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Mark Your Calendar!

*For a complete UP-TO-DATE listing
of Democratic events in Plymouth
County, check out
www.Southshoredemocrats.org
& [www.plymouthcountymdemocratic
league.org](http://www.plymouthcountymdemocratic
league.org)*

**March 29— 11:00 AM Sunday Brunch
with Rep. Jim Cantwell at the Marsh-
field Elks, Route #139 next to
(Gerard's Turkey Farm) suggested
donation \$20, \$50, \$100 call Andy
Wening (781) 834-2947**

**April 2—Committee to Elect Tom
Monahan for Brockton Ward 2 City
council** Italian buffet, Georges' Café,
228 Belmont St., Brockton. Contact
Tom Monahan 508-942-0385. Checks
may be mailed to tom Monahan, 174
Manomet St, Brockton 02301.

April 3, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Committee to
Re-Elect Christine Canavan will be
hosting its 11th Annual Friday Night
Spaghetti Supper at the Brockton VFW
Post 1046 located at 283 North Quincy
Street. Suggested donation \$15, smil-
ing children can eat free.

April 5, 10:00 to Noon. Annual Regis-
ter of Deeds John R. Buckley Jr., Jef-
ferson/Jackson Breakfast at VFW Post
1046, 283 N. Quincy Street Brockton.
Donation \$15 pp or \$20 per family.
Guest Speaker TBA. Contact Pam
(781) 871-1510

April 6, 7:00 PM, PCDL General Meet-
ing. Election of 2009/2010 Officers at K
of C, 48 Schooset Street Pembroke,
(Route #139). All PCDL members are
encouraged to attend. Free Light din-
ner: fried chicken, pizza, salad, coffee,
and soda .

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Word from the Chair

My term will be completed on April 6th and I am pleased candidates have come forth to carry on. Alberta and I have enjoyed meeting Democrats all over Plymouth County and beyond and will continue participating at a more relaxed pace.

The PCDL Executive Board met on March 2nd. The Nominating committee interviewed the two candidates for Chairman: David Fitzgerald of Kingston and David O'Reilly of Marshfield. The only Vice Chairman candidate is Anita Hadley of Plymouth. The Treasurer had no candidate. No Nominations were received from the floor. Nominations are now closed. The Chairman appointed the Election Committee: John Donahue as the Moderator and Bill Scott as the Secretary. Tellers will be appointed on April 6th and will issue ballots to those members that have paid there dues by March 1, 2009 as indicated by the PCDL membership listing. Your membership card will be helpful when names are being verified.

The PCDL Bylaws referring to Elections is provided as follows:

Article 6

ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall be held two years apart in April of odd-numbered years.
2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members from the League, all to be appointed by the Chair prior to the January meeting hi each odd-numbered year
3. Nominations will be presented by the Nominating Committee in odd-numbered years in March.
4. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March meeting in odd-numbered years.
5. The Chair will appoint an Election Committee at the meeting preceding the Election to conduct the election.
6. Voting will be by secret written ballot.
7. To be eligible to vote in the April election dues for the year must have been paid by March 1.
8. Voting will take place from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m. or until all present at 10:00 p.m. have voted.

UNITY=VICTORY!

From the editor

Bette Stewart

President Barack Obama

Is everyone as excited as I am to see a straight talking, hard working Democrat in the Oval office? This has been such a breath of fresh air for me, never mind that we've had nothing but snow and ice and rain all winter. Its been one of the best winters I can remember. President Obama has proved to be the right person for the time. We have been starved for leadership for so long, with eight years of floundering, stumbling, flailing, misspoken disaster, that I am overwhelmed with pride in our President today. I know that it will be hard for everyone to swallow some of the things he has proposed in his stimulus package but at least 95% of it is spot on. Imagine the former President trying to explain that piece of legislation... I can't picture it. Yet President Obama makes the case very clear for the need to act and act now.

Having watched his unprecedented speech to the Congress, since most Presidents do not make that speech until they've been in office a year, it was fun to enjoy the enthusiasm of the Democratic legislators cheering their President at every word. And even some Republicans could not restrain their enthusiasm. Senator McCain's interview later that evening left no doubt that he is willing to work with the President in the future on health care reform, energy, and education. I think after that speech we may see more Republicans seeing the folly of their ways if they try to obstruct our President from moving this country forward. It may be their further downfall.

