



West Virginia State Democratic Party

~ Official Newsletter ~

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Former Party Vice Chair Passes Away

Emilie Holroyd Served Her Party for Many Years

Mercer County Democratic activist Emilie Holroyd passed away this Monday. She served in numerous Party positions on local, state, and national level and worked tirelessly for Democrats her whole life. She will be dearly missed.

Arrangements have been made at Memorial Funeral Home on Athens Road in Princeton. Visitation, Thursday April 2, 5-8pm
Funeral, Friday April 3, 10:30am
The Bluefield Daily Telegraph has a good story [here](#).

Annual Youth Academy Being Organized Participants & Sponsors Sought

Another year has passed and we are gearing up for the 7th Annual West Virginia Democratic Youth Leadership Academy (DYLA). The academy is growing every year and with the successful election year we had, we are looking forward to a very large participation this summer.

The Academy was created in 2003 for WV high school students interested in civic responsibility, politics, and government. At least one boy and one girl is sought from each county. The attendees engage in mock elections, field trips to the Capitol, guest speakers, workshops, games, etc. Older, active members of the Young Democrats serve as counselors at the Academy and the goal is get the new participants more involved in their communities when they return home.

This summer, DYLA will be at West Virginia State University at Institute, WV during the week of July 20-23, 2009. County Executive Committees and Democratic Women's Clubs are asked to find and sponsor students (\$150 each), but anyone is encourage to help with scouting and fundraising.

Please contact Sandy Shaw, DYLA Executive Director:
(304) 894-1251 iris_1@suddenlink.net
124 Sue Lane
Daniels, WV 25832
For information on past academies visit this [link](#).

You're Still Invited Democratic Party Fundraiser Reception

WV Democratic Party Chair Nick Casey invites you to join him and several statewide Democratic officials at a fundraiser benefiting your WV Democratic Party.

Thursday, April 2, 6:30-8pm
Charleston Marriott, Hawk's Nest Room (1st Floor)

Suggested minimum donation of \$250; all donations appreciated. Food and refreshments will be served. Current JFK Society members receive complimentary admittance. Please RSVP to wvparty@wvdemocrats.com

“Yes We Cans”

Democratic Women Serve Community

Everyone feels generous around the holidays, but now cupboards are bare. The West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women are always working to make a difference in our communities. They have taken on the project "YES WE CANS" which is a virtual food drive that aims to support the local food banks and engage Democrat Women in a campaign of community service. Several of our clubs have participated in the event and many more plan to do so. I am proud of the work they do in their communities and thank the clubs for their hard work. The clubs have harnessed the energy and enthusiasm from the election and continue to make positive changes in their communities as Democrats. Once again the WVFDW has proven how in TOUGH TIMES...TOUGH WOMEN step in and help. - [Belinda Biafore, President](#)

For more information on the Democratic Women visit their [web site](#)

Don't Miss Out

Other Upcoming Events

Don't forget to regularly check our calendar events [page](#).

If your group has upcoming events be sure to email that info to wvparty@wvdemocrats.com