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The newsletter of the Shore Democrats

September Lunch

Wednesday, September 21

11:30 A.M.

Just Hooked

Sunshine Plaza, Route 1, Fenwick Island

Speaker: Sandra Spence
League of Women Voters

*Topic: Redistricting the
Sussex County Council*

with Council Member Joan Deaver

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

*Crabcake Sandwich
or Burger w/ blue cheese and bacon
or Eggplant pannini
All with salted chips
● Iced tea ● Cash bar*

Reserve by 11:00 A.M., September 18
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*If you are unable to join us for lunch,
come at 1:00 for the speaker (free)*



Irene Washes Out the Jamboree

Hurricane Irene came to town on Saturday, August 27, taking with it the annual Sussex County Democratic Party jamboree. Henlopen State Park was closed, forcing cancellation of the summer gathering until next year. Noting that rescheduling it became impossible because of the limited time left this year to hold an outdoor event, the party has sent its appreciation to all ticket holders for their understanding. Contributions will be used for the 2012 election campaigns. The party's spring dinner has been scheduled for March 24, 2011.

Above: The tornado that struck the Nassau area of Lewes during Hurricane Irene was inspected by Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn and Governor Jack Markell.

Save the Date!

Adopt a Highway

September 15

Join us at 8:00 a.m.
at Melson's Funeral
Home to help clean up.
Contact c.fruchtman@comcast.net

September Lunch

September 21

Don't miss the talk on
redistricting the county
council—one of the
most important issues
facing shore voters.

October Event

October 19

Mark your calendar for
a planned evening
event with an inspiring
speaker. Details will
follow shortly.





President's Column: On Being Grateful

Lee I. Dogoloff

GIVEN WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED in dysfunctional governance and the volatility of the stock markets, it may seem strange to think about being grateful. So here is some evidence to support that notion:

Our statewide Democratic elected officials constantly give us reason to be proud—Governor Jack Markell has steered our state through some very difficult and dicey times. Balancing the budget without strikes, by bringing unions to the table and working together to weather the economic realities of a reduced budget, has fostered a climate of trust and cooperation that is unique in these times.

We have Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons and Representative John Carney, who are all grounded in the principles we share and are committed to compromise and cooperation to try and tackle the issues of the looming deficit.

Simply put, if we had more people in Congress like them, we would not be in the economic mess in which we find ourselves as a nation.

And finally, we are fortunate to have President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden leading our country. Although there are things that we might wish that they, as with any leader, would do differently, just take a moment to consider what our lives would be like with John McCain and Sarah Palin in the White House, or what they might be like with Michele Bachmann or Mitt Romney or Rick Perry in charge.

Remember, it is so easy to criticize from our armchair-view of things, but I know firsthand, having worked in the White House, how unbelievably difficult the job of president actually is. Let's be grateful for the leaders we have now and measured in our public criticism of them.

Photographs above: At a party for President Obama's 50th birthday, held at the home of Shore Democrats Ray Sander and Sheryl Swed on August 3, Clare McLaughlin, a niece of Lee and Marylou Dogoloff (*left*), and Sallie Melvin (*right*) showed their support for the president's 2012 campaign. Photos by Judith Calhoun.

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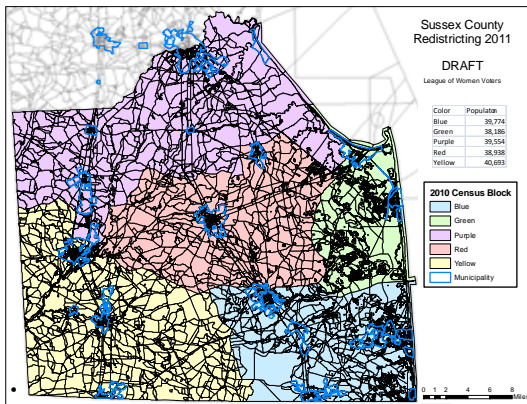
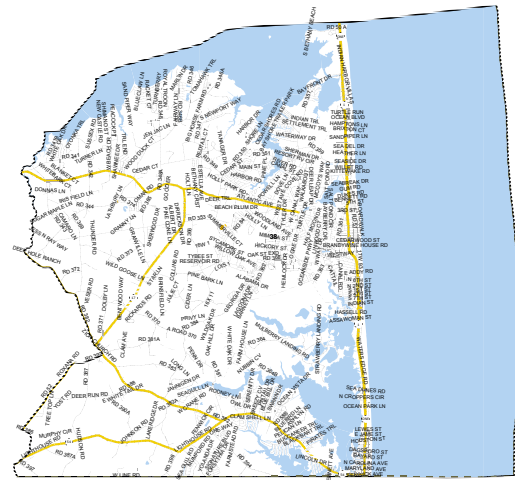