The citizen can bring our political and governmental institutions back to life, make them responsive and accountable, and keep them honest. No one else can.

John Gardner

(Word from the Chair—continued)

9. Vacancies in any elected office shall be filled by appointment by the Chair, subject to the advice and consent of the Executive Board except in the event of a vacancy in the Chair at which time, the Vice-Chair shall take over responsibilities and duties of the Chair.

10. No candidate's name will appear on the ballot without his or her written consent.

11. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect officers; in case no candidate receives a majority of those present then a run-off of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall decide. The run-off will be conducted immediately following the announcement of the vote.

The St Patrick's Dinner was held on Saturday March 14, 2009. The Guest Speaker was Congressman Barney Frank who provided insight on the financial matters the Congress is now involved in solving. Special Guest appearance by Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin who spoke on the need to continue with our strong Representation in Congress and the importance of the 10 year census to find everyone living in Massachusetts to make sure Massachusetts maintains all of the Congressional seats. The Dunleavy Shaffer School of Irish Step Dance performed very professionally and the Jack Glennon Band, sometime accompanied by our Emcee Tim White, was well enjoyed. The Country Club of Halifax under the watchful eye of John Peck, served a bountiful dinner on time and with great proficiency. Thanks to all who attended.

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April 19, Representative Allen McCarthy's Annual Patriots Day Breakfast at the Whitman VFW, Essex Street. 10:30 a.m. \$25 pp, Guest Speaker Lt. Gov. Tim Murray. Contact Larry Roache 617-633-058, larry-roache@comcast.net for more info.

April 16, Thursday 6:30 PM, Organizational Meeting for Denise Rannou, candidate for Halifax Town Clerk at Monponsett Inn, Sunset Room, Route #58 in Halifax. All are Welcome, light snacks will be available and cash bar.

April 25—Democratic State Committee meeting at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, Center St, Bridgewater at 1:00 p.m. All Democrats are welcome to attend.

May 16—Hanover DTC yard Sale annual fundraiser, 195 Washington St (Intersection of Broadway and Washington St, Four Corners). Large articles to donate should be brought on the day of yard sale. Contact Carol Franzosa, 781-826-3736 or 781-871-6039.

May 16—Carver DTC 5th annual Craft Fair/Flea Market, 0 am to 4 pm, at Shurtleff Park, Carver center. Rain date May 17. Proceeds from this event help fund Carver High Scholarship program. Vendors are welcome. 10x10 space \$25. Contact Joan at 508-866-3803 or Terri at 508-866-9075.

May 21— PCDL Monthly meeting. Details tba

May 31—East Bridgewater DTC Annual Breakfast, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mockingbird Restaurant, Rte 18, EB/Whitman line. \$25 pp, contact Fred Chapman 508-378-7433.

June 6, Massachusetts Democratic Party Convention for the purpose of adopting a political agenda and amending the Party Charter. To be held at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA.

June 14, 9:30 AM, Halifax DTC Breakfast at Monponsett Inn (Rt #58 Halifax) Tickets are \$20 per person. Contact Dorothy Landry (781) 293-3328. Note change of date from June 6, 2009 due to conflict with State convention.

July 26—PCDL and Wareham DTC annual cookout, Dudley L. Brown VFW, 5 Gibbs Ballpark Rd, Off Onset Ave, Onset. **Donation for Lobster \$30, Chicken \$20. Music, free hot dogs and hamburgers for children. PCDL members, political candidates, officials, DTCs and DSCs and all others are**

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER PICTURES



Presentation to Alberta Joy, with Bob Joy looking on as Jean Cavanaugh presents flowers and Congressman Frank Honors Bob Joy



POLITICAL NEWS AND NOTES

Dear Fellow Plymouth County Democratic League Members,

This coming April, Bob Joy will complete his second term as Chairman. His successor will be determined at the next Executive Board meeting on April 6, 2009. The success of our organization has been attributed to leaders like Bob, who diligently promote our political values and beliefs. I would like to continue this tradition by becoming the next Chairman of The Plymouth County Democratic League. If I am elected, I will continue holding the five functions that the P.C.D.L. sponsors each year. The monthly Executive Board meeting and the monthly members meeting would also continue. I will work hard to keep members interested and encourage new members to join. Most importantly, I will work toward the advancement of the Democratic Party in Plymouth County

I have been a proud Democrat for the past 30 years. I am currently the Vice Chairman of the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee and have also served on many other Boards. I have been elected to The Marshfield Housing Authority for two five-year terms and have belonged to the Plymouth County Democratic League for the past 11 years.

