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Mark Your Calendar!

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www.plymouthcountymocraticleague.org

March 3—PCDL EBOARD,

7:00 p.m., at K of C, 48 Schooset St, Pembroke, Rte 139, all PCDL members are welcome to participate.

March 9— 2:00 PM, Jim Cantwell Kick-off for State Rep. in the 4th Plymouth District, at the Marshfield Elks, 1321 Ocean St, Rte 139, Marshfield. Entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

March 15— PCDL Annual St. Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage dinner, 7:00 p.m. Halifax CC, off Route 106, Halifax. Donation \$30. RSVP to Bob Joy 508-295-1538. Checks should be sent to PCDL, 156 Plymouth Ave, East Wareham, MA 02518. Jack Glennon Irish Band.

March 20 - Brockton Rotary Irish Roast Honoring Mayor Jim Harrington at Shaw

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Word from the chair

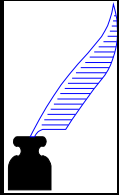
MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2008 continue to be a problem, we have 169 members who have paid, leaving more than 50% unpaid. The Newsletter is averaging \$500 for printing and mailing per month using first class postage to all members That is a per issue cost of \$15. per year per member. Our membership fee is \$20 per year. It leaves very little for candidate support. We are managing with donations and event receipts to stay in the black but it would be very helpful if dues payment can be received soon.

The PCDL Executive Board met on February 4th and finalized the St. Patrick's Dinner on Saturday March 15th. 109 Invitation letters were issued to candidates, Town Chairs, DSC members, Legislatures and Union Officials. Tickets donations are \$30 and available by telephoning (508) 295-1538. The Scholarship committee is working on revisions to the Thomas H. Buckley - Henry J. Brides Scholarship application and Requirements to enhance the opportunities for applicants and will report at the March 3rd Executive Board meeting. The application and Requirements will be published in the Newsletter after approval by the Executive Board.

The following members have paid 2008 dues. We thank each and every one of them for their support and look forward to those who have not: Robert Abbott, Martine Anderson, Rick Anderson, Dennis Allen, Peter Asiaf, Linda Balzotti, Anne Beauregard, Elizabeth Benotti, Geri Bernier, Bill Black, Kevin Bligh, Beth Ann Bligh, Arthur Boyle, Rep. Garrett Bradley, Michael Brady, Arnold & Marsha Briggs, Joseph R. Buttner, Rep. Thomas Calter, David Canepa, Rep. Stephen Canessa, C. Robert Canessa, Rosemarie Canessa, James Cantwell, Sean Carmody, Leie Carmody, Frederick Casavant IV, Caitlin Cavanagh, Tyler Cavanagh, Tim Cayton, Allan Chiocca, Jean Christensen, Ernest & Evelyn Correia, Rep. Geraldine Creedon, Senator Robert Creedon, John & Jane Donahue, Brian L. Donnelly, Brendan Donnelly, Anthony Dougenik, Patty Downey, Stephen Driscoll, Diane & Richard Dube, Prof. Michael Dukakis, John Dumas, Richard Edgehille, Philip Edmundson, Kathleen DiPasqua Egan, Edward Farley, Norma Fenochietti, David Fenton, Gerard Finnerty, Carole Fiola, John Flannagan Jr., Donald Fleming, William & Claire Flynn, Brian Foley, Georgia & Paul Foudy, Richard Franey, Carol Franzosa, James Gaine, Dennis Gallagher, David Gomes, Denise & Charles Goodspeed, Lorna Green, Dorothy Goslin, Gina Gausconi, Anita Hadley, Donald Hall, Richard Hand, Jr., Matthew Hanley, James Harrington, Michael Healy, Bernadette Hemingway, Michael Holden, Leonie Holyoke, Francis X. Hughes, Deborah Hurley, Rep. Frank Hynes, Margaret Ishihara, Philip & Beverly Johnston, Marcie Jones, Robert & Alberta Joy, Sen. Brian Joyce, Rep. Thomas Kennedy, Helen Kennedy, Ellen Kinsman, Fred Koed, Dorothy Landry, Eileen Lawton, Robert Lawton, James Lee, Stephen Lynch, Harold & Leona Lyon,

UNITY=VICTORY!

