

Utah County Democrats

The monthly newsletter of the Utah County Democratic Party

November 2007

Upcoming Events

November 15 (Thursday)

Fall County Party Social, 6 p.m. Somewhere Inn Time Reception Center, 175 N. State St., Lindon. Come join other Democrats for a nice dinner in a relaxing setting. Former Utah Senator and 2000 U.S. Senate Candidate Scott Howell will be our after-dinner speaker. Please RSVP by November 8 to larrybrown@utahcountydems.com.

Each Thursday

BYU Democrats meet every Thursday night at 7:30pm in 240 SWKT. The public is invited. For more information go to <http://byudemocrats.org>.

November 30 (Friday)

"Why I am a Democrat" essay contest. Age categories: 15 and under, 15-24, 25 and older. 500 words or less. Winners will be published in the Utah County Democrats newsletter and website. Please submit entries to newsletter@utahcountydems.com no later than Friday, November 30, 2007.

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Fall Social

Don't forget to RSVP to attend the county party social on Thursday, November 15, at 6 p.m. at the Somewhere Inn Time Reception Center at 175 N. State Street in Lindon. The evening will include a speech by Scott Howell, former Utah Senate Minority Leader and 2000 candidate for the U.S. Senate. Also, the party leadership will give a six month report on the progress of the county party.

Enjoy the time mingling with fellow Democrats, eating a delicious meal, hearing the latest about the party's activities, and listening to a stirring speech by Senator Howell.

Cost for the dinner is \$27 per person. **PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8** to Larry Brown at larrybrown@utahcountydems.com.

Message From the Chair

Richard Davis



As I approach the six month mark serving as chair of the county party and all of us enter the Thanksgiving season, I reflect on the progress we've made in organizing the party, raising money, and preparing for

next year's campaign. It is time to give thanks.

I am grateful for those who are volunteering their time to make a difference in changing politics and public policy in this county and

this state. So many people are doing many tasks across a variety of areas within the party. It is wonderful to see this happen.

My thanks particularly go to the executive officers I get to serve with: Larry, Hinckley, and Kristin.

They have given many hours of service to build the party. I am grateful for their respective roles in this venture of revitalizing the Democratic party in Utah County. Please express your thanks to them when you see them. They deserve it.

I am also grateful to the legislative district chairs who have accepted the task of organizing legislative districts, working with candidates, and reaching out to voters in the districts across this county. They are

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New Appointments

New Events Committee Co-Chairs

Sara Jensen and Jennifer Oman have been appointed co-chairs of the Events Committee. Thanks to them for their willingness to take on this responsibility, and thanks to Kate Mann for her work while heading that committee for the past six months.

New Legislative District Chairs

Piper Manesse and Gary Daynes are new legislative district chairs for Legislative Districts 65 and 57 respectively. Thanks to them for accepting these positions.

Please join us!

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175 North State Street, Lindon

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Evening will include dinner and a speech by former Utah State Senator and 2000 U.S. Senate candidate Scott Howell.

This is an opportunity to leave the kids at home (if you have any, or any at home!) and enjoy a relaxing dinner. Join other fellow Democrats and hear a six-month report from the county party leadership, as well as a stirring speech by Senator Howell.

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vital to the organizational strength we will need to win back legislative seats and send a Democrat to the Congress to represent us.

My thanks also go to the committee chairs who have taken over areas such as research, publicity, technology, events, fundraising, and various outreach functions. They have already made a difference in increasing our donations, creating this newsletter, organizing party events, raising our public profile, and many other successes.

And I also want to express my appreciation to the many committee members and precinct chairs who already have, and yet will, be the activists who make us viable again. Thanks to all who participate in growing the party. It is honor to be able to work with you.

“Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little Temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.”

—Benjamin Franklin

New Web Site Receives Upbeat Press Coverage

On Monday, October 15, the Utah County Democrats launched a new web site at <http://utahcountydemocrats.com>. The launch received positive press coverage by the *Deseret Morning News*, the *Daily Herald*, and *KSL Newsradio*.

Reporting for the *Deseret Morning News*, Tad Walch began with a hypothetical comparison: “A Republican and a Democrat go into a Utah County Internet cafe. They ask the barista for bagels, pop open their laptops and access the shop's wireless Internet service.

“The Republican logs onto the Utah County GOP Web site, but she can't make an online contribution, can't find any video and discovers some links are dead.

“Meanwhile, the Democrat pulls up her party's relaunched Web site and clicks on a link that sends her to a videotaped welcome message on YouTube. She also can make a secure online donation.”

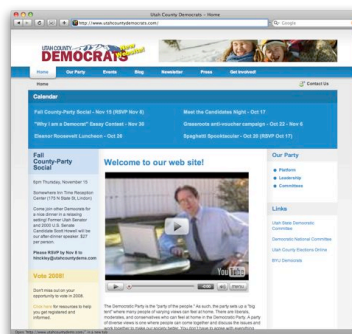
Noting that the county Republican web site is somewhat lacking compared to the “hip” new Democratic web site, Walch quoted party chair Richard Davis: “We want people to know we're a presence. We want people to know we're here and we share their values on the issues most important to them.”

Jeremy Duda, writing for the *Daily Herald*, was also positive about the new site. “Yes, Virginia,” he began, “there are Democrats in Utah County. That's the message the Utah County Democratic Party is trying to get across with the launch of its new Web site.”

