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Thank you for your support!

In 2013 the NODC enjoyed great support from our members with our meetings, events – and especially paid memberships. Membership is the lifeblood of our club as it supports our participation in community events by covering fees and expenses. Membership dues enable the club to support candidates and allow us to make an annual donation to the Oxford/Orion FISH Food Pantry. Thanks again, and we hope we can count on your support in 2014, another critical election year.

2013 features diverse speakers and events

Speakers The NODC Executive Committee is grateful for the great speakers that participated in our meetings: **Bob Alexander** (Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) Progressive Caucus); **Mike Magdich** (MDP Business Council); **Bert Johnson** (State Senator Dist. 2); **John Kesserich** (Planned Parenthood; MI), **Marie Donigan** (N. Oakland Land Conservancy); **Todd Bazzett** (Let's Ban Michigan Fracking); **Melissa Bernardi** (MI League of Conservation Voters); **Ethyl Rivera** (Sierra Club MI); **John Austin** (MI Board of Ed. Pres. and MI Econ. Development Director); **Lisa Brown** (Oakland County Clerk and Register of Deeds); **Kevin Hrit** (MDP Political Organizing Dir.); **Casandra Ulbrich** (MI State Board of Ed.); **Steve Norton** (Michigan Parents for Schools); **Sigrid Grace** (MEA, MDP Exec. Committee, Rochester Area Democratic Club Chair); **Garrett Arwa** (MDP Exec. Dir.); **Frank Houston** (Oakland County Democratic Party (OCDP) Chair); **Lee Cleaver** (MI AARP); **Mona Dequis** (Get Covered America); **Rebekah Warren** (State Senator Dist. 18); **Jeremy Mitchell** (Wayne State Univ. Transition to Independence); **Dr. Vivekanand Palavali** (Bitter Pill Documentary) **Hal Newnan** (Sierra Club Southeast MI Group Exec. Dir.); **Vicki Barnett** (State Rep. Dist. 37); **Andy Meisner** (Oakland County Treasurer); **Ken Darga** (MI State Demographer). Our meetings covered education, the environment, health care, political organizing, the State Legislature and Oakland County government.

Events The NODC Exec. Committee is also very grateful for your support in the following events: "Dos de Mayo" fundraiser; July 4th Independence Day Parade in Clarkston; NODC Annual Picnic at the Miller residence in Oxford; Septemberfest in Ortonville and the Taste of Clarkston. Members Amy and Mike Murawka also hosted a **Movie Night** for Dr. Vivekanand Palavali's documentary **Bitter Pill**.

We had a full year of monthly meetings and great events – and your support helped make it possible!

The NODC Executive Board also supported (as individuals on behalf of the NODC) the MDP Jeff Jack Dinner; the MDP Justice Caucus Spirit of Millie Dinner; the OCDP Phil Hart Dinner; and the OCDP Taste of Oakland.

Thanks for supporting our “Adopt A Road” project in 2013!

The NODC “thrice yearly” participates in the Oakland County **Adopt-A-Road** Program. Look for our signs on both sides of the very well-traveled section of Brown Rd. between Joslyn and Baldwin roads in Orion Twp. Many thanks to NODC members who have helped in our past pickups! **We had dedicated volunteers at our pickups on April 20, July 20, and September 21.** Altogether, we picked up more than 30 bags of trash from Brown Rd! **Please join us in 2014 in April, July, and September (dates pending).**



NODC donates to Oxford/Orion FISH Food Pantry in 2013

Our club collects canned and packaged food donations for Oxford/Orion FISH at each of our meetings. In 2013 the NODC also provided a cash donation of \$300.00 to Oxford/Orion FISH to buy additional food supplies. Oxford/Orion FISH provides emergency aid (groceries to last 5-7 days), financial assistance to help pay for utilities or rent and referrals to other agencies for additional assistance. People who have a need in Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison and Oakland Townships can call the Oxford/Orion Fish hotline to set up a client review at (248) 628-3933 <http://www.oxfordorionfish.org>. **Please join our efforts by bringing donations to our monthly meetings.**

NODC 2014 Monthly Meeting & Event Schedule

All meetings 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Please check our website for updates, adds or cancellations - www.northoakland-dems.org

