



NorthOakland-Dems.org

Addison, Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Independence, Orion, Oxford, Rose, Springfield

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The North Oakland Democratic Club serves nine townships in Oakland County.

About the NODC: The North Oakland Democratic Club is chartered under the Oakland County Democratic Party. The club is being organized into three chapters, or subgroups: Orion/Oxford (including Addison), Clarkston/Brandon (including Groveland), and Holly/Davisburg (including Rose). These chapters will meet at different times and places. (Check our [web site](http://www.northoakland-dems.org) for time and location) **NODC web site:** <http://www.northoakland-dems.org> and sign up for one or all of our Meetups.

NODC Meetups on the Web:

Orion/Oxford: <http://democrat.meetup.com/645/>

Clarkston/Brandon: <http://democrat.meetup.com/1130/>

Holly/Davisburg: <http://democrat.meetup.com/1174/>

Please register for one or all of our meeting automatic updates via **Meetup.com**

Meetup.com helps people find others who share their interest or cause, and form lasting, influential, local community groups that regularly meet face-to-face. You will not receive SPAM email by registering with Meetup.

It is extremely helpful to register for our Meetups and RSVP to meeting notices.

Please Join the NODC at our meetings in March and April

Due to our special guests, we will have one consolidated meeting in March and April:

March 24 (Monday) – Guest Speakers will be Judge Jessica Cooper and Jane Boudreau.

April 24 (Thursday) – Guest Speaker Lt. Gov. John Cherry.

Both meetings will be at the Orion Township Library, 825 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion 48362

Monday March 24th, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Guest Speakers



Candidate for Oakland County Prosecutor, Judge Cooper sat 22 years as a judge, first on the 46th District Court and then on the Oakland County Circuit Court. She also served six years on the Michigan Court of Appeals before retiring in 2007 to form an arbitration firm

Judge Jessica Cooper



Candidate for Oakland County Sheriff, Jane Boudreau has been in Law Enforcement for 23 years, having worked for the Pontiac Police Department, Oakland County Sheriff, and the Village of Holly.

Jane Boudreau

Thursday April 24th, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Guest Speaker



John Cherry

Prior to his election to the office of Lieutenant Governor in 2002 and 2006, John Cherry had been a member of the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative (1983-1986), State Senator (1987-2002) and Senate Minority Leader. In his current position, Cherry presides over the State Senate, casting votes there in the event of a tie. His sister, Deborah Cherry, now holds his senate seat.

John Cherry chairs the Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education & Economic Growth, with the commission making recommendations on higher education and the need to expand and retain Michigan's job base. He also serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact and the Great Lakes Commission.

Lt. Governor John D. Cherry, Jr. was elected chairman of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association (NLGA) during the organization's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, July 19, 2006.

Lt. Gov. Cherry is married to Pamela M. Faris. They have two adult children, Meghan and John Daniel, and one grandchild.

Congressional Conventions to elect Delegates to the DNC Convention March 29 10 AM to Noon

The 8th District Convention will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at UAW Local 6000, 3350 N. Grand River, Lansing. 8th District registration of enrolled Democrats begins at 9:15AM, Convention begins at 10 AM.

The 9th District Convention will be at UAW Local 653, 670 E Walton Blvd., Pontiac MI. 9th District registration begins at 8:00 AM, Convention Starts at 10:00 AM. Registration closes at 10 AM, those in line at 10AM will be allowed to register.

Enrolled Democrats include only the following: 1. Precinct delegates who were duly elected at the primary election held August 8, 2006 and the nominees for county and legislative office as set forth in Michigan Democratic Party Rules Article 5c. In order to vote at the district convention, these persons must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party on or before March 29, 2008. They may become members that day when they register at the district convention.

2. Members of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days prior to March 29, 2008 or by 5 PM, February 28, 2008.

The order of business will be to elect delegates to the Democratic National Convention which will be held in Denver, August 25-28, 2008.

The Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) published its revised Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) for its 2008 Presidential Primary <http://www.michigandems.com/2008DSP.pdf> An allocation was published in February by the MDP:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
8	2 Clinton, 1 Uncommitted	2 Clinton, 1 Uncommitted	6	0	1 Clinton	1
9	2 Clinton, 1 Uncommitted	1 Clinton, 2 Uncommitted	6	1 Clinton	0	1

Proportional voting by county in the 8th District.

The 8th District has 194 votes, for electing delegates. Ingham (91 – 46.9%), Livingston (40 – 20.6%), Oakland (33 – 17.1%), Clinton 20 – 10.3%, Shiawassee (10 – 5.1%). If a county is unrepresented at the convention, then the county allocation would be zero.

What is Proportional voting?

Regardless of the number of people who attend from the Oakland 8th, the Oakland 8th gets 33 votes. One person voting would have 33 votes, and if 66 people voted each person would have a half vote.

