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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

By: Doug House, President IDCCA
Chairman, Rock Island County Democratic Party

With the start of summer, we are less than six months away from the General Election. It's pretty exciting to think about all of the hard work that has gotten each County Party and campaign to this point. These last six months will be filled with door knocking, phone banking, parades, early voting, voting by mail and Get Out The Vote efforts. It is important that each County Party is doing their part to contribute to the overall success of electing Democrats.

One important way to do this is to make sure that all of your Precinct Committeemen positions are filled. This should be the number one goal of every County Chairman! County Conventions were held in each county in mid-April, over a month and a half ago. Yet we still have nearly 1/3 of all Precinct Committeemen positions vacant throughout the state. This is not acceptable.

The process for submitting candidates to be appointed Precinct Committeeman is pretty

simple. County Chairman submit a letter to your County Clerk requesting individuals to be appointed to specific precincts that are vacant. This letter should contain the contact information for the new Precinct Committeemen. The only requirements to be appointed to a Precinct Committeeman position is that the individual is at least 18 years old, registered to vote and is a Democrat willing to support the County Democratic Party.

Precinct Committeemen are vital to the overall success of the Democratic Party and are the lifeblood of each County Democratic Party. Precinct Committeemen can come from all walks of life and backgrounds. Do not be afraid to think outside the box with trying to find a good Precinct Committeeman.

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Precinct Committeeman Recruiting

We are recruiting Democratic Precinct Committeeman statewide to assist with the grassroots effort to build the Democratic Party in Illinois. If you are interested in being a part of this grassroots effort, please email dan@ildcca.org with your name, address, phone, email, county and precinct. Your County Democratic Party Chairman will contact you immediately!

The Illinois Democratic County Chairmen's Association is a state wide, grassroots Democratic political organization. It is made up of the elected Democratic County Chairman in all 102 counties in Illinois. The mission of the IDCCA is to help elect Democrats in each county while continuing to grow the Democratic Party in the State of Illinois. Rock Island County Chairman Doug House is the President of the Illinois Democratic County Chairmen's Association.

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There are several Precinct Committeemen who are unable to walk their precincts but contribute by calling and emailing the Democrats in their precinct. We cannot be successful electing Democrats Statewide and Countywide unless our ranks are full.

The IDCCA can be a valuable asset for assistance and guidance in filling vacant positions. In Rock Island County, we have a total of 120 precincts. After the primary we did have several precincts that we needed to appoint individuals. We went through voter lists of these vacant precincts to identify potential candidates. We then called each of them and asked them to serve as a Precinct Committeeman. I have also expanded my outreach when looking for possible Precinct Committeeman candidates. I have asked our Democrat elected officials, attended local Union meetings, attended NAACP meetings, Minority Chamber meetings, retiree group meetings, LGBTQ organization meetings and College Democrat meetings. I have asked each of these groups to be involved with the Rock Island County Democrats. We have also done mailings to vacant precincts to help identify candidates for Precinct Committeeman and volunteers.

One of the missions of the IDCCA is to provide resources and training to the County Chairmen and Precinct Committeemen. Regional trainings are already taking place around the state. If you are interested in attending these trainings, please reach out to our Executive Director Dan Kovats for more information.

I am positive that if we fill all of the remaining vacant Precinct Committeeman positions and then start working together in the right direction, that we will be victorious in November. I hope that you will join with me.

Doug House
President

Executive Director's Message

By Dan Kovats, Executive Director IDCCA

These are crazy times that we are living in. Reality television celebrity Donald Trump has officially wrapped up the Republican Presidential nomination. Prominent Republican leaders throughout the country are endorsing the Donald. Governor Rauner and US Senator Mark Kirk have both stated that they will support Trump but now they conveniently will miss the GOP National Convention.

In Illinois we have now entered an unprecedented 12th month without a State budget. Governor Rauner continues to talk out of both sides of his mouth when it comes to this stalemate. One minute he is talking about how he is willing to compromise with House and Senate Democrats. The next minute he is demonizing our elected Representatives and Senators for not doing what he wants. Governor Rauner believes that compromise means the Middle Class and Organized Labor gives up everything we stand for and he takes.

Now Governor Rauner is finishing up a campaign tour of Central and Southern Illinois where he is attempting to pit Downstate against Chicago. He is hoping that voters ignore the fact that it's his misguided agenda that is destroying these Downstate communities. True to GOP form, Rauner is pointing the finger at someone else and telling voters that we shouldn't blame him for the massive cuts in social services. Rauner would like voters to believe that it's not his fault that unemployment in Illinois is the highest in the nation. Rauner believes that he can turnaround Illinois as long as the Democrats abandon our core beliefs.

When we are talking to voters we need to be communicating the message that the Democratic Party will not abandon our core beliefs. We cannot let the Republicans control the narrative that they are trying to improve our state and the Democrats are unwilling to compromise. We are in the situation we are in right now because of Governor Rauner. He believes that government should be run like a business. Meaning that everything must be cut in order for the CEO and his friends to make a hefty profit.