- **January 28 (Tues 7:00 pm – later start time).** - [Clarkston Union](#) M/C Room – POTUS State of the Union Watch Party, 54 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48346,
- February 19 (Wed) - [The Burning Oak Smokehouse](#), 595 N Lapeer Rd, Oxford Charter Township, MI 48371
- **February 28 – Movie Night at Kevin and Baerbel Church’s:** 3020 Talon Circle, Lake Orion, MI 48360
- March 19 (Wed) - [C-Pub](#) (**Clansman Gaelic Pub @ Canterbury Village**) 2325 Joslyn Road Lake Orion, MI 48360
- April 16 (Wed) - [Clarkston Union](#) M/C Room - 54 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48346
- April TBD – Spring Adopt-A-Road, Brown Rd, Lake Orion
- April 26 (Sat) MDP Jeff-Jack Dinner – Cobo Hall, Detroit
- **May 5 (Mon) – Cinco de Mayo Spring Fundraiser** [The Burning Oak Smokehouse](#), 595 N Lapeer Rd, Oxford Charter Township, MI 48371
- **May 13 (Tues) – Michigan Primary Filing Deadline (candidates and precinct delegates)**
- June 18 (Wed) - [C-Pub](#) 2325 Joslyn Road Lake Orion, MI 48360
- July 4 (Fri) – July 4th Independence Day Parade, Clarkston
- July 16 - (Wed) [Italia Gardens](#) 1076 S Lapeer Rd, Oxford Charter Township, MI 48371
- July TBD – Summer Adopt-A-Road, Brown Rd, Lake Orion
- **Aug 5 (Tues) – Primary Election (statewide)**
- **August 23 (Sat) – NODC Picnic at the Millers’ House** ([875 N Baldwin Rd, Oxford, MI 48371](#))
- September 1 (Mon) – Labor Day Parade (Clarkston) 9 am - noon
- September 17 (Wed) - [Clarkston Union](#) M/C Room - 54 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48346
- September 21 (Sun) – Taste of Clarkston Noon – 6 pm
- September TBD – Fall Adopt-A-Road, Brown Rd, Lake Orion
- September 27 – Septemberfest (Ortonville) – 10 am – 5 pm
- October 15 (Wed) - [C-Pub](#) 2325 Joslyn Road Lake Orion, MI 48360
- **November 4 (Tues) General Election (statewide)**
- November 19 (Wed) - [Italia Gardens](#) 1076 S Lapeer Rd, Oxford Charter Township, MI 48371
- December 17 (Wed) - [C-Pub](#) 2325 Joslyn Road Lake Orion, MI 48360

You are invited to attend our meetings and participate in our events!

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nodc.mi/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NOaklandDemClub>

Website: www.northoakland-dems.org

NODC and OCDP join forces “On the Road” in North Oakland County in 2014 – mark your calendar and volunteer

The NODC, Oakland County Democratic Party, and Organizing for America will work to together again to support the Democratic Party, our issues, candidates, and elected officials.

Here is a list of planned events (also found in our 2014 calendar):

July 4, Independence Day Parade, 9 a.m. – noon. Park at Clarkston Junior High School 6595 Waldon Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346. Parade starts at St. Daniel Church 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

Sept 1, Clarkston Labor Day Parade, 9:00 a.m. - noon. Meet at Renaissance High School 6558 Waldon.

September 21, Taste of Clarkston, W Washington St. at S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 noon–6 p.m.

September 27, Septemberfest, Ortonville, MI 48462

Save the date: Feb. 28 NODC Movie Night

Please join us on February 28 as we kick off the year with our first NODC Movie Night. Members Kevin and Baerbel Church (3020 Talon Circle, Lake Orion, MI 48360) will host the potluck event. We’re considering a number of noteworthy documentaries for this year’s NODC Movie Nights: *Chasing Ice* (James Balog); *Gasland 2* (Josh Fox); *Inequality for All* (Robert Reich), to name just three. Typically we show these DVDs in the homes of members who are willing to host 20 people or more. If you would be willing to host a movie night, please let us know at one of our meetings when you sign in.

2013 Margaret Kanost Service Award

Margaret Kanost is a wonderful person who has spent many years in service for many great organizations. For many years she was active with the League of Conservation Voters and with the North Oakland Democratic Club, among many other interests. In 2011, the NODC created the Margaret Kanost Service Award to recognize outstanding members. In the first year we recognized Margaret for her great support of the club. In 2012, we honored **Ann Stevenson and Curt Catallo** of the Clarkston Union for their support of our club. In 2013, the club recognized **Phil and Cindy Reid** for their many contributions to the club. Recently, Margaret moved from Lake Orion to a retirement facility near Oberlin, Ohio. We will miss her!

Upcoming Meetings (January and February)

- **Please join us January 28 (Tues 7:00 pm)**. – at the [Clarkston Union](#) (M/C Room downstairs) 54 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48346, **Mark Totten**, candidate for MI Attorney General will speak at 7:30 pm, and at 8:00 pm, we will have a State of the Union Watch Party. Appetizers and limited beverages will be provided free of charge.
- **February 19 (Wed) (6:30 pm)** - [The Burning Oak Smokehouse](#), 595 N Lapeer Rd, Oxford Charter Township, MI 48371. Our guests will be Mark Schauer, Democratic Party candidate for Governor, Kurt Metzger (Data Driven Detroit) and Ken Darga (State of Michigan Demographer – *retired*).

Become a member!

Membership is on an annual (**calendar year**) basis and dues enable our club to cover event fees, postage, supplies and other operating expenses. We need your support! Your membership in the NODC is one of the best ways you can strengthen our club’s efforts to grow and increase our visibility in the community. If you haven’t already, please complete the included NODC membership form and send it in now. Better yet, bring it our next meeting! Thanks!

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) 6
(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 _____