

A letter from the editor

This is an extraordinary primary for Pennsylvania Democrats. It's been over 30 years since we've had any real weight in choosing a Presidential candidate. Independents, Republicans and unregistered citizens have become registered Democrats - 65,000 across the state. In Chester County, we've registered nearly 10% of the statewide total: as of 3/14, we had 99,085 registered Democrats. We've also closed the registration edge gap to 1.5 R : 1D. Our County Board of Elections is predicting a record Democratic turnout. Here's hoping that record will be 100%.

Election officials have been scrambling to add booths, find workers in many precincts, and to process the backlog of registrations. If you registered or changed your registration by March 24, you should be able to vote as a Democrat. There is the potential for bottlenecks at the polls. If you encounter delays at the polls, please be patient and stay to cast your ballot. This is truly an election where every vote counts. If you have recently registered, bring a valid photo id, and your voter card (if possible), with you to the polls. If any issue arises about your new registration, your precinct's election officials have been trained to help with this issue.

The choice between Clinton and Obama is a difficult one for me, and may be for some of you, too, because each candidate has so much to offer. For others, the choice is clear. The press and pundits are spinning tales of partisan camps and a split Democratic party as this neck-and-neck race continues. No matter who is the winner of the Democratic nomination in August, the bottom line is the election of a Democratic president. As rational human beings, who are concerned about the course of our country, we should honor and respect each other's opinions, and still come together as a party to **fully support the Democratic nominee** to win back the Presidency in November. It's the only way to change the direction in which our country is headed.

That being said, volunteer in your township, zone, and/or the county to spread the word about all of our Democratic candidates. Your township has a Democratic candidate for the US House of Representatives, State Senate, and 3 statewide offices. Even just a few hours makes a difference. Talk to your Committee person about volunteering as a greeter or a poll watcher. Help ensure a smooth Presidential election in November by being a clerk inside the polling place (it's a paid position!) Contact your Judge of Elections for more information.

Above all, VOTE, and encourage others to do the same.

Melanie Baer, Editor

UNIONVILLE-CHADDS FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM

The school board voted on 2/25/08 to put a \$30 million dollar referendum before the voters in the April 22, 2008, primary. The renovation project is the same as presented in November; the proposed financing is different. The district will ask voters to approve \$30 million above the budgetary limits set by Act 1, leaving the balance of 32.5 million dollars to be funded under the limit. This \$32.5 million amount to be funded would have to come from the operating budget.

The formal language of the referendum is:

Shall debt of Unionville-Chadds Ford School District, Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania, be authorized to be incurred as debt approved by the electors in the sum of up to Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) for the purpose of renovations and additions to Unionville High School and its campus?

YES _____
NO _____

There are differing opinions regarding the referendum and it is important to understand the issue by seeking information from various sources. There will be two events coming up which may help you with information gathering:

April 14, 2008: 11am and 1pm

Tours of Unionville High School
Meet in the UHS LGI Room

April 16, 2008: 5pm - UHS LGI Room.

Community Meeting regarding the
UHS Project and Referendum

Another source of information is the school district website:

<http://www.ucfsd.org/uhsbuild/>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

VOTING FOR DELEGATES

The bottom line of presidential primaries is delegates. To win the nomination to run for president of the United States, a candidate must acquire a majority of delegates to his/her nominating convention.

In this primary, we will be voting for Democratic National Convention delegates as well as a Presidential candidate. Your Congressional District's geography determines the delegates, so there will be delegate candidates listed who may come from other townships and counties than ours, but are still within our Congressional District. Under Democratic Party rules, the delegates are required to run as "committed" and the name of the Presidential candidate to whom they are pledged is placed beneath the delegate's name on the ballot.

Winning a delegate position to National Convention is determined by several factors. The number of winning delegates allotted to each Presidential candidate (PC) is determined by percentage of votes each PC gets. For example, in a Congressional District that has four delegate positions, PC A receives 67% of the vote, and therefore gets 3 of those delegate positions. PC B would get only 1. Once the percentage division of delegates has been determined, the selection of the actual delegates is determined by both the number of votes accumulated by each delegate, and equal gender representation.

THESE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Senator Senator
Hillary Clinton **or** Barack Obama

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Zone 10 Cares

Chester County Democrats collected more than 37 full bags of food in January & February, 2008. Coordinated by MaryAnn Good, Zone 10/Brandywine Democrats Zone Leader, the collected goods were presented to Chester County Cares' Larry Welsch, Director of Gleaning, on February 29th. Chester County Cares' West Chester food cupboard feeds 300 families in West Chester. This food drive is part of the ongoing initiative of Chester County Democrats to give back to the community.

The *Brandywine Democrats (Zone 10)* meet (usually) on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information, check our website, www.brandywinedemocrats.org

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Charlie Eisenfelder

Birmingham Friends Mtg
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Judge of Elections:
Janice E. Neville

Polls are open from 7am to 8pm

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VOTE A PAPER BALLOT - IT LEAVES A PAPER TRAIL!!

Please come be a greeter at the polls - it's a great way to promote our candidates.

Contact your committee person for more information

This is a great time to reflect on the November election results in our township and county. It was exciting in Birmingham to finally have a Democratic candidate, Victoria Caputo, to the Board of Supervisors. Although the Republicans were able to hold on, Victoria made an admirable showing.

In the county, the Democrats finally had a choice as every County Row office had a Democratic candidate, and a Democrat, Kathy Cozzone, was elected to a County Commissioner post. As a result, Democrats now recognize a real readiness and motivation to have a voice and future in our government's business. Let's keep the momentum for 2008!