

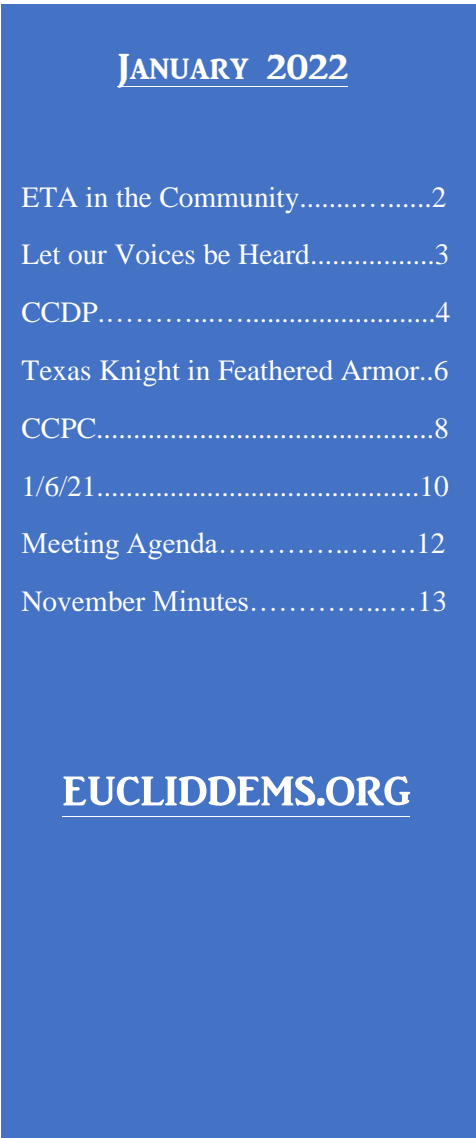
**“The time is
always right
to do the
right thing”**

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Welcome to 2022 Dems!

Happy New Year to all of our readers. I hope 2021 was a productive and successful year for you. I wish you a terrific 2022 and I wish us all successful midterms in November!

If you haven't received your annual membership letter, it is on the way. *It should be there by now, thanks DeJoy.* The dues will remain the same for 2022, the rate is 10.00 per year. At risk of sounding like a PBS fundraising drive, membership is important. It won't get you a handsome tote bag or a Best of The Victory Garden DVD, but it does enable you to fully participate in the processes of the club.

The number of meetings that a member must attend in order to vote is based on the meetings attended after the dues are paid (including the day they are paid, if it is a meeting day). The minimum number of meetings attended to run for club office is also figured from the point the dues are paid. Those opportunities beat a tote bag any day.

Please, folks, pay your dues early in the year, so we can continue to bring you quality entertainment like this newsletter. I am just kidding; the dues have no bearing on the newsletter.

Thank you, everyone!

Chris Ericksen, President EDC

EucliddemsOH@gmail.com

**Email us for any questions,
requests or for
information on the Club**

Zoom Meetings will be held on the third Thursday every month at 7PM, we can email you the login info. If we don't have your email address or for registration, email us here- eucliddemsOH@gmail.com

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, at the January meeting we will be joined by Alfred Leak Jr., he will provide us with a moving tribute to Dr. King. Please don't miss it!



Euclid Teachers Association in the Community

ETA and EDC Member, Carrie Walsh-Hilf

ETA Members volunteered at the Senior Center over the holidays. The atmosphere was festive, friendly, and

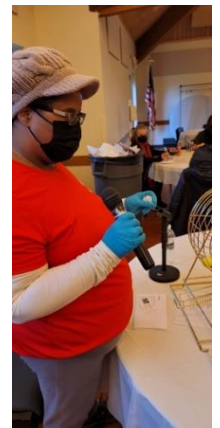


like a big family thanks to Administrative Assistant at the Euclid Senior Center, Cassandra Bronson. Members helped with the holiday party, passed out food, and presents and participated in trivia and bingo. Mayor Holzheimer-Gail took pictures with Euclid Residents, and it was a fun way for the teachers to give back. The Senior Center is looking for volunteers if you have time. To volunteer, reach out to Cassandra Bronson at bronson@cityofeuclid.com. She did a great job making the teachers feel welcome. If you have a service project at your church or organization, let Carrie Walsh-Hilf know. The ETA would love

to help. Walsh-hilf@sbcglobal.net.

UpStage Players Builders Club

UpStage Players Children's Theater is gearing up to share their talents by creating an original talent show to Nursing Home Residents. The show is a loose adaptation of Lion King. Scar is the MC and he is leading Priderock's



Talent Competition. The Show is created by our youngest leaders in Builders Club in our Euclid Community and surrounding areas. They meet to discuss what service they want to do and plan the first Monday of the month via zoom. If you have a Middle Schooler who is interested in joining this leadership group, please have them contact moderator, Carrie Walsh-Hilf for more information, walsh-hilf@sbcglobal.net

LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD FOR DEMOCRACY

Pamela Gray Mason, EDC Member

As we celebrate Martin Luther King Day, we are reminded that his courage and tenacious work are threatened in the 21st century and in the United States of America.



