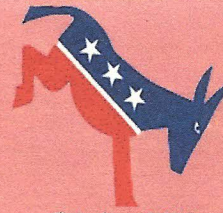


KICKIN' NEWS

Lake of the Woods Democratic Club

Special Election Edition



October 2012

EDITOR'S LETTER

This is a short, special edition of "Kickin' News. The Election date is very close - keep carrying on ! Do you have ALL your yard signs out? OBAMA, KAINE, POWELL ? If not - why not?

Are you working, talking, sent a check? We know about cloth coat Republicans' don't be an emperor's clothes Democrat.

The power is with us! We can be prouder than ever of what our party stands for: especially in light of the past weeks. I've heard some nonsense in my days, but Romney's campaign is making everyone's head spin. No wonder, back and forth - back and forth.

We have a President who stands for the better future of our country and all citizens. He has a clear message and does not waver.

I know you'll be voting!

BLUE POWER !!!!!

QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

"If you think your vote doesn't make a difference, other voices will fill the void."

"I am not a candidate - I am the President ."

"As Lincoln said, (Many times I've been driven to my knees, because I have no where else to go.) "

"Our future is filled with hope."

"We don't turn back; we leave no one behind."

"I want to make real the American ideal that every child in this county has a shot in life. Right now, that's not true."

This is just an example of why we heartily support him.

Osama is DEAD -
Detroit is ALIVE !

Now, that's "kickin' it,
Dems !

BEING A DEMOCRAT BY: CHRIS ARR

Jackie Kennedy said, "I was raised a Republican, but found out it's more fun being a Democrat." Chris Matthews said, "Vote like a Democrat; live like a Republican."

In the midst of this crazy, contentious campaign, where lies run like syrup off pancakes; where money is being used like never before to buy an election; where disenfranchisement is being used as a tool to elect an investment pro who delegates his responsibilities to others and then rakes in the money and credit -what do the Democrats think?

Easy - we won't stand for it! You may think you're not having fun, but here's a great little secret. Democrats are standing up, speaking their minds and not being run over! Go ahead - do it! People don't like it, they didn't like you anyway! Go ahead - do it. You will have fun! Then on Nov. 7, when the President is re-elected -you'll really have a ball !

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NEW VOTING PROCEDURES

By: Chris Carr

There will be a new way to vote this November. You will be given a paper ballot and special pencil. Your choice will be a circle that is bubbled in. Be SURE to completely fill in the circle. There are also 3 amendments on the ballot. Go to our website where they are posted. It is important to be ready to vote, as there is only one hard copy reader machine available, so this could cause lines as you wait to deposit your ballot.

If you are concerned about secrecy, you can hold the ballot close to you. You will have a corral in which to vote, but there will be no machine there.

This plan was created in Richmond, reasons unknown. Although, I believe it was mentioned that there was a fear of voting fraud with the machines. The paper ballots can be hand counted if need be- this is why I strongly suggest you fill in the circle completely. We want no doubt about the vote cast.

DONKEY/ELEPHANT HISTORY

By: Chris Carr

President Andrew Jackson was the first Democrat to be associated with the donkey symbol. His opponents, during the 1828 election, tried to label him a "jackass" for his populist beliefs and slogan, "Let the people rule." Jackson found the whole thing entertaining and used it to his advantage in campaign posters.

However, cartoonist Thomas Nast is given credit for making the donkey the recognizable symbol of the Democratic party. The first cartoon was in "Harper's Weekly" in 1870. It was supposed to represent an anti-Civil War faction, but the public was already taken with it and by 1880 the donkey was the official symbol.

Thomas Nast is also responsible for the elephant, which appeared in "Harper's Weekly" in 1874. Nast drew a donkey dressed in lion's skin, which promptly scared away all the animals in the zoo. One animal was the elephant, which he labeled the "Republican vote". So, the elephant became the GOP.

POWELL EVENT

BY: Chris Carr

The reception for Wayne Powell, given by the LOW Dems was a huge success. Over 80 people attended and three asked about joining our club. The punch, pastries, finger foods and décor were provided by our Special Events Committee.