**FROM
THE**



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PRIMARY CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

Bette K. Stewart, Editor

Now that our Massachusetts Presidential Primary is over, many of us will be working to assure that our favorite candidate gets the nomination. This is a hectic time for all of us who are political junkies. One thing we all must remember When November comes we are all DEMOCRATS. Our nominee must have our support if we are going to put a stop to this very intrusive Republican administration. They claim to be the party that wants to keep government small and out of our lives but they have managed to stick their noses into our business in too many ways, not the least of which is ruining our international relations which affects how our country is viewed abroad, and ruining our economy and leaving a tremendous debt that generations to come will have to face. Its difficult to watch the damage that has been done to the United States by the Bush Administration. Its enough to make you get up and show your support in a very overt way for the good Democrats that are running. This election will be talked about for many years to come, because of the outstanding field of candidates on the Democratic side. Let's not let this opportunity slip away as we work toward our goal of a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress to get us back on track as a nation and as an international power. We need to use our power for the benefit of us all and the world we live in...we need Democrats to make it happen.

Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.

George Bernard Shaw

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positive Margaret Mackenzie, Laurie Maker, Kathleen Manson, Michael Maresco, Bruce Marquis, Elvoid & David Mayers, Robert & Roberta McCarthy, Gerard McLaughlin, John McLellan, Timothy McMullen, Harry Monks, Rosalyn Monosson, John Morris, Senator Michael Morrissey, David Morwick, Michael Mullen, Jr., Matthias Mulvey, Senator Therese Murray, John S. Murray, Peter Nelson, Rep. Robert Nyman, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas O'Brien, Anthony O'Brien, Michael O'Donnell, Philip Oliveira, Allyne Pecevich, Joseph O'Sullivan, Marilyn Raleigh, Denise Rannou, Kathleen Reilly, John P. Revil, III. John P. Riordan, Jr., Anthony Romano, Diane M. Roza, Mary L. Ruggiero, Ervin Russell, Margaret-Pena Russell, Sallyanne Russell, Carmine Salines, Kurt Saltmarsh, Bruce Sauvageau, William Scott, Richard Sergi, David Sibor, Jr., Doug Smith, Donna Smith, Carol & Caroline St. Don, Bette Stewart, Paul Studenski, John F. Sullivan, Paul D. Sullivan, Timothy J. Sullivan, Brendan P. Sullivan, James Tobin, Robert Tocci, Robert Toomey, Jr., Michael Traft, John C. Veracka, Jr., Lee Vigil, John, Donna, & Coleman Walsh, John M. Walsh, George T.J. Walker, Margaret Watson, Timothy White, Shirley Wilbur, Patricia Zimmer.

The PCDL monthly dinner meeting was held on Thursday February 21st at the Harbor Watch Inn in Onset and was well attended. Peter Panos and Brian Muldoon, Massachusetts Democratic Party Field Directors, were the Guest speakers and provided information on upcoming dates of important events for selection of DNC Convention Delegates and both state Party and local re-organization time frames. Several questions were responded to and positive comments were offered as to the support these two individuals provided when called about Party matters by Town committee members. Several Candidates spoke on their election efforts including Register of Probate Bob McCarthy, Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien (represented by Dennis Gallagher), Ervin Russell speaking on behalf of Congressman Barney Frank, Kenneth Fontes on his efforts to seek a seat on the Wareham school committee, and Rinaldo Oliveira announcing he is moving forward on seeking the 2nd Plymouth State Representative election. Several Nomination papers were available for signatures from the various candidates. Photos are shown on page 9.

And one last item, the PCDL monthly meetings are attempted to be rotated around the County but as a courtesy needs the local DTC to gather attendees for the event. Chair's if you would like to cosponsor a meeting in your area call Bob Joy (508) 295-1538.

Calendar—continued

contact bdixon@mrhcc.com

April 7—PCDL Eboard meeting, 7:00 p.m. 48 Schooset St, Pembroke (Rte 129,. All PCDL members are welcome to participate.

April 11—Committee to Re-Elect Christine Canavan 10th annual Friday Night Spaghetti Supper, VFW Post 1046, 283 North Quincy St, Brockton. Suggested donation \$15 pp, smiling children eat free.

April 13— John R. Buckley, Jr., Register of Deeds Annual Jefferson Jackson Breakfast, 10-noon, VFW Post 1046, 283 N. Quincy Avenue, Brockton. \$15 pp, or \$20 per family. Guest spkr tba.

