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## Help Elect & Support our County Candidates



**BOB YEATTS**  
for **MERCER  
COUNTY COURT  
OF COMMON  
PLEAS JUDGE**

Judge Fornelli will be leaving the bench after 30 years and 30 years of experience will walk off the bench the day he retires. This is why we must have the right person with the right experience ready to act on Day One. I am that person. The bench is no place for on the job training especially when your safety and the safety of our community is at stake. I am not just an experienced trial lawyer. I have been a prosecutor who has been working with the District Attorney's office since 1986. I have prosecuted crimi-



**BRIAN  
BEADER**  
for **MERCER  
COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Brian Beader is running for a third term on the Mercer County Board of Commissioners. Prior to running for office, he served as the Business Representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 712 and since 1989 was employed by several local electric contractors. He still occasionally works as an electrician, is chairman of the Board of Commissioners and is Vice President of She-nango Avenue Associates. Commissioner Beader's community involve-



**TIM  
TEMPLETON**  
for **MERCER  
COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER**

I am pleased and proud to have secured the Democratic nomination for Mercer County Commissioner. I am a lifelong resident of South Pymatuning Township where I served as an auditor for 3 years. The past 22 years, I have been self-employed as President of Templeton Construction Co. Inc. As the owner of a small business, I set budgets, track costs, implement new concepts and techniques, manage and train employees, set company goals and lead in a manner that focuses attention on posi-



**RUTH BICE**  
for **MERCER  
COUNTY  
PROTHONOTARY**

I'm Ruth Bice, candidate for Prothonotary. The Prothonotary is the filing officer for the Civil Division of the Courts. I am the Cost Coordinator for Mercer County which is the enforcement arm of the Clerk of Courts. I supervise all defendants in Criminal cases on the payment of their costs, fines and/or restitution. I currently supervise about 10,000 cases. I am proud to say that since I took over 4 years ago, we have increased revenue for Mercer County from \$500,000 to over \$1 Million a year for the last 3 years. I have done every job in the



**TIM HOFIUS**  
for **MERCER  
COUNTY  
RECORDER OF  
DEEDS**

I am a lifelong Mercer County Democrat and graduate of Sharon High School. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Cleary College, Michigan, and graduated from the Advanced School of Banking, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

My banking career began at McDowell National Bank and concluded at National City Bank, now PNC Bank. I rose to the level of Vice-President. As a Branch Manager and Market Manager, I served the residents of



**GARY  
HARTMAN**  
for **MERCER  
COUNTY SHERIFF**

For the past 8 years I have been employed by Mercer County Sheriff Office. During that time I worked as the drug task force liaison, the fugitive and extradition unit, and for the past 4 years served as the Chief Deputy. Additionally for the past three years, I have served as the Commander in charge of the Mercer County Critical Incident Response Team [CIRT] supervising the 24 team members during critical incidents that have occurred in Mercer County. The appointment as Commander was made by the Mercer County Chiefs of Police Association.

**YEATTS cont.**

nals, protected victims, and worked with police most of my career. Being tough on crime and protecting the community is not something that I *will do*, it is something I have done and will *continue* to do. I have handled criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to felonies to murder and argued cases at the appellate level. I have learned the importance of our constitutional right to competent legal representation, and the fair disposition of cases by the Court grounded in the principles of law. I served as Special Assistant District Attorney, under James P. Epstein and now under Robert G. Kochems. I have been active in our community in a leadership capacity, both on non-profit and civic boards and charitable organizations. My 30 years of service has prepared and qualified me to be your next judge.

★ **Donations may be sent to:** Committee to Elect Robert G. Yeatts Judge, P.O. Box 1057, Hermitage, PA 16148

**BEADER cont.**

ment includes past president of the Mercer County Building and Construction Trades Council, past executive board member for the Mercer County Central Labor Council, past executive board member for the NW Pennsylvania Cooperation Council, past president of the NW County Commissioners' Association, chairman of the NW Regional Planning and Development Commission, chairman of the Western Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Executive Board, past vice-chairman of the Mercer County Industrial Development Authority and served on the Mercer County Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Commissioner Beader is also a member of several social and fraternal organizations. Brian resides in Hermitage with his wife and two children.

★ **Donations may be sent to:** **Brian Beader** for Mercer County Commissioner, 982 Lexington Drive, Hermitage, PA 16148

**TEMPLETON cont.**

tive and successful outcomes. I believe applying these skills to county government will help me be an effective County Commissioner.

I am convinced that Mercer County has to seek out new businesses. We need to support existing employers to help them remain vibrant and competitive. Mercer County lost 30% of its manufacturing jobs over the past 3 years. We cannot continue this course.

Our area colleges are a great source for economic growth and development. I would like to work with them to build a solid foundation toward securing future job opportunities. We need to transform the county to attract the jobs to tomorrow.

