

## Wondering How You Can Make a Difference?

OCDC is always looking for volunteers to work in our downtown office. If you have some hours to donate between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., give us a call. OCDC can also put you in touch with local campaign efforts for all the 2008 elections.

Volunteers are needed to assist with every day office tasks, address list maintenance, and special events. Put your hands, heart and mind to work for our party here at home.

## Winter All-County Committee Meeting

OCDC currently has over 700 members so our All-County meetings have grown quite large. Your suggestions are always welcome as we plan events that are accessible, crowd friendly & have ample parking space.

Our thanks to the Empire Room for providing pleasant accommodations and a delicious supper. Their friendly staff helped make our evening a success. Gail Kinsella lead the team from Testone, Marshall & Discenza who volunteered their time to make our confidential balloting a success.

We all wish Ed Szczesniak the best as he begins a new phase in his life. Ed's contributions to our party and our local Board of Elections are much appreciated. His departure motivated several candidates who desired to work for us. Their campaigns helped raise important information about the future of New York State's voting process.

Ed Ryan did prevail in the weighted balloting process and we enter the New Year motivated to work together for our party. Results of the balloting were: Ralph Jones: 4,428 = 5%, Jean Kessner: 6,401 = 7%, Barrie Gerwanger: 10,244 = 12%, Pam Hunter: 17,348 = 20% and Ed Ryan: 50,121= 57%.

# Committee News & Notes

January 2008

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our new monthly feature "Committee Notes" which was developed to meet your needs. The positive feedback about our newsletter has been overwhelming but we are limited to a few issues per year. I felt we needed a new way to share information more frequently.



Committee Notes will be published monthly to meet your demands for more communication. OCDC is here for you and now, I hope, you will consider yourselves a

member of our reporting team and send your photos, stories and pieces of interest for publication. I welcome your ideas.

Our website is also undergoing some changes. You'll soon be able to read our publications online and access some new features designed for you. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive information by email & we'll adjust our mail list.

I'm enjoying my visits to our local committees and will continue throughout the year.

Sincerely,

*Diane M. Dwire*  
Diane Dwire, Chairperson

Diane Dwire - Chair  
Pam Hunter - Secretary  
Ross Andrews- Treasurer

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[www.onondagademocrats.org](http://www.onondagademocrats.org)

# New York State's Presidential Primary

The New York State Democratic Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 5th. All our polling sites will be open. If you have a questions, please call OCDC @ 422-0345. The deadline to switch party registration to be eligible to vote in this primary has passed. Please check the rules regarding absentee ballots in the box below. Polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m.

Every candidate who met the New York requirements will appear on the ballot. Candidates who subsequently dropped out of the running will still be included. The following names appear on the absentee ballots and in the voting booth: Row A: Hillary Clinton, Row B: Bill Richardson, Row C: Joe Biden, Row D: John Edwards, Row E: Barack Obama and Row F: Dennis Kucinich.

Voters will also be asked to choose a total of 5 delegates in addition to 1 Presidential candidate. Delegates can be chosen from any row, your selection is not limited to one candidate's delegates. Hillary Clinton's delegates are Bethaida Gonzalez, Kenneth Brynien, Francine Turner, King Davis and Denise Williams-Harris. Barack Obama's delegates are Lisa Daly, Kenneth Preston, Thelma Trotty-Selzer, Ralph Jones and Mary Nelson.

## Absentee Ballot Deadlines

- 1/29/08** Last day to postmark application for absentee ballot
- 2/4/08** Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- 2/4/08** Last day to postmark ballot
- 2/12/08** Date ballot must be received by the Board of Elections.
- 2/5/08** Last day to deliver absentee ballot in person. Must be received before the polls close.

## Presidential Campaign Contacts

### Clinton Campaign:

HQ: 3200 Burnet Ave., Syracuse  
Contact Jay Biba @ 717-965-9787 or email:  
jay.biba@gmail

### Obama Campaign:

www.syracuseforobama.com  
Lawn sign requests:  
Cyrus@SyracuseforObama.com  
Volunteers: Volunteer@SyracuseforObama

Check our website for the most up to date calendar listing: [Onondagademocrats.org](http://Onondagademocrats.org) or call 422-0345  
Feb. 2nd - Valley Dems Annual Basketball Party  
Feb. 5th - Presidential Primary Night Party @ Tony's Restaurant  
Feb. 9th - Mayor's Ball @ the Hotel Syracuse Grand Ballroom

## You're Invited

### Democratic Decider: 2008 Presidential Primary Night Party

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Where: Tony's Family Restaurant  
3004 Burnet Ave

Time: Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Party begins at 8:00 p.m.

**Full buffet**

**Cash bar**

Show your Democratic spirit & join the crowd as we watch the results come in.

Public & press invited. Cast your vote for fun. Games, door prizes, food galore.

Presale tickets: Single tickets \$20 -- Two tickets - \$35

Call OCDC now & ask for TICKETS 422-0345. Limited to 100.