



Sally Lyall
LCDC Chair

Celebrate Activism & LCDC's Award Recipients

Activism is the key for the LCDC's success. We are fortunate to have many, many activists in LCDC who help with the heavy lifting on numerous projects.

We have scores of people following issues intently, writing letters to the editor, and visiting their representatives' offices. We have activists who are concerned about the lack of women in elected offices and are devoting their time to recruiting and supporting women in government.

We have a team of volunteers who regularly help throughout the year at headquarters to maintain everything from our records and database to our computers and meeting room, the Underground.

Sixteen district leaders and about 130 active committee people volunteer many hours a year while meeting neighbors, registering new Democrats, working at the polls, and always working to improve voter turnout in their precincts. We have about twenty volunteers who work on the financial aspects of our organization and devote time and energy to successful fundraising.

Volunteer campaign teams are working behind the scenes to support our candidates in their efforts to win Congressional, State House, and State Senate races.

Gretchen Stark has recently stepped forward to be LCDC's new Volunteer Coordinator. She has been active campaigns, fundraising, and as a committee person in Penn Manor.

At this year's Spring Awards Banquet, two special individuals will be the recipients of LCDC's annual awards.

Bruce Beardsley and Tony Crocamo have performed so many activities over the years for LCDC that it's difficult to quantify their contributions.

Bruce will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Bruce started his political career in his mid-twenties as an elected school board member and later, board president, in his native New Jersey. He took over as LCDC Chair in 2002 and oversaw the unprecedented growth of committee people and registered Democrats in the county. Bruce currently plays a key role on the Campaign Committee in his work with the recruitment of candidates and in voter turnout.

Tony Crocamo will be honored with the Democrat of the Year Award. Tony served as an elected supervisor on the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors. He is currently a committee person in West Hempfield and

District Leader of the Hempfield Area Democratic Committee, overseeing the work in 27 precincts. Tony serves on the LCDC Executive Board as the Finance Chair and has been the inspiration behind LCDC's successful 'Fueling Victory' fundraiser.

Clearly, Bruce and Tony's awards are well-deserved. Please join fellow Democrats from around the county in honoring these two outstanding individuals and members of the LCDC.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Awards Banquet and working with you to achieve all our Democratic victories, objectives, and goals.

Please Support our Local Lancaster County Democratic Committee

Your contribution will enable us to work year-round:

- Promoting Democratic values in Lancaster County
- Educating voters about issues
- Encouraging qualified candidates to run for office
- Pushing back against the Republican agenda and misinformation
- Getting out the vote!

To achieve our goals we need everyone's help. **OUR FUNDING IS ENTIRELY BY DONATIONS.** LCDC gets no funds from the national or state Democratic party!

You may contribute securely on our website www.lancasterDems.com

Or mail your contribution to LCDC, 53 N. Duke Street, Ste 10, Lancaster, PA 17602



Commissioner's Message

Craig Lehman

Farmland Preservation at Risk

Lancaster County remains the national leader in farmland preservation with more than 91,000 acres preserved across 1,156 farms. These numbers include farms preserved by the Agricultural Preserve Board and the Lancaster Farmland Trust. In January, a divided Board of Commissioners approved funding for 2012. In February, Governor Corbett's budget proposed eliminating dedicated state funding for farmland preservation which has been in place since 1993. Simply put, farmland preservation programs are at risk.

The good news is that, at least for 2012, Lancaster County's farmland preservation programs remain strong. The County's 2012 funding of \$3,282,305 leveraged \$2,551,085 (preliminary certification) of the \$24 million available in state funding for a total of \$5,833,290. The County's 2012 contribution to the Lancaster Farmland Trust of \$700,000 will help them leverage private and foundation resources to make progress toward their stated goal of reaching 100,000 acres. The County's \$150,000 municipal challenge grant will also help leverage municipal and other private resources to preserve even more farmland.

The bad news is that the loss of dedicated state funding for farmland preservation will irreparably harm county farmland preservation programs statewide and potentially erode local support here. For the last two years, Lancaster County has leveraged more than 10% of total state funding available, receiving the largest allocations in Pennsylvania. If dedicated funding is eliminated, it will remove the incentive for counties to leverage state funding and weaken county farmland preservation programs statewide.

If you care about the agricultural industry in Lancaster County and believe that farming is part of respecting our heritage and protecting our future, please contact Governor Corbett and your local legislators and urge them to continue dedicated state funding for farmland preservation. Farmland preservation is part of who we are in Lancaster County. We must work together to protect it.

