



# Gettysburg Area DFA

Progressive Values/Fiscal Responsibility  
**Democracy for America**

Energizing democracy  
at the grass roots

April-May 2007

## Gettysburg Area DFA to Hold Elections at May 2 Meet-Up

The nominating committee of Gettysburg Area Democracy for America is accepting nominations for all DFA leadership positions with elections to be held at the May 2 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Valentine Hall at the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. Positions include: Chair, Vice-chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three At-Large Steering Committee members. Please notify the Nominating Committee if you would like to nominate someone for a position. Those who are nominated must agree to serve. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May meeting. Nominees will be permitted to address the organization to express their views and plans for the future of our local DFA. Elections will be by paper ballot and conducted position by position beginning with the office of Chair.

To nominate a candidate, or if you have questions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

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- Lou Hammann (717- 334-4488) [lhammann@gettysburg.edu](mailto:lhammann@gettysburg.edu)
- Evelyn Steen (717-259-7870) [evelynasteen@comcast.net](mailto:evelynasteen@comcast.net)

## Gettysburg Area DFA Cosponsors Candidate Forum

Candidates for Adams County Commissioner will come together to answer questions and discuss the issues on Monday, May 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Gettysburg Hotel Ballroom on Lincoln Square in Gettysburg. Gettysburg Area Democracy for America is joining with the Adams County Farm Bureau and the *Gettysburg Times* in cosponsoring the event.

Marianne Crouthamel, representing DFA, has worked closely with Tom Clowney and Evelyn Waybright from the Farm Bureau and B.J. Small, editor of the *Times*, to plan an informative evening for voters from around the county. The moderator for the evening is Larry Rhoten from WGET. Bob Knight, representing DFA, will serve as one of the question screeners for the evening.

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### DFA Spring Trash Bash

When?

Saturday, April 28  
8:00—10:00 a.m.

Where?

Meet at Roger Lund's Christmas House on the main drag in New Oxford.

What?

Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup, bring gloves.

"The junk along the road

Is a message in code  
About the deeper damage done."

See you there!

Sue Bumbaugh

**A Letter from the Chair**

April 17, 2007

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter my heart is heavy. Yesterday morning 32 people died at Virginia Tech University, apparently by the rapid fire of a fellow senior student gone mad. While we think of humankind as being set apart from other species, how can we explain our capacity for taking the lives of other humans, whether in tragic instances such as this massacre, or the massacre of innocents through wars such as the one in Iraq?

News reports are trickling out about the young man who killed his classmates. He was an angry loner who railed against those with money and privilege. How often have we seen people who believe they are powerless victims become depressed and prone to violence? And nothing stands in the way of such a person walking into a gun shop and purchasing an automatic weapon. I've been reading reports from London and the International Press who heap scorn on our culture for protecting gun ownership above all else. "What do you expect?" they ask. Fourteen gun control bills were introduced in Congress after the shooting in Columbine. None passed.

But this is a new day. Democrats have control of both the House and the Senate. Will we have the courage this time to recognize that our failure to control guns threatens us all? What responsibility do we have as citizens to make our views known to those we elect to represent us? I am very hopeful that we are in the process of taking our country back. When Gettysburg Area DFA loaded five cars to drive to Washington in March to demand an exit strategy from Iraq, we were very pleased by the reception we got from both Senator Casey's Foreign Policy Advisor and Senator Specter's aide. Representative Platts spent almost an hour listening to our views, and though he is not likely to give up his belief that we can "win" in Iraq, we all appreciated the opportunity to speak our minds and be an active participant in demanding an end to the killing in Iraq.

Democracy for America is only three years old – and Gettysburg joined into the national movement just two years ago. Since then we have learned a lot about electing progressive leaders, and how to hold them accountable to ALL their constituents. We have more to do, but this is not the time to quit. We supported some great candidates in 2006 who may have lost, but got everyone's attention. We are reaching out to develop a local farm team of progressive candidates to challenge those who have held power too long. And we have a new Senator who is learning the ropes in DC and needs to see that we are watching every vote.

