

Upcoming Event Calendar :

January 17, McPherson
McPherson County Dems Meeting

January 17, Mission
KC Young Dems Meeting

January 20, Merriam
Calvin Vick for City Council Fundraiser

January 24, Shawnee Mission
Johnson County Democratic Women's Organization Meeting

January 26, Hutchinson
Reno County Democrats Meeting

January 27, Junction City
Geary County Dems 8th Annual Kansas Day Banquet

January 29, Wichita
Sedgwick County Saturday Morning Breakfast with Democrats

January 29, Lawrence
Douglas County Democrats Last Saturday Meeting

Congressional District Reorganization Meetings :

State Committee delegates meet every two years to reorganize at the congressional district level. All four congressional districts have scheduled reorganizational meetings in January

2nd Congressional District Meeting
Held on January 15 in Topeka

1st Congressional District Meeting
To be held on January 22 in Hutchinson

4th Congressional District Meeting
To be held on January 22 in Wichita

3rd Congressional District Meeting
To be held on January 30 in Mission

For more information on these and other events, visit our web site: www.ksdp.org

KDP Officers to Vote on National Party Chair Feb. 12

A new Democratic National Committee Chair will be elected on February 12, 2005 in Washington D.C. The national committee electing the chair is composed of representatives from each state, a variety of Democratic constituencies and elected officials. Four members of the Kansas Democratic Party serve on the national committee and will vote for the new chair: Larry Gates, KDP Chairman, Teresa Krusor, KDP Vice-Chair, Lee Kinch, KDP National Committeeman and Randy Roy, KDP National Committeewoman.

The Democratic National Committee plans the presidential nominating convention every four years; promotes the election and support of Party candidates; and works with national, state, and local groups, elected officials and candidates to respond to the needs and views of the Democratic electorate and the nation.

Candidates for the DNC chair include: Howard Dean, former Vermont governor; Donnie Fowler, Jr., Democratic strategist; Martin Frost, former Texas Representative;

David Leland, former Ohio Democratic Party Chair; Tim Roemer, former Indiana Representative; Simon Rosenberg, New Democrat Network Chair; and Wellington Webb, Denver mayor.



On Jan. 15, the four members of the national committee from Kansas, Gov. Sebelius and KDP Executive Director Mark Simpson attended the Midwest Regional DNC Caucus in St. Louis, MO. The DNC chair candidates were present and answered questions by caucus attendees.

KDP National Committee members welcome feedback from Kansas Democrats about their choice for DNC Chair. Chairman Gates can be contacted by email at lgates@ksdp.org. Complete contact information for all KDP officers can be found by visiting www.ksdp.org or calling the Kansas Democratic Party, 785-234-0425.

Governor Outlines Vision for a Healthier Kansas at Annual Address

Gov. Sebelius delivered her third State of the State Address before a joint session of the Kansas Senate, House and Supreme Court on Jan. 10. Her address laid out an agenda for the 2005 session focusing on education and health care. For a complete transcript of the address, visit www.ksdp.org.



Kline Shows Ethical Lapse

Phill Kline met the Governor's call for civility in her State of the State address by pointing out that he had more cash on hand than the Governor in his campaign account. Using a tactic that was unclear in its intent, Kline handed out copies of his financial report stapled to copies of the Governor's report. Showing his usual bad judgment, he used a taxpayer-paid state employee to give the report to the media.

Two New Caucuses Seek to Join Kansas Democratic Party

The annual Washington Days state committee meeting will review proposals by two new groups seeking seats on the executive committee by becoming official caucuses of the Kansas Democratic Party: the Kansas Progressive Caucus and the Kansas Democratic Asian Caucus. The Democratic Asian Caucus was approved last year, but still requires a change in the bylaws to receive a seat on the executive committee. If approved by the state committee vote on March 5, these caucuses will join the 10 current ancillary organizations, creating the largest number of caucus affiliations in Kansas Democratic Party history.

Current official ancillary organizations of the Kansas Democratic Party include: the African American Democratic Caucus of Kansas, Kansas Democratic County Chair's Organization, Labor Caucus, Kansas Young Democrats, Kansas Democratic Veteran's Association, Kansas Democratic Hispanic Caucus, Kansas Federation of Women's Democratic Clubs, Kansas Local Elected Officials Caucus, LGBT Caucus and Disability Issues Caucus.

Rehan Reza of Topeka is the current chair of the Kansas Democratic Asian Caucus, and Jeff Zamrzla of Topeka and Joey Sprague of Lawrence are the current co-chairs of the proposed Kansas Progressive Caucus. For more information on these groups and other ancillary organizations, please visit www.ksdp.org.

Support the Kansas Democratic Party!

The Kansas Democratic Party relies on financial support from people who believe in the Party's mission of electing more Democrats and building the Party at the grassroots level. If you would like to support the KDP's many ongoing projects, please contribute **online at www.ksdp.org**, by phone at (785) 234-0425 or by sending a check to:

Kansas Democratic Party, PO Box 1914, Topeka, KS 66601-1914.

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- \$250 - \$407 *Silver Club*
- \$408 - \$500 *New Star 34 Club* (\$34/month)
- \$500 - \$1,000 *Gold Club*
- \$1,000 - \$2,000 *Platinum Club*

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