Martin Luther King Jr. was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which intended to end discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin. Title I of the act guarantees equal voting rights by removing registration requirements and procedures against minorities and the underprivileged. Fifty-eight years later Americans are faced (again) with discriminatory practices in several states to limited voting.

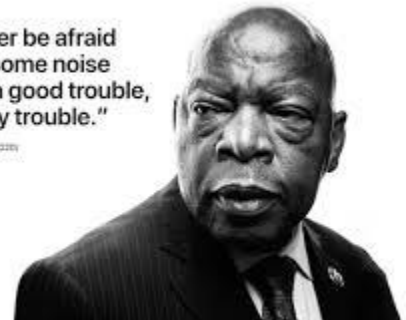
Freedom to Vote Act also known as the John Lewis Voting Act was presented to Congress in September 2021. In brevity, the bill expands voter registration and voter access. It also limits removing voters from voter rolls. (Remember, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose did this already). The bill also establishes Election Day as a federal holiday. The bill has provisions related to election security; it outlines criteria for congressional re-districting (Fair District) and lastly, campaign finance disclosures. The Senate has yet to pass this legislation because, the Senate leader Mitch McConnell has stated “no need for this legislation”.

This bill would protect our elections from voter suppression, partisan sabotage, gerrymandering and dark money.

The question is: Do we as a people need to revisit Martin Luther King, Jr.’s quotes on democracy: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere” and “Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed” We must stay vigilant, and demand continued democracy!

“Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

Rep. John Lewis (1960-2020)



Continue to call your Senators to pass the Bill. It is for our Future!

HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY-January 17, 2022

Reference information obtained: Congress.gov

Cuyahoga County Democratic Party

Chairwoman Shontel Brown



As 2022 approaches, I am ringing in the New Year with hope and attention in making an impact on our Party, County, State and Nation. As a Party, we continue to provide information sessions for candidates, those interested in running for Central [Precinct Committee], scheduling and holding City, Ward Leader, Executive and Central Committee leader meetings and endorsement meetings and raising funds to deliver our winning message and get our endorsed candidates elected.

We know that elections have consequences and under the leadership of President Biden, there are direct benefits for Cuyahoga County residents. Thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure bill, Cuyahoga County will soon see new projects to repair roads, replace lead pipes, and connect families to high-speed internet. Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport are set to receive more than \$11 million and \$700,000, respectively, to address improvements to runways, taxiways, terminals, and airport-transit connections. These long-delayed investments in our airports will prepare the way for future economic growth in our region.



In addition, Ohio is set to receive nearly \$1.8 billion next year to repave roads and modernize highways. Funding for updating drinking and wastewater systems is also on the schedule in Cleveland and across Ohio.

These are just a few of the investments and job-creating projects that are part of the Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act. I look forward to celebrating these projects as they are completed and bring good-paying jobs to the region and the state.

As we all know all too well, this year has been challenging: COVID-19 and the pandemic show both our resilience, and our need to be flexible and nimble to keep moving forward. Our Party is committed to keeping our members safe and to that end, we have moved our in-person, Democratic Executive Committee Endorsements to virtually, via Zoom, on the evening of January 26, 2022. Official notices and a Zoom link will be sent to Executive Committee members who have paid their dues. Final dues payment needs to be made and received prior to the start of the meeting.

Appointments to the Executive Committee [a one-year term] will be mailed shortly. Prior to the Endorsement Meeting, our City and Ward Leaders will make a recommendation for endorsement on January 22, 2022. The Endorsement meeting, to be held January 26, 2022, will focus on Judicial candidates, County Executive and County Council races. State House endorsements will be scheduled after the Ohio Supreme Court decision on redistricting map challenges.

Remembering Those We Lost in 2021

We join with families across Cuyahoga County who mourn the loss of their loved ones this past year, especially our fellow Democrats. The Honorable Nancy McDonnell, The Honorable Joseph Russo, The Honorable Larry Jones, Larry Orłowski, Lil Dufala, Lois Zolar, Mansfield Frazier, Nancy Lachowski, Miss Alberta Howard and many other Democrats who served their communities, mentored others, supported each of us and left a legacy of service and commitment that we will feel for decades to come.

Entering the New Year with all of you is humbling. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Thank you for your commitment to our party and our values. We may not all agree on every issue or decision, but we know that we are stronger together and we are on the right side of the issues.

\$22 in '22

We are proud to announce a new contribution effort for the CCDP. We discussed implementing a monthly giving program to help us with operations, candidate assistance, and growing our Party. The new \$22 in '22 is a monthly giving program that keeps your contribution locally here at CCDP. To sign up, click here: <https://bit.ly/CCDPMonthlyGiving> and select the "Make this Contribution monthly," select the amount you would like to make. While we suggest \$22, any amount is appreciated!

