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**A few accomplishments from our Fearless Female Leaders**

\* **Governor Whitmer** keeping us safe during the pandemic, created 'Futures for Front Liners,' Covid Task Force that helped reduce racial disparity of covid infections, & signed historic 'Clean Slate' legislation to help expunge misdemeanors.

\* **Secretary of State Benson** delivered safe, secure & seamless elections. More improvements coming!!

\* **Attorney General Nessel** filed charges against Snyder, et.al. for the Flint Water Crisis, undertook consumer, environmental & election protection. The tip of the iceberg for this Wonder Woman!  
**Thank you!!**

**Working for our Community**

With our Community in such dire need, the **ACDP** didn't slow down after the election. Our projects were fun, gratifying and brought new friends and resources into our lives! Details inside.

Thank you all who contributed to make our first **3-week December Charity** Drive such a success! Recipients were Alpena Baby Pantry, ACC Food Pantry and Hope Shores Alliance

In **January**, **ACDP** celebrated **MLK** with a **National Day of Service**. Hand-made Tie-Blankets were donated to the Bay View Center. Honestly, this helped heal our hearts just a little following the horrific attack on our Capitol.

After a beautiful, multi-cultural Inaugural celebration for Joe and Kamala, we know help is on the way! As we take a deep breath, we reach out to each other as best we can – still steeped in the pandemic.

Knowing this, Republican County Commissioners still passed a Resolution to ignore State Health Dept. Guidelines. See page 2 to voice your opposition.

One brave, and of course Democratic, Commissioner voted against this betrayal. **Please call to thank Commission Chair Bob Adrian** for voting against the shameful Pandemic Resolution. 989.255.0208.

In **February**, **ACDP** set its sights on supporting our small businesses. First up for our **Celebrity Server Twin Fundraiser** was **Black Sheep Pub!** Curb-side orders were through the roof and we had a blast. Details page 3.

The sun is shining on us all. Are you ready to have some fun and make a difference? Then join us! Stay Safe, Elaine



**Blankets for Bay View Center**



**Supplies for Hope Shores Alliance**

## Local, State & National News Update

We have much to celebrate and for which to be grateful! At the same time, we must address the damage Republicans are willing to wreck upon us. From Bergman to Snyder to our state representatives to Fox News to Trump and the insurrectionists to our county commissioners, Republicans have demonstrated little moral compass and little commitment to the truth or our Constitution.

Across the country, thousands of voters are leaving this morally bankrupt Party which is more good news! We encourage you to talk with friends and family who are disillusioned and let them know how the Democratic Party is on the right track: economically, morally, and environmentally. We must also hold Republicans accountable!

~~ **AG Nessel** filed charges against former Governor Snyder and his cronies in the Flint Water Crisis. Their mug shots were taken and they appeared in court to make a plea. We will keep you updated.

~~ **ACDP** filed **Resolutions against Bergman, Trump and the insurrection on our Capitol**. Check out our website and click 'More' to see Letters to the Editor. [www.alpenademocrats.org/](http://www.alpenademocrats.org/)

~~ **Call: MI State Representatives (R)** continue to fight against Governor Whitmer's authority to keep us safe during the pandemic yet the data proves she is right. In their childish, vengeful way, they also refuse to approve her appointments to state boards and commissions and they continue to underfund education and workers.

**Voice your disapproval to: Rep. Sue Allor 517.373.0833  
Sen. Jim Stamas 855.347.8036**

~~ **Boycott: Fox News** is being sued by the makers of voting machines for billions. We can also have an impact by boycotting the companies that continue to advertise. And, if possible, let them know you are doing so. My Pillow, Nutrisystem, GM, Allstate, & Applebee's.

~~ **Call Republican County Commissioners** to protest their shameful action passing the Pandemic Resolution. Sheriff Steve K and DA Muszynski spoke out against it. See column to right.

### ~~ **106 Democratic Party Chairs Report**

Chairs of Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Iosco, and Presque Isle meet monthly to collectively address our concerns. Shutting down Line 5 has been a major focus of their work as has voting and election reform.

If you have news to report or would like to write an article for the newsletter, please contact me at: [acd864@gmail.com](mailto:acd864@gmail.com) or call 989.916.6499

### CALLS TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

After a year of doing nothing to help us deal with the devastation of Covid, Republican Commissioners passed a Pandemic Resolution to ignore Public Health Guidelines.

This sabotages our health and the economic recovery of our small businesses. Vacationers will boycott Alpena when protecting our health is a joke. **Time to FIGHT BACK!!**

Please call **every** office to complain and insist they rescind this resolution.

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Brenda Fournier  
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Kevin Osbourne  
989.255.1675

Marty Thomson  
989.464.6189

### Join the Michigan Democratic Party!

A great way to strengthen the **ACDP** is to join the MI Dem Party. A \$20 basic membership returns \$15 to us locally. \$60 couple membership returns \$40. Join w/ donation: <https://michigandems.com/join/>

Join free:

<https://michigandems.cp.bsd.net/page/signup/member-sign-up>

## ACDP Community Projects: We've been Busy

DECEMBER ~ **3 Week Charity Drive** Each week a local non-profit was highlighted.  
**Alpena Baby Panty** received 842 diapers, 15 packs of wipes, clothing & \$150  
**ACC Food Pantry** received 33 boxes of groceries, 4 dz fresh eggs & \$100  
**Hope Shores Alliance** received 425 Wish List items and \$160

JANUARY ~ **National Day of Service in Honor of MLK** At the **ACDP** Tie-Blanket Zoom Party, we made 15 blankets for **Bay View Center**, which is a non-profit, peer-run drop-in center providing support, activities and programs to help those with mental illness and dual diagnoses advance in their recovery.

FEBRUARY ~ **Celebrity Server Twin Fundraiser supporting Black Sheep & ACDP**  
Obama burgers & Kamala Tuna Melts were enjoyed by many! ACDP volunteers staffed the curbside service and accepted contributions. Black Sheep orders were great and the **ACDP** made over \$1528!! Please **support Black Sheep** as they have received push back for hosting us. Keep an eye out for our next Celebrity Server Fundraiser!



ACDP Celebrity Servers

### Seeking Committee Chairs

As we become more active in our community, we need a few volunteers to Chair committees. We also need a **Secretary** to join the Leadership Team.

**Fundraising** - so many exciting opportunities to raise funds, have fun and benefit Alpena! You could be the Big Cheese!!

**Activism / Outreach** - are you good at organizing fun, passionate and dedicated people? Here is the perfect fit for you!

If you are interested, please  
call us at [989.916.6499](tel:989.916.6499)

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Third Thursday of each month      Zoom Meeting – indoor comfy & cozy at **5:30 p.m.**  
Email us for the link to attend: [acd864@gmail.com](mailto:acd864@gmail.com)

- ~ **February 18<sup>th</sup>**      Haley Hildebrand, NM Liaison for Governor Whitmer
- ~ **March 18<sup>th</sup>**      Erica Peresman, Voter Protection, MI Democratic Party
- ~ **April 15<sup>th</sup>**      Dana Nessel, MI's outstanding Attorney General

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**A portion of our budget is invested in electing local candidates!**  
**Thank you for all you do to support our efforts and take back Michigan!!**

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