 reception for Wayne Powell, and will bring others. We have three busy races and all can make a difference. GO DEMS !!!!

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ELECTION ! ELECTION! ELECTION!

The money is pouring into GOP coffers by the millions! Millionaires, Billionaires -they had a Koch Brothers convention in June. No press allowed.

They have two purposes: defeat Barak Obama and run the country in their interests. These are not the interests of the American people. Even John McCain said as much.

Yet, the money rolls in. It will be huge in state elections. George will mentioned , if they can't get the Presidency, they can get the Senate. Well, I like half of his thinking.

Blocking voters is also on the agenda and the fight is on to restore millions of Americans constitutional rights.

How do we fight this insidious, creeping menace? Individuals cannot begin to match this massive money! We do it the old-fashioned way, door to door, neighbor to neighbor. Have the facts and speak them. Rebut the lie! Silence is acceptance!

What we cannot do - is ignore this state of affairs and hope others will step up.

NEWSLETTER

LAKE of the WOODS

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NORTH ORANGE ORGANIZE FOR AMERICA TEAM - SUPPORTING PRESIDENT OBAMA

BY: MARY BERGER

Organization for America has been set up all over Virginia in support of President Obama's re-election. Our leader from the OFA is Annie Roberts.

We have a team here in Lake of the Woods, the North Orange team, headed by Ken Martin. The team consists of three different groups:

TELEPHONE BANKS
VOTER REGISTRATION
DATA COLLECTION

Ken Martin coordinates operations between the OFA central office and the work being done by the three operating groups.

Nancy Arnold is in charge of our telephone Bank Team. We meet at various homes and make calls to known Democratic supporters; asking them to get involved in the OFA and to vote for President Obama.

OFA (CONTINUED)

Mary Berger is in charge of the Voter Registration team. They have conducted voter registration at Food Lion, CVS, Dollar General, Tru Value and the Exxon station on Route 20. Starting July 19, voter registration is being conducted at Germanna Community College. Voter registration will be conducted every Thursday and Saturday until October 15.

Kerry Sipe is in charge of the Data Collection Team. Teams make calls, then indicate the result of the call - 1) willing to join the OFA, 2) supporting the President. This information is entered into the data bank and used to provide the OFA leaders additional information about trends in voting.

Jim Donovan is in charge of all logistics and information about the OFA.

Virginia is a very CRITICAL and IMPORTANT state for the PRESIDENT to WIN in NOVEMBER !

OFA (continued)

We need to do everything we can to see he gets the votes to win in Virginia !

JOIN US !!!!!!!

Ken Martin - 972-3416

Nancy Arnold - 972-4683

Mary Berger - 972-3066

Jim Donovan - 540-412-1337

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Contact - KERRY SIPE

972-2737
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Let's decorate the lake!

CALL NOW !!!!!



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ISSUES: Diane Sibley

ISSUE #1 --Get Out the Vote

* Have you talked to anyone who may be on the fence?

* Do you know enough about the issues to confidently discuss them?

* Do you know shut-ins who may need help with their absentee ballots?

* Have you thought about family, friends or neighbors who need help getting to the polls in November? Get prepared now to make that offer.

* Be especially prepared to discuss the Affordable Healthcare Act and be proud, not defensive, if someone calls it Obamacare. He does care and he got the job done.

* Be prepared to discuss Justice Roberts Obamacare decision and the delicate dance he did re. penalty vs. tax.

* Let's forget Bush and remember that the real problem is the Republican Party that believes that rich people count more than people with less or little money.

* Don't forget Governor Kaine. We need that Senate seat.

* Let's learn more about the positive effects of the much maligned "bail-outs" and try to bring some positive talking points to each meeting to share with others. We're talking about numbers, we're talking about changes that have already helped people and finally, we're talking about hope restored to

ISSUES (continued)

millions for a future that is brighter both in terms of enthusiasm and dare I say it - intelligence.

ISSUE #2- Voter Eligibility Restrictions

If a voter restriction has been passed or proposed you can bet it's being done by Republicans. Fight it tooth and nail. We've sustained a major loss in contribution equivalency due to the Citizens United decision. Now they're trying to take away the votes of citizens who need our help the most. Don't let them!

