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HOW TO JOIN!

- Join us at our next meeting, January 25, 2010
- Join us at our next event, "Operation Education" trainings on January 16th & 30th from 12pm-1pm.
- Sign up online at lcyoungdems.net
- Email us at lcyoungdems@gmail.com
- Absolutely ZERO fees or donations are required to join - all are welcome!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TODAY, FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Greetings Young Democrat!

It's been a great first full year for the Lebanon County Young Democrats. As President of LCYD, I am so proud of everything we've accomplished already! From voter education to food drives, campaign volunteering to blood donating, we've packed our schedule this past year to benefit our County!

Even though you may not be a member yet, we'd love to have you join our efforts in the coming year!

This newsletter is designed to inform and educate other Young Democrats in Lebanon County about what we've done and our big plans for the future.

Please take a few moments to read more about us, what we stand for, and events that you may be interested in attending!

All are welcome to our meetings and events! We believe in working together across any divide in order to bring positive change to our local community - where it really counts!

Sincerely,

Darrell Stichler
LCYD Founder & President



Darrell Stichler

2010 CAMPAIGNS

Interested in interning or volunteering with a Political Campaign or Organization? We can help! Contact our Campaign Relations Coordinator today for more information!

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UPCOMING YOUNG DEMS ACTIVITIES

- Bi-weekly Meetings—next meeting Jan 25 at 7pm, 23 South 6th St
- "Operation Education" trainings on January 16th & 30th from 12pm-1pm, 23 South 6th St
- Food Drive
- Book Drive
- Spaghetti Supper
- Voter Registration Drive
- Voter Education Day
- Toys for Tots Drive, TBA
- Rte 117 Highway Clean-Up



2009 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

This year was a huge first year for the LCYD, organizing and attending multiple successful and meaningful events in Lebanon County. In April we held our first food drive. It was a huge success! We collected 478 lbs of food to donate to Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

Our Bleed for Change Blood Drive was September 12th at the Palmyra Wal-Mart. Over 30 people came to donate blood, the Red Cross even had to bring out a second bus to accommodate so many donors!

In August, LCYD had a yard sale to function as a fundraiser and recycling effort. One person's trash is another's treasure, they say! Democratic Committee members and LCYD members donated clothing, bikes, toys, and other items for the sale.

September marked the success of our bi-partisan voter education day at Monument Park in Lebanon City. Many political parties, campaigns, and activist groups had tables with information available. The Board of Elections also provided a voting machine to educate attendees on voting. Press, community, and activists all had a great time eating, learning, and chatting!



It won't be long until these stalwart politicians hit the LCYD scene! Their passion is exactly what we need!



**Obama Organizer
Andrew Claster
hands in voter
registration forms by
the hundreds - can
you beat that? Join
our registration
competition this
Fall! Prizes for top
competitors! More
details at
lcyoungdems.net.**

HOW CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Here's a quick guide to voter registration:

- Online - Go to **VotesPA.com**, you can register online in seconds!

- Post Office - Your local Post Office always has voter registration forms available to fill out and mail in.

Remember to fill out boxes 1-6, 9 and sign on the form.



- 2010 Voter Registration Dates

In order to vote in the May 19 Primary, you must register by **4.19.10.**

- I registered to vote, now what?

Great job! You will receive your voter registration card in the mail. Take this and photo ID with you to the polling location listed on your card on Election Day!

- Mail Complete Forms to:

Lebanon Co. Board of Elections & Voter Registration
Municipal Building, Room 209
400 South 8th Street
Lebanon, PA 17042
Phone: 717-274-2801 ext. 4428

THE IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVEMENT - WE NEED YOU!

What kind of difference can one person make? The answer is up to you! One person can make no difference at all by **not** voting, **not** getting involved, or just pretending **not** to care about the world around them.

As a Young Democrat, however, you can make a **HUGE** difference by getting involved in local events, elections, and youth activities that are exciting and fun!

When you feel passionate about a cause—health care, environment, local budgets—the best thing you can do is get involved. Many older voters don't consider voting as just a right, but also as a privilege and responsibility.

For our generation, this still rings true, but we also have another responsibility as voters—to make sure we are active voters! This means doing more than just casting your own bal-

lot. It means bringing friends to the polls, educating others on their right to vote, and being a voice for our generation. President Obama said, "Yes we can," and he was right. So let's do it, Young Dems!

Ways to get involved:

-Join LCYD - **Volunteer** for candidates in the 2010 election - **Register** voters - **Write** to state and local representatives about important issues!



Getting involved has tons of great perks—including getting to be in the right place at the right time! Here, LCYD member Alicia was able to snag a photo with Chelsea Clinton at LVC!



Local Young Dems smile in excitement on Election Night 2008 as Barack Obama becomes the next President of the USA.

2010 PRIMARY CAMPAIGNS AND CANDIDATES—ELECTION DAY MAY 19

State

-Governor's Race

-Lieutenant Governor

-Senate Race

Sen. Arlen Specter, a newly registered Democrat and longtime Senator, faces charismatic Representative Joe Sestak PA-7.

Visit their websites for more information: www.specter2010.com and www.sestakforcongress.com

State Representative—District 17 (Incumbent Tim Holden)

Need more info? Check with electionprojection.com or other political sites for upcoming races and/or candidates.

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Our Mission Statement

The Lebanon County Young Democrats is a group that is committed to creating an inviting atmosphere for those who want to get involved in politics.

- We are working to improve our communities as well as promote the candidates that we believe in

- Our group is compiled of Lebanon County residents between the ages of 14-40

- Our belief is that our community is where we need to implement the changes that will ultimately change this country

- We stand behind our beliefs and proudly express ourselves as Democrats so we invite you and those you know to come and join us.

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WHY SHOULD LEADERS CARE ABOUT THE YOUTH VOTE?

It is important for Young Democrats everywhere to stand up and be heard.

Youth voters are no longer silent; state and federal leaders are beginning to listen.

However, many older voters continue to believe that young people aren't involved or passionate about their right to vote

and speak out on important issues—so they ignore us!

Now is your chance to prove them wrong, and to join the millions of Young Democrats all across our nation in taking what we believe in—equality, fairness, and freedom—and **ACTING** on it to change this county, state, and nation for the better!

Take the time today to register your friends to vote, attend a local LCYD meeting, sign an online petition for a cause you believe in.

What you say and do can make a huge difference in the world around you.

Today is the day—get up, get out, and get involved!