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GETTYSBURG AREA DEMOCRACY FOR AMERICA

Each One Reach One: Why Not Two or Three?

The Media Committee continues to work hard to promote awareness of Gettysburg Area DFA's many ongoing projects and programs. But we need YOU to really get the job done!

The Iraq discussion will be advertised in the local press, but **we need YOU to invite several of your friends to our next monthly Meet-up.** If each of us brought one new person, we could double our attendance. What if we each brought two or three? 2006 is not an ordinary year. It's a turning point. In order to complete our mission, we need to grow! Please do all you can to bring new people to our meetings!

Also, please continue (or begin) writing letters to the editor on issues you care about. Platts and Santorum, those "persons of interest," will be running as fast as they can away from Bush and the monumental failures of his Presidency. It's our job to remind people just how close these guys have been to W. on every important issue of the day.

To join in the Media Committee fun and be added to our alias, simply send an email to wlane@gettysburg.edu.

Will Lane
Media Chair

Isn't It Time We All Talk About IRAQ?

The Pennsylvania State Senator who called the war in Iraq "a tragic mistake" is coming to Gettysburg on Wednesday, June 7 to address our monthly, general Meet-Up and help us provoke a local debate on why we are in Iraq and what we as citizens can do about it. Senator Vincent Fumo contends that "Bush does not grasp the changes brought by 9/11." (see www.fumo.com)

Senator Fumo has represented the first state senatorial district in Philadelphia since 1978. In a speech on the floor of the state Senate marking the recent deaths in Iraq of two Marines from Pennsylvania, Fumo noted that the loss of the two young Pennsylvanians "is more profoundly sad because it has come in a war that was unnecessary, and even counterproductive.

"By taking us into it, [President] Bush has not only ignored the new realities of the war on terror, he has destroyed much of the good will that the rest of the world felt toward us after the terrorist attacks, and he has weakened our economic future," said Senator Fumo.

Joining Senator Fumo in addressing our group will be Ms. Robin Kanegis, Director of Policy Education for the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), a sixty-year old lobbying organization in Washington, D.C. FCNL has been an effective faith-based voice for "peaceful prevention of deadly conflict" and the STEP program for withdrawal from Iraq.

The evening's program, organized the Iraq Task Force (Alan Olson, Chair), will consist of remarks by the two guest speakers followed by a period for questions and discussion. The Iraq Task Force has been especially concerned with promoting awareness of the human costs of this war and how it is actually making America less secure against terrorism.

For more information on both speakers, see links at www.GettysburgAreaDFA.org.

** Please Note **

In order to begin the program with guest speakers promptly at 7:30, the Hospitality Committee (Evelyn Steen, chair), INVITES

DFA affiliates and friends to gather at 6:30 for refreshments and socializing at Valentine Hall 206, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Gettysburg Area DFA business meeting begins at 7 p.m. sharp.

Environmental Task Force Activities

--Dave Deardoff

BP Solar Tour

On Friday afternoon, May 12, ten people from the Gettysburg Area DFA toured the BP Solar facility in Frederick, MD. A manufacturer of solar panels--primarily for home and industrial use--this site is unique in being "the largest fully integrated solar manufacturing plant in the United States."

*Evelyn Steen,
Bill & Mary
Celio, Sue
Bumbaugh,
Dave Deardoff
and Alan Olson
along with Tour
Guide, John
Szallay gather
in front of BP
Solar in
Frederick, MD.*



After registering, our group viewed a five-minute video, which emphasized the high priority of safety throughout the BP Solar facility. We were then escorted to a comfortable second-floor conference room where BP Solar's tour leader, John Szallay, continued the strong safety theme. As Quality and Environmental Engineer, John identified special precautions group members should take during the tour, and led the group through an hour-long Power Point overview.

The presentation illustrated the history and growth of the solar industry as a whole, while enlightening group members to BP Solar's particular history, growth, world-wide operations and changing manufacturing processes. Describing a potential for establishing wide-spread solar panel usage in the U.S., John mentioned that many states currently offer tax incentives. However, he indicated it will likely be up to the federal government to jump-start solar power through more rigorous mandates and tax incentives. While solar power is becoming more competitive in the U.S., more solar panel growth is occurring in Japan & Europe (where grid power is more expensive), and China & third world South American countries (where grid infrastructure is non-existent).

