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The newsletter of the Shore Democrats

July Luncheon

Wednesday, July 20

11:30 A.M.

Just Hooked

(Sunshine Plaza, 1500 Coastal Highway,
Fenwick Island)

**Speakers: Karin Weldin
Stewart & Gene Reed**

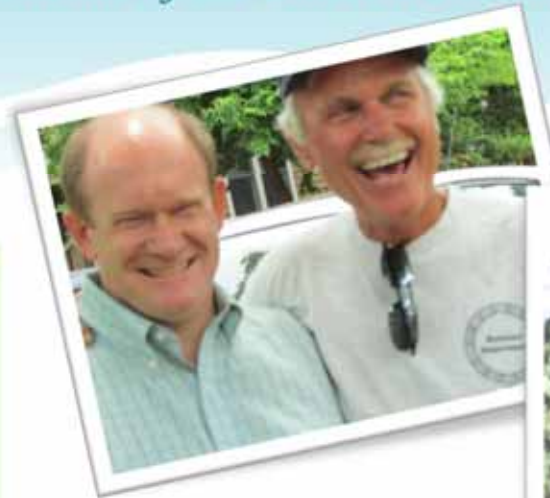
State Insurance Commissioner's Office

Menu Choices (\$15/\$17 nonmembers):

*Fish and chips
or Flatbread / summer tomato sauce,
spinach, leeks, celery
or Fish tacos / cabbage, pico di gallo,
spicy mayo, pickled poblano*
● Iced tea ● Cash bar

Reserve by 11:00 A.M., July 14
302-537-0582 or
raymondsander@comcast.net

*If you are unable to join us for lunch,
come at 1:00 for the speaker (free)*



*Sen. Chris Coons with Pete Keenan
(above) and Rep. John Carney (right).*



A Large Turnout Makes the 38th District Picnic a Success

More than 150 Democrats came to Ocean View on June 12 for the annual Picnic in the Park, the chief fundraiser for the 38th District Democratic Committee. All of Delaware's representatives in Washington—Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons and Congressman John Carney—made rousing remarks to the big crowd. The event put some \$11,500 into the committee's coffers to support candidates in 2012. *For more, see pages 4-5.*

Save the Date!

August 27 County Jamboree

Join county Democrats for a picnic at Cape Henlopen Park, Lewes, at 3:00 p.m. Contact Ed O'Connor (edco215@aol.com).



September 21 Next Club Lunch

Instead of having an August meeting, the club encourages members to attend the County Jamboree. But mark your calendar for September.

President's Column by Lee I. Dogoloff

Halloween in June

If you thought "The Witch" was scary in the last election, just tune into the rhetoric of the GOP presidential candidates, as I did last month. The CNN-televised GOP candidates' "debate" was not a debate about anything; rather, it was a bashing of our president and a vow to undermine and repeal every bit of progress America has made over the past eighteen months—to turn the clock back to where our nation was after the eight years of Republican leadership

Here is a sample of what the Republican presidential contenders vowed to do:

- Repeal health care reform, with no concern for the uninsured, sky-high premiums, or those with pre-existing conditions for whom health insurance is unattainable.
- Pass right-to-work legislation that will undermine unions and thereby further erode the middle-class.
- Eliminate taxes on capital gains and severely reduce corporate tax rates, at

the same time refusing to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans.

- Return to the hands-off regulatory policies for Wall Street and banks—one of the major reasons we are in the mess in which we find our country.



- Gut the Environmental Protection Agency, which serves to protect our health and the environment.
- Greatly expand drilling for oil without regard for environmental concerns.

There was no mention of the middle class or what the GOP presidential candidates might do to deal with the costs

of Medicare or Social Security.

That is what a GOP-led government would look like—and if that doesn't scare us and move us to work hard to reelect President Obama and regain seats in the House and the Senate, then I don't know what might.

As usual, I welcome your comments.

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In the News

Governor Signs Civil Unions Law

Delaware's civil unions law was signed by Governor Jack Markell on May 12 at the Queen Theatre in Wilmington and will go into effect next January 1. Delaware is now the eighth state to grant same-sex relationship rights through marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships. Lisa Goodman, president of Equality Delaware, responded: "As the governor said, we believe the tide is turning in the country, and we know that it has turned in Delaware."



