



## No Meeting In July

By: Stephen Hudler

Allowing for summer vacations, the July meeting of the Sanilac County Democratic Party has been  **canceled** . The next party meeting will be held on August the 24<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at Liberty Lanes in Sandusky.

The agenda for the August meeting is fluid. Party members on the state records and party members on our e-mail list will be notified in August of the agenda.

## John Espinoza Announces Candidacy For Michigan State Senate Seat

By: Ray Denison

State Representative John Espinoza will run for the State Senate seat that becomes vacant in 2011, which includes Sanilac County. Espinoza took the occasion of the Sanilac County Democrats' annual fund raiser

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## Chairman's Report

By Norton Schramm

Thanks to all those who made the annual Fund Raiser Dinner a big success. Fun was had by all and Joyce and Richard Wiley prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner with all the fixings. Many of our area elected officials or their representatives attended with the highlight of the evening being the announcement by State Representative John Espinoza that he plans to run for the 31st State Senate position held by James Barcia, who is term limited.

I had the honor of presiding over the Sanilac Senior Health Fair as the MC again this year. Thanks to those who volunteered in the SCDP Booth and made that a success again this year. These are the types of activities we need to take part in to give the party positive exposure.

We don't have a monthly meeting scheduled for July or August but look for the date of our Scholarship Committee Meeting so we can have the details available for our September meeting. Notify me if you wish to be involved. Another date to put on your calendar is the 10th District Family & Home Business Expo taking place on Saturday, September 12 at the Teamsters Labor Temple. For information call: Rose Marie Fessler @ 586-247-1887. Have a great summer.

# Have A Great Summer!

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## **Espinoza For State Seat**

...dinner on June 13 to announce his candidacy. Elected three times to the 83<sup>rd</sup> House district, Espinoza will conclude his House service at the end of 2010, when he will be term-limited by state law.

In announcing his decision, Espinoza stated that he will continue to give full time to every resident's needs until his last day in office and will continue to be active in the proceedings of the State House in committee and in sessions.

"No position of service has given me more satisfaction than being able to serve you, to hear your concerns and to work for legislation that makes Michigan a better place to live," he told the dinner attendees, in response to their standing ovation.

"In announcing my intention to run for the State Senate, I will take on this added responsibility while carrying out my full time duties as your state representative and intend to give the same devotion to duty as I have shown during my years in the House" he said.

Norton Schramm, Democratic County Chairman, pledged the full force and energy of the county organization in support of Espinoza's upcoming effort.

The 31<sup>st</sup> State Senate District includes Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Aranec and Bay Counties, including Bay City and Saginaw. The seat has been held for the past eight years by James Barcia, who is also term limited at the end of 2010.

## **Newsletter Contributors Are Sought**

The SCDP newsletter welcomes comments, short items of interest to us all, photos, drawings and ideas of all kinds.

Address your emails to [loftlore1@att.net](mailto:loftlore1@att.net) or mail to Stephen Hudler, editor, 194 S. Fulton, Sandusky 48471.

## **Adopted A Highway**

The Sanilac County Democratic Party is cleaning up along M-25 in Sanilac County. Contact Joyce Wiley at (989) 864-5357.

## **Annual Democratic Fund Raiser Dinner A Fun Evening and Financial Success**

By: Ray Denison

Sanilac County Democrats turned out in force for the annual fund raising dinner on June 13 at the Lexington VFW and vowed to build on the election victories of November by achieving much-needed new legislation in the Michigan legislature and in the U.S. Congress.

Norton Schramm, Chairman, presided; the invocation was given by Rev. William Moldwin, Party Vice Chairman.

With representatives from Huron, St. Clair and Lapeer Democratic parties present, the attendees heard State Representative John Espinoza announce his candidacy for the State Senate (see above) and remarks by State Representative Terry Brown of Huron County, who praised Espinoza and the Sanilac Dems for playing a key role in making him the first Democrat to be elected in Huron County. Senator Carl Levin was represented by Dusty Houser who reported on the senator's successful fight to curb credit card abuses.

Former county chairman Ray Denison reported on the effort to rally support to President Obama's campaign to provide Americans with health care reform which includes a genuine public option. Forms were distributed asking for medical health stories for possible use on web sites, as was a flyer that debunked myths about Canadian health care and a booklet explaining the proposed single payer health program.

The spaghetti dinner was prepared by Joyce Wiley and her son Richard, and brought raves, with seconds available for all as well as "doggie bags."

A silent auction and a 50-50 raffle helped make the evening a financial success..

