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38th District Republican Club,
Annual Christmas Party was a
great success with over 70
members in attendance



Emily and Senator Gerald Hocker Representative Ron Gray and Candy

This Premier Issue has been emailed to our members and copies will be available at our January 28th monthly meeting. We are highlighting our 20th District Senator Gerald Hocker and our 38th District Representative

Ron Gray in this issue. *The Voice* will also appear on our website for the convenience of members.

Recap of 38th DRCP Monthly Meeting – November 2018

Senator Hocker was elected Senate Minority Leader the day after the election. He stated his goal is to work more closely with the House. Example of this is the upcoming Bond Bill to fund Howard T. Ennis School. Hocker has recommended Ron Gray to be on the bill. Senator Hocker also reported that the losses in the November election of State Treasurer, Ken Simpler, State Senator Gregg Lavelle and State Representative Debbie Hudson are significant. Upcoming focus will be on messaging and determining varied methods of communications. He suggested our reach must extend to the younger generation through colleges and elsewhere. Republican Senate is discussing plans to hire a communications specialist to assist with messaging. Senator Hocker's newsletter ~ sign up here: <https://delawarezenate.com/senator-gerald-hocker/>

Representative Ron Gray praised the Club and all the volunteers for their support. He reported that Representative Danny Short was elected House Minority Leader. Representative Gray is working on a bill for residents to be able to purchase non-blended fuel. Common sense bill for Delaware. Also looking into more well-defined evacuation routes. He looks forward to working on the Bond Bill with the Senate as Senator Hocker has proposed. Ron Gray extended an invitation to all to visit Legislative Hall and he would give a tour as well as allow visitor to use his parking space. He would need to have advance notice to do this. Sign up for Representative Ron Gray's newsletter <http://www.reprongray.com/>

Premier Issue ~ 38th Member Highlight
Senator Gerald Hocker and Representative Ron Gray



Senator Gerald Hocker – Senate District 20

Leadership – Senate Minority Leader

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***We thank you for all the time and effort you give to us
and the entire State of Delaware for the betterment
of our everyday lives in Delaware and the Country.***

November Guest Speaker Summary – Lauren Weaver, Executive Director, Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce. <https://thequietresorts.com/>

The Chamber is a State Information Center, 36913 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island, DE 19944. Telephone: 302-539-2100. Email: info@bethany-fenwick.org. Information Center is open 365 days per year. The Chamber also has a Kiosk at the horseshoe in downtown Bethany. Center serves about 10,000 people per year. They are partnered with Southern Delaware Tourism. Membership funding is used to promote local businesses. The unified collective voice of 700 businesses is powerful. This Chamber represents ~ Bethany Beach, Clarksville, Dagsboro, Fenwick Island, Millville, Ocean View, Roxana, Frankford, Selbyville and South Bethany. The Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce is working on branding a new name for the Chamber so that it better reflects all the towns they serve. An example of just some of the services they offer are; Networking, Referral Service, Discover Guide, Advocacy, Transportation Issues, and so much more.

Sussex County Council, etc. Meeting Dates <https://sussexcountyde.gov>

[Board of Adjustment Meeting](#)

Feb. 04, 2019
Board of Adjustment

[County Council Meeting](#)

Feb. 19, 2019
County Council

[County Council Meeting](#)

Feb. 05, 2019
County Council

[County Council Meeting](#)

Feb. 26, 2019
County Council

[County Council Meeting-No Meeting](#)

Feb. 12, 2019
County Council

[Planning & Zoning Meeting](#)

Feb. 28, 2019
Planning & Zoning Commission

[Planning & Zoning Meeting](#)

Feb. 14, 2019
Planning & Zoning Commission

Sussex County Council encourages all to “Sign Up” for Smart 911

Go to Smart911.com and click on "Sign Up". Then, when you call 9-1-1 from a registered phone number, the 9-1-1 system recognizes your phone number and automatically displays your profile on the screen of the call taker who receives your call. The data is secure and is only available to emergency service personnel when you call 9-1-1.

