



The Anderson County Democrat

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Headquarters Location and Hours

There have been many inquiries made as to the location and hours of the party headquarters. So hang on to this information and pass it on to others who may ask.

Location: The old Polaris Travel building

136 South Illinois Avenue

Oak Ridge, TN. 37830

Hours: Monday through Friday 10 AM until 6 PM

Saturday 10 AM until 2 PM

Phone: Contact Jean Hiser at 272-3077

Help phone bank for Melody Shekari



An update from the Melody Shekari campaign

From the Shekari campaign, we wanted to touch on the less than 45 days to election! We wanted to encourage those able to register to vote, check on their friends using the GoVoteTN app available by the state. We also welcome any volunteers. There are 3 other notes, both from original draft (sorry again!) and present day:

- We are calling on a debate from Rep. Chuck Fleischmann, pushing for a debate in every county. We are pressing newspapers in the district to spread the word and asking his constituents also to press for debates. Copy from our campaign can be found [here](#).
- We had a fantastic time at the East TN Labor Day picnic. We have words on it [here](#), and we presently have a video coming up soon.
- Finally, we have a new video up that is really quite great. It involves a visit to the UT campus in Chattanooga where Melody meets with students, administrators. The video adds great perspective, adds to the family narrative that has propelled the campaign, and really demonstrates the uniqueness and propensity of Melody as a candidate, and much further would be as our representative. All in less than 4 minutes! Any notice or traffic you could drive towards the video would be appreciated. It's a opportunity to meet her if people haven't yet already. Link [here](#) (as well as FB).

Phone Bank Volunteers needed!

We meet every Tuesday from 6-9 pm at the Anderson County Democratic Party Headquarters. Contact Ellen Faby at 457-4001 for details.

We also have yard signs and bumper stickers at headquarters! Please stop by, pick one up, and help put them up around town!

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Anderson County Democratic Party: Respect...Inclusion...Equality

Order in the court....or not. Trump and the Supreme Court By Scott Julius



To say a lot is at stake in this election is an understatement. Trump and his terrifying right-wing populist movement threatens the core of American democracy. Just as terrifying are his supporters who gleefully march behind him into the abyss. Hillary Clinton need not apologize for calling many of his supporters a “bunch of deplorables”. For Trump and those who follow him want to take an axe to issues liberals have fought for over decades.

The axe’s first target would be the Supreme Court (*photo by Scott Julius*). A Trump presidency would be guaranteed to appoint one justice. The seat left vacant by the death of Justice Scalia would be filled by him. It is unlikely that Congress will do their job by appointing President Obama’s nominee. They would rather see a monster appoint one. One who will be more willing to do the bidding of corporate America.

In addition, many of the other justices on the bench are no youngsters either. Liberal champion Ruth Bader Ginsberg at 83 years old would be 91 by the time a second term Trump presidency ends. She has had problems with pancreatic cancer with other health issues. Justice Breyer is already 78, with swing justice Kennedy 80. A death or retirement of either of these during a Trump presidency could pave the way to tilt the court right for a generation.

Let us look at the ultimate worst-case scenario: Trump wins and the Republicans keep control of both chambers of Congress. Who could Trump appoint and what could this mean for the future? First, let’s look at Trump’s favorite justice Clarence Thomas. This is the one who voted in favor of the *Citizens United* case (remember that?) and embraces interpretations of the Constitution that strike down child labor laws. He also voted to dismantle much of the Voting Rights Act.

One name that has been floated is Judge William Pryor. He was appointed by former President George W. Bush to the United

States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. This justice would be a disaster for women’s rights as he has gone on record calling *Roe vs Wade* and *Miranda vs Arizona* “the worst examples of judicial activism”. Judge Pryor does not seem to want women to have a right to choose, nor rights for anyone who is arrested. Oh, you want to vote so you can have a say in the political process? Sorry, he does not like that. Not at all. In the case *Common Cause/Georgia vs Billups* he voted to uphold strict voter-ID laws in Georgia that depress turnout among minorities.