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## DEMS STRESS HEALTH CARE REFORM AT SENIOR FAIR

By: Ray Denison

The Sanilac County Democratic Party greeted nearly two thousand seniors who attended the Senior Fair in Sandusky on June 26, providing them with materials relating to the Party's activities and information on the health care reform legislation currently before the U.S. Congress. Seniors were given postcards addressed to Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congresswoman Candice Miller urging them to take leadership roles in the fight for a public option health program to provide Americans with a choice.

Presiding as chairman over the entire fair was Norton Schramm, Democratic Party chairman, who had the enjoyable task of announcing the winners of the scores of drawings for prizes, including a TV set, a barbecue grill and several purchase certificates donated by local businesses.

The TV set was the gift of State Rep. John Espinoza who presided over sessions where seniors could ask questions and hear his report on the activities in Lansing.

Volunteers in the SCDP booth were Joyce Wiley, Loraine Reish and Shirley Denison.

## CANDICE MILLER FAVORS INSURANCE BUREAUCRATS OVER ONE'S OWN CHOICE OF DOCTOR

Congresswoman Candice Miller doesn't seem to get it. Recently, when she received postcards from Sanilac County voters urging her to show leadership and support a public option in health care legislation, her one and a half page reply dodged the real issue by implying that a public choice would be wrong. "Transferring health decisions over to bureaucrats would not only lead to lower quality care, but it would also stifle the competition and innovation that have made America a world leader...."

Apparently she is unaware that we already have a public program, called Medicare, where healthy care decisions are made by doctor of choice. It is only in the private plans where decisions are made by

## ANTI-ORPHAN SUPREME COURT JUDGE TO FACE MICHIGAN VOTERS IN 2010

By: Ray Denison

In November 2008, Michigan voters decisively defeated the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court ---- the notorious "sleeping judge" who ignored a mother's plea for justice. Voters overwhelmingly chose Diane Hathaway.

Now, in the 2010 election, voters will have the opportunity to unseat another unfeeling Supreme Court judge ---Justice Robert Young --- who recently sought to severely limit compensation for the care of children whose mother was killed due to a botched Caesarian section. Young, a former insurance company lawyer, has been a friend of insurance companies and corporations at the expense of Michigan residents.

For a look at some of Young's worst decisions and how he is hurting your family and your rights, view [www.michigandems.com](http://www.michigandems.com).

## State Rep. John Espinoza invites you to his annual family barbecue.

Saturday July 25 from 1 to 4 PM rain or shine.  
Lexington Park on Lake Huron, M-25, 2 miles north of Lexington traffic light.  
50-50 drawing, prizes. Barbecue, burritos, hamburgers, bakes beans, Lots of salads, desserts and soft drinks. Side Dishes to pass are appreciated.

Come visit with John, your representative  
Free Free Free

## GET ON THE SCHOLARSHIP LIST

Pass the word! The Sanilac County Democratic Party will offer a \$500 college scholarship beginning in the Spring of 2010, effective for the Fall college term. Details and conditions are yet to be determined. To receive details and application when the program is announced, please notify Chairman Norton Schramm, 244 S. Elk Street, Sandusky 48471 or Nort4@att.net.

**President Barack Obama  
Invites You To  
A Better Future**

## **HEALTH CARE REFORM MUST HAVE A PUBLIC OPTION TO GIVE CONSUMERS A CHOICE AND BREAK INSURANCE COMPANIES' GRIP**

According to a recent poll, three fourths of Americans favor a government-administered insurance plan --- something like Medicare for those under 65 --- that would compete for customers with the private insurance plans.

The problem is that the insurance/pharmaceutical companies oppose any plan that would cut administrative costs, provide full coverage for all and reduce their massive profits. That's why they are spending millions of dollars on TV ads that distort and lie. (Incidentally, your premiums are paying for those ads.)

Claims are made that a public plan would cost more. But, the U.S. now spends more than any country on earth on health care, yet nearly 50 million of us are without coverage. A public option health program would save nearly 30% in administrative costs, reduce high emergency room fees and slash massive profits, making it less costly to us all.

We must counter the thousands of lobbyists in Washington by telling our lawmakers to stand up and show leadership against the insurance/pharmaceutical companies. We must demand that any health care legislation include a public plan that gives everyone a choice of coverage.

### **One telephone call from you can make a difference:**

- U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, 133 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20510 202 224-4822
  - U.S. Senator Carl Levin, 269 Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20510 202 224-6221
  - U.S. Representative Candice Miller, 228 Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, 20515 202 225-2106
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