

## Governor Spitzer Hosts Annual Chairs' Event

Our annual event gets a make-over this year as the Onondaga County Democratic Committee celebrates its 75th year of operation. We've reached a milestone on a journey that was only made possible by our Chairs, past and present, and the work they've done with their committees for our community.

Governor Eliot Spitzer will join us in celebration and add his thanks for the hard work done by the Onondaga County Democratic Committee. We look forward to meeting with him at our luncheon scheduled for Thursday, March 13th.

Invitations will be arriving in the mail shortly. Call OCDC at 422-0345 with questions or to make reservations.

### Democratic Calendar

Feb. 16: Maffei HQ Grand Opening

Feb. 21: Young Dems meeting

March 1: Benjamin Banneker Club Dinner

March 7: Young Dems Social

March 13: Chairs' Luncheon

March 15: Ed Szczesniak Retirement Dinner

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# Committee News & Notes

February 2008

Dear Friends,

Turnout for our party's Presidential Primary broke local records with 35,854 casting ballots Tuesday night and well over 2,000 absentee ballots still to be counted. More voters turned out locally



for this election than in the last three Presidential primaries held in 1992, 2000 and 2004.

Additionally, OCDC was flooded with calls from non-party members who wished to vote in our primary..

Voter participation is testimony to the power of our candidates. Both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama offer wonderful opportunities for the future of Onondaga County as well as our nation.

February marks the start of our 2008 fundraising and we have some fresh ideas. New events have been added and some old favorites have been tweaked. While some events are costly, due to our need to fund our efforts for 2008, most are very affordable and should be easily enjoyed by family, friends and Democratic supporters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane M. Dwire".

Diane Dwire, Chairperson

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# Fundraising Committee Revamps OCDC Events

This year's fundraising committee put on their thinking caps and planned an exciting year of fun-filled events. All our events are now open to the public as well as our committee members and range from family-friendly to more adult evening entertainment. Also, while OCDC must raise money to fulfill our core mission of candidate & committee service, the committee has added free and low-cost events to the schedule. Call 422-0345 if you have an idea for an exciting event or venue.

## 2008 Events Schedule

- February: Presidential Primary Party- LOW COST
- March: Chairs Dinner \$\$\$ FUNDRAISER
- May/June: Cabaret Night - MODERATE
- May/June: Democrat of the Year - MODERATE
- September 6: Committee Picnic - FREE
- September: Campaign Kick-off Party- MINIMAL CHARGE

## National Spotlight on Onondaga County after February's Presidential Primary Results

Onondaga County's Democratic Presidential Primary results were so unusual that they made news across our nation. Alert Democrat, Jim Shults, first heard the news reported on the nationally syndicated Paul Harvey radio show. The City machine vote totals for Hillary Clinton and Barak Obama both stood at 6,001 at the close of the polls on Tuesday night. Statistically, such a result is remarkable. The story was also reported by the New York Times as well as locally by the Syracuse Post Standard.

Truly, this year's field of Democratic candidates was extraordinary and now it has narrowed to a choice between two extremely dynamic candidates. Overall, the election night machine returns from the County stood at 22,681 for Hillary Clinton and 13,173 for Barak Obama. Over 2,000 absentee ballots remain to be counted.

## Find It On OCDC's Website: [www.Onondagademocrats.org](http://www.Onondagademocrats.org)

Have you checked our website lately? It's the source for information for everything you need including:

Contact information for all our elected officials and candidates including websites and mailing addresses.

Calendar listings for all our party's events.

Links to other organizations plus information on local hot topics.

Check our News section for the latest links and information on current topics including local involvement in the Presidential race and internship opportunities. If you have an interesting link you'd like to share, send it to OCDC for posting.