ISSUE #3 - Money

If a larger than usual donation is comfortable for you, now's the time to make it. If not so comfortable, think of what you could give up to add a little to your comfort level and to the re-election coffers. Remember what Edd Houck said about a bumper sticker being worth a \$500.00 contribution. I don't know about you, but I'm tired of seeing all those smug Republican bumper stickers. I want a bumper sticker that says :

"OBAMA CARES AND SO DOES THIS PROUD DEMOCRAT!"

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ISSUES BY: DIANE SIBLEY

QUOTE Of the MONTH

James Carville and Stan Greenberg say in their new book, It's the Middle Class, Stupid, that the question, "How does this protect America's middle class? is the filter through which everything must pass."

"There are some who want to be "quiet about the impolite topic of the fate of the middle class, ...but...the predicament of the middle class is the only thing we're going to talk about.

Basically the biggest change we can bring to the issue of the future of the middle class is to be (expletive) about it. We are not going away." Carville further states, "My biggest complaint with this president is that there's a narrative in front of him and he refuses to drive it.

LOOK A BOOK ! BY: DIANE SIBLEY

With less than a hundred days left until the election you can do a cram session on most things political by reading Everything You Think You Know About Politics...and Why You're Wrong. Author Kathleen Jamieson starts with a quiz and I must admit, it was a humbling experience. The text is straight forward and easily read and she uses statistics only when they're needed to make comparisons more easily understood. The book was published in 2000, so it may be a little outdated in that it won't include much about former President George W. Bush's campaign, but that doesn't take away from all the analysis and conclusions of the author based on prior elections.

The book is heavily weighted toward understanding campaigns and the effects of advertising. It is divided into four parts: "The Content and Effects of Campaigns," "Candidate Advertising," "Issue-Advocacy," and "The Influence of News".

BOOK (CONTINUED)

Jamieson uses lots of anecdotal evidence to explain her conclusions. Some of the more interesting chapters deal with the gender gap in political knowledge, the effect of negative attack ads, the effects of debates, media bias and the effect of a candidate's stated agenda on the electorate.

My first reading of Everything You Think You Know About Politics...and Why You're Wrong was a cursory one, but as the election nears, I'm going to dig a little deeper, make some notes and astound and amaze my family as we watch ads and debates and pundit sound bites together. And even if they don't think I'm any smarter than before -I read the book, at least I'll feel better.

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ONIONS & ORCHIDS BY: C. CARR

ONIONS TO: Romney in England - good job insulting and alienating the country that is always in our corner.

ORCHIDS TO: Romney's staff for not sending him to Russia or China ! (As they said when the Hindenburg crashed - "Ah - the humanity")

ONIONS TO: Red states that are busily disenfranchising voters who are elderly, minorities or young. (You know the drill - can't win - cheat !)

ORCHIDS TO: Eric Holder who is not only fighting these outrageous plans, but gave them the name they deserve - POLL TAX ! (Can anyone say - JIM CROW?)

ONIONS TO: The Mitt-ster again !

He tells college students if they can't afford college, they should simply borrow the money from their parents !

ORCHIDS TO: Anyone with sense. If parents could pay, there would be no need for a college loan ! (WOW !)

O'S AND O'S (CONTINUED)

ONIONS TO: Republicans who get on face book and repeat outrageous talking points and lies and say horrible things about the President.

ORCHIDS TO: Democrats on face book who stand up to them with truth! And sometimes a few other choice comments.

ONIONS TO: Mitt again - who went to the NAACP Convention and proudly told the audience he would repeal Obama Care.

ORCHIDS TO: the audience, who roundly booed him !

ONIONS TO: Democrats Who are not working for "Obama for America" or sending a check or speaking out the truth when it's needed.

ORCHIDS TO: Our members who are doing one of the above or more!

LAKE OF THE WOODS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

BY: NELL MEADOR

WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE ?

United States citizens ...
CHECK

Members of the Democratic
Party? CHECK

Voters CHECK

Supporters of Democratic
candidates CHECK

Community Service

supporters CHECK

Election Day Poll Workers
..... CHECK

Picnic and parade lovers
..... CHECK

Informative program planners
..... CHECK

Fund Raisers CHECK

Sign distributors and
displayers CHECK

Voter registration organizers
..... CHECK

SUPPORTERS OF THE ARTS
..... CHECK

Our own renowned Lake of
the Woods DEM-ETTES !