See our new blog by Cyndee Trower — Click on "What's New" @ www.shoredemocrats.org

News from Here and There

38th and Other Districts Redrawn

Statewide redistricting has reshaped the 38th RD (right) by returning Dewey Beach to the 14th RD (Rehoboth) and moving Selbyville to the 41st. In the related 20th senatorial district (SD), Rehoboth was moved out to a new SD 6 that will include Rehoboth and Dewey Beach, Henlopen Acres, Lewes, and Milton. Reflecting more local population growth, a new RD 20 will include Lewes, Milton, and Harbeson. All of Georgetown, with a 19 percent Hispanic population, is now in the 37th RD.



County Council Map a “Disappointment”

The Sussex County Council has released a proposed redistricting map that immediately met with “disappointment” from the League of Women Voters, which pointed to a “missed opportunity to reflect communities of interest” shown in its own draft map (left): “By changing districts as little as possible, the map ignored such significant communities of interest as the Cape Region and the ‘Quiet Resorts.’ Instead, it retained District 5 that spreads from the beach communities—

South Bethany south to Fenwick Island and west to the Maryland line. It split the Cape Region so that the Lewes area remains in one district while the rest of the Cape Region—Rehoboth and Dewey Beach down to Bethany Beach remain in a separate district—further separating Bethany Beach from South Bethany.”

For more on this issue, come to the September 21 luncheon to hear from Sandra Spence of the LWV.

Club Sponsors Cottage Tour House

For the recent 20th annual Beach and Bay Cottage Tour, held each year to benefit the South Coastal Library, the Shore Democrats adopted the Kelly House (left) in Sussex Shores on July 28.

Marylou Dogoloff, the house coordinator, worked with members Mary Ellen Corridore, Don Dillon, Lee Dogoloff, Kimberly Grimes, Pat Keenan, Mary and Richard Legatski, Russ Melrath, Marilyn Panagopoulos, Natalie Reatig, Kay Ryan, Janet Skibicki, Mary Thormeyer, and Al and Barbara Zack, who variously served as hosts and hostesses, ticket takers, and carpool drivers. Diane and Robert Maddex wrote the house descriptions for the Cottage Tour booklet.



Photo by Donna Philpitt

"Pass this Jobs Plan Right Away"

President Barack Obama

"THERE ARE STEPS WE CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW to improve people's lives.

"I am sending this Congress a plan that you should pass right away. It's called the American Jobs Act. There should be nothing controversial about this piece of legislation. Everything in here is the kind of proposal that's been supported by both Democrats and Republicans—including many who sit here tonight. And everything in this bill will be paid for. Everything.

"The purpose of the American Jobs Act is simple: to put more people back to work and more money in the pockets of those who are working. It will create more jobs for construction workers, more jobs for teachers, more jobs for veterans, and more jobs for the long-term unemployed. It will provide a tax break for companies who hire new workers, and it will cut payroll taxes in half for every working American and every small business. It will provide a jolt to an economy that has stalled, and give companies confidence that if they invest and hire, there will be customers for their products and services. You should pass this jobs plan right away....

"Pass this jobs bill, and we can put people to work



rebuilding America. Everyone here knows that we have badly decaying roads and bridges all over this country. Our highways are clogged with traffic. Our skies are the most congested in the world.

"This is inexcusable. Building a world-class transportation system is part of what made us an economic superpower....

"Regardless of the arguments we've had in the past, regardless of the arguments we'll have in the future, this plan is the right thing to do right now. You should pass it. And I intend to take that message to every corner of this country. I also ask every American who agrees to lift your voice and tell the people who are gathered here tonight that you want action now. Tell Washington that doing nothing is not an option. Remind us that if we act as one nation, and one people, we have it within our power to meet this challenge....