Duda noted Chairman Davis' belief that the Democratic Party often matches the values of Utah County voters better than the Republican Party does, as evidenced by “voter support for planned growth, transportation, health care for children and funding for public schools.”

Randall Jeppesen of *KSL Newsradio* reported, “Utah County Democrats are turning to technology to try and get their message out in an area that's been a stronghold for the Republican Party.

“When you click onto



www.utahcountydemocrats.com, you find a YouTube video saying, ‘Hi! You’ve found us. We’re the Utah County Democrats. Welcome to our Web Site.’”

Jeppesen further reported that the Utah County Democrats plan the new web site as “just the start of the effort to use new technology like YouTube, blogs, podcasting and more to reach out to more people, especially younger voters.”

Transcripts of the press coverage can be viewed in the **Press > In the News** section of the Utah County Democrats web site at <http://utahcountydemocrats.com>.

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Abortion

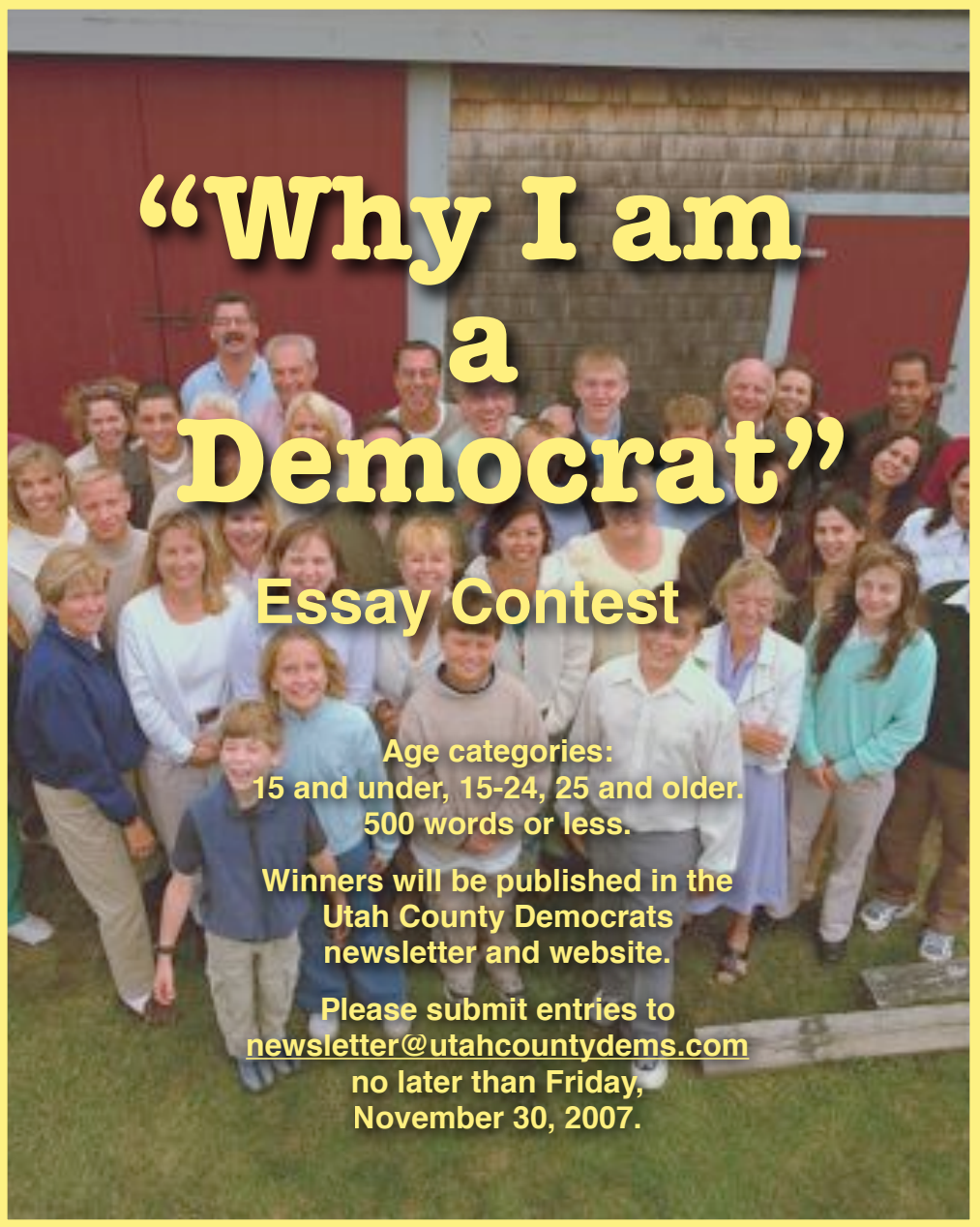
As Utah County Democrats we believe in the sanctity of human life and that there should be a balance between the rights of the woman and her unborn child.

We believe that every abortion is a tragedy.

We oppose elective abortion for personal or social convenience, and believe that abortion should be limited to instances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or in cases of fatal fetal deformities, or when competent medical authority determines that there is a serious threat to the life or health of the mother.

We again recognize those who hold differing views on this issue and seek to resolve our differences in a spirit of respectful cooperation.

To read the entire platform of the Utah County Democratic Party, please visit our website at <http://utahcountydems.com>.



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