

# Utah County Democrats

*The monthly newsletter of the Utah County Democratic Party*

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## Upcoming Events

### September 22 (Saturday)

Highway Cleanup. Meet at the Provo Towne Centre Red Robin Parking Lot at 9:00 A.M. to clean up "our" section of I-15. Water and snacks will be provided. Questions? Contact Kena Jo Mathews at [kena@hfuc.org](mailto:kena@hfuc.org) or (801) 344-8527.

### October 9 (Tuesday)

Democratic Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, Senate Majority Leader, will speak at a BYU Forum at the Marriott Center at 11:05 A.M. on Tuesday, October 9.

Please send information about upcoming events to [newsletter@utahcountydems.com](mailto:newsletter@utahcountydems.com).

## COUNTY-PLATFORM CORNER

### Education

*As Utah County Democrats we believe that education is our greatest investment in the future, and that strengthening our long standing commitment to public education as the foundation of a democratic republic is a fundamental value.*

*We deplore Utah's ranking as the lowest in per pupil spending and the highest in students per teacher in the nation. We stand for strengthening our public schools through adequate funding to allow for smaller class sizes, higher salaries to better attract and retain qualified teachers, and better equipped facilities to provide a world-class education for every student.*

*We also call for sufficient resources for higher education, that our colleges and universities may fulfill their roles in preparing our young people to take their place in society and to contribute to our state's economic development. We believe that the educational system should receive priority consideration in the allocation of any state tax surplus.*

*We believe in local control of our public schools. We oppose the unfunded, top-down model of No Child Left Behind and call for the development of local working partnerships between educators and parents to help every student develop the academic, reasoning, and social skills required by our global economy and society.*

*We believe that bold and innovative solutions to the problems of education in our state are within reach through seeking broad community involvement in developing our most precious resource, our children.*

## Message From the Chair

*Richard Davis*

The county party leadership is moving ahead with building the organization of the party. One of the problems we've encountered is there is not enough coordination between the precinct chairs and the party leadership as well as coordination between precinct chairs and candidates. To



alleviate this problem, we're creating a new position: legislative district chair.

The person who holds this position will be responsible for building precinct organizations and mobilizing the party organization in that legislative district in support of the legislative district candidate. The legislative district chair will be a vital link in a legislative district for recruiting candidates, registering new Democrats, stimulating Democrats to help with candidate campaigns, and working with the party leadership.

We're delighted that several people have agreed to serve as legislative district chairs. They are as follows:

District	Chair
27	Roger Dixon
58	Gary Johnson
60	Bethanie Newby
61	Blair Bateman
62	Radene Hatfield
63	George Handley
64	Scott Ferrin
66	Kenneth Payne

Larry Brown, the vice chair, has recruited these individuals to serve and is working to complete the list of legislative district chairs within the next few weeks. Thanks to all these people for their willingness to help make the Democratic Party viable again in Utah County.

## New Committee Chairs

The party leadership has created several new committees and appointed committee chairs who have graciously agreed to serve. The new committee chairs are—

Don Jarvis  
*Research Committee*

Rick Cox  
*Message/Publicity Committee*

Adam Ford  
*Fundraising Committee*

Ryan Gibbons & Nathan Hadfield  
*Technology Committee*

Kate Mann  
*Events Committee*

Steve Baugh  
*Education Outreach Committee*

Linda Quinton Burr  
*Civic Outreach Committee*

Gary Cornia  
*Congressional Committee*

Randal Serr  
*Youth Outreach Committee*

## County Party Leadership Announces Bill Orton Circle

The county party has created a new donor club named after former Representative Bill Orton.



The club honors the contribution of Congressman Orton, who served in the U.S. Congress from the Third Congressional District from 1991-1997. He also is currently a member of the Democratic National Committee representing Utah.

The club includes those who commit to donate \$1200 a year (or \$100 a month) to the county party. Currently, there are twelve club members.

Those who wish to become a member of this new donor club and honor Representative Orton may contact Kristin Gerdy at [kristingerdy@utahcountydems.com](mailto:kristingerdy@utahcountydems.com) to donate.

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

—Margaret Mead



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