"These are difficult years for our country. But we are Americans. We are tougher than the times that we live in, and we are bigger than our politics have been. So let's meet the moment. Let's get to work, and show the world once again why the United States of America remains the greatest nation on Earth."

Delaware Agrees!

Governor Jack Markell:

"THE PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR that creating jobs and keeping people working remains job one. He challenged the Congress tonight to put aside any personal agendas and move forward to help companies hire, help small businesses grow, create opportunities for people out of work to get back to work and put more money in the pockets of working families. There are responsible, targeted and economically sound proposals here to get people to work.

"While so much of the economic debate has focused inward—on what's going on within our borders—our nation is also in the middle of a critical competition with other countries to attract the best jobs and economic opportunities of the immediate future. Companies want to locate and expand where there are schools graduating students who are ready to succeed. They need to be in places with infrastructure strong enough to let them get their products to market quickly.

"The president's plan keeps people working to ensure America is better positioned in those areas, so that an economic recovery can be sustained."

Senator Chris Coons:

"THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF GOOD IDEAS, only a lack of political will to act. The president laid out a clear challenge tonight, insisting that Republicans put the American economy ahead of partisan ideology. I agree. Congressional Republicans must step up and support these aggressive measures to help businesses create jobs and restore American competitiveness."

Senator Tom Carper:

"WE NEED TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY to rebuild our manufacturing sector and bring jobs back from overseas ... to invest in education to prepare the next generation to be competitive in a global marketplace ... to repair our nation's decaying infrastructure, which will create thousands of jobs building American roads and railways designed for the 21st century."

Representative John Carney:

"THERE IS A JOBS CRISIS IN THIS COUNTRY, and Congress as a whole must work together to solve it.... By working together on a jobs agenda and a deficit reduction plan, Congress can eliminate business uncertainty, improve predictability, and encourage hiring. Now is not the time to play politics with our economy."

