

Campbell County Democratic Party

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Newsletter

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Hello Campbell County Democrats.

This newsletter will be electronically sent to all Democrats.

To publish news, fundraiser information or to suggest something of interest with fellow Democrats please forward to dianadarnell@zoomtown.com by the 25th of the month.

News

CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO KENTUCKIANS

Dr. Rand Paul, apparently not familiar with Kentucky history, seems unaware that our political and legal history has been pro-civil rights on both the state and federal levels.

In 1954, Governor Lawrence Wetherby (a Democrat) set up a commission in response to *Brown v. Board of Education* to help Kentucky integrate its public schools.

During the 1963 legislative session, Governor. Bert T. Combs (a Democrat) signed an executive order mandating non-discrimination for public accommodations.

Governor Ned Breathitt (a Democrat) welcomed Martin Luther King and Jackie Robinson to Frankfort in March 1964 as part of the March on Frankfort to get the General Assembly to pass a state version of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. While the 1964 General Assembly did not pass a KY Civil Rights Act, the 1966 General Assembly did, which included the establishment of the KY Human Rights Commission. This action was praised by Martin Luther King as one of the best in the South.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson invited Governor Ned Breathitt to the White House prior to a meeting of the Southern Governor's Conference. As a result of the meeting with LBJ, Breathitt was one of the few southern governors who championed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Senator John Sherman Cooper, a Republican Senator from Kentucky, voted for the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with which Senate Candidate Rand Paul has some issue.

In 1968, the Kentucky General Assembly passed the Public Accommodations Act, sponsored by Senator Georgia Powers (co-sponsored by State Senator and future US Senator Walter Dee Huddleston) which prohibits discrimination in housing, motel rental, etc. The bill was allowed to become law without the Governor's signature. (Republican Governor. Louis Nunn opposed the legislation) It should be noted that during the 1968 session, Senator Powers, the first woman and African-American elected to the Kentucky Senate, was unable to obtain a hotel room in Frankfort due to her race.

Caregiver Legislation Becomes Law

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is saluting the President for signing into law the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act (S. 1963), a bipartisan bill introduced last fall by Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii).

"This new law will go a long way to helping our injured Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families who care for them," said VFW National Commander Thomas J. Tradewell Sr., a combat-wounded Vietnam veteran from Sussex, Wis. "This new law honors the commitment our nation made to her veterans."

The new law will expand support programs for the family caregivers of Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, as well as the family caregivers of all veterans, to

include training and education assistance, counseling and mental health services, and respite care. It will improve the services VA currently provides to female veterans, such as establishing a childcare pilot program, providing seven days of post delivery care to newborns, and training mental health professionals who care for women veterans affected by military sexual trauma. It will also improve healthcare to veterans residing in rural areas, prohibit VA from collecting copayments from catastrophically injured veterans, and enhance homeless programs and initiatives.

"The new law recognizes and supports family caregivers who leave jobs and careers to care for their severely injured loved ones," said Tradewell. "It recognizes that women veterans must be served better by a VA that's geared primarily to treating men, and it addresses the challenges of serving veterans in rural parts of our country, as well as homeless veterans on the streets of our cities.

"As an early supporter of S. 1963, the VFW is proud to have worked with members of Congress and their staffs to make this new law happen, to include Chairman Akaka's seven Senate cosponsors — VA Committee ranking member Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Mark Begich (D-Alaska) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) — and House VA Committee Chairman Bob Filner (D-Calif.) and House VA Health Subcommittee Chairman Michael Michaud (D-Maine)."



Open registration for the Young Democrats of America 2010 Summer Meeting. We will be gathering in our nation's capitol July 16 - 18, 2010. This will be our last chance to meet in person before the 2010 elections-- and we know that mobilizing our peers will be crucial in making sure that Democrats continue to hold majorities in the House and Senate. Our Summer Meeting will be packed with programs, plenary sessions, and discussion groups on a wide variety of topics relating to young people and our contributions to the Democratic Party.

You can register here. <http://yda.wiredforchange.com>

We will be staying at The Madison Hotel located at 1177 15th Street, NW in Washington, DC. Details are on the event page to sign up for your room.

Corporate Cash Dominating Our Elections.

Last week a group of concerned lawmakers introduced bipartisan legislation to prevent corporate cash from dominating our elections. Republican leaders immediately announced their opposition, but grassroots Democrats across the country are speaking out to demand these reforms.

Now, President Obama has used his weekly address to make a strong case for reining in corporate influence on our elections and to raise the profile of this issue even more.

As the fight for fair elections gains national attention, we're putting together an ad highlighting the names of everyone who signs our petition to demonstrate the massive support for change.

Can we add your name? Click here to sign the petition:

<http://my.democrats.org/FairElectionsVideo>

Campaign Updates and Fundraisers

Julie Smith-Morrow our candidate for state senate is looking for volunteers to walk in the following Memorial Day parades. For information email Julie at www.electjulie@com

- Sunday, May 30, Alexandria Parade. Meet at Campbell County Middle School (south parking lot) at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 31, Newport Parade. Meet at 4th and Columbia St. at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 31, Bellevue/Dayton Parade. Meet at 4th and Main in Dayton at 9:45 a.m.

Events

The Executive Committee will be organizing the Bellevue/Dayton Memorial Day parade. If you would like to walk or ride for our party contact Sue at 781-3881 or email her at orth@insightbb.com.

The Executive Committee along with Change for Campbell County will have their annual Memorial Day service at Evergreen Cemetery on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Soldiers Field area. There will be a service, bagpipes and

speakers. If you have not attended this service before please try to attend. It is very moving.

Congratulations

We congratulate Jack Conway as our U.S. Senate candidate, Greg Buckler for jailer and all other local candidates who were successful in the primary elections.

Meetings

Campbell County Democratic Executive Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Southgate Community Building at 7:00 p.m. At the June 23rd meeting the public is invited to attend and encouraged to ask questions. For information call 859-781-3771 or orth@insightbb.com.

Campbell County Democratic Woman's Club meets the first Thursday of the month at different locations in the county. Location for Thursday, June 3rd will be Donatos Pizza on 6th Street, Newport at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Julie Smith-Morrow. For information call 859-322-1333 or dianadarnell@zoomtown.com.

Campbell County Men's Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month at different locations in the county. Their June 21st meeting will be announced shortly, it will start at 7:30 p.m. For information email to gchinn2@yahoo.com.

Change for Campbell County meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Perkins, Highland Heights at 7:00 p.m. For information call 859-750-4439 or lnesbitt@insightbb.com. Featured speaker is Newport City Commissioner John Hayden.

Women's Network of Northern Kentucky meets the second Saturday of the month, alternating between the Syndicate in Newport and Chez Nora in Covington. Meetings start at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting is June 12th at Chez Nora. For information call 859-441-0825 or lklembara@fuse.net