Multiple polls have shown that voters are laying the blame for Illinois' problem at Governor

Rauner's feet. County Chairmen and Precinct Committeemen need to carry this message to every voter we talk to. As the local representatives of the Democratic Party, we cannot let Rauner's lies go unchallenged.

We can also point out that the Illinois Constitution requires that the Governor submit a budget for consideration. Rauner still hasn't done that. The Illinois Constitution also give Rauner the authority to line item veto spending to balance the state budget. Instead Governor Rauner has been vetoing any legislation that is aimed at helping the Middle Class. His actions are more like a child not getting his way instead of those of a successful business man. Every day I am thankful to all of the Democrat Representatives and Senators who continue to fight for what we believe in.

Now back to my report on the day to day operations of the IDCCA. The month of May was a busy one for the IDCCA. In mid-May our organization held it's biennial organizational meeting and elected our Executive Board for the next two years. Congratulations to the current Executive Board members who were reelected to another term and welcome to our new Executive Board members. I look forward to working with each of you.

The IDCCA also held our annual Springfield Reception. This was a special night for our organization as we had three excellent speakers address the capacity crowd at DH Brown's. CJ Baricevic (candidate for the IL 12th Congressional District) spoke about why he is running and fighting for Southern Illinois. Chicago City Treasurer Kurt Summers fired up the crowd as he talked about the need for everyone to work together now that we have a common enemy. After some time away from politics, former Congressman Glenn Poshard spoke about why it is important that the Democratic Party continues to fight for what we believe in.

The day after the Springfield Reception the IDCCA took part in, along with over 10,000 of our friends in Organized Labor, a massive rally aimed at reminding Governor Rauner that he is hurting Illinois.

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I was very impressed with the number of Union brothers and sisters that came out to this rally. Each of the speakers talked about how Governor Rauner's misguided Turnaround Agenda are actually hurting their communities. Our friend, William McNary from Citizen Action Illinois, wrapped up the rally with one of the most passionate and fired up speeches that I have ever heard. If you haven't seen it, head over to the IDCCA Facebook and take a look at the videos posted.

We also held our first training in Springfield. Thank you to the 50 plus Precinct Committeemen who attended from Logan, Macoupin and Sangamon Counties. I have more of a report on the training later in the Newsletter.

Within the next couple of weeks, we will be releasing more information about the upcoming Chairmen's Brunch in Springfield. It is shaping up to be one of the biggest, so you will definitely want to keep an eye out for that information. As always if you need anything or if you have any questions about the IDCCA, please reach out to me and let me know. Thanks

Dan Kovats
Executive Director

IDCCA May Training Update

One of the main goals of the IDCCA is to provide training to Precinct Committeemen. The training will cover a wide range of issues. The four main topics that we will be covering in training will be the basics of Votebuilder, the duties of Precinct Committeemen, Get Out the Vote (GOTV) and Messaging / Talking

Points to use while speaking with voters.

The plan is to use a variety of individuals to assist with the training. These individuals are considered subject matter experts in their areas of expertise. We have a great opportunity to learn from these individuals and then apply that knowledge this election cycle. We are also planning on continuing our training after the General Election so that we are ready come November 2018.

The IDCCA held our first Precinct Committeemen training of 2016 last month. The training was held in Springfield and had over 50 Precinct Committeemen attend. The training was attended by Precinct Committeemen from Logan, Macoupin and Sangamon Counties.

The IDCCA would like to thank Ken Kimber, Voter File Coordinator with the Democratic Party of Illinois, for training everyone on Votebuilder; Bill Houlihan, State Central Committeemen (18th Congressional District), for providing everyone with basic duties of being a Precinct Committeemen; William McNary, Co-Director of Citizen Action Illinois, for going over messaging when talking about the detrimental Turnaround Agenda; Tim McLean, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and Macoupin County Precinct Committeeman, provided great information to talk about Workers Compensation; Anna Koeppel, Researcher for LiUNA Midwest Region, who spoke in depth detail about Prevailing Wage and Project Labor Agreements, and John Cameron, Political Director for AFSCME Council 31, wrapped up the training with information about collective bargaining at the state and local levels.

It was a long but productive training for everyone who attended. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Votebuilder Updates By Ken Kimber

The Democratic Party is excited to announce a few additions to Votebuilder that will help users navigate and target better. Users now have access to a sidebar and new scores for the 2016 cycle. In addition, at the end of this article there will be a minivan review.

Sidebar contains a list of about 30 shortcuts predefined by VAN. Users can hide or collapse bucketed categories within Sidebar. We believe users are going to love the ability to navigate to pages without returning to Main Menu. However, Sidebar can be hidden by clicking the small 'hamburger' icon to the left of the logo and it will remain hidden throughout the user's session. No changes are being made to Main Menu at this time and we hope to introduce additional customization features for Sidebar in the future.

Scores are models of behavior that are created from historic data, demographics, self-identification, consumer data and polling that are used to predict future outcomes. We will continue to refresh the scores periodically. All scores have values between 0-100, where 100 indicates a person is more likely (to do an action) or support (an issue) and a 0 indicates an individual is less likely (to do an action) or support (an issue), and can be used with Create a List. A list of available scores with definitions is provided below.

