

# Adams County Democratic Club

Dear Fellow Democrats and Friends,

On behalf of the officers of the Adams County Democratic Club, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our growing club. The Adams County Democratic Club has a long history of Democrats meeting, greeting, and sharing friendship, and at the 2008 Holiday Party you elected a new set of officers to guide the club through 2009.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Holiday Party this year, I want to start by informing you of your new officers. While I've replaced Gretchen as your President, I know you will all join me in heartfelt thanks for her tireless work on your behalf. Although she is no longer an officer with the Club, I'm sure she'll remain active and involved. Marcia Wilson was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer, and Marty Qually was voted in as your new vice-president and is eager to help us make this a great year.

Marty, Marcia, and I have been talking to members about how they want us to improve the Club. Overwhelmingly we've heard that we need to make the Club more accessible to more Democrats, and so we've made a few changes. Annual dues will only be \$20 per person, with individual fees for events during the year. As always, events will be open to non-members – the more the merrier!

While we hope that reducing our membership fee will encourage more people to join, it's even more important that you submit your dues early in the year to help us better budget for our events.

The Shrimp Feed, which will be held in April prior to the primary election this year, is the first event. Plenty of shrimp, tasty sides and refreshments always make for an enjoyable evening of relaxation and conversation among our participants. The cost to attend will be \$20.00 per person. We're currently comparing costs to find a central location while keeping the event affordable.

The Picnic, to be held in June, offers a place for our candidates to introduce themselves to our members and friends. Traditionally, we invite statewide candidates and frequently have state judicial candidates in attendance. The Picnic includes all the main staples of a traditional picnic and features homemade deserts that are enjoyed by all in attendance. The Picnic is free to members. The cost to non-members will be \$10.00, children 7 to 16 are \$5.00, and children under 6 free. We are devoted to holding down the cost of this event, as we want you to be able to invite as many friends as possible.

The Holiday Party held in December is a premier event. Featuring the Biglerville High School Jazz Band along with fine food in a festive atmosphere, this holiday tradition is a must event. The location and cost will be announced later, but our goal is to keep the cost under \$30 per person.

We appreciate your continued support of the Club and look forward to seeing you at our events. Marcia, Marty, and I are excited about this year, and we hope that you'll help share the excitement and invite your friends to join. Once we determine the best locations for our events, we'll send out announcements so that you can mark your calendars.

Please mail dues at your earliest convenience, payable to **Adams County Democratic Club**, to Marcia Wilson, 386 Hill Road, Hanover PA 17331-9092.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 528-8833 or e-mail me at [sgiardullo1@yahoo.com](mailto:sgiardullo1@yahoo.com), Marcia at 633-6230 or [mlwilson@pa.net](mailto:mlwilson@pa.net), or Marty at 339-6514 or [marty@martyqually.com](mailto:marty@martyqually.com).

The Democratic Party is growing in Adams County, so isn't it time that your friends join the fun? See you at the Shrimp Feed in April.

Sincerely,

Sam Giardullo, President