**Jobs = Opportunity = Growth**

★ **Donations may be sent to:** **Tim Templeton** for Mercer County Commissioner, 787 Buckeye Drive, Sharpsville, PA 16150

**BICE cont.**

Prothonotary office from filing, to indexing, and docketing all the papers; to completing reports, preparing budgets and supervising the staff. I also have 13 years experience in the Recorder of Deeds office and was Deputy Recorder. I am currently in my 12th year as part of the Clerk of Courts Office. I work closely with the Courts and must attend hearings several times a week.

I am the only candidate who has experience in the office. I have worked there for 7 years and was Deputy Prothonotary for 3 years. I believe I am the best candidate because of my experience, both in the office and working with the Courts.

★ **Donations may be sent to:** **Ruth Bice** for Mercer County Prothonotary 775 Old Mercer Road, Volant, PA 16156

**HOFIUS cont.**

Greenville, Grove City, Transfer, Sharpsville, and Hermitage. As Chief Clerk of Mercer County for the past 3½ years, I have gained in-depth knowledge of the county's budget process and internal operations.

I am committed to serving the residents of Mercer County as a full-time Recorder of Deeds. I will serve as a professional manager, economically update the records system, and deal with the needs of the Mercer County residents on a daily basis. I intend to thoroughly review all the policies and procedures in the office to improve their effectiveness and efficiency. I am the only candidate with the experience, skills, and ability to effectively and efficiently manage the office and serve as your next Recorder of Deeds.

★ **Donations may be sent to:** **Tim Hofius** for Mercer County Recorder of Deeds, 450 Sunset Blvd., Hermitage, PA 16148

**HARTMAN cont.**

My duties as Chief Deputy involve supervising all 18 deputies and civilian staff, creating and monitoring policy, yearly budgets, and general day to day administrative duties. The job of Sheriff requires some unique qualifications that I feel that I possess. The Sheriff must have an expertise in County Government, budgets, supervisory duties, and legal duties of the Sheriff. I feel that I can bring the level of commitment, education, experience, and energy to the Office of the Sheriff that it deserves.

I am a graduate of Grove City High School and Kaplan University with a degree in Criminal Justice Administration. During my law enforcement career I have worked for the Mercer Borough Police, Jefferson Clark Regional, and Hempfield Township.

★ **Donations may be sent to:** **Gary Hartman** for Mercer County Sheriff, 55 Clarksville Street, Greenville, PA 16125





**Kathryn Boockvar**, a candidate for Judge of the PA Commonwealth Court, is an experienced attorney and advocate. Her career has been dedicated to the pursuit of justice. Kathryn worked as a legal services attorney, helping low-income, disabled and elderly clients. She also spent a decade in her own public interest law firm, representing PA citizens in a wide range of cases including employment, disability, women's rights, voting rights, pensions and insurance, and wills and estates.

For the last three years, Kathryn worked for a national non-partisan civil rights organization as a statewide and national voting rights lawyer. She worked to ensure that our election laws are administered fairly and accurately, so that no eligible voter is wrongly disenfranchised. She is a former union member and representative (UAW Local 2320). The PA Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Commission recommended her for this position.

Kathryn lives in Doylestown, Pennsylvania with her husband Jordan and their daughter Colette.



**Judge David Wecht** is a candidate for the Superior Court and has served the people of Allegheny County as a Common Pleas Judge for over 8 1/2 years. Judge Wecht is a 1984 Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale, where he was a National Merit Scholar and earned Yale College Distinction in both history and political science. Judge Wecht received the Highly Recommended rating from the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

A frequent lecturer and author, Judge Wecht currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Duquesne University School of Law, an Adjunct Instructor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee, a member of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, and a Fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

Judge Wecht and his wife, Valerie, are the proud parents of four children.



# A Message from our DWMC President

The pages of this newsletter show us Who and When... now it's our turn. Armed with the pull-out on pages 1 and 2, it's time to talk up our candidates, to clarify facts,

and generally to brag about the strong, experienced people who are running on the Democratic ticket. Yes, I do mean brag. The realities of each of their lives are impressive.

**Bob Yeatts** has both defended and convicted in our courts while donating his heart to many charities over the years.

**Ruth Bice** has over 30 years of hard work doing the jobs that she's a candidate to supervise. **Brian Bader** has served as County Commissioner with tight fiscal reins.

**Tim Templeton** knows construction and accounting, skills learned by running his small business for 20 years.

**Tim Hofius** has served in both the private sector in banking and in public service as the Chief Clerk of Mercer County. Finally, **Gary Hartman** is currently the Deputy Sheriff and Commander of the Critical Incident Response Team for Mercer County. Great candidates all.

Add to them our unopposed candidates **Kathy Kloos**, Clerk of Courts; **Bob Kochems**, District Attorney; and **Ron Antos**, Magisterial Justice, and we have a powerful slate of Democratic men and women who have stepped up to public service.

These are good people. They deserve to win and they'll get our votes. The real question is what can WE do to get OTHERS to get out to vote Nov. 8. This election is about turnout. Plain and simple. It's a one day, winner take all situation. We need to get out the vote.