April 17-7:00 p.m. PCDL monthly meeting cosponsored by Kingston DTC at Royal Garden Chinese Restaurant 3 Tremont St, Route 3A Kingston, Buffet dinner, spkr tba

May 2-Rep. Tom Calter Fundraiser, Jones River Trading Post, 42 Elm St, Kingston. Details tba

May 15— PCDL monthly meeting cosponsored by Bridgewater DTC Location and Speaker TBA

May 16— Treasurer Tom O'Brien 6-11 pm Campaign Kick Off Dinner at The Country Club of Halifax Route #106, Halifax, MA. Suggested donation \$50 / person, cash bar. Contact Mike Rothberg 508-326-5982.

June 1-Halifax 9:30 AM, DTC Breakfast fundraiser, Monponsett Inn, Rte 58, Halifax, \$20 pp, Guest Speaker TBA, contact Dot Landry 781-293-3328.

June 2— PCDL Eboard Meeting, K of C, 48 Schooset St, Pembroke, Rte 139. All PCDL members are welcome to participate.

June 19-PCDL Monthly meeting, location and speaker tba.

Plymouth County has

How To Start Each Day With A Positive Outlook

1. Open a new file in your PC.
2. Name it "George W. Bush."
3. Send it to the trash.
4. Empty the trash.
5. Your PC will ask you, "Do you really want to get rid of George W. Bush?"
6. Answer calmly, "yes" and press the mouse button firmly.

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Calendar - continued

July 20-Noon, Annual PCDL/Wareham DTC Lobster Cookout, Dudley L. Brown VFW, Onset, MA.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

March 7-16—Window for reorganization of local town and ward committees*

March 8—DSC Reorganization Meeting*

April 12—DSC meeting to elect DNC members

June 7—2008 Democratic State Convention in Lowell

August 25—2008 Democratic National Convention.

* Date changes as result of earlier primary day

Calendar for Democratic Committee Elections

March 7-16, 2008 - Window for Local Committees to organize.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Plymouth County Democratic League was founded over Seventy-three years ago and has continued with the principal mission to provide support for the candidates and values of the Democratic Party in Plymouth County

Our Executive Board meets on the first Monday of each month and all members are welcome to participate. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Functions and events are held throughout the year that will increase your knowledge of the workings of the Democratic Party and produce visibility and opportunities for you to meet the most dedicated individuals you can find in Government.

Membership is open to any Registered Democrat. We welcome your New or Renewal of membership.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town/City: _____

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Email: _____

Annual Dues: \$ 20.00 Do you want the PCDL Newsletter emailed: Yes___ No___

(It will be emailed in PDF format when it is sent to the printers) The Newsletter will still continue to be mailed

Additional Donation: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

Mail check payable to PCDL, mail to: Plymouth County Democratic League

156 Plymouth Ave. E. Wareham, MA 02538

POLITICAL NEWS AND NOTES

A TRIP TO TAIWAN

By Rep. Christine Canavan

This past October, I had the experience of a lifetime. I was invited to join 5 other health care oriented legislators from New England on a trip to Taipei, Taiwan. Our focus was Taiwan's national health care system, their medical university system, as well as their research programs and companies.

I was the only legislator invited from Massachusetts. There were 2 from New Hampshire, one from Maine, one from Vermont, and one from Rhode Island. All of us were either health care professionals or Chairs of a legislative committee that oversaw healthcare legislation for their state. One member of the delegation was a medical doctor from the Lahey Clinic.

Excitement does not truly express how I felt at the opportunity to visit a country with a national health insurance program and to be briefed by the administrators themselves. We had the ability to ask any questions that came to mind. And we did, too! Our meeting with the director of a local hospital and medical university lasted almost 2 hours! I had asked to tour the large dialysis facility within the hospital. Very graciously, 2 nurses escorted me and despite the language barrier, we managed to exchange ideas and impressions. This was the highlight of my trip. When I was the Director of Brockton Dialysis Center, I remember visiting nurses from around the world stopping by to see the unit and compare our health care delivery system to theirs. Now, I was one of them!

One interesting tidbit: in the hospitals and clinics we visited, all the bed linens were orange and white stripes. I found it very eye-popping to say the least. A nurse told me that those colors were 'soothing'. I guess that is a cultural difference since in the USA, hospital linens are solid colors and usually white or a soft blue.

The national health insurance that the Taiwanese people enjoy is modern and ground-breaking. There is one negative that I believe to be important. As a registered nurse, I know full well that preventative care is important. Our insurance programs in the USA are geared to keep us from getting sick. In Taiwan, the program treats you if you are sick but does not cover what we know as 'well visits'.