Wayne spoke truthfully and sincerely about his beliefs, plans and reasons for running against Eric Cantor. He took many thoughtful questions and had answers for them all.

Recently, a note was received from his wife, thanking us for our support and the \$200.00 check given by the club. She said it went toward T.V. ad buys. If you didn't attend, you missed a good event for a great cause.

All campaign yard signs:
Contact: Kerry Sipe
972-2737

GET THOSE SIGNS UP !!!!!!!

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ISSUES

By: Diane Sibley

ARE WE HAVING FUN YET ?

Every month I accumulate a small pile of clippings, etc. to consider as possible references for "Issues" discussion. When I sat down to do this month's "Issues", I realized that these past few weeks have been so exciting and encouraging, that it almost feels like two different Democratic campaigns. So, while this week I am really "fired up and ready to go!" I try to keep in mind the sage advice of Toby Ziegler on West Wing --- "Don't tempt fate !!!" Don't stop working just because the polls are looking better. The publicity and outrage surrounding the Republican effort to limit voter registration has helped improve the President's poll numbers. Let's hope the outrage continues and the moderates and progressives and even fair minded republicans choose hope over fear.

The Democratic convention was so exciting and powerful that I'm sure a lot of buttons were popping off shirts for those few nights. The convention was the most well-planned of any I've watched. Now it's up to us to keep the ball rolling and be enthusiastic whenever we talk to anyone who will listen. (We are talking to family and friends who might be swayed to vote Democratic aren't we?) A lot of people out there are so disappointed with Romney that a little friendly persuasion might just be the thing that moves their opinion meter over the line to Democratic.

Another fight worth fighting is the fight for women's reproductive freedom. Remember, we're not telling anyone what to do regarding abortion or contraception, we're just refusing to allow them to tell us what we must not do.

Be on the lookout for political scams and telephone calls that turn out to be misleading. Choose for yourself where you want your political contributions to go. Watch those Senate campaigns. Claire McCaskell is back in the game, Elizabeth Warren needs help, and of course, Tim Kaine is up in the polls this week. Let's see that he stays there. And don't forget the Powell/Cantor race.

There are many new books to think about. I'll try to review one in the next "News".

The Party is Over --How Republicans Went Crazy, and Democrats became Useless, the Middle Class Got Shafted.
by Mike Lofgren.

What's the Matter with White People by Joan Walsh.

Finally, Take Nothing for Granted and Continue Marching! We're Democrats and while sometimes it's like herding cats, in the end we get our kitties in the corral, and wind up with more than we started with.

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WHY DOES ROMNEY WANT TO BE PRESIDENT ?

1. Thinks he can buy it? YES
2. A vision for America? NO
3. Foreign policy savvy? NO
4. Economic plan ? NO
5. Russia's our enemy? YES
6. Bomb Iran? YES
7. Low taxes for rich? YES
8. Medicare vouchers? YES
9. Rattle the sabers? YES
10. Agree with birthers? YES

We've had lack of diplomacy, a war that wasted American treasure and lives,, unchecked spending by banks and the rich. This is a hapless campaign with a feckless candidate. Hard to say it - but this joker has a chance of making George W. look good!

We pray Obama wins a second term.

CONVENTIONS BY: CHRIS CARR

Did you ever witness such a contrast? Made your head spin! The GOP was all negativity ! We're going off the cliff; we need to fight more wars; we can't spend a dime and we don't care about the effect on our fellow citizens!

Women's rights? Pffft ! Voter rights? Double Pffft! Chris Christy finally told the audience they had no spontaneity or spirit and were pretty dull. I paraphrase, but he was right. The only times they got enthused was when the President was insulted, called names or treated as unfit for office, you know, "the other".

So, how do delegates cheer for such doom and gloom? They are convinced the economy, the society, the morals, the ethnicity of the U.S.A. is going to "you know where in a hand basket."

I never figured that one out, except maybe if one is in a hand basket, he or she fell apart and the pieces were put in a basket.

Which reminds me of "5 Easy Pieces" and Clint Eastwood on the stage in prime time. Him, the empty chair, the rambling words - that was in pieces!

