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It is time to build the party.

As we are in a state of mourning, the front page is left blank. In a form of symbolism, we pick up again on the next page...as we pick up again as a party.

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

Some words on what is ahead By Pat Fain

It may be too soon to say this, but it has to be said if we are to survive as a democratic country. He understood the fear, the profound fear of change that has gripped half of the population since before the great depression of 2007. He played to it and he pandered to it and it worked. Furthermore, his incessant pounding on "bad Hillary, close the borders, bomb ISIS" assaulted our emotions and sensibilities so that we became numb and sought our own emotional protection. We have been assaulted and brutalized as a nation and have reacted like abuse victims who protect the abuser by denying that it is happening. David Duke is today chortling "a great win for our people".

Liberalism is not dead, but we have been badly beat up. We need to retrench, but in two short years we will have the chance to vote again for an entirely new Congress and 1/3 of the Senate (one from Tennessee) and we need to be organized and to be strong by then. So do not scatter. Stay in touch with each other and continue to build the kind of coalitions and Democratic party that will position us to again vote for and achieve the America that could be.

Typically mid-term elections have favored the minority as people have plenty of unfulfilled promises to blame on the majority. Nothing is easy for Democrats in Tennessee, but we do not know how far we can get. The disillusionment is inevitable after raising so many undeliverable expectations. Then there is the diversion of the many court dates for Trump that will occupy the start up of his government.

The youth of the country are depending on us for a just and livable world. Let's help create it. We have long enough allowed the despoilers of the earth to bully us into silence. We survived Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Bush II and we can learn from and survive this. Two years is long enough to realize the disillusionment coming up, but it is too short if we do not plan for it now. I believe we will begin to see the "Trump University" glitter turning to the brass of reality sooner, rather than later. Old patterns of behavior (his) die hard. Demographics are on our side. We can maximize that advantage. Stay tuned.



A thank you By Scott Julius

This is the text of the thank you note emailed out to the party a few days ago, written by Scott Julius. Here it is again for those of you who may not have seen it or wish to read it again.

"*This is painful and it will be for a long time*". I believe Hillary Clinton summed up everyone's feelings in her concession speech the morning after the election. Each of us worked hard, spread the word, and endured until the end in what was a hard fought election. We organized and made phone calls, manned Headquarters and sold memorabilia, traveled to other states to knock on doors and raised money for candidates. From fundraisers to watch parties, we were standing together and were indeed Stronger Together.

Sadly, this was in Hillary's words, "*not the outcome we hoped for*". Many of us sat stunned, shell-shocked, and frightened at her loss. Tears were shed as fear for the future of this nation was on all our minds. Instead of electing a skilled, experienced, elder-stateswoman we ended up with a vulgar billionaire who thinks mocking the disabled and thinking making crude jokes about woman are okay. Well guess what? It is NOT okay! The outcome of this election is NOT okay! Each of us is frustrated and angered at the way this election turned out. You have every right to be angry.

The Anderson County Democratic Party would like to thank each and every one of you for what you did for us. It does not matter if you "Felt the Bern" or were "Standing With Hillary", fact of the matter is we all worked hard as adults, as Democrats to make history. You know what? At the end of the day we are all Democrats, all on the same side. People had spent hour's phone banking for Melody Shekari and Hillary Clinton. Others donated money to the campaigns. Some put up signs and bumper stickers. All of us did our part to make this election season the best it could be. We are proud of you and you should be proud of yourselves.

Let us also thank Melody Shekari for her tireless work for trying to get quality leadership for the Third District. While based in Chattanooga, she was no stranger to Anderson County. We pretty much lost track of how many times we saw her and her team up here. She remembered us and we will never forget her. In her campaign, she did more for the Third District than Chuck Fleischmann has in his term in office. We sincerely thank her and look forward to hearing (continued on Page Three)

A thank you continued

(continued from Page Two) from her again at some point down the road.

There is no way to sugar coat this, but dark days are ahead. However, this is not the time to crawl into a corner to give up, to go away, to surrender to the forces that propelled the likes of Donald Trump to the White House and Chuck Fleischmann back to the House of Representatives. It is time to fight and the time to fight starts now. The hard work we have shown must continue and the show must go on. Please stay involved, spread the word about what we do, and prepare to join our righteous cause.

We thank you again for your hard work. Since there is work to be done, let's get started.

Election Night Watch Party



Light Reading for the Political Junkie.

1. Well that did not take long. [Women wearing hijabs](#) were reported to have been assaulted just hours after Trump "won".
2. The people have spoken! For Hillary Clinton that is. [For the second time in 16 years](#), the Electoral College overrides the will of the people by electing the person who came in second.
3. [Stay Angry!](#) This shouldn't be too hard. This is an excellent article showing the only way to uphold principals in Trump's America.
4. The right is having their dream's come true with Trump's cabinet and staff picks. [Stephen Bannon of Breitbart News](#) fame has been chosen as Chief Strategist.
5. [Some facts](#) to help you determine if a news story you see on say Facebook is legit.
6. [What is he hiding?](#) For all the hype about Hillary Clinton's email's Vice-President Elect Pence wants to keep his private.
7. I conclude the light reading with some scary words that Chief Strategist Bannon has said about [science](#) and technology.

On Election Night, Democrats and Hillary Clinton supporters from around the county gathered at party Headquarters to watch the results of the election come in. Headquarters was packed and I have never seen so many people in there! People were really excited about this election.

The Watch Party was catered by Deb's Catering. Among the dishes was smoked ham, turkey, green beans, mac and cheese, salad, and rolls. To top it off was a nice Hillary cake, with beer and wine available. Party vice-chair Herman Collins started out with introducing himself and going around the room letting everyone know who they were. As there were a lot of new faces, this helped break the ice.

Sadly, the election did not turn out the way we had hoped. All of us went home disappointed and worried about the days ahead. On the other hand, this election did bring us together and we will stay together in the days ahead.

