

Upcoming Event Calendar :

July 18, McPherson
McPherson County Democrats Meeting

July 21, Topeka
Shawnee County DAC Dinner

July 23, Wichita
Sedgwick County Democrats Meeting

July 24, Pleasanton
Linn County Democrats Meeting

July 25, Mission
JoCo Democratic Women's Meeting

July 25, Wichita
South Sedgwick County Democratic Club Meeting

July 26, El Dorado
Butler County Democrats Meeting

July 27, Hutchinson
Reno County Democrats Meeting

July 29, Wichita
Sedgwick County Ambassadors Club Monthly Luncheon

July 30, Manhattan
KDP LGBT Caucus Meeting

July 30, Lawrence
Douglas County Democrats Meeting

July 30, Wichita
Sedgwick County Saturday Morning Breakfast with Democrats

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

Congratulations to MaryAnne Flunder and Ruby Jones for also being named Women of Distinction at the NFWDC convention last month!

Kansas Democrats Announce New Staff, Leadership

Chairman Larry Gates would like to announce Jenny Davidson as the new Director of Operations and Lalo Muñoz as the new Finance Director of the Kansas Democratic Party.



Jenny Davidson,
 Director of Operations



Lalo Muñoz,
 Finance Director

Born and raised in Russell, Jenny recently obtained degrees in Political Science and Journalism from the University of Kansas. Jenny served as the Front House Manager for the Lied Center of Kansas and worked on the fundraising staff for Nancy Boyda's second district congressional campaign. Jenny's new role includes managing the daily operations and compliance and coordinating volunteers for the State Party.

Lalo Muñoz, of Topeka, attended the University of Kansas and has worked as Programs Coordinator for NAMI and as an Eligibility Counselor for Healthwave, a program that works to provide coverage for uninsured Kansas children. Lalo previously served as a volunteer for the KDP and has experience organizing voter registration drives and working on campaigns. Lalo will be in charge of fundraising and events for the State Party.

Mike Gaughan, former KDP Director of Operations has replaced Mark Simpson as the new Executive Director of the Party. Mark left the Party June 30 to pursue a law degree. Lauren Honaker, former Development Director, left the KDP June 30 for post-graduate work in Chicago.

The Kansas Democratic Party would like to thank Mark Simpson and Lauren Honaker for their dedicated service to Kansas Democrats and wish them the best of luck as they pursue advanced degrees.

Complete contact information for the KDP staff can be found at www.ksdp.org or by calling (785) 234-0425.

Vilsack Announced as Speaker for Demofest 2005

The Kansas Democratic Party is proud to announce Tom Vilsack, Governor of Iowa and possible 2008 presidential candidate, as the featured speaker at Demofest 2005. The annual fall state committee meeting and convention will be held **August 27 in Wichita at the Holiday Inn Select.**

A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved for a special rate at the Holiday Inn Select until **August 1, 2005.** Please call 316-686-7131 today to reserve your room at the special rate.

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DEMOFEST 2005
 Wichita KS ★ August 27

Details including the meeting schedule and workshop trainings are still being finalized. Stay tuned to www.ksdp.org for the most updated information. Invitations and registration information will be mailed later this month.

Democratic Solidarity Key to School Finance Compromise

The Legislative special session for education adjourned July 6 with victory for Kansas children and taxpayers. The school funding bill provides \$120 million to schools, \$28 million in property tax relief and increases school accountability. Despite obstructionism from conservative Republican House members, the delegation of Democratic legislators never wavered in their commitment to providing Kansas children with the first-class education they deserve.

Together with Governor Sebelius, House and Senate Democrats worked around the clock with moderate Republicans to find a commonsense solution that will benefit every child in Kansas. Democratic solidarity was the key to building the coalition that ultimately overwhelmed the conservative Republican bloc led by House Speaker Doug Mays.

During the 2005 regular session, Democratic legislators knew the original education bill fell short of meeting the needs of our children. The unified front that the Democratic legislators presented during the special session was instrumental in keeping education atop the agenda, despite numerous attempts by conservative Republicans to derail any progress and continue their tradition of ignoring our children's education.

"The results here illustrate what can happen when legislators listen to the people of Kansas and act responsibly," Governor Sebelius said. "Still, we have lots of work to do, especially when it comes to protecting Kansas taxpayers and maintaining our economic momentum over the past three years. I look forward to building on the cooperation of the special session as we work together to meet future challenges."

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.

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*

Federal and state law require us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions exceed \$150 in a calendar year. Please include this information with your contribution. Your contribution will be used in connection with Federal elections and is subject to the limits and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. Your contribution is not tax-deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

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