That was real Republican "shock and awe" stagecraft! Even FOX couldn't spin that one !

It was a spectacle, even though they kept the Tea Partiers and crazies off the list. But, they certainly showed diversity by seating Guam, Puerto Rico and Costa Rica in the front. They can't even vote!

They failed to mention our men and women in the military. What a huge error! The next day Romney said they weren't on the laundry list of topics! Oh, just another item on his spread sheet?

So, they had a convention, it was no party, no fun, no spirit and Romney didn't even get a baby bump in the polls!

Absolutely amazing !

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CONVENTIONS (CONT.)

Then the Democrats rolled into North Carolina Speech after speech- hit every note- every value Dems. hold dear.

Civil rights, women's rights. Education, dealing with the deficit without ripping away the safety net . Forcefully, movingly, energetically - saying what Democrats believe in. This is not a referendum about only jobs; this is a choice about the future of the country.

Tammy Duckworth spoke certainly and honestly about our military and explained form experience why the Democrats are the party to do the best for them. Sandra Fluke made the issue of women's rights clear and more clearly spoke of why the Republicans war on women will not stand or be stood for by women.

Duvall Patrick should be on the campaign trail every day to speak about and defend the President .His words were just an explosion and the cheers were loud and louder.

Our lovely first lady, Michelle Obama, presented the country with a beautiful, loving narrative of her husband. They understand the the American dream so well. Her words were heart-felt, honest, and truly stirred the audience with its positive message.

Bill Clinton, a speech of 3000 words became over 6000. That's Bill! But such words; he brought out every point and told it like it is. He may have been a game changer in the election.

The Democrats were spirited, defiant and ready to roll! As the President said, "I am not a candidate, I AM the President." His speech was not filled with vague, empty platitudes; it was real and it was why he won the last election.

The Democrats were positive, energized and loving their party and candidates. Nothing had to be hidden, We are proud of the President's record and the positive strides he has made..

And the President got a bump in the polls - all over the place!

The Republicans showed who they are too!

WHAT A CONTRAST!

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Flavors of Fall

"Winter is an etching

Spring a watercolor

Summer an oil painting

Autumn a mosaic of them all."

Stanley Horowitz

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MORE!

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URANIUM MINING IN VIRGINIA - UPDATE

BY: Chris Carr

The Hampton Roads Planning District which represents 16 Virginia cities and many counties wants the General Assembly to keep a 30 year ban on uranium mining in place. Their resolution will be presented to state departments studying the mining and to State legislators.

The primary concern is pollution of public water supplies, and a concern about radioactive waste.

Virginia Uranium Mining, Inc. wants an end to the ban. There are 119 million pounds in Pittsylvania county. The company says it can mine them safely and provide many jobs.

This process involves separating ore from rock and makes tons of waste. The company says it will use below ground cells to store the waste.

Virginia Uranium Mining says the National Academy of Sciences study showed this type of storage will eliminate risks to drinking water.

However, The NAS study concluded, Virginia faced "steep hurdles" before it could regulate uranium mining to protect public health and the environment.

Does this sound safe or fishy? Keep on the news and you decide. (Info. From "Free Lance Star".)

FRIENDSHIP

Laughing at the same things
Being understood
Always something to talk about,
Accepted unconditionally
The treasure of our life.

GET THOSE SIGNS IN YOUR

YARD !!!!!!!!!

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ELECTION CLUB EFFORTS

BY: Chris Carr

Our members are still on the case!

They're phone banking and registering voters all over the place !

O.K. - a corny rhyme, indeed.

But this is the grass roots at work ! Thanks to Ken Martin, Mary Berger, Nancy Allen and Jim Donovan for organizing this wonderful effort. It should make all of us so proud that our club not only has informative meetings, programs, and events, yet we still dig deep and work for our candidates. Members, Comrades in arms, and friends. The LOW DEMS are gettin' it done!

Also, our club gave \$200.00 to Wayne Powell, \$200.00 to Tim Kaine and \$300.00 to President Barak Obama! All our work paid off this year!

BLUE POWER !!!!!

KICK IT !!!!!!!!!