Hempfield/Lanc. Twp Democrats Banquet & Silent Auction Saturday, May 5

Church of the Apostles - 1850 Marietta Ave., Lancaster

**For more information or to donate auction items,
call Judi Ralph at 291-9933**

Garden Spot Democratic Committee

Pig Roast!



Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. 'til dusk

Historic Poole Forge

- Live Music
- Donations \$15 per person - \$25 per couple
- Children under 7 FREE
- Rain or Shine

For More Information & Tickets Call
Dot Ginter 445-8337

LCDC Geek Squad Invite

If you are good with computers, VoteBuilder, websites, etc. please consider joining the LCDC Geek Squad. We help committee people and candidates access the power of the computer.

Contact Ken Ralph for more information:
KRalph@LancasterDems.com 291-9933

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Catherine Baker Knoll Luncheon

March 24 - 11:30 a.m.

The Third Annual Catherine Baker Knoll Award Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Pressroom Restaurant, 26-28 W King St, Lancaster. The social begins at 11:30 a.m. and the lunch begins at noon.

This year's recipient of the Award is City Council President Louise Williams. There will also be a 2012 Democratic Woman of the Year award given to a Democratic Woman who excels at her dedication to the local Democratic Party.

Choice of Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast with Champagne Sauce or Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce, Cost \$30 per person. Reservations can be made to Janet Spleen at 717-393-8337 or jespleen@comcast.net

Cocalico Democrats

Meet & Greet the Candidates

March 24 - 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the Cocalico Democrats meet the candidates event, March 24, at the Comfort Inn, 1 Denver Rd, Denver. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge with a Pot Luck & Cash Bar.

Candidates planning to attend include: Aryanna Strader - U.S. House, Eugene DePasquale - Auditor General Candidate, Patrick Murphy - Attorney General, and Russ Stahley - 37th PA House.

For more information contact
deLyn Alumbaugh 717-484-1339 delyn@delyn.net

Manheim Twp. Dems Annual Baseball Bus Trips



Phillies vs. Dodgers - Thursday, June 7

Phillies vs. Giants - Saturday, July 21

Great seats: 3rd base line

Cost: \$60

(includes \$10 donation to the Manheim Twp. Dem. Club

Contact: Lew Sudul—560-0511 LSUDUL@MAC.com

**Tickets Going Fast
Order Your Tickets Now**

www.LancasterDems.com

For Updated Information About All Candidates

Endorsed Candidates



President
Barack Obama



U.S. Senate
Bob Casey



U.S. Congress 16th
Aryanna Strader



U.S. Congress 7th
George Batey



Attorney General
Patrick Murphy



Auditor General
Eugene DePasquale



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Rob McCord



13th PA Senate
Tom O'Brien



96th PA House
Mike Sturla



37th PA House
Russ Stahley



43rd PA House
John Weigel

LCDC "Abort The Bill" Rally

Monday, March 26, 10:30-11:30 AM

Harrisburg Capitol Rotunda

HB1077 is not gone!

Demand Choice and Privacy in Medical Care!

**Contact LCDC headquarters TODAY and register to attend
299-5701**

Penn Manor Annual Chili Cook-off March 31

Join your fellow Democrats in the Underground on March 31 for another Chili Cook-Off between the best Chili chefs in Lancaster County. The doors will be open from 11 am to 4 pm for this annual culinary delight. Competition only adds flavor to the wondrous selections provided by Districts and Candidates trying to convince your taste buds that their chili is the best.

Have a heck of a blazin' good time and raise a bit of awareness and funding for our Democratic endeavors!

To become a part of this event, contact Gretchen Stark 808-2722 www.PMDems.com

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2012 LCDC AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, April 14

Lily's On Main - 124 E. Main St. Ephrata



Bruce Beardsley
Lifetime Achievement



Tony Crocomo
Democrat of the Year

Agenda

- 6:00 - 7:00 Registration, Cash Bar
- 7:00 - 9:00 Dinner, Award Presentations

Menu Options

- Roast beef au jus with a petite crab cake, roasted potatoes, green beans
- Vegan

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Saturday, April 14– Lily's On Main, 124 E. Main St. Ephrata

___ Reservations for Dinner Only @ \$50 paid by March 31, \$55 after March 31

Please indicate number for each menu option ___ Roast Beef w Crab Cake ___ Vegan

___ Table of 10 @ \$450 by April 6

___ Full-time Students - \$25

___ I/We cannot attend, but here is a contribution of ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 Other _____

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Send This Form With Check To: **LCDC, 53 N Duke St, Ste 10 Lancaster, PA. 17602**

Late Reservations: Phone LCDC at 299-5701 or email: LCDC@LancasterDems.com

Register online www.lancasterdems.com