

## Upcoming Event Calendar :

April 23, Wichita  
**Sedgwick County Dems Breakfast,  
Sedgwick County Legislative Recess  
Reception Fundraiser**

April 23, Coffeyville  
**Montgomery County Dems Meeting**

April 26, Topeka  
**Shawnee County Democratic  
Legislative Committee Annual  
Reception**

April 26, El Dorado  
**Butler County Dems Meeting**

April 27, Hutchinson  
**Reno County Dems Meeting**

April 28, Wichita  
**Wichita/Hutchinson Labor Federation  
Workers' Memorial Day Observance**

April 30, Lawrence  
**Douglas County Democrats Meeting**

April 30, Ulysses  
**Grant County Bluegrass Concert and  
Fundraiser**

For more information on these and other  
events, visit our web site: [www.ksdp.org](http://www.ksdp.org)

## State, National Party Officers Attend ASDC Meeting

The Association of State Democratic Chairs held their 2005 Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas April 7-9, 2005. The weekend included meetings for state officers and national Democratic leaders and a series of trainings on state party management, political organizing, voter files, targeting, compliance and communications.



Gen. and Mrs. Wesley Clark hosted a special reception for ASDC attendees followed by a tour of the Clinton Library

Newly elected DNC Chairman Howard Dean attended the Friday luncheon where he detailed his plan to rebuild the Democratic infrastructure and invest in grassroots by supporting state parties across the country.

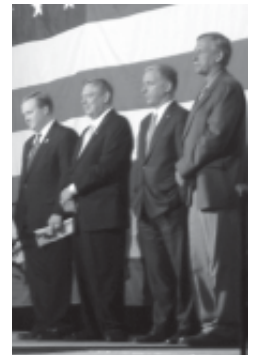
In a closed session with state party officials, Gov. Dean asked each chair to submit a Democratic message for their state to the DNC. Gov. Dean will use these state messages to craft a national Democratic message that is from the

people and speaks to the things Democrats have in common nationwide.

Kansas Democratic Party Chairman Larry Gates wants your input on what it means to be a Kansas Democrat. If you have ideas or values you think should be included in our state Democratic message, please email them to [lgates@ksdp.org](mailto:lgates@ksdp.org).

National and local elected officials attended the conference hosted by the Arkansas Democratic Party. A Clinton Presidential Library tour and reception hosted by Little Rock native Gen. Wesley Clark highlighted the weekend's events.

The ASDC was founded in 1972 and is committed to building strong local party organizations across the country.



Arkansas Democratic Party Chair Jason Willett, U.S. Rep. Marion Berry, DNC Chair Howard Dean and U.S. Rep. Vic Snyder spoke to ASDC Luncheon Attendees

## KDP Builds for 2006 with State-Wide Field Program Beginning this Summer

The Kansas Democratic Party has begun planning for an aggressive state-wide field program to begin this summer. This is the first time the KDP has initiated such an effort this early in the campaign cycle. Plans include the hiring of a state-wide field director and five regional field directors. This will more than double the current number of KDP staff working to organize communities, recruit volunteers and elect Democrats in 2006. The field program will also coordinate with new efforts by the KDP in Hispanic and community outreach across the state.

In addition to the plans for field program staff, the KDP is currently working to improve the quality of our voter file data and introduce new technologies for field staff and county parties using the file for voter outreach. The KDP field program will work to build support for the re-election of all Democrats, including Governor Sebelius, Rep. Dennis Moore (District 3) as well as recruiting and building support for Democratic candidates at the local and state level.

We are looking for Kansans who want to work to elect Democrats to fill these field positions. The application process is currently underway. If you are interested in applying for a field position, or getting more involved by becoming a volunteer or intern for the field program, please contact the Kansas Democratic Party at (785) 234-0425.

## Kansas Young Democrats Charter Chapters, Elect Officers at 2005 Convention

The Kansas Young Democrats held their annual convention April 8-9 in Topeka. The weekend was filled with a series of workshops, meetings and an awards banquet. Sponsors of the 2005 convention included: Sen. Chris Steineger, Rep. Nancy Kirk, Rep. Geraldine Flaharty, and Claude and Fran Lee of Topeka.

Special guests included Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, Sen. Laura Kelly, Rep. Annie Kuether, and Kansas Democratic National Committeewoman Randy Roy. Trainings were lead by John F. Settich, Ph.D (former press secretary for Dr. Bill Roy during the 1974 US Senate Race against Bob Dole) and former House Minority Leader R.J. Wilson.

Eleven chapters were chartered at this year's convention: Benedictine College, Capitol D's, Chanute High, Emporia State

University, Kansas City, Kansas State University, Kaw Valley, Pittsburg State University, Topeka High, Southeast Kansas and Washburn Law.

Newly elected state and district officers include:

- President: Shane Gagnebin (Kansas City)
- First Vice President: Nicole Romine (Washburn Law)
- Second Vice President: Johnny Mercer (Capitol D's)
- Secretary: Andrea Frye (Kansas City)
- Treasurer: Jimelle Austin (K-State)
- Diversity Advocate: Merriam Langdon (Capitol D's)
- National Committeewoman: Hillary Wanke (Washburn Law)
- National Committeeman: Levi Henry (Southeast Kansas)
- State Committeeman: Ben Fenwick (K-State)
- State Committeewoman: Catherine Shafer (KU) (term up 2007)

## 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](http://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.

We welcome individual contributions, and also invite you to join the Kansas Democratic Party by subscribing to one of our new Contribution Club Levels:

- \$100 - \$150 *Kansas Century Club*
- \$150 - \$250 *Family Century Club*
- \$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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