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Newsletter of THE PLATTE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Calendar

June 4th Democrats in Action This DIA meeting will be **Thursday June 4th** at Democratic HQ at the Montee Law Office, Lower Level, 6114 North Hwy 9, Parkville MO. Social and Committee Meetings 5:30 pm, Business Meeting 6:30 pm. Special Guest: State Representative Jason Grill will provide a Missouri Legislative Update.

Please note: Beginning in June the Platte County DIA will meet on 1st Thursdays to avoid future schedule conflicts for election volunteers. We will take a break in July and reconvene August 6th.

June 18 Platte County Democratic Central Committee – Platte County Administration Building, 2nd floor meeting room, 415 Main, Platte City, 7:00 pm.

June 20th Northland Dems vs. Southland Dems Softball Game 10:00 am to 1:00 pm will be at Gillham Park at 39th and Gillham Road For further information or to sign up to play, contact: Donna Cushman phrogworks@kc.rr.com Please bring some non-perishable food items to benefit Harvesters, the Community Food Network.

June 24th Northland Democratic Club with the Clay and Platte County Democratic Central Committees will sponsor a picnic at the Amphitheater/Pavilion at Macken Park in North Kansas City. Special Guest: Robin Carnahan, contact: Jean Eaglesfield jeaglesfield@kc.rr.com

A Platte County Democrats Day at the K is being planned for July. Watch for details on our website <http://www.plattedems.org/>

July 11, 2009 GARAGE SALE in the parking lot Democratic Headquarters, Montee Law Office, Lower Level, 6114 North Hwy 9, Parkville MO. Save a few items for the sale – these will be collected the week before. Contact: Mary Anne Baier mbaier@kc.rr.com to volunteer or for further information.

Meet Robin Carnahan at Macken Park



Robin Carnahan, Democratic candidate for United States Senate, will join the Northland Democratic Club at a picnic in Macken Park on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. The public is invited to meet Ms. Carnahan in person. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm; Ms. Carnahan will arrive at the North Kansas City Park about 7:30 pm.

The Democratic Central Committees for Clay and Platte Counties joined together to invite Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan to be our special guest at our picnic. Ms Carnahan has recently announced her candidacy for the U. S. Senate seat being vacated by Kit Bond.

"Ms. Carnahan knows the importance of the Northland," said Jay Swearingen, President of the Northland Democratic Club. "This will also be an extraordinary opportunity for Ms. Carnahan to learn what's important to voters in Clay and Platte counties."

The Northland Democratic Club which encompasses Clay and Platte Counties will serve hamburgers and hot dogs "hot off the grill." Soft drinks will also be provided. Donations are welcome but not required. Please join us! Face painting and more for the children.

The picnic will be held in the Festival Shelter of North Kansas City's Macken Park) 900 Clark Ferguson Drive. To volunteer or information contact Jean Eaglesfield jeaglesfield@kc.rr.com.

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Legislative Update from U. S. Senator McCaskill's Representative



Kimiko Gilmore, Deputy Regional Director, Office of United States Senator Claire McCaskill for Northwest Missouri received an enthusiastic welcome home as she provided a legislative update May 5th at the monthly Democrats in Action Meeting. Ms Gilmore, a 1983 Park Hill High School graduate, also has a BA from UMKC; a Masters in Public Administration and 18 years of experience with non-profit and governmental agencies.

Ms. Gilmore began her remarks with reports on Senator McCaskill's work with the *Armed Services, Commerce, Homeland Security and Government Affairs (HSGAC), and Aging Committees*. McCaskill is Chairman of an [HSGAC Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight](#). She is among Senators appointed to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, formerly known as the Truman Committee.

Ms. Gilmore's presentation included details about recently passed Credit Card legislation and the Economic Stimulus Bill. Ms. Gilmore noted that Senator McCaskill favors efforts to reform Illegal Immigration by pursuing those who encourage hiring of illegal immigrants and expressed hope that the 2010 Budget will be approved by September with few changes.

A question and answer session similar to Senator McCaskill's "Kitchen Table Talks" followed the presentation. Key concerns raised include Economic Improvement, Energy/Environmental Challenges and Healthcare Reform. DIA members expressed support for Senator McCaskill's reform initiatives, but are concerned that her opposition to earmarks might keep Missouri from receiving a fair share of Federal Funds. Senator McCaskill's support for Housing Foreclosure Relief, the President's Economic Stimulus Plan and Employee Free Choice Act were enthusiastically received.

Platte County Federated Women's Democratic Club



New officers were installed at the May 11th Women's Club Meeting; pictured above: Pattie Meizis, 1st VP; Sharon Aring, President; Marcena Fulton, Secretary; Alice Wadsworth, Treasurer; not pictured Beth Rankin, 2nd VP. Present in spirit, President Barack Obama.

Platte County Democratic Central Committee (PCDCC)

Mike Brazil, District 32-5 and Ken Hunt, District 30-2 were elected members of the PCDCC at the May 28, 2009 meeting.

The PCDCC approved proposals to:

- ✓ Establish a Democratic College Scholarship Fund
- ✓ Support the Northland Democratic Club's picnic in Macken park with Senate Candidate Robin Carnahan

The Committee is considering hosting a wine tasting event in northern Platte County later in the year.

Notes from the Standing Committees

Activities and Events committee chair Pauli Kendrick announced candidates for the October 3, 2009 **HALL OF FAME DINNER** have been selected. **The Garage Sale** will be July 11 at HQ and the **Fall Picnic and Pig Roast** take place in September.

Local Candidates Committee Mark Meizis, committee chair reported that the committee is planning a meeting of 2008 candidates and elected Democratic officials to discuss what went right and wrong in 2008. **Next Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month, June 10, 2009, 5:00 pm at Democratic HQ.**

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