Does anyone believe that we have finished what we set out to do? Are we naïve enough to think we only have to elect a good person, and then walk away? Have you committed to be an active participant in bringing about the changes you believe in? We have spent several months trying to adopt by-laws for our DFA that will set the course for our future direction. We haven't completed that task yet, but we have adopted Guidelines that will enable us to elect new leaders in May, and begin the process of making our own leaders more accountable to the members.

Thank you for all you do, and for making this an effort where we can be a "community of doers" who will advance our belief in promoting the common good.

Elaine Jones, Chair



## Environmental Task Force Asks for Action on Tongass National Forest

The US Forest Service has presented a draft of its new management plan for the Tongass National Forest in Alaska and is asking for **public comment until APRIL 30**. The draft was court ordered more than a year ago because the old plan doubled the estimated amount of commercial logging allowed in the Tongass. As a result of the error, the Forest Service opened up much more pristine and wild forest to the logging industry. Unfortunately, the new plan leaves the majority of America's largest old growth trees still open to the logging industry.

Sadly, the Tongass is this nation's only national forest where commercial logging is allowed in roadless areas--- courtesy of the Bush administration. Although the 2001 Roadless Rule halted logging and road construction in wild national forests, the administration later issued an exemption for the Tongass, stripping America's rainforest of vital safeguards and opening the way for more clearcutting and destructive road-building. And to make matters worse, American taxpayers bear the burden by "funding" the building of roads so the logging industry can clear-cut in America's rainforest.

Please help permanently protect roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest by contacting the Forest Service at <http://www.sierraclub.org/forests/> and clicking on [Send the Forest Service your comments](#) or <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/>, clicking on [comment](#).

Sue Bumbaugh

### Cyclists for Qually Bike Ride

Please join us in celebrating DFA member Sue Bumbaugh's 50-mile bicycle ride in support of Adams County Commissioner candidate Marty Qually on Saturday, May 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the National Apple Museum 154 West Hanover Street, Biglerville. Tickets are \$15 for adults; children 12 and under are free. To show her support for Qually's grassroots campaign, Bumbaugh and her volunteers are riding 50 miles, at least one mile for each precinct in Adams County. The ride leaves the Ragged Edge Coffee House in Gettysburg at 8:30am on Saturday morning and ends at the National Apple Museum. To RSVP, call 717-339-6514 or e-mail [Marty@MartyQually.com](mailto:Marty@MartyQually.com).

### From the Berg Campaign

My campaign web site is up and running at [www.MarkBerg.org](http://www.MarkBerg.org). Please pay a visit to learn about my positions on issues such as managing growth and land use in Adams County, providing affordable/workforce housing, and encouraging (desirable) economic development. We are scheduling a series of coffees so that your friends and neighbors can meet me and discuss the issues, and I can meet voters and talk about the campaign. If you can host a coffee, please call Sue Bryant at 334-6600. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [Mark@MarkBerg.org](mailto:Mark@MarkBerg.org).

### Contact Information for Lamb and Clifford Campaigns

Neil Clifford and Bill Lamb have become familiar faces at DFA meetings this year. Both are running for County Commissioner. To learn more about their campaigns contact Neil at [www.neilclifford.com](http://www.neilclifford.com) or call 528-4264. Bill may be contacted at 677-0475 or emailed at [officerbill357@yahoo.com](mailto:officerbill357@yahoo.com).

You can help **GETTYSBURG AREA DEMOCRACY FOR AMERICA** reenergize democracy in Adams County in April and May by

- Helping with the DFA trash pickup on Saturday, April 28 (See page 1)
- Voting for officers and steering committee at the May 2 Meet-up (See page 1)
- Attending the DFA cosponsored Candidate Forum on May 7 (See page 1)
- Serving on a Task Force :
  - Environmental Task Force meets on the third Thursday of each month, Ragged Edge, contact Sue Bumbaugh at [longpinelake@yahoo.com](mailto:longpinelake@yahoo.com)
  - Iraq Task Force meets on the fourth Wednesday, location TBA, contact Alan Olson at [OlsonCnA@earthlink.net](mailto:OlsonCnA@earthlink.net)
  - Candidate Development Task Force: contact Marianne Crouthamel at [mrcrouthamel@supernet.com](mailto:mrcrouthamel@supernet.com)
- Working the polls for the candidates of your choice on Tuesday, May 15

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