

# Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News

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Welcome to the first issue of a monthly newsletter from the Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County. Here you'll find alerts for upcoming meetings and events, a look at our local DCC's activities, suggestions for ways to get involved, and information about the central issues for Audrey Denney's Congressional candidacy. Yes, she's running, and we're getting a running start on supporting her in 2020. So, stay tuned!



*At right, members of the Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County gather at their regular "second Wednesday" meeting on December 12, 2018. Members reviewed November 2018 election data, planned for the March 30<sup>th</sup> fundraiser, received reports on the recent state Democratic party executive board meeting, and approved the 2019 DCCSC budget.*

## What's Happening

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#### **Spring Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 30, 2019 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

Audrey Denney will be the guest speaker at the DCCSC fund-raiser on Saturday, March 30, 2019. The event will be held at the Montague Community Center, 5:00pm—8:00pm and will feature a taco buffet, wine/beer bar, dessert silent auction, excellent social time, and best of all, Audrey. Tickets are \$25. They will on sale soon, so mark your calendar. You'll all receive an invitation in a week or two.

#### **Democratic Central Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019 6:00pm to 7:30pm**  
Yreka YMCA Conference Room

All DCCSC meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm alternating between Yreka and Mt. Shasta.

## Our Grassroots Story: The Beginning

After the stunning defeat of November 2016, many of us wondered what we could do. It's easy to lose hope, since we know Siskiyou Democrats have little impact statewide or nationally.

Still, a few of us wondered, could we gain ground by electing local officials who represent our democratic values? Do something bold, like support a challenge to Doug LaMalfa? We thought it was worth a try, so we looked to the Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County (DCCSC) as the best organization to help achieve these goals.

In May, 2017, a DCCSC Grassroots Committee was set up to explore ways to contact the county's Democrats and encourage their support. It started slowly. At our first meeting in June, 2017, ten people attended, four volunteering to be precinct captains. But from this small start

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### **Your Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County (DCCSC):**

Officers: Carolyn Miller - Chair, Alice Rogers – Vice Chair, Katherine Shelton – Secretary, Robin Richards – Treasurer  
Members: Neldena Anderson, Kate Coggin, Rick Green, Ann Herfindahl, Al Lugo, Larry Marks, Bill McKillop, Rachel Moore, Karina Pollard, Maggie Robeson, Steve Robeson, Abigail Van Alyn Booraem, Dolly Verrue, and Karen Zeigler.  
For more information on the DCCSC, visit our website: [siskiyoudemocrats.org](http://siskiyoudemocrats.org) or our Facebook page: SiskiyouCountyDemocrats. Send mail and donations to: DCCSC, Post Office Box 4, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067.

### *Grassroots Story (Continued from page 1)*

recruitment grew, and by our September, 2017 Grassroots Retreat 50 volunteers signed up to learn best practices for building relationships with their fellow Siskiyou Democrats.

Hope started to build. With the 2018 Congressional election in our sights, we spent the following fall and spring knocking on doors – greeting neighbors, identifying their concerns, and letting them know Democrats are alive and well in Siskiyou County. In March, 2018, two DCCSC fundraisers brought out over 250 people and all three Democrats running to represent CA District 1.

Then came June, 2018, when Audrey Denney won the Democratic nomination for Congress. Greatly encouraged by our terrific candidate, the number of grassroots volunteers increased to about 100. In full campaign mode, we knocked on over 6,500 doors, and talked to almost 3,000 voters! As a result, we raised the Siskiyou County vote count for the Democratic Congressional candidate from 39% to 46%, within 8 points of Representative Doug LaMalfa. No Democrat has gotten closer to this long-held Republican seat - a significant achievement!

Now we're building on this success, with Audrey Denney pledging to run again. As a standing committee for the DCCSC, we have opportunities for everyone – from supporting the DCCSC fundraising dinner on March 30 to becoming a precinct captain, or volunteering to encourage Siskiyou Democrats and others to step up, get involved, run for local offices, and VOTE!

The election of a lifetime is right around the corner, the tide is in our favor, and we need you all as we gear up for an historic 2020!



*Last year's DCCSC dinner was a great success in both south and north county! At left, the large crowd in Mt. Shasta.*

*Our next fundraiser will be held on March 30, 2019 at the Montague Community Hall from 5pm to 8pm. Tickets are on sale soon!*