What is a Safety Profile?

A Safety Profile is a set of information about an individual, or a household that is contained within one account on Smart911.com. Information can include details about all members of the household, all phone numbers (mobile, landline or VOIP) and all addresses including home, work and even vacation homes. Users can also add details about medical conditions, medications, vehicles, pets and even emergency contacts.

What kind of information can I list in my safety profile?

You can include as little or as much information in your profile as you like. Information may include address, medical and security information. This service is voluntary, so you decide what information you want emergency responders to know about you when you call 9-1-1.

PulsePoint

On April 11, 2017, Sussex County announced the rollout of PulsePoint Respond®, a new high-tech tool designed to alert smartphone owners of cardiac arrest calls near their location, allowing them to respond and administer CPR immediately until first responders arrive. GPS-enabled cell phones can be alerted, based on their location, to a CPR medical call and the closest automated external defibrillator (AED) in that area. The product is free and intended for anyone with a smartphone who is trained in providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It works only for cardiac events in public venues, such as businesses, not in private residential settings.

To download the app, search for PulsePoint in the Apple iTunes and Google Play stores.

Read More - <https://sussexcountyde.gov/PulsePoint>



Georgetown, Del., Dec. 4, 2018: Sussex County has a blueprint to build its future.

County Council on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, adopted the County's 2018 comprehensive plan update, the culmination of more than two years' worth of work, with scores of public meetings, workshops, and outreach that attracted hundreds of comments, suggestions, and ideas from residents, business owners, government officials and others on how Sussex County should move forward as a growing community in the decades ahead.

The 280-page plan, which will guide County officials in various levels of decision-making, has yielded more than 100 strategies focused on everything from land use, conservation, and housing to transportation, utilities, and economic development, all of which will be considered for implementation during the lifespan of the plan. The strategies could take form as new ordinances or policies that County officials will weigh in the weeks and months to come.

Read More - <https://sussexcountyde.gov/news/sussex-county-adopts-comprehensive-plan>

Indian River School District sets Feb. 5 for referendum

Nov 29th, 2018 · by [Glenn Rolfe](#) · Comments: 1



Sussex Central High School, built with 1,500-student capacity, has been well over capacity for several years. Delaware State News/Glenn Rolfe

SELBYVILLE — The Indian River School District has circled early February 2019 for a major capital/current expense referendum seeking public approval for a new high school and classroom expansion at two other schools.

IRSD's board of education at its Nov. 26 meeting unanimously approved Tuesday, Feb. 5 as the date for the referendum, which school district officials stress is desperately needed to address increasing enrollment and capacity/overcrowding within the district.

Armed with three certificate of necessity approvals from the state, the district is seeking voter approval to:

- Build a new Sussex Central High School at the current Patriots Way campus, capable of accommodating 2,200 students;
- Add four new classrooms at Selbyville Middle School; and
- Add eight new classrooms at Indian River High School.

READ MORE: <https://delawarestatenews.net/news/indian-river-school-district-sets-feb-5-for-referendum>

Announcements

- **2019 Annual Membership of \$20.00 is due.** You can mail in your dues to 38th District Republican Club, P. O. Box 1371, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.
- Next Issue of *The Voice* will be March 15, 2019
- **Future Monthly Meetings**, 7:00 pm at South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach, DE:

Monday, January 28, 2019 ~ Guest Speaker, Bill Massey, Mountaire Farms

Monday, February 25, 2019 ~ Guest Speaker, George Ball, Rail Splitter Society of DE

Monday, March 25, 2019 ~ Guest Speaker, TBA



Front Row

Skip Derick, Vice President; Diane Meyer, Public Relations Chair; Shirley Wiley, Secretary; Jim Costas, President; **Second Row** Drew Sunderlin, Past President; Tom Fallon, Treasurer; and Duke Brooks, WGMD 92.7 Commentator and Guest Speaker at October 2018 meeting.