Caucus Election

Once registered for a caucus, each congressional district will divide into two caucuses, Clinton and Uncommitted, for the purpose of electing each of the Male and Female delegates allocated. Votes will be proportional by county, and totaled at the district level. A delegate must have 50% or greater of the total caucus vote to be elected to the Democratic National Convention. Oakland will have 33 (proportional) votes for each of the Clinton and Uncommitted caucuses.

Oakland County Candidates for 8th District Delegates

At this writing, it is known that Phil Reid has submitted a Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate with the MDP to run as a Clinton Male Delegate.

The Rules could change before March 29th

At this writing, the above could change if an agreement with the two Democratic Candidates, the DNC, the MDP, and the Michigan State Legislature is agreed to.

Hope to see you there!

2008 NODC Wish List

Working in conjunction with Downtown Development Authorities, Parks and Recreation Departments, and civic groups, there are opportunities to reach out to our communities and to demonstrate a Democratic Party presence. The items below would be useful and are, unfortunately, not easily funded with membership dues, even at a Supporter level. Consequently, this list is intended for individuals that would like to provide funding as a **Benefactor**. For more information on the OADC Wish List, or to suggest similar or different items, please contact Phil Reid (OADC Chair) 248-922-9203 (Home), pwreid1@aol.com.

4' x 6' Folding Table
\$50 (est.)

4 Folding Chairs
\$100 (est.)

Easel
\$100

10' x 3' NODC Banner
\$100 (est.)

The club would gladly accept donated items in good condition.

2008 NODC Goals

1. Increase NODC membership by 100%, increase members under age 35 by 20%. Encourage membership in the Oakland County Democratic Party (OCDP), and the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP).
2. Identify Precinct Delegates/Organizers in the Club Area.
3. Provide training for Precinct Organizers supporting the Michigan Coordinated Campaign (MCC)
4. Support candidate identification for local, county, and state offices.
5. Support Voter ID and GOTV efforts – working in conjunction with the OCDP, MCC, and MDP.
6. Support public visibility events like the July 4th Clarkston parade and Festival of Fun, Celebrate Oxford, Ortonville Septemberfest, Holly Carry Nation parade and festival, and Leonard Strawberry Festival.
7. Have social gatherings which are less of a meeting than an opportunity to meet others in the area.

Help us Locate Meeting Locations

In addition to Libraries, is there a location you could recommend in the Orion/Oxford, Clarkston/Brandon, and Holly Davisburg areas? We are looking for a location that can be reserved for the same evening each month and is affordable (free is best!). Do you know of a restaurant that has a meeting room? Is there a vacant office in your building that might be available as an “in-kind” donation? Contact Club Chair Phillip Reid and let him know.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the following events, for whatever time is available for you:

June 7th – Creekfest – Ortonville
July 4th Festival of Fun – Clarkston (10 AM – 5PM)
July 7th – 13th Oakland County 4H Fair – Springfield Township
July 19th – Strawberry Festival – Leonard
August 2nd – Celebrate Oxford
August 5th – Primary Election – all precincts
September 6th Carry Nation Parade - Holly
September 20th – Septemberfest – Ortonville
November 4th – Election Day – all precincts

Let us know if you can help, contact the club – admin@northoakland-dems.org

NODC Membership Directory (2008 Renewals are required to be a member in good standing) Renew now (if you haven't already) to remain a member in good standing.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CTY/TWP	MEMBERSHIP
Anderson	Florence	Waterford	Basic
Bergstrom	Carl	Clarkston	Benefactor
Bezkek	Bill	Clarkston	Basic
Bingham	John	Lake Orion	Benefactor
Bishop	William	Lake Orion	Retiree/Student
Blythe	David	Oxford	Gold
Carmen	Margaret	Clarkston	Retiree/Student
Conger	Peggy	Waterford	Retiree/Student
Cucinelli	Nick	Lake Orion	Supporter
Fericks	Janet	Clarkston	Retiree/Student
Farley	Robert	Clarkston	Basic
Freedman	Gerald	Davisburg	Basic
Freeman	Annette	Davisburg	Basic
Galbraith	Gerald	Orion	Gold
Geeck	Robert	Orion	Retiree/Student
Good	Robert	Holly	Basic
Griffin	B.J.	Lake Orion	Supporter
Hale	Martha	Lake Orion	Basic
Haydel	Sandra & Alden	Lake Orion	Benefactor
Hirth	Shelley	Clarkston	Basic
Howse	Patrick	Lake Orion	Basic
Ingram	James	Lake Orion	Basic
Jensen	Einar	Lake Orion	Retiree/Student
Jensen	Tracy	Lake Orion	Supporter
Kanost	Margaret	Orion	Benefactor
Klein	Rose	North Branch	Benefactor
Larsen	Russell	Clarkston	Basic
Levin	Micki	Clarkston	Supporter
Lyons	Richard	Lake Orion	Supporter
Marcinkowski	James	Lake Orion	Basic
McIntosh	Susan	Clarkston	Supporter
Meo	Regina	Lake Orion	Benefactor
Mihalyfi	Marjorie & Carl	Oxford	Retiree/Student
Muzzy	Heather	Orion	Basic
Nowak	Gregory	Lake Orion	Benefactor
Pearson	William	Oxford	Basic
Perkins	Lora	Clarkston	Basic
Rainey	Margaret	Holly	Basic
Reid	Phillip & Cynthia	Clarkston	Gold
Rivera	Lorenzo & Isabel	Oxford	Basic
Stenborg	Paul	Oxford	Basic
Sutherby	Charlene	Leonard	Supporter
Tomczak	Shirley	Dryden	Retiree/Student
Valentine	Rosemary	Oxford	Supporter
Van SlamBrouck	Edward	Orion	Retiree/Student
Walter	Scott	Orion	Gold
Watson	Scott	Oxford	Basic
Wells	Jordan	Lake Orion	Basic

