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Save the date: Party reorganization meeting on March 25th

Upcoming Events

The party meeting on January 26th

Anderson County Democratic Party reorganization convention.

March 25th, 12 Noon, Social Hall, Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church.

Come join us as we elect new officers to the party! A special edition of this newsletter will be forthcoming explaining the importance of this meeting and what to expect.

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Dr. Eric Keller, the incoming chairman of the party, introduces himself.

Rapid Response from the state party



The Tennessee Democratic Party has launched a rapid response team to hold Trump and his Republican Party accountable both nationally and here in Tennessee.

Rapid response team members will receive regular calls to action through a private Facebook group as well as an email listserv. These actions range from social media message shares to calling your congressmen and your neighbors. Team members will also help organize events and rallies.

If you are ready to take action, sign up online <http://tndp.org/tndp-rapid-response-team/> or click the photo above.

On January 26th, the Anderson County Democratic Party held their meeting at the Clinton Community Center. Since this is an off-election year, party meetings are held every other month. The meeting was done pot luck style with many tasty dishes bought in. It seems we have culinary talent in the party!

Riding on the phenomenal success of *Standing in Solidarity*, we had great turnout and saw some new faces. After the dinner, Catherine called the meeting to order. After going over some business, she mentioned that this is the last meeting she will be presiding over as she is term limited out. This got her a much deserved round of applause.

We then heard a brief introduction from our next party chair, Dr. Eric Keller (*pictured above*). We look forward to working with him in the coming months and thank him for stepping up to lead the party.

We were glad to have you join us, we'll see you next time!

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

Questionable behavior by Pat Fain

It recently, three days ago actually, occurred to me that DJT was acting stranger than usual. I have an extensive background in working with people who have various mental/emotional diagnoses and a Masters degree in Human Behavior, so I notice this kind of thing pretty often.

His behavior was becoming more erratic and he seemed to be closer than usual to incoherent. Then he spoke at the CIA in such an out of touch manner and with so much vitriol in an inappropriate place on an inappropriate topic that I suddenly realized what he reminded me of. I could see and hear the steel ball clicking in his hand as he whined about the press reports of crowd size. He is regularly fixated on sizes, but this time and place was so inappropriate as to be startling, even for him.

When I pictured the steel balls clicking in his hand, I quickly flashed to Captain Queeg and my most favorite actor, Bogie, of course, but I digress he was really such a little guy you know. Well anyway I probably had not seen the movie since its release in 1954, so I paid \$3.95 to watch it streaming on my computer, just to check my memory and there he was. Trump's face on Bogie. Awful sight. After all, I have a 5'6" tall cardboard cutout of Bogie in my living room (truth).

That was the seminal moment that I fully understood just how much trouble our country is really in. Right Now. This Minute. Strangely enough I was somewhat calmed by the fact that it was at the CIA building that the truth exploded into reality. I figured they employed some of the best profilers in the world and they are now on notice to pay really close attention. I just hope they and the FBI are really paying close attention. Surely they must be. Even if the political appointed leadership turns out badly, the career people are always in place to make the real decisions. Aren't they?

We are in for quite a typhoon. The price of freedom is always and always eternal vigilance.

Indivisible in development by Scott Julius

We are in the process of developing an Anderson County chapter of "Indivisible", which has more than 4,500 local groups signed up to resist the Trump agenda. Doing this was discussed at the most recent party meeting and we had much interest. I have recruited a trio of people to head up this movement. It is still a work in progress and help is needed! If interested let us know. To learn more about Indivisible please [click this link](#) to learn more.

Impeachment by Pat Fain

There has been a lot of talk about the impeachment of Trump as he gets further and further into areas that many perceive as flagrant disregard of the oath he took to protect the Constitution when he was sworn in a few days ago. I have spent some time reading the Constitution and legal tomes in search of a real answer. The best I can find is that "*The House of Representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment.* (Art2, Sec.5) There is no mention of the vote percentage, so one would assume that only majority vote is needed. The Senate at (Art3, Sec5) has the power to try all impeachments and to convict with the concurrence of 2/3 of the members present. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be the presiding judge.

For as long as the numbers in both the House and Senate are not there, he cannot be impeached. He can flagrantly ignore the constitution until then. No court can remove the president and he is immune from prosecution during his time in office. He made the statement that he is immune from conflict of interest. He is not immune from having a Bill of Impeachment brought by the House and trial held before the Senate resulting in a vote for conviction. We will need to change an awful lot of Representatives and 3 Senators in 2018 to make this happen.

As to ordering federal employees to disobey a court order, that is a bit complicated too. A federal employee is protected by the Civil Service Act. I really doubt that a firing for refusal to follow an order of a President that directly defies a court order would stand up in court. As for refusal of a political appointee to follow an order contradicting a federal court ruling, the appointee is probably not protected at all. They are usually in the fire-at-will category. My personal opinion on the impeachment issue.....

So long as there are no Republican Representatives or Senators willing to stand up and say, "hell, no" to Trump, he will dismantle more and more of the "welfare" and protections of the rights of the people achieved in the 70 years since FDR promised a chicken in every pot. The oligarchs and the kleptocrats and entitled elite will continue to make a travesty of democracy.