- Voting Preference

O 2016:DNC Dem Party Support v2 – Probability that an individual supports the National Democratic Party.

O 2016:DNC General Turnout v2 – Predicts how likely an individual is to vote in the upcoming general election.

O 2016:DNC Ideology – Predicts an individual's ideology between conservative and liberal.

For this score instead of support, the score is measuring how conservative (0) versus how liberal (100) a person classifies themselves.

- Demographic

O 2016:DNC Income – This Score ranks the likelihood of an individual being wealthy (100) compared to others in the state.

O 2016:DNC CollegeGrad – Predicts if an individual has a college degree.

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O 2016:DNC KidsinHH – Probability that an individual is living in a household with children.

O 2016:DNC Marriage – Probability that an individual is married.

• Religion Scores *NOTE* All Religion scores have values of 0-4

O 2016:DNC Catholic - How likely a voter is to identify with being Catholic.

O 2016:DNC Evangelical - How likely a voter is to identify with being Evangelical.

O 2016:DNC OtherChristian -How likely a voter is to identify with being another Christian denomination.

O 2016:DNC Non-Christian - How likely a voter is to identify with being Non – Christian.

• Volunteering

O 2016:DNC Volunteer Propensity v4 – probability that an individual will volunteer for a democratic political campaign

MiniVan allows you to load walk lists created within Votebuilder onto your smartphone for paperless canvassing. You can send lists to a User's account from Votebuilder or you can enter the numbers from printed lists while accessing the app through your phone. Once you are finished canvassing, you can save the data in Votebuilder and not have to do any data entry. To use minivan, you need to have a Voterbuilder account and the app downloaded on your smart phone. Minivan is available in the iTunes and Google Play store. For information on how to use minivan or for a copy of the complete manual please contact me at dpivfc@gmail.com.

Ken Kimber is the Voter File Coordinator for the Illinois Democratic Party.



Rauner's Reckless Agenda Divides Illinois, Undermines Middle Class

By Representative Lou Lang

During the last 18-months, Governor Bruce Rauner's relentless and reckless insistence on passing his personal, political agenda that aims to lower the wages and standard of living of middle-class families has been the chief obstacle to the adoption of a comprehensive state budget.

That's why the Illinois General Assembly was unable to adopt either a fiscal year 2016 budget or fiscal year 2017 budget on May 31,

2016.

Bi-partisan progress has been made on stop-gap budget bills with Governor Rauner over the past year when he temporarily set aside his personal agenda that is designed to undermine the hard-earned collective bargaining rights of organized labor.

Since March 2015, the Governor has worked with the legislature to pass six, stop-gap budget measures. Not one of these budget plans was dependent on passage of his Turnaround Agenda that hurts middle-class families. Clearly, progress on the state budget can be made when the governor sets aside his stubborn personal agenda designed to attack the middle class and lower wages for working men and women.

But Illinois now faces its 11th month without a comprehensive state budget, and Governor Rauner's refusal to make the budget his top priority has led to dreadful consequences for the elderly who rely on in-home care, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, college students and universities, disabled persons, and providers of critical medical care.

Despite Governor Rauner's utter failure on Tuesday to persuade the legislature to adopt a budget shaped in his own image for the second-year in a row, the Governor, rather than stay in Springfield to negotiate with Democratic legislative leaders, launched on Wednesday, June 1, a campaign-like whistle-stop tour to bash Democrats for his own personal failure to demonstrate the kind of leadership necessary to achieve a legislative compromise.

That's why he is a failed Governor.

Governor Rauner's zealot-like pursuit of a personal political agenda that is designed to hurt the middle class and regular Illinoisans is a clear indication he has no interest in passing and implementing comprehensive, full-year budgets that preserve the vital health care and human services relied upon by senior citizens, abused and neglected children, victims of domestic violence, pre-school school children of Illinois."

We continue to hear from the Governor and his allies that they desire to work together with Democrats. But Governor Rauner's hyper-negative rhetoric and GOP media stunts create an enormous obstacle to productive negotiations and compromise. The governor's vitriol creates divisions between Chicago, the suburbs, and Downstate, between business and labor, and Democrats and Republicans.

This Governor has failed to unify the state. He has succeeded only in dividing the state.

During his 2014 campaign, Governor Rauner said that crisis creates opportunity and leverage, and that government may have to be shut down for a while. That is the only campaign promise that he has kept. He has destroyed the safety net for those most in need and for critical state services, including services for women who need breast cancer screenings, victims of child abuse, and victims of sexual assault. House and Senate Democrats will continue to work toward compromise with the governor where possible in order to achieve a fair and equitable budget agreement that aims to protect the interests of Illinois most vulnerable families and seeks to grow the state's economy. But Democrats will remain opposed to any reckless attempts that attack the financial security, wages and standard of living of middle-class families. On this point, we will never compromise.

Never.

Meanwhile, Democrats will remain in continuous session in Springfield until the job is done.

Lou Lang (D-Skokie) is the Illinois House Deputy Majority Leader



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