Outside of the political world, I have Co-Chaired the Marshfield Habitat for Humanity ad-hoc committee and am currently the Chairman of the Boston Eire Society's Social Irish. I am familiar with the process of on-line network communications, database spreadsheets and newsletter applications. I am confident that I can bring together a qualified team of volunteers to carry out the necessary tasks involved in being our next Chairman.

The election for this position will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at the K of C Hall on Rte 139 in Pembroke from 8:00 - 10:00 PM. I would greatly appreciate your vote at this time.

Thank you. **David H. O'Reilly, 21 Sawmill Lane, Marshfield, MA. 02050 , 781-837-6003**

Dear League Members:

As you may know, I am the nominee for the position of Vice Chairman of the Plymouth County Democratic League. I believe I have the necessary skills to succeed and have the interest to dedicate to that position for the next two years. I am well aware of the fiscal issues that we all are currently facing. The League has steadily grown and is needed more than ever to uphold our democratic ideals and support our local, state, and federal officials as well as future candidates.

I have been a resident of Plymouth County since 1979. I have been a member of the Plymouth Democratic Town Committee, the Plymouth Cultural Council, and the League for several years. I recognize the need and support volunteerism. My interest in government and politics began in my high school years with the candidacy of John F. Kennedy. I was born and raised in Dorchester and Mattapan attending Boston Public Schools. I graduated from Massasoit Community College with an Associate's Degree in Business Management and from Bridgewater State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

Government has always been my focus. My nearly twenty-six years of experience in various positions in the local, county, and state governments has given me invaluable insight to what is needed now and the days ahead to support current officials and recruit new candidates. At this stage in my life, I decided I wanted to take another step and be a part of the stewardship of the League. It has accomplished a great deal and is a crucial vehicle to focus on and support the Democratic Party and Plymouth County.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Vice Chairman on Monday, April 6, 2009. Thank you.

Sincerely, Anita J. Hadley

POLITICAL NEWS AND NOTES

I am David Fitzgerald from Cambridge, where at age 10, I first campaigned for my uncle, James Fitzgerald who served on the School Comm. for 35 years and as Asst. Register of Deeds in Middlesex County 50 years. My other uncle, Gordon Duffy served on the City Counsel. He campaigned for President John Kennedy. After the election he served as Counsel for the Veterans Administration in Washington. He served under both the Kennedy/Johnson terms. I attended Cambridge Public Schools and Northeastern University for Law Enforcement. I was a Special Police Officer in Boston and Dedham. Owned my own transportation business, Kingston Cab/Kingston Coach/Penguin Limousine with my wife of 27 years, Cindy, I'm the father of 6 and grandfather of 3

While living in Norwood, I became the youngest ever elected to Democratic Town Comm. at 21, also elected Town Meeting Member. In 1973 I was on Michael Dukakis' committee, the first time he ran and elected 1974, along with Rep. Dave Ahern, Selectman, Joe Curran, Vinney Limbo. I also worked with the late Joe Moakley for Congress, the first time he was elected in 1973. I've worked for Frank Bellotti in 1974, for Attorney General and in his bids for Governor.

After moving to Kingston in 1969, I served two terms on Board of Health and Conservation for 4 years, two terms as Chair for KDTC, among other committees. In 1989 under Joe Palombo I first became involved with PCDL. I campaigned for Joe in his bid for State Rep. in 1988, and for Sheriff Peter Flynn, and Senator Terry Murray. During the 2000 election sweep, I worked with the late Frank Halloran, for all the candidates putting up signs all over Plymouth County. This included Joe McDonough, Tom O'Brien, John Buckley, Robert McCarthy, and Senator Terry Murray. As well as Ted Kennedy every time he ran, I worked for Shannon O'Brien, and Secretary of State Bill Galvin, I supported Al Gore working in New Hampshire for him. I was one of the first to support Governor Deval Patrick, I also worked for my good friend Representative Tom Calter. I have supported Hillary Clinton, as well supported President Obama. For last 2 years as executive board member of Plymouth County's Democratic League. I have attended all but two meetings; I've traveled through out the county for various events, even to Boston to the Roosevelt Dinner, in the name of the PCDL.