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Monthly meetings are held the 4th Monday of the Month, except December, at 7:00 pm, South Coastal Library, 43 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, DE. No meetings July and August. Membership annual fee is \$20.00 per calendar year and can be mailed to above address.

UPCOMING

April Delaware State Convention~ Date and Place TBA

May Memorial Day May 27th BUT ALSO 38th Monthly Mtg

June Red, White and Blue Dinner, date TBA

July and August No meeting BUT Summer Event, TBA

COMMENTARY ~ Excerpt from a Letter of Gratitude written by KEN SIMPLER after the November election

The following is an excerpt from the humble message that Ken Simpler shared with the public, friends, and voters through every media outlet. We share this excerpt because it sets forth a clear understanding of what we are up against for any future Republican elections and why we must start now to identify strategy and messaging.

“....Delawareans came out to the polls Tuesday in numbers that were more than 150% of the vote from my first run in 2014! In absolute terms, there were at least 120,000 people that showed up in 2018 who did not come out four years ago (and that number might be closer to 140,000 given natural voter turnover). To put that in perspective, there were more new mid-term voters casting a ballot this year than all of those who elected me to office in 2014. That’s a BIG wave.

Also, recall that as a Republican in a statewide contest, the face of this wave measured not in feet, but in percentage, was about 20%. That is the difference this election between the percentage of registered Democrats (47%) and registered Republicans (28%). My Democratic opponent got up and over with 52%, adding about 5% to her base from independents; we got to 46%, pulling 18% of those same swing voters. That is not bad, but it falls well short.

The time, treasure, energy and spirit you put into this race gained me 44,000 more votes than I received in 2014! That’s incredible.....”

With much gratitude and friendship,

Ken

38th Member's Perspective

All members are invited to share their perspective in *The Voice Newsgram*.

Articles will be submitted to the Board for approval before published.

I personally was highly perturbed and deeply disappointed by the results of Delaware's 2018 election results, especially with the loss of the State Treasurer's position to a totally unqualified Democratic candidate and the loss of the U.S. Senate seat race to an incumbent that has been in the position too long. Instead of complaining or whining or applying complacency I decided to take on the positive task of coming up with ideas and procedures to at least give the Republicans a fighting chance in the 2020 election. The following are my thoughts for us to be successful in 2020 both in the State and at the National level.

There are **four** areas of concentration that I believe are tantamount for "winning" in 2020. Please note that I do not have all the answers on the "how" within the **four** areas, but I believe if these areas are focused on by all Delaware Republicans, we have a great chance of winning. The areas include:

- 1. Financial Support.** Financial support should be procured for all candidates (no candidate should run or even consider running unless they are guaranteed money - from Republican organizations, Corporate entities, or out of state organizations especially candidates for Federal positions.) We cannot expect candidates to personally fund their own campaigns and at the same time put their efforts totally into winning the elections.
- 2. Information Gathering/Surveys.** Find out what the common voter wants to hear from the candidates. It is especially important that Republicans and Independents are quizzed. It is also important to quiz what the Democrat voters want from their representatives. Most important is how our current incumbent representatives have voted. This info can be obtained by going to the following website <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/votes>. All this info is important to know for the next area.
- 3. Communication (the message).** The message needs to be clear, concise and unified. All candidates must be communicating simple, non-controversial, and factual information to potential voters. The message should not be broad "I will do this or that". The message must be "I will do this and this is how I plan to do it and this is what the incumbent is NOT doing for the citizens of Delaware".
- 4. Unification.** The Delaware Republicans must be unified from the south to the north. All parties, clubs and organizations must have the same message and must totally back each and every candidate. We cannot afford not to be unified. Disunity was prevalent in the 2018 election and if this happens in 2020, forget winning.

The above are summaries of my thoughts. I would really like comments back either positive or respectful suggestions to make winning a reality. By the way, the above four areas will become mute if execution of these areas does not begin immediately - the OPPOSITION has started already executing their 2020 election strategies.

Skip Derick

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