Touring BP Solar's manufacturing area, we experienced the complete solar panel manufacturing process, witnessing first-hand the steps involved in this fully integrated facility. Beginning with raw silicon granules and nuggets, the raw silicon is cast into silicon ingots (i.e. big blocks). The ingots are then cut into smaller bricks and sliced into wafers thinner than a credit card. From these wafers, various processes are utilized to size, process, dope, wire and test cells for use in final assembly end-product solar panels.

At the end of the tour, we asked a lot of technical and non-technical questions. In return, our group received unhurried and understandable answers. Thus, we are greatly appreciative of John Szallay, Zach McCombie and other BP Solar staff, for having dedicated their time and effort to this tour. Also, a very special thank you to Debbie Burgan at BP Solar, for permitting and scheduling this unique experience!

Earth Day

After extensive planning and two weeks of excellent early April weather, the Earth Day celebration took a back seat, with Mother Nature yielding a washout. However, a few people braved the inclement morning weather to get out and pick up trash.

Pat and Lou Hammann, Sue Bumbaugh, Bill Eberwein, Jake Schindel and Robert Lasco located, cleaned up and investigated a large pile trash on Flohr's Church Road--ultimately gathering 15 bags of trash, 8 tires and a television set in the process. Their meticulous efforts led authorities to a positive ID on the guilty culprit who had dumped the trash! Meanwhile, across the county, other individual Earth Day volunteers scoured roadsides for bottles, cans, cardboard boxes and other recklessly discarded items.

Although original plans included afternoon Earth Day festivities at a Gettysburg Rec Park Pavilion, the cold, wet beginning to the day changed these plans, and volunteers were ultimately permitted to gather in the warmth and dryness of the Rec Park's main building. (Thank you Marty Qually for scrambling to take care of location arrangements!)

DFA, Watershed Alliance and Green Party booths were set up at the building. Entertainment at the Earth Day round-up included unique songs by Will Lane on acoustic guitar, original songs by Judi Marti also on acoustic guitar, and a variety of folk songs by Tom Jolin playing hammer dulcimer, accordion, banjo and guitar. Food was also provided, and environmental door prizes were drawn between tunes.



Special Earth Day thanks go out to the musicians, the people contributing food, time and money, as well as Tommy's Pizza and Mamma Ventura's for providing discounted and free pizza (mmmm good)!

From the Chair

Phil Avillo Campaigns

Warren Steen reports:

I was working the polls at the Hampton Fire House (Reading 1 and 2) on Primary Day when Phil Avillo came to spend an hour and help me greet the voters. Wow, what a great representative he will make for us! Although most of the voters in my precinct are Republican, Phil greeted them all. Only one or two were rude to him - he just has a personal knack for relating to people. One Republican asked him where he stood on the second amendment. Phil responded: "I own guns. I support the second amendment. We have some good laws to regulate guns - but we need to do a better job of enforcing them." Later, that Republican told me he really liked the straightforward answer - something he said he doesn't get from Platts.

It is so refreshing to have a candidate to get excited about – someone to work FOR – rather than just working to defeat the incumbent. If you have not yet had a chance to meet Phil in person, you are really missing something great.

Come on fellow DFAers and friends. Let's get to work and elect Phil Avillo.
Remember,
WE CAN DO IT!

The Earth is moving in Pennsylvania, and we are right on the fault line. Not since 1964 has a leader of the Pennsylvania legislature been voted out of office. And 15 other incumbents, including the current 91st-District Representative Steve Maitland, also lost. Pat Naugle, the local DFA-endorsed candidate, worked very hard to earn his place as the nominee of the Democratic Party for District 91, despite an excellent campaign run by fellow Democrat Alan Henry. Now that Maitland has been denied the Republican nomination, the other side has lost all of the advantages inherent with incumbency. We need to finish the job that our Republican neighbors have begun.

