

HARWINTON

Democratic Town Committee

July

2019

p1 WELCOME!
Always in Motion

p2 Project
Committee

p3 It's Election Season

p4 Join in the
Celebration

The Harwinton Democrats advocate for an inclusive and transparent town government that values fiscal sustainability, positive change, and collaborative leadership. We are committed to strong educational opportunities, smart business growth, and preservation of open space. We champion our democratic ideals of community, compassion, and the common good.

Always in Motion

We are six months in for 2019, and I am feeling thankful in spite of this crazy world we are living in. With the dreaded twenty-four hour news cycle and daily onslaught of “just how much worse can it get” news, it is difficult to maintain optimism. Yet, our DTC is responsible for making Harwinton a better place to be for me and so many others.

Our Projects Committee has organized group food bank donations and planted a garden at the Star Home shelter for teenage girls. Donating food year-round and connecting displaced teens to the environment are worthy endeavors. Our group made a generous donation to the Harwinton Library to honor Ellie Woike, our long-time town treasurer and tireless Democrat.

Thanks to the fundraising committee, we've gotten together to raise much needed funds while having fun. From our raucous trivia night to the cooking demo and Middle Eastern feast at Noujaim's and more, we are reminded of the commonalities that bind us—striving for a better world to live and raise our children in. You can always count on lively conversation, good food, a little tipling when allowed, and lots of laughs.

We are watchdogs for what happens with our town government and state representatives, seeking transparency and accountability. We are rooting on Governor Lamont as he works to solve our state's financials and grow our economy. Editorials, attendance at meetings, social media posts, a fledging newsletter, candidate slates... We are always “in motion.”

We have members who are working to reach out and find other residents with like minds. I am buoyed to be with others who share my worries and enthusiasm. We need each other. And the beauty of the DTC is being part of a group that demands little but brings out the best in its members. This sustains me. So, while the hard reality of

Welcome!

Welcome to the Harwinton Democratic Town

Committee newsletter. Our members and supporters are



active in so many ways in our community and on our Town Boards. Our monthly newsletter highlights the efforts being made to help support our community and neighbors. You can also read to find out what we have been up to and

plan ahead for events and activities. Do you have any information you'd like to share? Please feel free to e-mail us at harwintondems@gmail.com.

In the photo: From left to right below: Nancy Shanley Schnyer-Secretary; Joe Arcuri-Vice Chairman; Peter Brazaitis Jr.-Chairman; Robin Turpin-Treasurer; Franci Knight-Deputy Treasurer. Not pictured is Rosemary Simko-Deputy Secretary

a president who denies climate change, portrays asylum seeking immigrants as enemies and counts brutal dictators as chums, we soldier on.

Yes, Nancy Wyman's recent reminder that grass roots effort produce results is a timely one. I am a happier person for our group's work on the local level. And the future? The prospective Democratic candidates for president are smart, passionate men and women. The challenge awaits.

Let's continue our tireless efforts and look forward to the future when we can further impact our local decisions and be proud of the direction our country is taking.

~RK Simko

Find us

Facebook

www.facebook.com/harwintondems/

Website

<http://harwintondems.com>

Email

harwintondems@gmail.com

Project Committee Update on the Harwinton Star Shelter Garden

The garden has been watered and there were some very nice radishes and lettuce ready for picking. I picked a few radishes and told the weekend staff they could make a salad with the lettuce and some dill sprigs.

Monday morning I called the director and spoke with her. I told her there were veggies that could be picked. She said they've been watering regularly. There are a lot of flowers on the squash and zucchini plants as well as the tomatoes and cucumbers. Here are a couple of pictures. ~Sunny Torres



Town Meetings & Gatherings

10

Planning Commission
7:00 p. m., Town Hall

12

Movie Under the Stars, "Wonder Park"
Harwinton Sports Complex
8:30 p.m.

