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**Attorney General Candidate Mark Totten** – and other speakers to be announced. The event is open to the public, so please bring family and friends to enjoy what’s sure to be a great social event – and opportunity to help our club support 2014 election efforts. We look forward to seeing you!

## **NODC fundraising event: “Cinco de Mayo” on May 5 at The Burning Oak Smokehouse, Oxford, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Please join us for a **Cinco de Mayo** fundraiser, and social hour at The Burning Oak Smokehouse, 595 N. Lapeer Rd., Oxford, 48371, Monday, May 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You’ll enjoy a delicious nacho buffet that also includes fountain beverages – all for only \$20 per adult; a cash bar will also be available. **You won’t want to miss guest speakers: Michigan Democratic Party Chair Lon Johnson,**

## **Now is the time to join NODC or renew your membership**

Membership is on an annual basis and dues enable our club to support candidates and campaigns, pay for 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 attached NODC membership form and send it in now. **In this critical election year, it’s more important than ever!**

## **Mark April 19 on your community service calendar: Join our “Adopt A Road” crew for good, clean fun!**



As you probably know by now, the NODC has joined the Oakland County “Adopt A Road” Program – look for our signs on both sides of the very well-traveled section of Brown Rd. between Jocelyn and Baldwin roads in Orion Twp. We will meet in the Costco parking lot (NE corner), and **we would certainly welcome more volunteers for our Spring Pickup, Sat., April 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Summer Pickup is scheduled for July 14. Please join us!**

# NODC 2014 Monthly Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please check our website for updates, additions or changes: [www.northoakland-dems.org](http://www.northoakland-dems.org)

- **April 16 (Wed)** – [Clarkston Union](#) M/C Room – 54 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48346
- **April 19 (Sat)** – Adopt-A-Road Spring Pickup, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 400 Brown Rd. (Costco N.E. Parking Lot)
- **May 5 (Mon)** – Cinco de Mayo Spring Fundraiser, [The Burning Oak Smokehouse](#), 595 N. Lapeer Rd., Oxford Charter Township, MI 48371
- **June 18 (Wed)** – [C-Pub](#) 2325 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360
- **July 4 (Fri) 9 a.m. – Noon** – Clarkston Independence Day Parade (Meet at [St. Daniel Church Parking Lot](#))
- **July 16 – (Wed)** [Italia Gardens](#) 1076 S Lapeer Rd., Oxford Charter Township, MI 48371
- **July 19 (Sat)** - Adopt-A-Road Summer Pickup, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 400 Brown Rd. (Costco N.E. Parking Lot)
- **August 23 (Sat)** – NODC Annual Picnic ( [875 N Baldwin Rd, Oxford, MI 48371](#))
- **September 1 (Mon)** – Clarkston Labor Day Parade 9a.m. – Noon (Meet at [Renaissance High School](#) , 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston, MI 48346)
- **September 17 (Wed)** – [Clarkston Union](#) M/C Room – 54 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48346
- **Sept 20 (Sat)** - Adopt-A-Road Fall Pickup, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 400 Brown Rd. (Costco N.E. Parking Lot)
- **September 21, (Sun)** – Taste of Clarkston, Noon – 6 p.m. ([W. Washington St at Main St](#)), Clarkston, MI 48346
- **September 27 (Sat)** – Septemberfest – Ortonville, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ([South St at Mill St](#))
- **October 15 (Wed)** – [C-Pub](#) 2325 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360
- **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

## Join us for our April 16 meeting at the Clarkston Union!

Wed., April 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., our guest speakers will be former **MDP Chair, Mark Brewer**, who will discuss recent changes in campaign finance law for State and Federal elections. Also, Michigan Public Radio Lansing correspondent **Rick Pluta** will discuss Lansing and statewide politics.

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

The NODC and the Oakland County Democratic Party will work together again to support the Democratic Party, our issues, candidates, and elected officials. Here is a list of planned events:

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

**September 17**, Taste of Clarkston, W. Washington St. at S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346, noon – 6 p.m.

**September 27**, Septemberfest, Ortonville, MI 48462, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Follow the North Oakland Democratic Club on social media:

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

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

# 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 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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, event and misc. expenses, as required.



