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★ We Vote ★ We Matter ★ We make a difference!

2011 County Election Results Congratulations Democrat Winners



BOB YEATTS

★ Elected
MERCER COUNTY
COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS
JUDGE



**BRIAN
BEADER**

★ Re-elected
MERCER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER



RUTH BICE

★ Elected
MERCER COUNTY
PROTHONOTARY



**GARY
HARTMAN**

★ Elected
MERCER COUNTY
SHERIFF

To our UNOPPOSED
County Democratic
winners:

★ Ron Antos,
Magisterial
Justice

★ Kathy Kloos,
Clerk of Courts

★ Bob Kochems,
District Attorney

Congratulations!



Photo by Carole Starz

DWMC's Kathy Kloos Honored by PFDW

On Sunday, November 20 at the Radisson Harrisburg Hotel in Camp Hill, PA the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women honored Kathy Kloos as Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman from our five county region including Erie, Warren, Crawford, Venango and Mercer

Counties. Kathy currently serves Mercer County in three elected Row Office positions simultaneously: Clerk of Courts, Register of Wills, and Clerk of the Orphans Court. Since 1995 Kathy has supervised 12 full time and 2 part time employees and administered a large budget.

Kathy has had extensive legal training, including progressively more responsible positions as a secretary in the law office of Cusick, Madden, Joyce and McKay

from 1974-1982, as administrative assistant to Judge Francis Fornelli from 1982-1989, and as legal assistant to Attorney William Madden from 1989-1995 before her election to public service.

In her elected positions, Kathy Kloos is responsible for the filings of wills and probate estates, conducting adoption proceedings, and the issuance of marriage licenses and guardianships. Kathy's newest improvement is the preservation of state records from the early 1800s on microfilm. Also within her tenure, Kathy has instituted a new effective cost collection system for the courts that has increased the annual collection from \$500,000 to over \$1,000,000 for the past 3 years. Kathy is always moving forward, embracing new ideas and improving our county.

When the DWMC began in 2005, Kathy was our first secretary and a founding member of the organization.

Congratulations, Kathy! Well deserved!

2012!! Nearly Here . . . a Landmark Year!!

2012 will determine the next 50 years of our lives!



OBAMA'S REPORT CARD
7 A's for OBAMA

Those years don't happen very often . . . 1901 and Teddy Roosevelt's Square Deal, 1933 and Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal with Social Security, 1941, 1965 and the acts of civil rights and Medicare, and 2009 when Barack Obama threw everything we could at the financial crisis. This is going to be another of those years!

We either get our President elected again, or the world changes forever to the kind of world that the Republicans, led by the Tea Party, envision. Either we hold onto our President and thus hold onto Social Security, Medicare, public education, unions, environmental protections and respect for the arts . . . or we don't. The Republicans are telling us what they value . . . millionaires and billionaires, big business, big banks and no regulations. We see it in PA today . . . they told us what they intended to do and they're doing it. We can't deny reality and say we didn't know. We did.

And we do. Now it's 1 year for the next 50! We have this year to call and canvass, sticker and talk. We have this year to sign and party and plead . . .

Democrats be Democrats! Pull out all of the stops to hold back the Tea Party and the R's. This is the battle before us. It's not often it's this stark a contrast, but this is the time! It's time to commit our energies and our plans for 2012. It's time for our working every day in some way to keep our President and his Democrat veto . . . It's time to use our energies to multiply our vote! We need to do everything it takes to win this Presidential election. Lukewarm won't work. Half energy is not enough.

January 21, 2013 is coming.
A President will be inaugurated.
One year for 50. 1:50!

A **AMERICAN AUTO INDUSTRY . . .** Obama fought to save it and 1.4 million jobs at GM and Chrysler. Those loans are repaid and rehiring is occurring.

A **AL-QAEDA LEADERSHIP REMOVED . . .** including Bin Laden, planner of 911. The manhunt is over and America is safer.

A **ACTION ON JOBS . . .** Obama has added back over 2.6 million private sector jobs as of September 2011. Of course it's still not enough, but moving in the right direction.

A **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT . . .** Health care for 3.2 million Americans. Soon 95% of Americans will be covered, even those with preexisting conditions.

A **TAX CUT FOR ALL . . .** OVER 95% of working families got a cut of \$1000 a year.

A **ACTION IN IRAQ ENDED . . .** Troops (and costs of \$7 billion a month) home from Iraq—Over 100,000 men and women are now home after this long and costly war.

A **ACTION IN AFGHANISTAN ENDING . . .** Troops (and costs of over \$300 billion a year) **★** on the way home from Afghanistan by 2014.

A Message from our DWMC President

As I leave the presidency of DWMC it is with much pride and a tinge of sadness. I'm so proud of all that you as members of DWMC have accomplished in the last two years: generously voting to support all of the candidates in the elections with strong financial donations from this group, working for the elections of so many fine men and women, encouraging candidates to run, and promoting strong Democrat action with our meetings, newsletters, and community events. Thanks, everyone, and the Executive Board in particular, for all of the support that you've given to me personally. You've been great.



