



Chatham County Democratic Party

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Do You Want to Engage and Have Impact on Local, State and National Government?

CCDP wants and needs you! Here are a few things to think about as we start to collaborate on taking back our country. Consider:

1. How much time, over what period can I invest? There are opportunities for everyone to participate in a way that works for all.
2. What level of involvement do I seek (leadership team, committee member, regular volunteer, periodic volunteer, etc.)?
3. What skills do I have that I want contribute as a volunteer?

We have a plan for our upcoming elections, and we need folks to help. Please review the working groups below. Each one needs participation with different time and skill commitments. If you are interested please, fill out the form at the welcome table or write to secretary@chathamncdems.net.

Chatham County Democratic Party Working Groups

Outreach, Recruitment and Party Strength

Chatham County is growing, and the county party needs to grow too! There are so many ways for people to be involved, but it all starts with outreach to inform and engage Chatham residents. We need a group interested in developing outreach activities to recruit folks to help with other work (office, communications), to work at the precinct level, to serve in leadership positions, and to volunteer. In addition, we are recruiting people to serve in party leadership roles. Initially we will build on existing outreach efforts with the goal of establishing an ongoing program.

Events

CCDP has two established events that are fundraisers: Fleet Reddish Dinner in the spring and the Unity Breakfast in the fall. We also participate in community activities such as Pittsboro's First Sunday, the County Fair, Goldston Old Fashion Days and the Pittsboro Street Fair. Finally CCDP conducts an annual county convention each spring. Convention work and activities include arranging for greeters, registration, preparing materials, decorations, food, etc.

Finance

The Treasurer needs a group to assist with various aspects of reporting and maintaining the CCDP financial records. Volunteers may help with the following activities:

- Assist the Treasurer in the duties required in recording CCDP financial transactions
- Work with the Treasurer to ensure transparency in financial transactions and internal controls
- Assist the Treasurer at CCDP social events to receive donations and registration forms
- Assist the Treasurer in updating contributors' names, addresses and professions, as well as vendor information for receipts paid

Technical Support and Data

Like databases? Enjoy keeping computers happy? Help CCDP keep its voter and constituent records current and/or our office systems healthy. During elections we have increased demand for volunteers

to work with data and produce materials for canvassing and phone calling. At other times we are in a maintenance mode that requires less of a time commitment. Interested? – let us know.

Communication and Voter Education

Communication for CCDP covers a variety of activities.

- Writing content on issues, elections, state and county government activities for the website, Facebook and our newsletter. (These may also serve as the basis for talking points for advocates)
- Crafting messages that educate voters about Democratic values and election issues. Drafting or finding talking points on issues
- Writing letters to the editor and opinion pieces to submit to the media
- Writing for the CCDP blog and Facebook page
- Tweeting/retweeting for the CCDP
- Talking to groups about issues

Fundraising

CCDP needs people to help raise funds for our operation. Individuals may engage in a range of activities from asking others to donate (in person or via phone calls), to identifying potential donors, to hosting house parties, to helping with events and mailings. CCDP particularly wants to build membership in the Phoenix Society. Phoenix Society members make monthly gifts to CCDP to provide a dependable financial base for party operations.

Office Operations

As with so much of the party's operation, office activity is cyclical, increasing in intensity as each election approaches. However, if we want to engage and activate voters we must be more active between elections. The party Secretary oversees the office and coordinates tasks with our volunteer coordinator. Among the activities are

- Staffing the office
- Calling voters/volunteers
- Helping with data entry and updating records
- Assisting with various tasks such as preparing mailings, checking addresses, writing thank-you notes, photocopying materials, and collaborating with other CCDP working groups (at their request) in copying, collating, and distributing their materials.