



Newsletter for Democrats

January 2020

Welcome to our fifth monthly newsletter

We have had a great year at the ICDP!

Our meetings have been productive, passing three resolutions: gun safety, taxation on excessive compensation and decommissioning Line 5.

The Brew & Stews have been a great way to have fun while talking about the issues. We consistently have 10-20 people at each. Some great ideas have been generated.

Our monthly fun community events have been a blast! The pizza party at Rainbow Gardens in National City, Spring Fling at the AuSable Inn in Oscoda, Four Picnics in the Parks in East Tawas and Oscoda, and the Holiday Party at Hsing's Garden in Tawas.

We have helped the community at the Sarah Bolen playground building event and collected hundreds of dollars in donations for the Emergency Homeless Shelter in Oscoda.

And last, but not least, we have had many volunteers to Get Out The Vote, and march for social justice. Our last march of this year was held Tuesday ahead of the House impeachment vote. We met at the Harbor Park in East Tawas. This was a nationwide march to let the House know we fully support a vote to impeach.

We want to thank Great Lake Effect Band from Alpena for all their support throughout the year. They have donated their musical stylings for many events.

Cindy Schwedler, Trustee

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

Our party has again supported the Open Enrollment in "Obamacare". This time we worked with announcements on WKJC radio plus stories and advertisements in local newspapers. Members placed posters with the details of the

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program and lists of experts who can help with plan selection choices. We found that pharmacists were very interested in making their customers aware of the opportunity for coverage. Hopefully enrollment has increased in our county. We will get data later to know more.

The **Christmas Party** at Singh's Garden was fun including a special visit from you know who and live music by the Great Lake Effect Band.



Reindeer - Marguerite Schmidt, Santa - Jim Rupert,
Elves - Karen Drozdowska and Judy Shuler



2020 is a Challenge for Iosco County

We have voted on a goal of 55% of the Iosco votes for Democrats in the November Election. This will take serious campaigning over the coming months. [Jim Mortimer, Editor](#)



Members join demonstration to impeach Trump in East Tawas on December 18

2020 Event Schedule

January

- 8 General Membership Meeting- 5:30pm- The Camp Inn Lodge, 3111 US-23, Oscoda
- 10 Line 5 discussion- 1:00pm - The Alpena Library, 2nd floor, 211 N. 1st Ave
- 12 TextOut- 10:00am-9:00pm (tentative schedule)
- 14 Democratic Debate - Texting Roundtable
- 16 NOW- PFAS Public Hearing- 5:00pm - 104 Conservation Dr., Roscommon, MI
- 23 Brew & Stew- 4:00-6:00pm at The Buckhorn Inn, 483 M-55, Tawas City

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February

- 5 General Membership Meeting 5:30pm - The Camp Inn Lodge, 3111 US-23, Oscoda
- 7 Democratic Debate
- 13 Brew & Stew- 4:00-6:00pm at The Buckhorn Inn, 483 M-55, Tawas City
- 19 Democratic Debate
- 25 Democratic Debate

March

- 4 General Membership Meeting 5:30pm- The Camp Inn Lodge, 3111 US-23, Oscoda
- 10 Presidential Primary Voting
- 12 Brew & Stew 4:00-6:00pm at The Buckhorn Inn, 483 M-55, Tawas City

Food and Friends

Our party enjoys opportunities for members to get together around food and friends. Our monthly **Brew and Stew** events have moved to the Buckhorn Inn on MI 55 at Plank Road in Tawas City.



Reviewing highlights of Presidential Debates, discussing policy issues around gun safety, income tax reform and others plus meeting new members are on the agenda.

Support for Line 5 control by Attorney General

Joined by leaders from Democratic and Republican county parties in Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena and Alcona, we have organized a meeting with Assistant Attorney General, Peter

Manning, Division Chief: Environment, Natural Resources, & Agriculture to inform members and County Commissioners from each county on the AG's work underway to reduce the risk of pollution from this aging oil pipeline. At 1:00 PM on January 10 at the Alpena Library Mr. Manning will discuss the status of their work on this problem and ways that leaders along the Lake Huron shore could support this work.

Join Iosco County Democratic Party

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Iosco County Democratic Party? You can fill out a membership application form at any event or go to the party website www.ioscodemocrats.org and click on "Join the Party". There you will find the information you need to send an application by mail to us at P.O. Box 252, East Tawas, MI 48730.