Nell is so right, but the last
line made me chuckle or is
that checkle?

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

BY: NORMA LANIER &
JAN MOORE

As one of our Community Service projects, our club has provided meals every other month for the Orange County Homeless Shelter until the Shelter closed in 2011.

Since then, our committee has researched new volunteer activities. We wanted to find activities that would align with our Democratic values and provide service in Orange County. Currently members have volunteered at the Orange County Free Clinic on Wednesdays or Fridays. Director Doreen Brown says volunteers are needed to register patients, thus preventing other staff from interrupting their duties. Doreen has filing and other odd jobs for volunteers to do. So far 10 members of the club have helped there.

Learning about the health care available locally to the uninsured has been instructive.

SERVICE (CONT.)

The clinic is located just outside Orange; you can help either morning or afternoon. If you are interested, you can call Doreen at 540-672-0793. For reporting purposes, call Norma at -3219 or Jan at -9355 when you have scheduled a clinic visit.

We would like to find another activity that would involve several members working together to foster fellowship as well as service. We are considering visits to Bridges, a day care facility for mentally challenged persons. We hope to have more information at the next meeting.

Suggestions are welcome.

SOMETHING TO PONDER:

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles by it.

THE PICK - NOW WHO IS PAUL RYAN ?

BY: Chris Carr

Ryan's Budget, which Romney endorses, cuts funding to disabled, elderly, veterans and Pell grants for students. This will also cost at least a million jobs.

His Medicare plan states plainly - vouchers for 55 and under. Voucher not enough? Out of the old family pocket.

Taxes - 4.3 trillion tax cut to wealthiest Americans.

Voted against repealing "Don't Ask-Don't Tell."

Co-sponsored a bill to end in-vitro fertilization and many other types of birth control.

Voted not to end war in Iraq.

Voted against the Lilly Ledbetter Act, which gave women a fair chance of equal pay in the workforce.

Supports an amendment to the Constitution that discriminates against gays.

Served in the Senate since he was 29 ! Washington insider-policy wonk and YET ---

A darling of the Tea Party !

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A TIGHT RACE ?

BY: CHRIS CARR

Joe Scarborough says Romney is "clunky". Charles Krauthammer is "out of adjectives" to describe Romney's overseas trip, and this guy defends Sarah Palin ! George Will can't understand why the campaign is so out of sync and believes the GOP best just look to the Senate races.

McCain and Boehner have spoken against Michelle Bachman's McCarthy style witch hunt over Muslims in the government. Even Karl Rove is raising his eyebrows.

So, why is this a tight race?

It can be put in a nutshell, and we are surely seeing some assorted nuts !

1. Bailout - NO, No and NO!! Auto Rescue. Romney said let them fail, and now tries to take credit. No banks were there and over 2 million jobs in auto and another 5 million of auto-related jobs would now be gone.

Yet, the Democrats allowed the GOP to scream and sing - deficit. We need to change that word "bail out". right now.

2. Economy - close to a depression - remember people moving money, because they feared the FDIC couldn't cover the loss? The GOP will pass no bills that create jobs. Yell deficit, but under their breath whisper "Obama must fail at all costs." More and More say it out loud. Ohio has a 7% unemployment rate - the rescue. Fearing the job numbers, Dems let this one slip by.

3. Pac ads and lies - tons of money, and these folks do not care if they state truth, lies or in between. We got "swift boated" once. Dems. Appear to have learned this and are fighting back. Of course, the GOP is crying fowl ! We must keep up a vigorous fight and be on the offense not the defense. Let 'em scream !

4. Tea Party - it is now the base and it IS the Republican Party. Many members are evangelicals, right-wing, and have an antipathy toward the President, to put it mildly. They are running the show, and old "I Like Ike Republicans" are ducking for cover, going along or not running again.

Yet, they seem to be going a little far, and Democrats must take advantage of this.

5. Media - Fox is a propaganda arm for the GOP, and many only get their "facts" there and talk radio. It just feels so good and comfy. Other media is into "false equivalency" and it is not a fair and balanced approach either. Yet, they forget about Telemundo.

So, a tight race indeed? We shall see. People do not like what they're seeing and hearing. Put up your yard sign, dispute the lies, have a backbone and -

KICK IT DEMS !!!!!

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