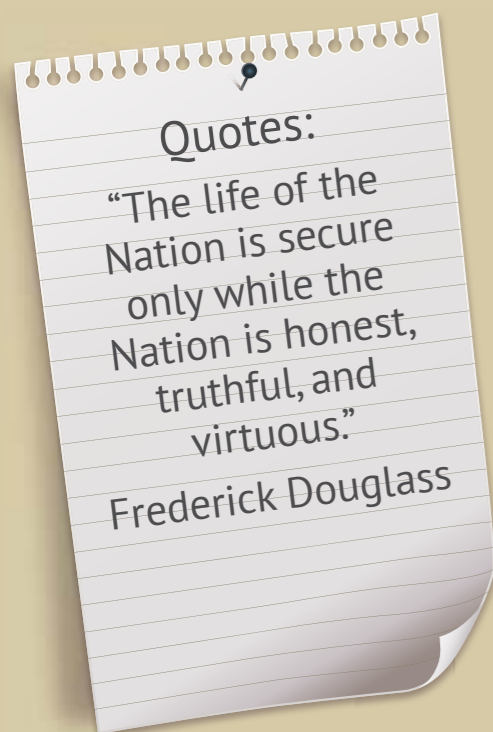


More Town Meetings

NO REGION #10 Board of
Education meeting in July.

23

Next Harwinton DTC
meeting Thomaston Savings
Bank, Harwinton 6:30 p.m.



State Information

01 July 9th is the Campaign Launch Party for Denise Rapp who is running for First Selectman of Litchfield.

5:30pm to 8:30pm at The Mockingbird Kitchen and Bar, 810 Bantam Road.

RSVP to friendsofdeniserapp19@gmail.com

Hosted by friends of Rapp 19'

National
Election
Day

November
5th
2019

It's Election Season in Harwinton!

The Democratic Town Committee is currently assembling a slate of candidates for the election in November.

If you are a registered Democratic in Harwinton or know a Democrat that is interested in taking an active part in local government, please contact Paul Honig for more information at: phonig@yahoo.com

Harwinton Food Pantry Needs

Pasta
Pasta Sauces
Condiments
Cereals
Granola Bars
Tunafish
Juice
Coffee
Salad dressings
Baked beans

Monetary donations can be mailed to the Town of Harwinton, P.O. Box 66, 100 Bentley Drive, Harwinton, CT 06791. Checks should be made out to the Town of Harwinton. In the memo section please write Harwinton Food Pantry.

Join in the Celebration!

For the Recipient of the Outstanding Business Award from the Town of Harwinton Economic Development.

WHY: In recognition for contributions to the community

WHO: Franci Knight, owner of A Healing Trail Wellness Center

WHEN: Friday, July 12, at 3:00 p.m.

Franci invites all to attend and enjoy a treat of pizza and ice cream in celebration with her!

May DTC Guests

Nancy Wyman, former Lieutenant Governor and current CT Democratic State Central Chair, brought a message of support and encouragement to the May meeting. The gist of her message was to become involved. It was a good reminder that grass roots efforts are effective in promoting change. State Central is there to help local DTCs.

Trip Holtgrewe, Digital Director of CT Democratic State Central, requested active engagement by submitting material to be published on the state level. Various workshops and how-to videos are available if desired.

An easy way to stay informed?

Checkout the CT Dems on all social media platforms to stay current with issues.

FACEBOOK
click like
[Facebook @ctdemocrats](#)

TWITTER
click like
[Twitter @ctdems](#)

INSTAGRAM
click like
[Instagram @ctdems](#)

Debate Observations

Did you stay up and watch the June Democratic hopefuls vie for voters' attention?

A few DTC members responded to a last-minute question, "Which candidate(s) impressed you during the June debates?"

Celeste Echlin:
"Warren, Harris, Buttigieg = Winners 'My time is up' Biden, Sanders = Losers"

Sunny Torres:
"Biden continues being oblivious to his implicit bias... even when Kamala Harris pointed out that without federal intervention, integration of our schools would not have happened, he still stood by leaving the decision to the states!"

Franci Knight:
"Elizabeth Warren and Pete Buttigieg were impressive."

Paul Honig:
"There was a lot to like. I was impressed by Warren, Buttigieg, Harris, Booker, Yang, Klobuchar, etc. I think the Democratic Party will have a strong candidate at the end of this process to challenge Trump."