Patrick Naugle has proven himself, not only as a local leader working to protect our open space and water resources, but as an effective campaigner who is up to the challenge of defeating Republican Dan Moul. With our full support, Pat can lead Democrats to take this seat back after fourteen years. He will add a powerful voice in Harrisburg for integrity, progressive values and environmental sanity. Perhaps most exciting, he has the potential to unite many constituencies that are normally seen at odds, from the Green activists, to hunters, to those Howard Dean has termed the "business Republicans."

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Even as we continue our work on elections, many of our concerns, from the disastrous war in Iraq to the shameful record of the current administration in Washington on the environment, unite under one topic – **OIL**. You may know that for years I was the Vice President of a national environmental group, the League of Conservation Voters. Recently I received an action alert from their new president, Gene Karpinski (a friend of mine) marking the five-year anniversary of the Bush-Cheney pro-oil industry energy plan. As Gene notes, "today's skyrocketing gas prices and our ever increasing dependence on oil is proof that this plan is a disaster."

URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED in the next two weeks when there are likely to be close votes on

- Increasing fuel efficiency standards for new cars to at least 33 mpg by 2015
- Resisting the constant demand to open the Arctic Refuge to oil drilling, and
- Putting an end to the giveaways to oil companies that have resulted in record profits

It is very gratifying to be working with such strong environmental activists here in the Gettysburg Area. As we work toward November, we must not ignore what is happening NOW in both Washington and Harrisburg! Make time to check out www.lcv.org, take action, and sign up for their e-mail alerts. Keep up the letters and calls – and we will try to keep the information flowing.

--Elaine L. Jones

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*** Endorsed *
Candidates
* Win ***

--Candidate Development
Committee

Gettysburg Area DFA worked for and endorsed candidates for the first time this year.

The most stunning result was the win by the Gettysburg-Area-DFA-endorsed-candidate Pat Naugle for State Legislature. After receiving 1,696 votes (58.8%), Pat is now the Democratic nominee for the 91st District State House seat. This was Pat's first run for office, and he is most appreciative of the help and support from Gettysburg Area DFA.

Pat's general election opponent will be Dan Moul, who defeated Steve Maitland in the Republican primary. This will be a hard fought race and Pat will need the support and contributions from all Gettysburg Area DFA members. Please step forward and help in any way you can.

Our endorsed Congressional candidate Phil Avillo also did well, although he was unopposed and the outcome was assured. Many, many people who worked the polls talked with voters, both Democrat AND Republican, who said they were ready for a change. They want this change in both Harrisburg AND Washington. The Avillo campaign was particularly

heartened by the large "under vote" Republican incumbent Todd Platts received in all three counties. This indicates a softness in the support for Platts and an opportunity to reach out to even the most die-hard Republicans. With fair-weather Republicans and independents clearly in play, the Avillo campaign is confident about their prospects in the fall. Visit www.AvilloForCongress.com to volunteer or make donations.

The final candidate endorsed by Gettysburg Area DFA, Roger Lund, did not win his race for Democratic State Committee Representative. Nevertheless, Roger did garner 1,820 votes (46.91%), a remarkable result considering that there were many factors at play in this race. There is no question that DFA support made this vote total possible and opens the door for another county-wide race for Lund.

Finally, affiliates of Gettysburg Area DFA secured many seats on the Adams County Democratic Committee. The write-in votes will ultimately determine the exact number of these seats that are filled.

Congratulations to all on your efforts!

From the Candidates:

Pat Naugle: "I guess it is old news to most of you that I was successful in the May 16th Primary to be the Democratic candidate for State

Representative for the 91st District. It would be much more appropriate to say **WE** were successful. Gettysburg Area DFA was the only endorsement I had, but it was a special endorsement. I'll call it an active endorsement. My campaign was helped every step of the way; whether it was petition signatures, fund raising, filling campaign positions, canvassing neighborhoods, working the polls, or watching precinct voting returns and celebrating a good campaign; GADFA was always there. I can't thank the organization enough for helping me be successful in my first ever election. Alan Henry and Herb Reide should be complimented for running a good, hard campaign. I believe competition is good, and no matter who had won, the candidate will have been the better for it. Of course, this was the preliminary round and the general election should prove to be very interesting with the incumbent already on the sidelines. We haven't developed a strategy yet, but I'm sure GADFA will be part of it. I hope I can count on your continued support. I know I'm going to need it. Thanks again."

