

# GLYNNDEMS DIGEST

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## Welcome to Our First Edition

Welcome to GlynnDems Digest inaugural newsletter. The purpose of our newsletter is to share the vision of the GlynnDems, delineate the functions of the officers, the Committee, the districts and monthly events. During the Presidential election year we will have a monthly digest to keep communication available to our public.

Our vision is to grow the Committee membership and influence Glynn County through volunteer opportunities to increase our visibility and interaction with our community. In addition, one of our primary objectives is to encourage and increase voting turnout throughout the county.

Our office is open to be a resource to and for the community. Walk-in traffic is up along with donations. People are becoming encouraged to know that Democrats are functioning in Glynn County. Join the GlynnDems to help lead the positive changes needed in our community.

**Chair-Olga McKenzie**

### From the Board

On February 5<sup>th</sup> in support of our goal for promoting and supporting candidates held a recruitment meeting for those desiring to run for office in Glynn County.

The Committee hosted a public forum for our qualified candidates on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Our qualified candidates are; Audrey Gibbons, incumbent, and Shawn Brown qualified to run for Glynn County School Board District 5, Bob McKenzie running for Glynn County School Board in District 3, and Allen Booker, incumbent, running for Glynn County Commissioner in District 5. Rebekah Moore qualified to run for the Georgia House of Representatives in District 167.

General Election activities will begin immediately after the conclusion of the primaries.

**Rich Ingalls-First Vice Chair**

I am the Second Vice Chair for the Glynn Dems. My goal is to increase donations and volunteers through special engagements in the community.

I host monthly democratic women's luncheons with relevant guest speakers and a following of over 300 women (although men are always invited).

I also coordinate and plan the annual fund-raising dinner. I hope to book another high profile political figure for this year and maintain our attendance to over 300. The funds raised from the dinner keep the office open another year.

**Vickie Greene-Second Vice Chair**

I am currently serving as the Secretary for the Glynn Dems.

I was never involved in local politics until I moved to Georgia. I began to work with the Glynn Dems in late 2020. I helped with Votebuilder and assisted with the Website upkeep.

I became the Secretary in 2023 (at the urging of Julie Jordan, past chair.) My goal as Secretary is to help the Glynn Dems run smoothly and effectively.

I continue to do what I can to help educate and encourage our local electorate on the issues of the day.

**Tim McDermott-Secretary**

This is our fifth year of an opened GlynnDems office and community meeting space located in the Lanier Plaza. We want to make our mark on Glynn County and the Golden Isles with your support.

Your support first with 500 new members by July which financially helps to keep the office open. Membership is \$25 a year. Secondly a coalition of 300 monthly sustainers in amounts of \$2, \$5, \$10, or \$50 will aid in impacting the community with advanced marketing and media strategies to inform the community about democratic initiatives and service.

To join the GlynnDems and become a sustainer go to [Secure.ActBlue.com/donate/nowjoin](https://Secure.ActBlue.com/donate/nowjoin) or [Secure.ActBlue.com/donate/glynnndems2024](https://Secure.ActBlue.com/donate/glynnndems2024).

**Heath Holdsworth-Treasurer**

## Upcoming Events

**April 11, 2024** Democrat Women's Luncheon at 12:30pm at First United Methodist Church featuring Patti Hewitt running for U. S. District 1 and Rebekah Moore running for House District 167.

**April 13, 2024** Donuts with Dems Meet and Greet for District 2, 9am-12pm at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church at 2700 Demere Road, Saint Simon's Island. Patti Hewitt will be speaking along with Glynn Dems officers.

**April 16, 2024** the Executive Committee will meet at 5:15 at the office.

**April 22, 2024** GlynnDems Committee Meeting at 5:15pm to 6:15pm. at our office.

**April 22, 2024** GlynnDems Community Meeting featuring Kendra Cotton from New Georgia Project Action Fund. She is a dynamic enthusiastic speaker.



**April 23, 2024** First Annual Bryan County Democratic Committee Dinner 6pm.-9:30pm.at Belhaven Acres 1000 Belfast River Road, Richmond Hill, Ga. 31324. Guest speakers are Patti Hewitt Congressional District 1 Candidate and William Boddie, Esq., Former Ga. State Rep.62 with keynote speaker U. S. Senator Jon Ossoff.

**April 27, 2024** at 11am Chair Olga McKenzie will be interviewed on an Invitation to a Conversation Podcast hosted by Pamela Bailey.

**April 29, 2024** EarlyVoting begins at Ballard Recreation, Board of Elections and the Fire Station on Saint Simon's Island.

## News of Interest



*Looking to get more involved? Step up to lead and join our committee at the 2024 Glynn Dems Caucus election on June 24, 2024 at our office in Lanier Plaza.*

## Positions Open for 2024 Election

(You must be a Glynn County resident and registered to vote)

*District 1 Post 2*

*District 2 Post 1*

*District 3 Post 2*

*District 4 Post 1*

*District 5 Post 2*

*At-Large Post 2 and Post 4 and Post 6*

\*Members will take office on July 1, 2024 and serve a 4-year term or 2-year term depending on the post. Take a look at the Glynn Dems Committee Bylaws under About Us on the Glynn Dems website to learn more about the committee.

If you are interested in running or have any questions, please contact Olga McKenzie at [chair@glynn Dems.org](mailto:chair@glynn Dems.org).

## Volunteers

Thanks to our volunteer effort for organizing our office by creating a area for our T-shirts and communication space. We have staffed the office for 5 days, but we need more people. Our volunteers completed 1000 postcards for mailing for the "Donuts with Dems" Meet and Greet for District 2.

We are also tracking the number of visitors who stop in. Our office manager, Jan Yoder, is currently out of town caring for her sister but Terry DeSimone has stepped up to fill in until Jan returns. For anyone desiring to volunteer for the office call Terry at (239) 283-9056.

We use [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) for our volunteer opportunities and Terry will show you our office procedures.

## Standing Events

First Friday

Executive Committee Meeting

GlynnDems Committee Meeting-fourth Monday

Democrat Women Luncheon

## Local Democrat Elected Officials

Cosby Johnson-Mayor of Brunswick

Allen Booker-Glynn County Commissioner District 5

Audrey Gibbons-School Board District 5

## Officers

Chair-Olga McKenzie

First Vice Chair-Richard Ingall

Second Vice Chair-Vickie Greene

Secretary-Tim McDermott

Treasurer-Heath Holdsworth

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