## “WE NEED YOU!”

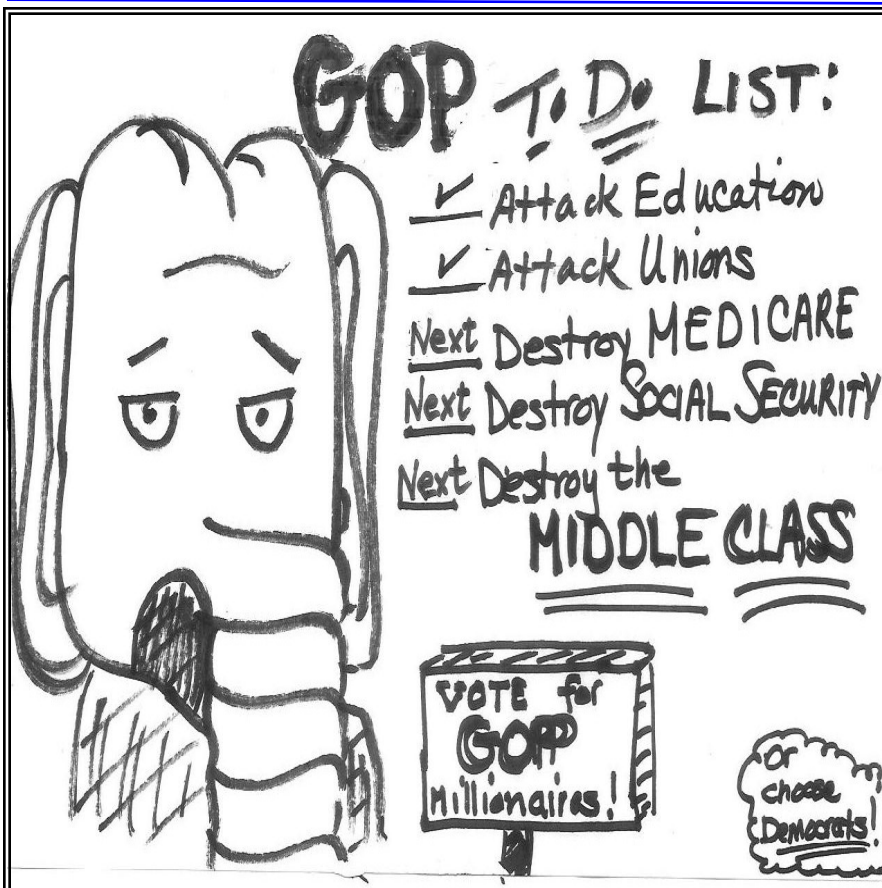


~ Kathy Cardille, DWMC President

# Pick 2 - Follow Thru

## Top 10 Actions

- #1. **Copy, share, mail, and e-mail** this newsletter from the Democrat Women of Mercer County to all of your friends, family, and neighbors.
- #2. **Bumper-sticker** your car with signs: ★YEATTS ★BEADER ★TEMPLETON ★BICE ★HOFIUS ★HARTMAN; ★OBAMA-BIDEN 2012; ★GOD is not spelled G.O.P.; and ★Proud Democrat.
- #3. Take a vacation day on **November 8**, 2011. Work the polls for good government.
- #4. Buon appetito! Come eat some **PASTA** at The Italian Home in Farrell on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 5 – 8. Bring friends and join the Hermitage Dems for a **FREE Dinner** (contributions accepted) and meet the candidates, win a raffle, and socialize.
- #5. **Canvass** your neighborhood and meet your neighbors. Register voters and give out forms for new addresses. New Democrats, here we come! Oct. 11 Deadline.
- #6. Staff a **Phone Bank**. Call your neighbors and encourage them to vote in smart ways. Get the list to call from your precinct committee person and talk, talk, talk.
- #7. **Drive** your Mom . . . pick up your neighbors . . . take no excuses . . . help GOTV - Get Out the Vote - on Tuesday, November 8!
- #8. **Register** everyone who needs an absentee ballot. Don't wait! It's a 2- step process so request that ballot today!
- #9. Wear a **Democrat** button to social events....the Heart Walk, the Library Wine and Cheese, the Women's Expo, cross country meets or football games ....start a conversation!!
- #10. **Join** Democrat Women of Mercer County! See you at our next meeting, Oct. 8, 2011 at 10AM.



## Mark Your Calendars "Upcoming Events"

- ★ **10/1** - Rally for Unions and Teachers, 10:00 am, Mercer County Court House
- ★ **10/4** - NE Dems Meeting, 7:00 pm
- ★ **10/8** - DWMC Meeting, 10:00 am, Senior Center, Hermitage, PA
- ★ **10/10** - NWDA Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW on Rt. 18 North, Greenville, PA
- ★ **10/11** - Last Day to Register NEW Voters and submit new addresses
- ★ **10/25** - Hermitage Democrat Rally and Dinner, Farrell Italian Home, Dinner and Auction, Free with optional donation
- ★ **11/ 1** - NE Dems Meet & Greet
- ★ **11/ 1** - Deadline for Absentee Ballot Request
- ★ **11/ 4** - Deadline - All Absentee Ballots DUE to Court House.
- ★ **11/ 8** - Election Day

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