Roger Lund: "Thank you to the many GADFA members who were so supportive in my race on Primary Day. We did extremely well, even though the results did not come out as we wished. Getting nearly 47% of the vote in a race that had much going against us has given me the confidence to look toward the future and study ways in which I might serve the voters of Adams County. We will have many elections ahead, and developing candidates for those offices has been a goal of GADFA. My hope it that this is one step in the road toward developing a successful progressive candidate. Again, my sincerest thanks."

Don't Forget! Saturday, June 3 * Avillo Yard Sale, Fund Raiser, 8a.m. - ???**

Items may be brought to 110 Lincoln Way West, New Oxford, June 1st and 2nd, pre-priced

Baked Goods Accepted and Encouraged

Meet Phil, or bring your friends to meet him, on Saturday, June 3 at The Christmas Haus

Democratic Election Results Adams County, as of May 19, 2006

For updated results (and Republican counts) see www.adamscounty.us/adams/lib/adams/EL45.HTM

UNITED STATES SENATOR	BONNEAUVILLE (Prec-0006)	
BOB CASEY, JR. 3,435	WRITE-IN. 3	WRITE-IN. 0
ALAN SANDALS 278	BUTLER (Prec-0007)	HUNTINGTON (Prec-0029)
CHUCK PENNACCHIO 391	WILLIAM LANE 76	WRITE-IN. 8
WRITE-IN. 25	ROBERT M. KNIGHT 66	LATIMORE (Prec-0031)
Over Votes 0	WRITE-IN. 0	SAM R. GIARDULLO 48
Under Votes 148	CARROLL VALLEY (Prec-0008)	STEPHANIE J. ROELKER. . . 47
GOVERNOR	ALAN OLSON 80	WRITE-IN. 3
ED RENDELL 3,390	WRITE-IN. 4	LIBERTY (Prec-0032)
WRITE-IN. 221	CONEWAGO #1 (Prec-0009)	ELIZABETH LUCY. 45
Over Votes 0	WRITE-IN. 21	JAN MARFYAK. 37
Under Votes 650	CONEWAGO #2 (Prec-0010)	WRITE-IN. 0
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	WRITE-IN. 5	LITTLESTOWN #1 (Prec-0033)
WILLIAM A. HALL, III. . . . 409	CUMBERLAND #1 (Prec-0011)	WRITE-IN. 3
CATHERINE B. KNOLL . . . 2,494	EMILY KNOWLES-KELLETT . 85	LITTLESTOWN #2 (Prec-0034)
VALERIE M. ROBERTS . . . 505	KRISTIN L. RICE 97	WRITE-IN. 4
GENE STILP. 477	WRITE-IN. 4	MCSHERRYSTOWN #1 (Prec-0035)
WRITE-IN. 15	CUMBERLAND #2 (Prec-0012)	HERB RIEDE 87
Over Votes 7	MARIANNE L. CROUTHAMEL. 64	JANET RIEDE. 82
Under Votes 368	WRITE-IN. 4	WRITE-IN. 1
REP. CONGRESS 19TH DISTRICT	CUMBERLAND #3 (Prec-0013)	MCSHERRYSTOWN #2 (Prec-0036)
PHILIP J. AVILLO, JR. . . . 3,399	JEANNIE DUFFY 100	WRITE-IN. 2
WRITE-IN. 60	KERR THOMPSON 74	MENALLEN (Prec-0037)
Over Votes 2	WRITE-IN. 1	WRITE-IN. 10
Under Votes 792	CUMBERLAND #4 (Prec-0014)	MT JOY #1 (Prec-0038)
REP. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 91ST DIST.	WRITE-IN. 6	NICOLE MUENCH SEIDEL. . 60
ALAN HENRY 1,122	EAST BERLIN (Prec-0015)	FRANK SEIDEL 57
PATRICK L. NAUGLE . . . 1,696	WRITE-IN. 2	WRITE-IN. 4
WRITE-IN. 77	FAIRFIELD (Prec-0016)	MT JOY #2 (Prec-0039)
Over Votes 5	WRITE-IN. 9	WRITE-IN. 5
Under Votes 85	FRANKLIN #1 (Prec-0017)	MT PLEASANT #1 (Prec-0040)
