

14th Ward Independent Democratic Club

The longest standing independent community-based political club

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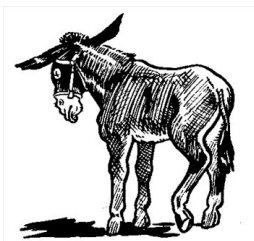
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Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2012, 1:00 – 4:00
Wightman School Community Center
Solway Street between Negley & Wightman
PA Attorney General
Democratic Candidates Debate



Your e-mail?

Dear Club Member, we'd like to communicate with you occasionally by e-mail. Please send your e-mail address to Club Treasurer Noel Walkington
noel.walkington@gmail.com

14WIDC 2010 Financial Report (as of December 2011)

Balance January 1, 2011 \$6,712

Receipts:

Contributions & Dues \$5,366
Fundraiser \$1,970

Expenditures:

Spring Endorsement printing & mailing \$2,932
Fall Endorsement printing & mailing* \$2,738
Fundraiser \$1,853
Meetings, supplies, services \$ 683

Revenues over expenditures (\$2,125)

Balance January 1, 2012 \$ 4,587

Finance Insights

The Club did both a Spring and Fall Voters Guide. We did the Fall Voters Guide to try to help statewide and county judicial candidates. The net \$117 raised by the fundraiser fell far short of covering the costs of the Fall Voters Guide.

Club Dues and Membership Information

2012 Club membership dues can be paid at the annual meeting on January 29 or by sending a check. Dues are \$15 for an individual; \$25 for a family (includes all registered Democratic voters in the household). Pay at the Annual Meeting or mail your check to:

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The Fine Print

Current Members must pay dues by the April 1st, the endorsement meeting.

If you paid dues in 2010 and/or 2011 you must pay 2012 dues on or before the April 1 Endorsement Meeting to vote in the endorsement.

Lapsed members who have not paid dues in 2010 and 2011 must pay by February 1st.

If you did not pay dues in 2010 and 2011 you are considered to be a "new" member.

New members must pay by February 1st. According to Club by-laws new members must pay dues no later than 60 days before the endorsement meeting for the member to be eligible to vote in the endorsement.



LIBRARY FUNDING VICTORY!

14th WARD INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC CLUB



THE LONGEST STANDING INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY-BASED POLITICAL CLUB

January 2012

14WIDC 2012 CALENDAR

Annual Meeting:
Sunday, January 29
1:00 – 4:00

**Attorney General
Debate**
Wightman School Center

Fundraiser:
Saturday, March 31
Second Annual
Progressive Film Festival

Endorsement Meeting:
Sunday, April 1

Primary Election:
Tuesday, April 24

14WIDC Officers and Board Members (*Term expires 2012)

Kathie Smith
President
Terri Klein*
1st Vice President
Liz Healey
2nd Vice President
Noel Walkington*
Treasurer
Chris Zurawsky
Secretary and Past President

Janet Catov*
Barbara Daly Danko*
Julie Downs
Julie Freeman
Ron Gaydos*
Nat Hershey*
Mark Knezevich
Marvin Leibowitz
David Morgan*
Bertha Morimoto
Sally Morton
Paul O'Hanlon
Beverly Taylor*
Open*

2011 Focuses Issues, Polarizes People

After being initially ignored by the mainstream media, the Occupy movement has successfully changed the public conversation. People are now aware of the differences between the 1% and the 99%, and how government economic and taxation policies favor the 1%. The activists of Occupy Pittsburgh/Wall Street have assembled to resist and abolish the political, social, and economic injustices that confront individual and communities. See <http://www.occupypittsburgh.org/>

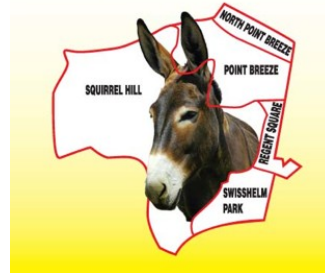
The Republicans in Congress have showed us how to act irresponsibly while treating compromise as a dirty word. Their only goal appears to be an Obama defeat in 2012.

40 years of women's reproductive rights gains are being eroded across the country. In Pennsylvania the recently passed SB 732 will require safe, accessible abortion providers to comply with the burdensome and costly regulations now reserved for ambulatory surgical facilities, even though abortion is much safer and simpler than surgeries commonly conducted in ambulatory surgical centers. This bill, unless overturned by the courts, will probably re-

the closing of most of the clinics.

Governor Corbett, with his allies in the state legislature, is paying back his Marcellus Shale company donors by proposing only minimal natural gas fees and no severance taxes, proposing an end to local zoning, eliminating local environmental inspections, and allowing drilling in the state parks and forests. No fee or tax is yet in place, making Pennsylvania the only state to allow free extraction of our natural resources.

Meanwhile, the governor's budget has drastically reduced funding for public education at all levels (except private school vouchers), public transit and social services.



PA Attorney General Debate Club Annual Meeting

The Club is joining the 14th Ward Democratic Committee for an Attorney General Democratic candidates debate. We need to have a Democrat in this office to balance the Republican Governor and Legislature. Meet the candidates. Obama re-election campaign representatives will be there to recruit volunteers.

Sunday, January 29, 2012, 1PM - 4PM.
Debate begins at 2PM
Wightman School Community Building
Solway Street near Wightman

Club Election of Officers and Board Members

The 2012 Club Board will be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting and Debate on January 29th. Any member in good standing may nominate her/himself for the Club board for a two-year term; we urge members to run for the board as a way to participate in Club leadership.

This year the Club membership will elect a VP, Treasurer and 7 Directors. If you would like to join the board, send your name and office you are running for to Chris Zurawsky, Secretary, at: Chris.zurawsky@gmail.com on or before January 15, 2012. Call Kathie at 412-422-3761 with any questions about board elections.