



GET OUT THE VOTE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarah Bingaman, Director

The “Get Out the Vote” (GOTV) committee members were tasked with trying to figure out how to reach voters during the coronavirus pandemic. Months ahead of the election, strategies were formed and later refined. Committee members, dedicated precinct committeepersons and volunteers, distributed yard signs, coordinated “Drive and Drop Saturdays” and “Blanket Saturdays”, mailed hundreds of candidate packets, organized volunteer activities, designed billboards, supported candidate activities, and created candidate literature pieces.

The GOTV team will be party building between elections. We are seeking ideas to build membership, sustain energy levels of the Lee County Democrats, and stay in touch with volunteers. If you have suggestions or would like to become involved, please contact Sarah Bingaman, 630-341-4971. Or join our next conference call meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Call 605-313-5909 and enter access code 337577# to be connected with the group. All are welcome. We hope you will join us.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Soto, Director

The 2020 drawdown fundraiser was a huge success. A total of 250 tickets were sold for \$75 each. After paying \$9000 in prizes and covering expenses, the fundraiser netted \$9345. BIG THANKS to all everyone who bought and sold tickets.

The Lee County Democratic Central Committee now has an ActBlue account. ActBlue allows for direct and secure electronic donations. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated and will support the Lee County Democrat’s mission. Please consider contributing on a monthly recurring basis. Go to www.ActBlue.com, sign up, and search for Lee County Democratic Central Committee (IL) if you’re interested.

Our next meeting will be January 6, 2021 at 6 p.m. (probably conference call or zoom). The agenda will include digital fundraising, a 20 year plan for increasing democratic candidates, and party building with a focus on independents and youth. We would love to have more involvement. If you wish to be part of this committee or want to listen in, please contact Michael Soto, 773-230-2327.

THE LEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are currently looking to appoint several precinct committeepersons (PC) to open precincts throughout Lee County. PC are the core of the party and play an essential role in our ground game. Some of the duties include staying informed on current and local issues and the candidates, attending meetings & events, canvassing, recruiting new party members, collecting data, and getting to know the thoughts and concerns of voters in your precinct. Training is a breeze and is available online through the IL Democratic County Chairs Association. As Harry S. Truman once declared, “The most important job I ever held was that of Precinct Committeeman.”

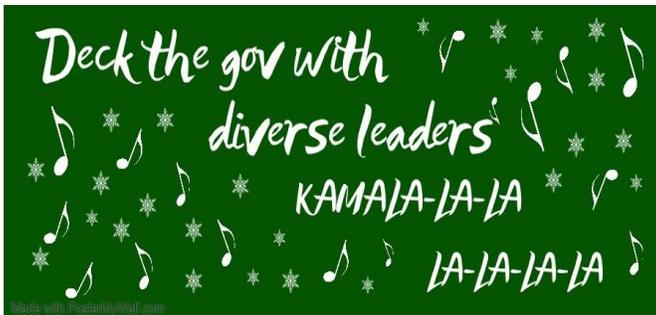
We are also still in need of a Secretary!

Please contact LCD Chair, Kasey Considine if you are interested in serving the party or have any questions.

Upcoming LCD Events

All are welcome to attend. Due to the pandemic, meetings may be conference or Zoom calls which require an invitation to each respective meeting. Please contact the person listed for meeting notices.

- Tues, Jan. 5, 2021, 7:30 p.m. -GOTV/PB Committee Meeting, contact Sarah Bingaman
- Wed, Jan. 6, 2021, 6:00 p.m. -Fundraising Committee Meeting, contact Michael Soto
- Thur, Jan. 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m. -LCDCC General Meeting, contact Jennifer LeMoine
- Thur, Feb. 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m. -LCDCC General Meeting, contact Jennifer LeMoine
- Thur, Mar. 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m. -LCDCC General Meeting, contact Jennifer LeMoine



FIGHT FOR THE SENATE



Both U.S. Senate races in Georgia are headed to a runoff election on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The results of this runoff race will determine if Democrats can reach a 50 seat tie in the Senate. Without 50 seats. Senator Mitch McConnell (R) will remain the Majority Leader. Our efforts can help ensure BOTH Democratic Senators, Jon Ossoff and Rev. Warnock, win in Georgia. If you want to help, consider phone banking or donating to the candidates through www.ActBlue.com

HEADQUARTERS IS NOW CLOSED

The Lee County Democratic office was a buzz of activity for weeks before the November election day. Volunteers spent hundreds of hours completing a variety of activities. Passionate voters stopped by for candidate yard signs, buttons and literature. With campaign season behind us, it was determined that maintaining a space at this location was of little benefit at this time. An ad hoc committee has formed and will be keeping an eye out for potential locations.

OFFICERS

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Director of Get Out The Vote, Sarah Bingaman, 630-341-4971

Director of Fundraising, Michael Soto, 773-230-2327

Thank you for supporting the Dixon Community Food Pantry!

Due to the generosity of our members, the Lee County Democrats raised over \$2475 in donations for the Dixon Community Food Pantry. Additionally, the pantry was able to repair their walk-in cooler saving thousands of dollars. Many thanks to those who answered our call for support and also to our newly appointed 2nd vice chair, Dave McCarver and Sarah Bingaman for their assistance.