President Kathy Cardille



President Elect Missa Eaton

And I say a hearty congratulations to Missa Eaton, our newly elected President who will take office January 14. We look forward to her boundless energy, insightful analytical abilities, and enormous talents in so many fields. Thanks too to the Past Presidents of DWMC, Sandy Laurie and Babs Quincy, who have been so essential to its growth and power. This is not an easy job, but we know that Missa will lead the group in new and even more powerful directions.

Come help gavel her in on January 14!

Photos by Carole Starz

Little people matter!!!

It's the little people who matter . . . We know that. And these past weeks we saw that in many ways.

At Penn State we saw 12-year-old vulnerable boys being lured, enticed by tailgating and bowl games, then abused. Unfortunately we saw people who forgot about protecting those little people. And we know the result: people were swiftly fired after children's lives were ruined. Rules and regulations, firmly administered, worked. Late, but they worked.

In Occupy Wall Street around the country it's the little people who matter. The protestors make the point that regulations need to rein in banks and economic giants. The 99% are calling on government to make rules to protect our jobs, homes, and savings, just like it always has.

And **in our Presidential campaign**, it's the little people who have Barack Obama's attention. In his past speech at Osawatomie, Kansas in December he said, "We're greater together than we are on our own. I believe that this country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, when everyone does their fair share, when everyone plays by the same rules... They're American values. And we have to reclaim them." He's reminded us that laws are laws, they're to be for us, and we matter.

But in the past weeks it was the little people in Mercer County that impressed me most. They stood outside polling

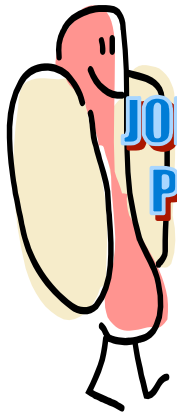
places all day, working hard, extolling people to choose good candidates. It was a joy to see Democrats at the polls, babies with oldsters, the sighted and the blind, doing their civic duty. The courtesy that people showed told so much. They talked, exchanged ideas; they shared their chairs; gave out their emails. They disagreed without being disagreeable.

They know how important good government is. Government is what makes, enforces, and adjudicates the rules all for the little people — us.

So I ask you to turn off the talk radio. Shut off the slam tv. Stop being yelled at and told what to think. Start doing the good work of democracy. Give up the frustrations of past elections and look forward. It's time to put your talents to use. It's all about your energy. And your civility. And your knowledge that you are not too little to matter.

OBAMA SUPPORTS COLLEGE STUDENTS

- **Doubled Pell Grant funding**
- **Maxed repayment at 10% of student income**
- **Set 10 year repayment cap =armed forces, nurses, and teachers**
- **\$2500 Opportunity Tax Credit for 2011**



REMINDER
JOIN US January 21 - 2012
Pre-Inauguration Party

Let's get "FRANK"
 We'll eat, laugh, and plan to help get **President Obama** Re-Elected!

"DETAILS"

- ▶ **PLACE:** Agency on Aging, Buhl Farm Drive in Hermitage
- ▶ **DATE & TIME:** Jan. 21, 2012, 6 - 9 PM
- ▶ We'll do the **DOGS, FIXIN'S & DRINKS.**
- ▶ You bring **A SIDE DISH TO SHARE.**
- ▶ Come ready to eat, plot, and plan!
- ▶ Bring your good ideas - help us get our President re-elected.
- ▶ **RSVP by January 16 to:**
Kathy Cardille - cardille@gmail.com or 724-981-4337
 ~or~
Missa Eaton - missa@degreesofgray.org or 724-877-7140

Mark Your Calendars - "Upcoming Events"

- ★ Jan. 3 - Swearing In of County Officials, Mercer Courthouse
- ★ Jan. 9 - NWDA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Greenville VFW
- ★ Jan. 14 - DWMC Meeting, 10:00 am at Senior Center, Hermitage
- ★ Jan. 21 - **Pre-Inaugural Anniversary Party for Party**, 6 - 9pm, Senior Center, Hermitage
- ★ Jan. 24 - First day to circulate nominating petitions
- ★ Feb. 11 - NWDA Breakfast 8:30 am at Greenville VFW
- ★ Feb. 14 - Last day to circulate and file petitions
- ★ March 21 - DWMC Spuds and Suds Fundraiser
- ★ March 26 - Last day to register to vote in Primary Election
- ★ April 17 - Last day to request absentee ballot
- ★ April 24 - **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
- ★ October 9 - Last day to register to vote in General Election
- ★ October 30 - Last day to request absentee ballot
- ★ November 6 - **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**
- ★ Jan. 21, 2013 - **Presidential Inauguration**



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