

# GLYNNDEMS DIGEST

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## Summer Election Season

Can we move forward doing the same thing we used to do? We used to write letters. But the text is so much faster. Do you write down websites? Or does that QR code take you right to it? How we communicate has changed. But I still refuse to have Alexa in my home. I saw Odessey 2001. LOL. The GlynnDems are changing and moving forward. We will be incorporating more digital connections internally and with our community. We will be going live for our community meetings and events, using IG (Instagram), and FaceBook. We will also be using X, YouTube, and texting to recruit, remind, fundraise, and survey on different issues. We will continue to use some familiar communication connections such as posts on websites, newsletters, phone calls and billboards. Yet don't let our changing discourage your participation. We are inclusive for all; however, you communicate. We're moving forward and, on offense, pushing Glynn County purple then blue!

**Chair-Olga McKenzie**

### From the Board

**Dr. Regina Johnson-District 4**

The Glynn County Democratic Party has offered district and collaborative **Meet and Greet Events** as informal gatherings allowing voters and potential voters to connect and opportunities to support purpose driven initiatives.

District Two held their Meet and Greet in April at St. Paul Baptist Church on St. Simons to inform and provide networking opportunities for candidates seeking local and statewide offices.

District Four held their Meet and Greet in January at A Moveable Feast to inform district four voters of the new district lines and polling stations. This event promoted candidate recruitment and the building of relationships with 40 and under voters. Direct conversations with recently elected commissioners made for a personal touch.

Overall, Meet and Greet Events foster meaningful connections that educate and engage voters. Watch for additional opportunities throughout the year as the GlynnDems are committed to being the "Party of the People".

**Russ Rathweg-Community Outreach Chair**

The task of our community outreach efforts is at the most basic level, just to be seen and acknowledged. By only using tabletop displays at public events with Glynn Dems signage we are saying, "we are here all year long, not just every four years when there is an election!"

We are reminding people to act on their civic duty and the importance of exercising their right to vote. Sometimes we tend to take things for granted and become complacent. The reminders our community outreach provides can awaken folks' memories and get their priorities back in line. Registering new voters and helping them find their precinct are key elements here.

Furthering our outreach efforts could include helping Glynn County residents find the right public office holder to help with their issue. In Michelle Obama's book she recounts going out many Saturday mornings with her father, a precinct captain, to visit local people having problems within their community.

Our office could provide ESL training, basic finance classes, resume writing, and other important skills. That would elevate our outreach to another level, as we grow our organization.

### News of Interest

The Biden-Harris Coordinated Regional Campaign Office opened in Savannah Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>. The mayor, Van Johnson oversaw the ceremony announcing **the first Biden-Harris office in the state of Georgia**. Current and past dignitaries of Savannah were in attendance, and a few gave inspirational speeches. They were Porsha White, Georgia State Director for the Biden-Harris Campaign, Georgia State Senator District 2 Derrick Mallow, Georgia State Representative District 165 Edna Jackson, Georgia State Representative District 163 Anne Westbrook (our Women's Luncheon speaker on the 13<sup>th</sup>) and Former Mayor of Savannah Otis Johnson. The office address is 714 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Savannah, Ga. 31401

## Our Democrat Candidates' Platforms

### Patti Hewitt-Congressional District 1

- Stronger families, Stronger communities
- Empowering workers, Supporting small business
- Equal healthcare access
- A Greener future

### Rebekah Moore-House District 167

- Vision of progress and inclusivity
- Power of unity and collaboration across party lines
- Pragmatic solutions rooted in common sense, empathy, and a profound sense of social responsibility.
- To encourage hope and inspiration by leading with a genuine commitment to serve
- Uplift those in House District 169

### Defonsio Daniels-House District 180

- Accessible healthcare
- Quality education
- Women's rights
- Effective outreach programs for youth and adults
- Enhanced military benefits
- Robust support for small business development

### Bob McKenzie-School Board District 3

- Better Schools-become a top-rated system
- Better Support-for teachers, students, and parents
- Better Diversity of Teachers
- Time for a Better Board

## Upcoming Events

**June 1** Pride Festival tabletop

**June 3** Juneteenth Flag Raising at Veteran's Park

**June 7** First Friday Downton Brunswick

**June 8** Donuts with Dems at the office

**June 13** Democratic Women's Luncheon-Halyard's SSI

**June 15** Juneteenth Festival at Selden Park 12-4

**June 16** Father's Day

**June 18** Executive Committee Meeting

**June 24** Committee Meeting and Community Meeting and election of district and at-large posts during the Presidential year

## Office and Volunteers

Our office continues to be open 5 days a week. Being opened has proven to be the right move. We continue to get interested people ready to volunteer. Our office will be the hub for all GOTV activity later this summer. We are still in need of office managers and volunteer staff.

For anyone desiring to volunteer for the office call Terry at (239) 283-9056. Terry will show you our office procedures. Sign up to volunteer: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaaf2da6f49-glynn#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaaf2da6f49-glynn#/)/.

## Congratulations!

GlynnDems District 5 representative **Audrey Gibbons** retained her District 5 School Board Seat in the May 21<sup>st</sup> general primary election. We appreciate her continued work in building a foundation for success for all students in the classroom and enabling them toward their full potential guided by diverse instructors.

## Standing Events

First Friday-downtown each month  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Democrat Women's Luncheon-second Thursday  
GlynnDems Committee Meeting-fourth Monday

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*Biden-Harris merch coming soon!*