Judge Pryor is a hardcore conservative who would do grave damage to this country if appointed. However, he does have to compete for the honor of being able to set this country back. He has some stiff competition who would take that job out from under him as fast as the Republicans want to take the power of the union away from the American worker.

Meet Judge Diane Sykes of the Seventh Circuit. She is like the anti-Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Trump is not even the first person to suggest her for the Supreme Court, Wisconsin governor Scott Walker thought she would be a great choice in 2013. The LGBT community has much to fear from her. In the ruling *Christian Legal Society vs Walker*, she felt that anti-gay groups have a legal right to government subsidies. She would have no problem in a case that came before her to say it is okay for a business to refuse service to LGBT persons or fire them for their orientation. Judge Sykes also believes it is okay for employers to limit access to birth control based on their belief and backs strict voter ID laws.

This is just the tip of a rapidly melting iceberg. Other issues are at stake from climate change to unions. Other nominees, just as radical, have been put forth. Even if Trump appoints someone other than these two, you can bet their ideology will be to turn the court hard right.

Trump must not be allowed to wreck all we have fought for over decades. Millions could be stripped of affordable healthcare if a case involving the Affordable Care Act comes their way. The fossil fuel industry could be given free reign to pollute if a climate case ends up at the bench. Republicans hate unions, so you can bet any case involving them will be ruled in favor of the boss, not the worker. The Republicans hope we are too divided and will not vote in November. I intend to disappoint them. Will you?

Millhiser, Ian. "Meet The Two Ultra-Conservatives Trump Would Nominate To The Supreme Court." Meet The Two Ultra-Conservatives Trump Would Nominate To The Supreme Court. February 19, 2016. Accessed September 26, 2016. <https://thinkprogress.org/meet-the-two-ultra-conservatives-trump-would-nominate-to-the-supreme-court-da6a78b686b6#.3tn52kab3>.

Stronger Together- Volunteer for Hillary

Dr. Eric Keller speaks at Roane State

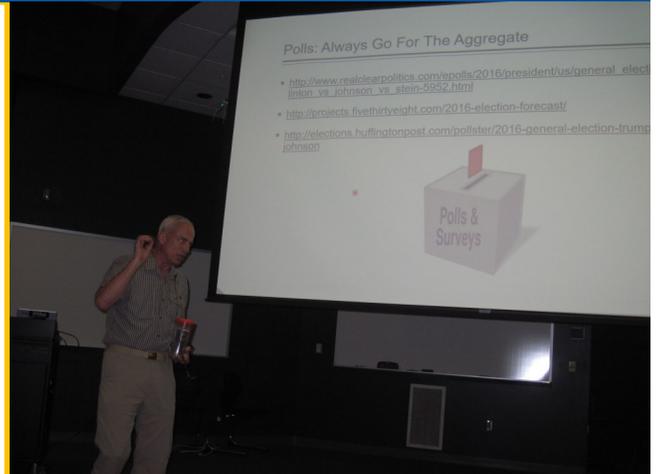
The *Hillary for Tennessee* Campaign is working hard to connect with voters, both here in Anderson/Roane Counties and in our neighboring battleground state of North Carolina. With just weeks until Election Day, hosting a debate watch party, hosting a phone bank, making phone calls, or canvassing in North Carolina is a great way to help ensure that Hillary Clinton will be the next President of the United States.

Our campaign events these past several weeks have given us an opportunity to connect not only with voters, but also to share with friends and neighbors Hillary's positions on the issues. It is her well thought-out positions and her years of service to her community that inspires us to work hard for her election. Dr. Eric Keller, a local political scientist and Hillary volunteer, provided us not only with inspiration but gave us an in-depth view into her strategic positions on economics and foreign policy at a lecture held at Roane State Community College. This event, sponsored by the Anderson County Democratic Party and the Hillary for Tennessee Campaign was a welcome departure from the "spin" of newscasters, and took us into the realm of facts and figures. We were treated to policy information at a level of detail reminding us over and over again why Hillary will be the most knowledgeable and prepared commander in chief, and secondarily the first female to hold that position.