Interested in being a candidate in 2008?

In North Oakland County there are candidates needed for State Representative, County Commissioner, Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustee.

There are different levels of candidates: just being on the ballot; doing some campaigning; and fighting hard to win.

If you would be interested in the idea of public office, at any level, let us know via the "Contact Us" page on the North Oakland Democratic Club web site www.northoakland-dems.org.

Governor appointed positions for citizen representation on State Boards and Commissions available (now)

There are vacancies on a variety of Boards and Commissions that include representation of citizens that are not members of the related profession or subject matter experts. However it does take an interest and a willingness to travel within the state. If you would like a copy of the list you can contact Phil Reid (Contact Us) of the North Oakland Dems web site.

Letter from Bob Alexander – Candidate for Congress, 8th District

Dear Supporters, Democrats and Independents,

Thank you for your support for our exploratory committee for Alexander for Congress to defeat Mike Rogers this year! We surpassed both our minimum goals to start our campaign of \$40,000 in pledges and more than 50% of our donors were new. Our campaign is taking off. We need your donation and volunteer support as soon as possible. Please make your check out to Bob Alexander for Congress and send it to Bob Alexander, 1429 Somerset Close, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Again, thank you. Many supporters have indicated how they want to be involved in our campaign.

If you have not told me what you want to do, please fill out the sheet below on how you want to help defeat Mike Rogers. We are really pleased with the number of supporters who are endorsing our campaign. **Please check the form to be an endorser, and return the sheet with your donation.** If you have any suggestions or concerns, please let me know by email at BobAlex06@gmail.com, or call me at 517-351-0965.


Let us make this an exciting, enjoyable and victorious race. Onward, Bob Alexander
Please PRINT how you will elect Bob Alexander, send with donation to address below.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

- Add my name to above list of Alexander supporters My check for \$ _____ in enclosed.
- Phoning Canvass Door to Door Mailings Help build an Alexander group in my town.
- Co-sponsor a house party Help with fund raising Staff our office Help with publicity.
- Write letters to the Editor Help with Website & Blog Leaflet flyers Want a Yard Sign.
- Circulate Alexander petition among my friends, local events, large gatherings in 8th Dist.

Write check to Alexander for Congress, & send to Bob Alexander, 1429 Somerset, East Lansing, MI 48823.
Please contact 517-351-965 BobAlex06@gmail.com

	NODC Volunteer Opportunities
	Event assistance
	Help Organize your neighborhood or Precinct
	Precinct Delegate
	Letters to the editor
	Office work
	Organize a House Party, or Coffee
	Phone Calls
	Yard Sign
	Election Inspector
	Poll Watcher
	Poll Challenger
	Blogger
	Webmaster
	Anything, just call if you need help

Now is the time to join/renew membership in the North Oakland Democratic Club

* Also formerly known as the Orion Area Democratic Club

Retiree - \$10

Student - \$10

Basic Membership - \$20

Supporter - \$40

Benefactor - \$50 - \$99

Gold - \$100 (this may include a quarterly or monthly commitment) I agree to contribute _____ each **Quarter Month**)
(CIRCLE ONE)

Other - \$ _____

Please send this completed form and your membership fee to
NODC, PO Box 336, Lake Orion MI 48361

Membership is now on a calendar year basis. No one will be denied membership if they cannot afford a donation. All public meetings of the NODC are open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, physical appearance or disability.

Get a friend to Join _____ Referred by _____

Title _____ Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____ + _____

Occupation _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Business Telephone (____) ____ - _____ Home Telephone (____) ____ - _____

Cell Phone (____) ____ - _____ EMAIL _____

Your Membership is valid in the year that we receive payment (all memberships renewable on a calendar year basis).

Dues \$ _____ Received by _____ Date _____

Membership Dues are used to pay for Postage, Post Office Box, and misc. expenses, as required.