October 10th was National Day in Taiwan. We were lucky to have been there during this wonderful celebration. We met the President of Taiwan – quickly – and got to say hello and shake his hand! After that we enjoyed the hour long parade despite the heat and humidity. Later that day, we attended a reception where we met not only members of the Taiwanese government but people from all over the world. I spoke with people from Japan, the Czech Republic and Montana! Yes, Montana. I met their Lieutenant Governor, John Bohlinger and a picture of both of us is on the website for all to see. Lt. Governor Bohlinger was gracious and proud of his great state. I told him that a trip to Massachusetts should be on his 'to do' list. I offered to take him on a tour of my district for him to see how diversified and lovely it is.

Another tidbit: some folks in Taiwan wanted to talk to me because of my Boston accent! I said alot of 'park the car in the yard'!!! Wonderful people. Vibrant capitol city. Young and well educated professionals everywhere.

I will always remember this once in a lifetime trip.

Candidates Corner

Candidates are Welcome to submit Announcements

Matt Mulvey is preparing for another run for the Plymouth/Norfolk Senate Seat.

South Shore Chamber of Commerce Member Matthias J. Mulvey of Weymouth was re-elected to a second term as President of the North East Building Code Association (NEBCA) at the annual NEBCA meeting held at the World Trade Center in Boston on January 25, 2008.

NEBCA is an association of building and fire code officials, architects, engineers, insurance industry professionals and others interested in promoting uniform building design and safety standards. Mr. Mul-

vey was also recently appointed to serve on a Massachusetts State Board of Building Regulations and Standards Committee that will evaluate a code change proposal requirement for the installation of fire sprinklers in new one and two-family dwellings.

Mr. Mulvey continues to serve on the International Code Council's Referenced Standards Committee. Mr. Mulvey is a building code and land use consultant, a licensed builder and was a Building Commissioner in several Massachusetts communities. He is the Deputy Building Commissioner in Weston, Massachusetts.

Contact Information: Matthias J. Mulvey 28 Edgeworth Street, Weymouth, MA 02189, Email info@mulvey.cc, telephone (781) 331-0855

Laure Maker of Halifax announces her candidacy for Plymouth County Commissioner

What Plymouth County needs is change - not change for its own sake, but a clear change for the better. What Plymouth County needs is a person of proven independence, one committed to public dialogue and openness. It needs a leader with the confidence and experience to move us forward. I am that person. I believe that county government should be efficient, effective, and accountable. Plymouth County consists of twenty-seven unique yet united communities. We are rich in history, rich in opportunity and rich in services. I believe that our elected administrators have an obligation to manage our hard earned tax dollars in a fiscally responsible manner. We deserve to be represented by officials dedicated to intelligent and responsible growth and development. We deserve an administration that will conduct business in an honorable, collaborative, and informed manner.

I am currently serving my eighth year on the Halifax School Committee, the last four years as Chair. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from the University of Maine and I am employed by Massasoit Community College in Brockton as Publications manager. In addition, this is my eighth year as a member of Union #31 School Committee, which encompasses the communities of Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton. I have been Vice-Chair of that Committee for the past three years. In my service on these committees I have led the negotiations with our school unions, played a central role on the administrative review committee, and have collaborated with our Board of Selectman and Finance Committee in building an effective working relationship which continues to strike a necessary balance between fiscal responsibility and quality education for our children. I have also been a member of the Halifax Democratic Town Committee for the past four years.

Candidates Corner, continued**Candidates are Welcome to submit Announcements****CANTWELL ANNOUNCES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

Attorney Jim Cantwell announced that he will be a candidate for State Representative in the seat held by Rep. Frank Hynes, who has announced that he will not be running for re-election this year.

Cantwell is a partner and owner of a successful South Shore business, with fourteen employees, and a firm that provides generous health benefits, dental insurance and pension benefits to all employees. He previously served as a Legal Staff member for Congressman Bill Delahunt, exposing the high cost of pharmaceutical drugs for senior citizens, battling with insurance companies to provide life-sustaining treatment for South Shore residents and working with local families who were losing their coastal homes due to erosion.