REP. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 193RD DIST.	LOIS A. STARKEY 95	WRITE-IN. 4
BILL PANEBAKER. 1,068	L. PATRICIA HAMMANN . . . 70	MT PLEASANT #2 (Prec-0041)
WRITE-IN. 24	WRITE IN 0	MARCIA L. WILSON 56
Over Votes 1	FRANKLIN #2 (Prec-0018)	WRITE-IN. 2
Under Votes 198	JOHN RARIG 71	NEW OXFORD (Prec-0042)
MEMBER DEMOCRATIC STATE COMM.	JILL SCHULTZ 82	PORTIA C. BOSCH 34
GRETCHEN TROSTLE . . . 2,031	WRITE-IN. 6	ROGER LUND 50
ROGER LUND 1,820	FREEDOM (Prec-0019)	WRITE-IN. 0
WRITE-IN. 29	COLLEEN BAUMGARTNER . . 39	OXFORD #1 (Prec-0043)
Over Votes 5	WRITE-IN. 17	WRITE-IN. 4
Under Votes 385	GERMANY (Prec-0020)	OXFORD #2 (Prec-0044)
*****	WRITE-IN. 3	WRITE-IN. 3
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEMBER	GETTYSBURG #1 (Prec-0021)	READING #1 (Prec-0045)
Two members in each precinct	ROBERTA SULLIVAN 64	DONNA MAGUIRE 85
ABBOTTSTOWN (Prec-0001)	HARRIET MARRITZ 95	WARREN STEEN 69
WRITE-IN. 1	WRITE-IN. 8	WRITE IN 0
ARENDTSTOWN (Prec-0002)	GETTYSBURG #2 (Prec-0023)	READING #2 (Prec-0046)
KATHERINE ELLIOTT. . . . 39	HARRY STOKES 64	WRITE-IN. 3
ELAINE L. JONES 43	WRITE-IN. 5	STRABAN #1 (Prec-0047)
WRITE-IN. 3	GETTYSBURG #3 (Prec-0024)	BRUCE M. NEYLON 109
BENDERSVILLE (Prec-0003)	SUSAN C. NAUGLE 102	JASON P. TOWNSEND. . . 108
WRITE-IN. 2	WRITE-IN. 1	WRITE-IN. 3
BERWICK (Prec-0004)	HAMILTON (Prec-0026)	STRABAN #2 (Prec-0048)
WRITE-IN. 3	PATRICIA M. MANNING. . . 92	WRITE-IN. 5
BIGLERVILLE (Prec-0005)	WRITE-IN. 0	TYRONE (Prec-0049)
WILLIAM B. LAMB, JR. . . . 36	HAMILTONBAN (Prec-0027)	WRITE-IN. 14
MICHAEL S. PAVLOVICH. . . 35	GRETCHEN TROSTLE . . . 102	UNION (Prec-0050)
WRITE-IN. 2	WRITE IN 4	WRITE-IN. 4
	HIGHLAND (Prec-0028)	YORK SPRINGS (Prec-0051)
	MARK D. BERG 35	WRITE-IN. 0
	TEMMA F. BERG 26	

NOTE: The category "under votes" designates that no vote was cast for that office; "over votes" indicates that more votes were cast for that office than the maximum allowed.

GETTYSBURG AREA DFA

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Task Force Meetings

PA Watchdog Task Force

2nd Thursday

7 - 8:30 PM, Ragged Edge

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Environmental Task Force

3rd Thursday

7 - 8:30 PM, Ragged Edge

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Iraq Task Force

Last Wednesday

7 - 8:30 PM, Ragged Edge

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Gettysburg Area DFA Monthly Meet-Up

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

“Isn’t It Time We Really Talked About IRAQ?”

with guest speakers

State Senator, Vincent Fumo

and

**Robin Kanegis, Director of Policy Education,
Friends Committee on National Legislation**

Room 206, Valentine Hall

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, 7- 9 p.m.

Refreshments at 6:30 – Meeting starts promptly at 7:00