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the Alpena County
Democratic Party

Michigan Democrats Fighting for Michigan Families

Welcome New Board!

In March, ACDP voted in a new Board. We thank the past Board for their service.



Marie Fielder,

retired from the State of Michigan, is our new Chair. She served as an MDP Organizer during the 2018 mid-term elections. Marie is a native of the Upper Peninsula and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Mike McGirr, a

longtime member of ACDP, is our new Vice-Chair. He entered the political arena in 1998 working for Andy Neumann and has been involved in every election since that time. Mike's goal for the ACDP is to improve and enlarge our organization.

Letter from the Chair

Like the rest of the world, the Alpena County Democratic Party (ACDP) has been adjusting to life in the era of COVID-19. We hope you and your family are safe and in good health. While this pandemic is a challenge for all Americans and global citizens, we believe it has only underscored our national needs.

It has revealed how vulnerable many are, living pay check to pay check with substandard health care. We depend on working Americans from family farms to truck drivers, health care workers and first responders, grocery clerks and gas station attendants and many more.

Our workers truly are our life-line and every effort needs to be made to help lift them up and support their efforts. The Alpena County Democratic Party says "Thank you!" to each and every one of you. We are your party. We are you and you are us. Let's come together this campaign season for change that benefits all Americans.

"Democrats believe the government's emphasis should be on PEOPLE. By helping people help themselves, all Americans can succeed."

Marie

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Mike Lewandowski is the new ACDP Treasurer. He is semi-retired and works for a local Alpena law firm. Born and raised here, Mike loves the environment, fishing and the people of Alpena.



Todd Koss, our longest serving member, is our new Secretary. He prefers working behind the scenes to help the ACDP grow and thrive. Todd has taken the lead updating the MDP Van program.

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We Invite You to Help Make a Difference

Do you long for a Michigan that supports a living wage for workers, offers children quality education and provides affordable Health Care for all?

With your help, we will turn the tide and achieve our vision. We are a great group of dedicated, fun-loving people hard at work for you, so find the committee you like best and join us!

Elections: Recruits future candidates and provides them with support and training. Also provides and trains Democratic poll watchers and precinct monitors. Chair Mike McGirr.

Communications: Creates awareness of the ACDP and promotes Democratic Candidates and Platform. This includes the use of social media, newspapers, ACDP newsletter, emails, postcards, and signage. Co-chairs Elaine Stenger and Kathy Bower.

Finance & Fundraising: Maintains the books, crunches numbers and manages expenditures. Brainy stuff!! Chair Chuck Herring.

Outreach: Builds relationships and partnerships to respond to the issues we face here in Alpena County. The ACDP isn't only about elections; and this community-based committee is one way we walk our talk. This new committee Chair position is open so get involved!

Activism: Raises awareness of issues, abuses or concerns via peaceful protests, rapid response, demonstrations or lectures. It also includes tried and true campaign strategies including letter writing, phone and text out efforts, and good old fashion door knocking. This new committee Chair position is open so get involved!

To get involved contact us at: acd864@gmail.com

Join the Michigan Democratic Party to become an Official Alpena Party Member

You must be a resident of Alpena County.

Join: <https://michigandems.com/join/> MDP will ask for a donation

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

New Voter Laws in Effect!

The historic passage of Proposal 3 in 2018 changed the Michigan Constitution with four new provisions.

Automatic voter registration
Same-day voter registration
Straight-ticket voting
No-excuse absentee voting

These laws protect our rights and guard against voter suppression. We can choose to receive an absentee ballot to vote using the convenience of the mail. Go to www.411 to check your voter status.

Monthly Membership Meetings

The Third Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM. we meet via Zoom! Send us a message that you'd like to join and we'll send you the link: acd864@gmail.com



In person meetings are held in room 106 the Newport Center Building, Alpena Community College. Until it's safe to gather in groups however, we'll continue to meet via Zoom.



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Of course, we need your help! Electing Democrats takes resources and the simplest way to help is with a donation. Giving is easy with just a few computer clicks and a credit or debit card. To donate ONLINE: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/alpenademocrats>

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Include the handy donation form included here.

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Meet our candidates!

Each month in this section, we will profile Democratic candidates and issues for you. If you have any questions, we will search for answers. acd864@gmail.com



Our Best Days are Still Ahead is **Joe Biden's** slogan. Joe is the Party's presumptive nominee and will go head to head against Trump. Joe is a highly respected lifelong public servant who has the support of both Democrats and Republicans. Read more at: <https://joebiden.com/>

Dana Ferguson, of Negaunee, and **Linda O'Dell**, of Petoskey, will face off in the August Primary to be the party's nomination for Michigan's 1st Congressional District.

The ACDP hosted a live virtual debate between these candidates.
You can view it at: <https://youtu.be/LggEbxojBqw>

Read about the candidates:
<https://www.fergusonformichigan1.com/> and <https://lindaodellforcongress.com/>

Lee Ann Johnson, of East Tawas, is running for State Representative from the 106 and will go up against Republican Sue Allor.

Kathy Thomas is running for Alpena County Commissioner (District 3). She served as county commissioner from 2009 – 2010 and brings a wealth of experience.

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