As an Assistant District Attorney for Norfolk County, Cantwell served as Co-Director for a Juvenile Justice Unit. In that capacity he worked with juvenile offenders, while also working with public safety professionals. He also served as lead prosecutor for Stoughton District Court in a nationally renowned domestic violence and prosecution program.

As a Marshfield Selectman, Cantwell worked with a team of Selectmen and Town Leaders to improve the town's bond rating which meant a savings for the taxpayers of Marshfield. This cooperative effort resulted in the community being able to complete a multi-million dollar expansion of the school complex, upgrade the town's sewer plant, acquire significant open space, and improve services to the Town's seniors.

Cantwell will hold his campaign kick-off on Sunday, March 9, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Marshfield Elks Hall, 132 Ocean Street, Rte 139. There will be live entertainment with singer/songwriter Sean McLaughlin, light hors d'oeuvre's and a cash bar. The kick-off is free. Cantwell invites all to join him on the ninth of March for an afternoon of good music and the opportunity to listen to your ideas for the next Legislative year.

For further information please e-mail Jim at jim@jimcantwell.com or call him at 781-837-5757.

Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien Announces he is a Candidate for Re-Election

Tom O'Brien of Kingston announced his candidacy for Re-Election for Plymouth County Treasurer with a campaign kick-off dinner at The Halifax Country Club on May 16, 2008 from 6:00 to 11:00 PM. Suggested donation \$50 per person, cash bar. Contact Mike Rothberg (508) 326-5982.

POLITICAL NOTES AND NEWS

REPRESENTATIVE FRANK HYNES STEPS ASIDE

In a letter to his constituents, Representative Hynes writes:

To the Citizens of Marshfield and Scituate, It is an honor and an extraordinary privilege to be your state representative. I truly appreciate the trust you have placed in me. Many are called to be involved in formulating the public policies of our times but few are chosen for this great honor. I truly embrace it and enjoy it.

No matter our effort and desire, our common human condition, our lack of omniscience, leads inevitably to instances in which we will differ. No one agrees with every vote. Even my wife occasionally will say I am flat out wrong. Yet at all times you recognize that I seek to do my best on your behalf. My motivation is not political ambition or personal gain but simply to intelligently and in good conscience make the best judgement I can. And even in these disagreements we continue to actively listen to each other and to treat each other with dignity and respect worthy of our common humanity.

I am in my 26th year in the state legislature. I have served 13 terms as your voice on Beacon Hill. It is now time for me to recognize the inevitable shifting of the sands of time. It is time for me to step aside and to step down. It is time for me to retire. Hence, I will not be a candidate for reelection. Yet I will move on to the next phase of my life with the deepest appreciation for how truly blessed I am to have been your state representative for the better part of these last three decades.

God bless you.

Sincerely, Frank Hynes

We offer our thanks and appreciation to Representative Hynes for his twenty-six years of service to the Commonwealth and to his District. His many accomplishments are a tribute to his diligence and concern for the issues affecting the people of Scituate and Marshfield, and the Commonwealth as a whole. It goes without saying that he will be sorely missed. Plymouth County is lucky to have had his expertise these many years. We wish him well in his retirement and hope to see him often in the years ahead.

February 21, 2008 PCDL Monthly Meeting

Photos by Ervin "Tootsie" Russell



Massachusetts Democratic Party Field Director's Peter Panos speaking to Dinner attendees and Brian Muldoon seated to right



Rinaldo Oliveira Announcing his intention to run for the 2nd Plymouth District State Representative



Register of Probate Robert McCarthy Announcing his Re-Election plans.



Reception committee: PCDL Treasurer Bill Scott, Margaret Pena-Russell, Alberta Joy and Marybeth Fernandes

Bob Joy, Chairman, 508-295-1538

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Please send all articles and event info
(by the 20th of the previous month) to:

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The League

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Promoting Democratic candidates and values
for over seventy-three years.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday MARCH 15, 2008

6:30 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Dinner
Corned Beef and Cabbage \$30.00**

Halifax Country Club

Route 106 Halifax, MA 02338

Guest Speaker

U.S. Senator John F. Kerry

Irish Music and Step Dancers

Contact Bob Joy, 508-295-1538

Thursday APRIL 17, 2008

7:00 PM

**PCDL Monthly Meeting
Royal Garden Chinese Restaurant**

3 Tremont St. Route 3A

Kingston, MA 02364

Cosponsored by Kingston DTC

Chinese Buffet

Guest Speaker TBA

Contact's: Bob Joy (508 295-1538)

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