**Please join the NODC, Michigan Democratic  
Party Chair Lon Johnson, Michigan Attorney  
General Candidate Mark Totten and other  
guests to be announced**

**For a Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser, Social Event  
and Nacho Buffet, Monday, May 5,  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**At The Burning Oak Smokehouse,  
595 N. Lapeer Rd., Oxford MI 48371**

**\$20.00 per person**

**60/40 Raffle!**

**Contact Kevin Church for details:  
810-394-8253**

# Become A Precinct Delegate!

## What is a precinct?

The precinct is the smallest political unit in the country. As you know, the precinct is where elections are won and lost. It is your neighborhood. You know the people and you know what issues are most important to them.

## What is a Precinct Delegate?

The role of a precinct delegate is one of the most important yet least understood of any elected office. It is the active precinct delegate who wins elections for the Democratic Party.

Precinct delegates are elected directly by the voters of each local voting precinct to serve as a "bridge" between voters and the Democratic organization itself. As a precinct delegate, you represent the Democratic Party in your neighborhood and you represent your neighborhood at Democratic Party conventions.

## How do Precinct Delegates get elected?

Precinct delegates are elected in the August Primary. Only Democratic voters will choose Democratic precinct delegates.

Each precinct is allotted a number of precinct delegates based on past Democratic voting strength. Your district or county chair will be able to tell you how many delegate positions have been allocated to your precinct.

Precinct delegate candidates file an Affidavit of Identity for ballot access. There is no longer a petition requirement for precinct delegate candidates. A precinct delegate candidate can file with the clerk of their county, city, or township or residence. (Formerly, all precinct delegate candidates filed at the county level.) Your Affidavit of Identity must be notarized.

Candidates for precinct delegate must file their Affidavit of Identity form with their clerk. The filing deadline for precinct delegate candidates falls on the twelfth Tuesday prior to the August primary. A precinct delegate can now be elected with just one vote. (Formerly a precinct delegate needed a three-vote minimum.)

## **Elected Precinct Delegates will elect the Oakland County Democratic Party Executive Committee this November, which will, in turn, elect the next OCDP Board in December.**

The state convention will debate and adopt a platform, nominate candidates for Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Supreme Court Justices, State Board of Education, and university boards.

Checklist to Become a Precinct Delegate:

- File your Affidavit of Identity with your county clerk in person or by mail.
- Your Affidavit of Identity must be notarized.
- If you have opposition, contact your neighbors, friends, and family that reside in your precinct and ask for their support.
- Check the Oakland County Clerk's website to check for the listing of candidates and elected for Precinct Delegate <http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections/>

You can bring your Precinct Delegate Affidavit to the NODC meeting in April. Phil Reid is a Notary Public, and he can notarize your form at the meeting. You can either turn it in to your County Clerk, or you can leave it with Phil Reid who can turn it in to the Oakland County Clerk prior to April 22, the filing deadline.

You can use the affidavit included with this newsletter, or you can download a Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity from the Michigan Secretary of State Elections website: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff-ID\\_Precnt\\_139901\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff-ID_Precnt_139901_7.pdf)

## **NODC donates to Oxford/Orion FISH Food Pantry in 2014**

Our club collects canned and packaged food donations for Oxford/Orion FISH at each of our meetings. 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

**From the April 2014 Oxford/Orion FISHline newsletter:**

### **April Pantry Wish List**

**Evaporated milk**

**Pineapple (chunks)**

**Fruit cocktail**

**Canned meat, chicken, tuna**

**Hamburger or other Helper mixes**

**Boxed rice or rice side dishes**

**Flour**

**Laundry soap**

Our pantry wish list changes at least monthly, and more frequently as needs arise.

### **A reminder about expired food**

As our pantry workers and volunteers know, we strive to take great care in sorting contributions, making sure that our shelves contain the highest quality goods we can provide, with special emphasis placed on making sure we don't distribute expired food to any of our clients.

Please help us by screening contributions whenever possible and encourage friends and fellow donors to check for expiration dates before making contributions to the pantry. We appreciate your help and support very much.