There is a lot of work to be done in a short period of time! The second Presidential debate is coming up on October 9 and one watch party will be held at the home of Jim and Ronnie Bogard. You are encouraged to invite your neighbors and friends and hold a debate party as well! If you cannot hold or attend a watch party, become part of the debate conversation by posting to social media. Remember there will be many people who will not watch the debates, but will rely on the commentary – so get out there with your positive thoughts, comments, and pictures of supporters. Let's keep our comments on the high road, we will win over the undecideds with heart and reason, not despair.

Phone Banking is an imperative now, and we are looking for additional hosts that will welcome us into their homes with our computers and phones. All that is needed is a wi-fi connection and an open door, and we will do the rest for you. Hospitable Hosts so far are the Stephensons (next phone bank on October 10), Bowmans, Bogards, Hooks, and Petrilla/Keller. Add your name to this list – it is your chance to take part in the most important election in our lifetime! Teams across the state continue to build their organizations and mobilize voters across Tennessee and North Carolina. Volunteer to make calls, make a trip to N.C., or step up into a leadership position. By working together we can make sure that Hillary wins! Contact Ronnie Bogard at 482-7991 for more information, or go to HillaryClinton.com for information on the issues, events, and progress.

The Anderson County Democrat thanks Ronnie Bogard for her submission and hard work!



On September 22nd, political scientist and Hillary supporter Dr. Eric Keller gave a rousing speech about Hillary/Kaine campaign's positions on economics and foreign policy at the Oak Ridge Branch of Roane State Community College. More details can be read in Ronnie Bogard's article, but I have a few things to add.

First, Dr. Keller is extremely smart. I (Scott) only have a B.A. in political science, he has a PhD in the subject! He sort of reminds me of my favorite professor at Hood College in Maryland, where I went. While very talented, he kept the information understandable to all. This included a brief overview of economic theory and the different schools of thought on it. He also talked about polling, "Not all polls are equal. You have automated polling verses live polling among with each having different advantages and accuracy" Dr. Keller said.

When it comes to politics, "Hillary loves this stuff" he said. "She's the type of kid who would sit in front of the class absorbing the material until she knows it better than the teacher. Trump on the other hand, is the schoolyard bully who would beat up the weaker kid, take his homework, then turn it in as his own." according to Dr. Keller. The speech was very informative and we all walked away better informed than when we arrived. We are very lucky to have someone like him helping the Hillary campaign.

Light Reading for the political junkie

1. An [updated list](#) about potential Trump Supreme Court nominees.
2. [Here is an updated video](#) about what Melody Shekari's been up to courtesy of her campaign.

Mark your calendar for "Dinner with the Democrats"!

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-Guests-

Former TN House of Representative Bob Clement



Photo by www.ourcampaigns.com

Former TN House of Representative Lincoln Davis



Photo by Washington Post

Tennessee Democratic Party Chairwoman Mary Mancini



Photo by www.tndp.org

Candidate for US House of Representatives Melody Shekari



Photo by www.melodyshekari.com

Date: October 14th, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Social Hall of Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

109 Oak Ridge Turnpike

Oak Ridge, TN.

Purpose: Fundraiser for the Anderson County Democratic Party

Example of auction items: 1 week 2 bedroom, Barefoot Trace Condo, Crescent Beach, Florida,

2 Tickets Utah vs Alabama, October 15th, Last Will valued at \$250

Rare Vintage Political Bracelet, and many more items.

Donation \$50

Entertainment by David West and The Cidermountain Boys, R.S.V.P. by October 7th to Catherine Denenberg at 483-4662