I am the current Chair, Kingston Democratic Committee and State Committeeman, representative on Disability's Committee. It would be an honor to serve Plymouth County League as your next Chair. I ask you for your Vote! I may be old fashion but I believe in working your way to the top position. I HAVE, as Bob Joy has said "it's no longer a part-time position", I have the time it takes (retired). I hope you will attend the meeting April 6, at the Pembroke Knights of Columbus Hall and vote between 7-10 p.m. I thank you for your Vote!

PLYMOUTH COUNTY LEAGUE ST.PATRICK'S DINNER

Once again, PCDL celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a terrific dinner provided by Halifax CC, and with outstanding speakers, including Secretary of State Bill Galvin and Congressman Barney Frank. Introducing Cong. Frank, emcee Tim White mentioned the fact that our Congressman was listed among the top ten Movers and Shakers in the world. Cong. Frank was his usual charming and witty self, while at the same time providing much information to keep us up to date on the stimulus bill and the state of the economy. He stated he has "post-partisan depression" from all the talk about bi-partisanship in Washington. He was presented with a lapel pin which he promised to wear on his interview with Chris Wallace on Fox Sunday. Secretary Galvin never misses the PCDL St. Patrick's dinner and once again spoke to us this year. He talked about the importance of a thorough census to insure that Massachusetts maintains the same number of Congressional Districts, as well as receives the maximum amount of Federal dollars that we are entitled to. Many presentations were made to retiring Chair, Bob Joy.

All candidates and elected officials had an opportunity to speak and display their best Irish jokes. A great night for all.

Eligible Voters for April 6th Elections, Paid 2009 by 3/1/2009

FName	LName	Date Paid 09			
			Kathy	DiPasqua-Egan	10/19/08
			Peter	Feinstein	2/26/2009
Gloria	Arruda	2/19/2009	Norma J	Fenochietti	11/11/2008
Peter	Asiaf	12/28/2008	David W.	Fenton	1/23/2009
Linda	Balzotti	10/11/2008	Gerard	Finnerty	2/25/2009
Geri	Bernier	11/20/2008	Cynthia	Fitzgerald	1/10/2009
Jessica	Berry	2/20/2009	David	Fitzgerald	1/10/2009
Bill	Black	1/5/2009	John H.	Flannagan, Jr	12/8/2008
Kevin	Bligh	10/30/2008	Steven P.	Foote	12/11/2008
Beth Ann	Bligh	10/30/2008	Georgia	Foudy	2/8/2009
Rachelle L.	Boucher	2/19/2009	Paul	Foudy	2/8/2009
Rep. Garrett	Bradley	12/12/2008	Richard L.	Franey	1/2/2009
Arnold	Briggs	10/6/2008	Carol A.	Franzosa	1/27/2009
Marcia	Briggs	10/6/2008	Dennis C.	Gallagher	1/9/2009
Robert L.	Brousseau	2/25/2009	Marion G.	Galvin	11/16/2008
John "Jack" R.	Buckley	Life	Frank	Gilleo	1/2/2009
John R	Buckley, Jr	12/5/2008	Denise	Goodspeed	12/14/2008
Henry	Burbine	12/26/2008	Charles	Goodspeed	12/14/2008
Brian J.	Callahan	1/16/2009	Dorothy	Goslin	12/1/2008
Tyler	Cavanagh	1/26/2009	Anita	Hadley	11/7/2008
Doris	Catrambone	Life	Lydia	Hale	1/26/2009
Caitlin	Cavanagh	2/1/2009	Donald	Hall	11/3/2008
Albert	Cavanagh	2/2/2009	Richard J.	Hand, Jr.	12/5/2008
Jean	Cavanagh	2/2/2009	Matthew	Hanley	10/20/2008
Tim	Cayton	2/2/2009	Michael P.	Healy	2/5/2009
Allan	Chiocca	2/27/2009	Frank	Hynes	2/224/2009
*Jean H.	Christensen	10/22/2008	Marcie	Jones	12/9/2008
Neil	Conley	12/8/2008	Robert	Joy	1/1/2009
*Ernest	Correia	11/3/2008	Alberta	Joy	1/1/2009
Evelyn	Correia	11/3/2008	Helen	Kennedy	11/13/2008
James M.	Costello	1/29/2009	Ellen	Kinsman	12/11/2008
Rep. Geraldine	Creedon	1/26/2009	Fred	Koed	2/28/2009
Reg. Robert S.	Creedon	1/27/2009	Dorothy	Landry	12/1/2008
Mary C.	Crowley	2/10/2009	Robert S.	Lawton	1/30/2009
Lawrence	Curtis	12/11/2008	Eileen B	Lawton	11/3/2008
*John	Donahue	1/10/2009	Stephen A.	Lynch	10/29/2008
Jane	Donahue	1/10/2009	Harold Sid	Lyon	11/7/2008
Brendan	Donnelly	1/24/2009	John J.	Lyons	Life
Brian L.	Donnelly	1/24/2009	Laurie	Maker	1/22/2009
Richard M.	Edgehille	12/27/2008	Michael A.	Maresco	1/28/2009

