



# The Anderson County Democrat

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*Happy New Year 2017!*

*Organization Fair on January 21st*

**OAK RIDGE, JANUARY 21, 1-4 PM**

**STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE**  
**WOMEN'S MARCH**  
 -ON WASHINGTON-  
 OAK RIDGE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, 809 OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE

**MEET WITH COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS AND CONNECT WITH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS**  
**WATCH STREAMING VIDEO FROM THE WOMEN'S MARCH**  
 Hosted by the Anderson County Democratic Party  
*Save the Date!*



*Party Meeting on January 26th*

As a reminder, we will have a party meeting this month.

**Date:** January 26th, 2017

**Time:** 6 PM

**Location:** Clinton Community Center.

*Editor's Message for New Year 2017*

Well, if you were one of the many Democrats envisioning a new year full of good happenings, saving the environment, achieving universal healthcare, improving public education, no more foreign wars, getting the government out of our bedrooms, etc. you are probably pretty bummed out right now. Me, too, but I have to tell you, nothing gets my energy level up and my brain planning like the erection of a high brick wall. The mere threat of catastrophe gets me going. My life-long motto when faced with a setback is "don't get mad, get even" and my favorite proverb is a Klingon utterance in Star Wars II that "revenge is a dish best served cold".

So, 2017 is a really good bet for being exciting and full of planning, suspense and, most of all, action for Democrats. I propose we join the fun and first lay the foundation for turning our current basket of lemons into lemonade. We already have a very strong beginning thanks to dedicated Anderson County Democrats that identified and contacted thousands of local Democrats during the elections of 2008, 2012 and 2016. We now have excellent validated contact information and we know who the dedicated workers and voters are. We have field tested leadership in place. We have a dedicated newsletter staff ready to keep up the momentum and information flow.

We will be electing new officers, naming committee chairs, renewing old memberships, signing up new members and populating the committees so that we can increase our active voting membership for the challenge ahead. Look for the notice of this annual meeting to be held in March. Exciting times are ahead. Contact me directly at [patfain1@gmail.com](mailto:patfain1@gmail.com).

*Light Reading for the political junkie*

1. Outsourcing state job's has harmed Tennessee. [This article](#) goes into Governor Haslam's role in this.
2. A [good article](#) showing how Tennessee hospitals worry that the Affordable Care Act will be repealed without a replacement.
3. [Another article](#) showing that Tennesseans would pay a deal price for an ACA repeal (not that the Republicans care).
4. On a bright note, the Federal Government [bans ridge-top mining](#) in East Tennessee!
5. The nuclear Tweet. This [Washington Post](#) article should scare anyone.
6. Hmm, in 2014 Trump said Russian hacking was a [big problem](#).

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