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

CCDP wants you, but there are a few things you need 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 are working on a plan for 2017 and we need folks to help. Please review the working groups below. Each one needs participation at different time and skill commitments. If you are interested, please fill out our form. You may use one available at our outreach events, enclosed in mailings or on our website, www.ChathamDemsNC.net/volunteer.

Chatham County Democratic Party 2017 Teams

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), work at the precinct level, serve in leadership in precincts and on teams, and 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 fund raisers: Fleet Reddish Dinner and the Unity Breakfast. We also participate in community activities which include: First Sunday, the County Fair, Goldston Old Fashioned Days and the Pittsboro Street Fair. Finally CCDP conducts an annual county convention each spring. 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 records. Volunteers may help with the following activities:

- Assist the Treasurer in the duties required in recording financial transactions of the CCDP
- 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 folks to work

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

Communication, Advocacy and Voter Education

Communication for CCDP covers a variety of efforts.

- Writing content on issues, elections, state and county government activities for the website, Facebook and our newsletter. (These may be 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. This can range from individuals who are willing to ask 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 with our volunteer coordinator. Among the activities:

- Staffing the Pittsboro office at 50 Chatham Forest Drive
- Calling voters/volunteers
- Entering data and updating records
- Helping with such tasks as preparing mailings, checking addresses, writing thank-you notes, photocopying materials, and collaborating with other CCDP teams (at their request) in copying, collating, and distributing their materials.

Coming up in 2017 (new events will be added on Facebook and our website)

- March 1, 2017 – March 15th – County Precinct Meetings (visit our website for details.)
- April 8, 2017 – CCDP County Convention
- May 7, 2017 – Fleet Reddish Dinner
- May 20, 2017 – 6th Congressional District Democratic Convention

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