

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

A note from Supervisor Mike Gast

Thanks for your hard work in helping elect me to the Board of Supervisors in November. It is a great victory for the township and showed what we can do with the combination of grassroots participation and cooperation across all party lines.

The past several months have been interesting and exciting. This has proved to be a challenging learning experience, a rewarding opportunity to interact with a wide range of positive forces within our community, and an eye-opening lesson in why dignity and civility to our local government is so important. I've learned that a lot of homework, phone time, and elbow-grease are required to keep abreast of the wide range of issues confronting the township, and to understand the infrastructure that keeps it running. Bob Miller (the Independent candidate who was also elected in November) and I went through two days of extensive training for new supervisors, and reams of paperwork provided by Supervisor Ed Travis (D) to ready ourselves for our roles. Many of you have been very generous with your time and expertise in continuing to help us understand the nuances of the problems that face us, and their solutions.

I have reached out to our neighboring townships and the Cheyney University community to begin re-establishing positive relationships that had been damaged during previous administrations. There is still much work to be done to restore the spirit of cooperation necessary to pursue joint interests and address common problems. We also have a way to go to restore great, participatory government in Thornbury Township. You can help. Come to the Board Meetings, where we can use both your input and your support. Volunteer for a commission. Check out the township website, www.thornburytwp.com, for more information, or call me to find out how you can be a part of making it a better place to live. I am honored that you choose me for a place on the Board of Supervisors, and promise, with your help, to keep doing that job in a way that will make you proud.

Mike Gast

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 Dis-

trict. 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 3rd Wednesday of the month. For more information, go to:
www.brandywinedemocrats.org

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YOUR POLLING PLACES

The Concept School
Rte 926 & Westtown Rd

*Brandywine at
Thornbury Clubhouse*
Chaps Lane

Judge of Elections: DJ Tindall

Judge of Elections: Dan Baer

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 Thornbury as Democrat Mike Gast, and Independent Bob Miller, were elected to the Board of Supervisors. This brought an end to majority (Republican) rule, and the opportunity for cooperation among all 5 supervisors. The voters for Mike and Bob were Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike, and was a clear mandate for change in our township government.

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!

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