

Upcoming Event Calendar :

September 17, Kansas City
**WyCo Dems Third Saturday Breakfast,
WyCo Black Caucus Meeting**

September 17, Marysville
Marshall County Democrats Meeting

September 17, Salina
Saline County Democrats Meeting

September 17, Abilene
Dickinson County Democrats Picnic

September 18, Pittsburg
"D" Wild Ones Meeting

September 19, McPherson
McPherson County Democrats Meeting

September 20, Winfield
Cowley County Democrats Meeting

September 21, Manhattan
**Riley County Dems Victory 2006
Fundraiser featuring Gov. Sebelius**

September 24, Lawrence
Douglas County Democrats Meeting

September 26, Mission
JoCo Democratic Women's Meeting

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

Kansans Rally Together to Help Hurricane Evacuees

Kansas Democrats are joining together to support our neighbors from the Gulf Coast devastated this month by Hurricane Katrina. Governor Sebelius led efforts in our state that include sending 230 Kansas National Guard members to participate in relief and recovery operations, proclaiming September 4 an Official Day of Prayer, Compassion and Hope for the disaster victims and encouraging state employees to participate in a number of Red Cross blood drives organized across the state.

"Since the unprecedented flooding and devastation in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama began, Kansans across our state have answered the nationwide call for compassion," Governor Sebelius said. "As Governor, I am exceedingly proud and profoundly grateful for the generosity and spirit of community on display in our state following Hurricane Katrina."

Congressman Dennis Moore (2nd District) recently returned from a trip surveying hurricane damage in Louisiana.

"The destruction I witnessed and the tremendous needs of our victims convinced me of the need for the federal government

to change how it deals with natural disasters," Congressman Moore said.

Moore will take his experiences to Congress and push for improvements including the Emergency Management Improvement Act, which would make FEMA its own independent agency that would be better equipped to respond to natural disasters, and a plan to keep open several military bases slated for closure so that they could be used as emergency housing in future natural disasters or terrorist attacks.

In addition, county parties across the state are organizing blood drives, fundraisers and gathering supplies for the hurricane relief effort. Over 800 hurricane evacuees have already joined Kansas communities across the state.

For more information on what you can do to help in the hurricane relief efforts in your community, visit www.ksdp.org.



Hurricane Relief

Over 250 Kansas Democrats Attend Trainings, Meetings at Demofest 2005

"I would like to thank Kansas Democrats for making this year's Demofest a major success," Chairman Larry Gates said. "It's inspiring to see the number of people already starting to work towards victory in 2006."

Democrats eagerly went to work discussing important business at Demofest 2005, where caucus meetings were filled with excitement and some to capacity. In addition to the caucus and State Committee meetings, the Kansas Democratic Party field staff presented trainings for precinct committeepersons, Democratic candidates and county parties. It also included a preview of the new Kansas Democratic Party Voter File.

Demofest special guest, Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, spoke of

the challenges that face Democrats and the country in these changing times. Vilsack also spoke of his childhood experiences and how this shaped his vision and understanding of the potential that lies in America.

Congratulations to Scott Mackey, winner of the Butler County Democrats' raffle for a \$100 savings bond at Demofest. Thanks to all the great Kansas Democratic Party volunteers and individuals who helped to make this year's Demofest a success! We look forward to seeing you for Washington Days this spring.



KDP Volunteer Craig Gunther with Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack

Kansas Democratic Party Fall Internships Still Available

We are now accepting applications for fall, winter and spring internship programs at the **Topeka, Overland Park, Manhattan and Wichita offices**. College students and high school juniors and seniors will gain valuable experience in local and state politics through this program.

Jessica Foulke, college sophomore and former intern said, "This internship helped me meet people and make important contacts. I also gained insight into how politics work at the local, state and national levels. The atmosphere at the KDP is high energy and a lot of fun."

Our internships require a willingness to devote at least six hours per week. Applicants must demonstrate both a personal support

of Democratic ideals and an enthusiasm for Kansas politics. It is not necessary to be a political science major to apply.

Interns will help with many facets of the operation including grassroots organizing, research, event planning, fundraising, compliance, database maintenance and general office work.

If you are interested in this opportunity please visit the volunteer page on www.ksdp.org, fill out the application and send it along with your resume to P.O. Box 1914, Topeka, KS 66601-1914 or email it to jdavidson@ksdp.org.



Intern Jessica Foulke helps Regional Field Director Tyler Longpine at our Topeka Office

You Can Help in Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

Kansas has a long history of neighbors helping neighbors in time of need. As we remember that we are all one community, regardless of state, we must do whatever we can to help in the relief efforts. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Donate Money to national relief efforts: Visit www.redcross.org or call 1-800-HELP-NOW to contribute instantly. Contributions can also be mailed to: American Red Cross-National Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington D.C., 20013
- Contribute funds to keep national food banks open. Contact America's Second Harvest at www.secondharvest.org.
- Get involved in efforts with your local county party. Join together with local Democrats on a blood drive or fundraiser to benefit evacuees. Visit www.ksdp.org or call (785) 234-0425 for county party chair contact information.

Please remember to contribute to local charities and food banks in Kansas. Effects of the natural disaster, including rising gas prices, have also increased the need of many Kansas families. Thank you for taking the time to make a difference.

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