If you hate taxes, *please do the following:*

1. Do not use Medicare. 2. Do not use Social Security 3. Do not become a member of the U.S. military, who are paid with tax dollars. 4. Do not ask the National Guard to help you after a disaster. 5. Do not call 911 when you get hurt. 6. Do not call the police to stop intruders in your home. 7. Do not summon the fire department to save your burning home. 8. Do not drive on any paved road, highway, and interstate or drive on any bridge. 9. Do not use public restrooms. 10. Do not send your kids to public schools. 11. Do not put your trash out for city garbage collectors. 12. Do not live in areas with clean air. 13. Do not drink clean water. 14. Do not visit national parks. 15. Do not visit public museums, zoos, and monuments. 16. Do not eat or use FDA inspected food and medicines. 17. Do not bring your kids to public playgrounds. 18. Do not walk or run on sidewalks. 19. Do not use public recreational facilities such as basketball and tennis courts. 20. Do not seek shelter facilities or food in soup kitchens when you are homeless and hungry. 21. Do not apply for educational or job training assistance when you lose your job. 22. Do not apply for food stamps when you can't feed your children. 23. Do not use the judiciary system for any reason. 24. Do not ask for an attorney when you are arrested and do not ask for one to be assigned to you by the court. 25. Do not apply for any Pell Grants. 26. Do not use cures that were discovered by labs using federal dollars. 27. Do not fly on federally regulated airplanes. 28. Do not use any product that can trace its development back to NASA. 29. Do not watch the weather provided by the National Weather Service. 30. Do not listen to severe weather warnings from the National Weather Service. 31. Do not listen to tsunami, hurricane, or earthquake alert systems. 32. Do not apply for federal housing. 33. Do not use the internet, which was developed by the military. 34. Do not swim in clean rivers. 35. Do not allow your child to eat school lunches or breakfasts. 36. Do not ask for FEMA assistance when everything you own gets wiped out by disaster. 37. Do not ask the military to defend your life and home in the event of a foreign invasion. 38. Do not use your cell phone or home telephone. 39. Do not buy firearms that wouldn't have been developed without the support of the U.S. government and military. That includes most of them. 40. Do not eat USDA-inspected produce and meat. 41. Do not apply for government grants to start your own business. 42. Do not apply to win a government contract. 43. Do not buy any vehicle that has been inspected by government safety agencies. 44. Do not buy any product that is protected from poisons, toxins, etc., by the Consumer Protection Agency. 45. Do not save your money in a bank that is FDIC insured. 46. Do not use veterans benefits or military health care. 47. Do not use the G.I. Bill to go to college. 48. Do not apply for unemployment benefits. 49. Do not use any electricity from companies regulated by the Department of Energy. 50. Do not live in homes that are built to code. 51. Do not run for public office. Politicians are paid with taxpayer dollars. 52. Do not ask for help from the FBI, S.W.A.T, the bomb squad, Homeland Security, state troopers, etc. 53. Do not apply for any government job whatsoever, as all state and federal employees are paid with tax dollars. 54. Do not use public libraries. 55. Do not use the U.S. Postal Service. 56. Do not visit the National Archives. 57. Do not visit presidential libraries. 58. Do not use airports that are secured by the federal government. 59. Do not apply for loans from any bank that is FDIC insured. 60. Do not ask the government to help you clean up after a tornado. 61. Do not ask the Department of Agriculture to provide a subsidy to help you run your farm. 62. Do not take walks in national forests. 63. Do not ask for taxpayer dollars for your oil company. 64. Do not ask the federal government to bail your company out during recessions. 65. Do not seek medical care from places that use federal dollars. 66. Do not use Medicaid. 67. Do not use WIC. 68. Do not use electricity generated by Hoover Dam. 69. Do not use electricity or any service provided by the Tennessee Valley Authority. 70. Do not ask the Army Corps of Engineers to rebuild levees when they break. 71. Do not let the Coast Guard save you from drowning when your boat capsizes at sea. 72. Do not ask the government to help evacuate you when all hell breaks loose in the country you are in. 73. Do not visit historic landmarks. 74. Do not visit fisheries. 75. Do not expect to see animals that are federally protected because of the Endangered Species List. 76. Do not expect plows to clear roads of snow and ice so your kids can go to school and so you can get to work. 77. Do not hunt or camp on federal land. 78. Do not work anywhere that has a safe workplace because of government regulations. 79. Do not use public transportation. 80. Do not drink water from public water fountains. 81. Do not whine when someone copies your work and sells it as their own, in violation of national copyright laws. 82. Do not expect to own your home, car, or boat. Government organizes and keeps all titles. 83. Do not expect convicted felons to remain off the streets. 84. Do not eat in restaurants that are regulated by food-quality and safety standards. 85. Do not seek help from a U.S. embassy if you need assistance in a foreign nation. 86. Do not apply for a passport to travel outside the United States. 87. Do not apply for a patent when you invent something. 88. Do not adopt a child through your local, state, or federal government. 89. Do not use elevators that have been inspected by federal or state safety regulators. 90. Do not use any resource that was discovered by the USGS. 91. Do not ask for energy assistance from the government. 92. Do not move to any other developed nation, because the taxes are much higher. 93. Do not go to a beach that is kept clean by the state or replenished by the federal government. 94. Do not use money printed by the U.S. Treasury. 95. Do not complain when millions more illegal immigrants cross the border because there are no more border patrol agents. 96. Do not attend a state university. 97. Do not see any doctor that is licensed through the state. 98. Do not use any water from municipal water systems. 99. Do not complain when diseases and viruses, that were once fought around the globe by the U.S. government and the CDC reach your house. 100. Do not work for any company that is required to pay its workers a livable wage, provide them sick days, vacation days, and benefits. 101. Do not expect to be able to vote on election days. Government provides voting booths, election officials, and voting machines, which are paid for with taxes. 102. Do not ride trains. The railroad was built with government financial assistance. **Add your own!**

"I like to pay taxes. With them, I buy civilization." ~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

Insurance Talk

Delaware Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart and her deputy, Gene Reed (*right, with Shore Democrats President Lee Dogoloff*), spoke at the July 20 club luncheon and answered members' questions about insurance changes. There is now a state ombudsman who can help the 20 percent of state residents whose insurance is regulated by the state, said Stewart, who added that 80 percent are under federal regulation. Reed noted that their office is working to keep insurers in Delaware from moving jobs overseas because of new federal rules under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.



Quote of the Month:

"You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose."

Former New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo

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