Bruce E.	Marquis	11/5/2008	Caroline	Stouffer	11/26/2008
Reg. Robert	McCarthy	1/10/2009	Martha	Strachan	2/26/2009
Roberta	McCarthy	1/10/2009	Paul F.	Studenski	10/31/2008
Joseph	McDonough	1/5/2009	Brendan P.	Sullivan	1/26/2009
Matthew	McDonough	1/5/2009	James	Tobin	2/1/2009
Gerard P.	McLaughlin	1/28/2009	Gail E.	Twomey	11/17/2008
Laurel A.	McLean	11/15/2008	John C.	Veracka, Jr.	2/27/2009
John F.	McLellan	1/2/2009	Kim	Walsh	11/22/2008
Thomas D.	Monahan	2/13/2009	Lois	Welch	11/2/2008
Sen. Michael	Morrissey	11/5/2008	Tim	White	11/3/2008
David	Morwick	1/1/2009	Shirley	Wilbur	2/2/2009
Peter	Nelson	12/23/2008			
Kenneth	Nickerson	2/26/2009			
Mary M.	Nyman	1/13/2009			
Kevin M	O'Brien	2/6/2009			
Theresa A	O'Brien	12/15/2008			
Anthony T.	O'Brien	1/30/2009			
Michael	O'Donnell	12/24/2008			
David	O'Reilly	1/24/2009			
Leonard	Page	2/26/2009			
Allyne	Pecevich	11/20/2008			
Richard A.	Pond	12/27/2008			
Marilyn	Raleigh	1/20/2009			
Denise	Rannou	11/3/2008			
Joseph	Rebello	2/15/2009			
John L.	Revil, III	1/27/2009			
James A.	Rodick	1/21/2009			
Mary L	Ruggiero	1/26/2009			
Margaret Pena	Russell	1/5/2009			
Ervin	Russell	1/5/2009			
Carmine J.	Salines	1/27/2009			
Kurt	Saltmarsh	12/20/2008			
Jeanette	Santos	2/28/2009			
William H.	Scott	12/2/2008			
Richard J.	Sergi	1/24/2009			
Donald	Sheehan	2/26/2009			
David W.	Sibor, Jr.	11/25/2008			
Donna S.	Smith	1/10/2009			
*Carol	St. Don	2/25/2009			
Caroline	St. Don	2/25/2009			
Bette	Stewart	1/3/2009			

**Emcee Tim White presents Cong. Frank with
PCDL Lapel Pin**



E-Board Presentation to retiring Chair, Bob Joy



Bob Joy, Chairman, 508-295-1538

156 Plymouth Ave.,

E. Wareham, MA 02538

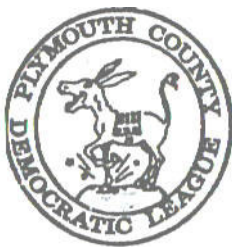
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The League

Plymouth County Democratic League



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Upcoming Events

APRIL 6, 2009

PCDL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7:00 p.m.

K of C Hall, 48 Schooset Street

(Rte 139) Pembroke, MA

**Light dinner of pizza, salad, and-
fried chicken, pastries, coffee and
soda**

Contact Bob Joy, 508-295-1538

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PCDL MEETING

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