William Bretzger, News Journal

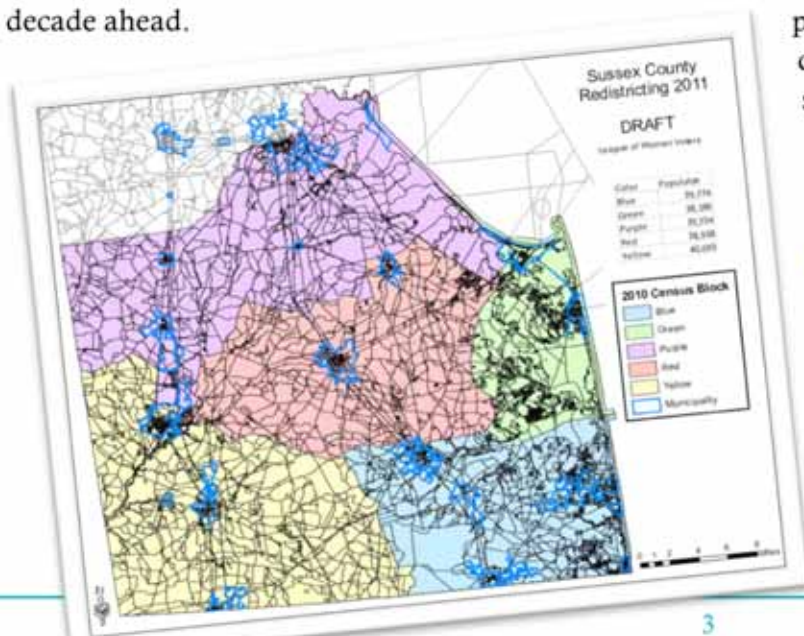
Legatski Chairs Coastal Zone Board

Governor Markell has appointed club member Richard Legatski to the State Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board, also naming him chair of the nine-person body set up by the state's 1971 Coastal Zone Act to regulate heavy industrial activities in Delaware's coastal areas. Members hear appeals of decisions made by the DNREC secretary to grant or deny development permits. www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Admin/CZA



County Council Redistricting Moves Ahead

Sussex County is taking the first steps in its 2011 redistricting effort for the county's five elected County Council seats, and leaders are inviting the public to offer ideas on how those districts should be shaped for the decade ahead.



County officials have outlined the redistricting process that must be completed by November. County Attorney J. Everett Moore Jr. will head the effort, preparing a plan and proposed district maps for the council's consideration at a public hearing to be scheduled later this summer or early this fall.

The county is inviting the public to offer suggestions on how new council districts should be drawn. Citizens can submit ideas to redistricting@sussexcountyde.gov or by mail to Clerk of the Sussex County Council, P.O. Box 589, Georgetown, DE 19947. Letters and e-mails will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on July 19.

The Delaware League of Women Voters has prepared a draft map (left), which redraws council district lines to keep together communities of interest.

The Picnic in the Park in Photos

The Three C's

By some coincidence, all three members of Delaware's Congressional delegation begin with the letter *C*—but each received an *A* for their rousing remarks at the 38th District's Picnic in the Park on June 12. Here Senator Tom Carper speaks with Pete Keenan, chairman of the 38th District Democratic Committee and a member of the Shore Democrats executive committee (left top). New Senator Chris Coons stopped to pose with Lee Dogoloff, president of the Shore Democrats, and Pete Keenan (left center). Representative John Carney (left bottom) recounted to picnic attendees that he told his wife when he looked around him on Capitol Hill, "We're not in Delaware anymore!"



Matters of State

Pete Schwartzkopf, who represents the 14th District (Rehoboth) in the state house of representatives and serves as its majority leader, found topics of mutual interest to discuss with Chip Flowers, who won election as Delaware's state treasurer last November (right).



An Eye on the Flag—and 2012

Greg Fuller, the former Sussex County register of wills, can always be counted on to lend his stirring voice to Democratic gatherings such as the Picnic in the Park (right). Proceeds from the event will be used to support Democratic candidates for county, state, and federal offices in next year's elections.



Out and About in West Park

Under the Tent

As they do each year, Pat Keenan and Russ Melrath (right) greeted picnic-goers and took tickets from the 150 guests who came to enjoy the barbecue, political speakers, and Democratic friends. The dessert table was watched over by Janet Skibicki and Anne Allen (below) of the 38th District Democratic Committee.



Inside the Pavilion

Shade in the park's pavilion was welcomed by those who could find seats inside. Mary and Richard Legatski, Bob Maddex, and Lloyd Elling (below) came to hear state Democratic political leaders' words of encouragement before the start of the 2012 election season.



In the Open Air

Lee Dogoloff, president of the Shore Democrats and vice chairman of the 38th District Committee, talks with Mary Lou Dogoloff (seated) and Joan Thomas (below left). Web Stevens and Roland Sorge (below center) handed out drinks to guests. Richard Korn (below right) just missed becoming Delaware's new state auditor last fall.



Picnic photos by Sheryl Swed and Diane Maddex

Delaware by the Numbers

8: Percent unemployment in the state in May (versus 9.1 percent national average)

10: Percent increase in beach bookings compared to last year

1,600: Delaware employees of Allen Family Foods of Seaford, which has declared bankruptcy

33,963: Delawareans unemployed in May

\$18 million: increase in state revenues over 2011 fiscal year projection

\$3.5 billion: 2012 Delaware budget proposal before the legislature



from Delaware Economic Index, by State Treasurer Chip Flowers, June 22, 2011

Quote of the Month: "Mr. President, this is a pivotal moment in the history of our country. At a time when the richest people and the largest corporations in our country are doing phenomenally well, and, in many cases, have never had it so good, while the middle class is disappearing and poverty is increasing, it is absolutely imperative that a deficit reduction package not include the disastrous cuts in programs for working families, the elderly, the sick, the children and the poor that the Republicans in Congress, dominated by the extreme right wing, are demanding." *Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.)*

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