Central Committee Upcoming information sessions:

We need all hands on-deck for increasing voter turnout, registering new voters and battling the gerrymandered voter suppression efforts by the Republicans. The CCDP will hold informational sessions for those interested in becoming Central committee members. We will discuss responsibilities, filing requirements and more!

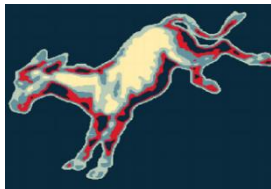
INFORMATION SESSION DATES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CENTRAL COMMITTEE/PRECINCT COMMITTEE LEADERS ZOOM MEETING

Registration required

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12PM-1PM Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/CentralInfoNoon>

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6PM-7PM Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/CentralInfoEvening>

Follow the Euclid Dems on social media



Texas' Knight in Feathered Armor

Jake Ericksen, Euclid Democratic Club Member

The state of Texas, the second most populous and second largest in the union, is at a historically important crossroads. With a controversial limit on abortions, a faltering power grid, and a seemingly incompetent leadership, who is there to lead it out of its darkest hour? Who is it that could be Texas's knight in shining armor?

There is only one answer, and his name strikes fear into the minds of those who wish the worst upon their state. His name, Big Bird. He's running for the Texas Senate seat, vying against the incumbent Ted Cruz. The large yellow avian creature was first motivated to launch a campaign after he publicly stated he received his COVID-19 vaccine. Mr. Cruz launched a smear campaign against him, making claims that he was a tool for leftist propaganda and attempting to indoctrinate your precious babies with pro-government sentiment.

Big Bird then announced his candidacy on November 7th, 2021 with this statement:

"Ted, let's be real. The only propaganda is coming from your mouth. That's why I'm running to take your seat."

This account is obviously a parody, but it left Ted Cruz and his GOP crew stunned. One of the most notorious smears Senator Cruz made towards the Big Bird campaign team was a simple tweet just a few days before Thanksgiving of 2021,



depicting the Sesame Street puppet cast sitting around a table with one key exception: Big Bird. This was because this repulsive scene depicted them eating Bird Bird as the main course. He received much backlash from this tweet yet still has not taken it down. Does he have no shame for this visual attack on a children's cartoon character portrayed as a six-year-old? The answer is a resounding no.



This is why I have been compelled to write an article for an endorsement of the Big Bird senate campaign for our own Euclid Democratic Club. Why, you may ask, does a cartoon bird deserve our endorsement for a parodic senate campaign? The answer is as simple as this: He is not Ted Cruz. That is of course not our only grounds for endorsement, though it sure is enough. Mr. Bird has always appreciated the fact that America is a very culturally diverse nation and has chosen to reflect such on his campaign team. There is an ample amount of minority representation which is something that is more than welcome, considering who he's up against. It's not

like he doesn't have a fighting chance. Sen. Cruz is notoriously unlikeable, just ask all Democrats and many Republicans who think he is, and I am putting this in the nicest way possible, a bit rough around the edges.

In conclusion, we ask that you please support his campaign in any way possible. And as Big Bird has said many a time before, "Turn Texas Yellow!"

Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus

Steve Holecko, Political Director



CCPC January Membership Meeting

CCPC January Membership Meeting: Morgan Harper Candidate Forum Wednesday, January 19 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Our January meeting will feature a conversation with progressive U.S. Senate candidate Morgan Harper. **Please click here to register for the event.** After registering you'll receive an email with the Zoom link



information and how you can submit a question for the event. To find out more about the Morgan Harper campaign please go to **morganharper.org**

If you are not yet a member of the Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus please click here

What's on your Activist Agenda in 2022?

Are you interested in preventing a fascist takeover of our country by the Republicans in 2022 and 2024? Are you interested in having a vote on who the next chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party is? If the answer to those two questions is yes please consider running for Precinct Committee Leader / Central Committee Member in your precinct next year. In the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party the Precinct Committee Leader and the Central Committee Member is the same position Central Committee members in the CCDP have two main responsibilities. 1) Get out the vote in your precinct at election time and 2) Elect a CCDP Party Chair for a four year term beginning in the summer of 2022. Many of you are devoted activists and did everything you could to fight the Trump Regime between 2017 and 2021. If you're following the news you know that this fight is not yet over. Getting democrats to turn out and vote in 2022 and 2024 is vitally important

to saving us from a Trump return to power. The link below is to the CCDP's description of the position and what you need to do to get elected.

[Become a CCDP Precinct Committee Member](#)

137 Shots

CCPC does not usually promote Netflix documentaries but [137 Shots](#) is so well done that it deserves a shout out. It covers the 2012 police chase and the brutal murdering of Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams, the sham trial of Michael Brelo, as well as the Tamir Rice murder and the sham lack of indictment for his



killer Timothy Loehmann. As you watch the sordid atrocities of Steve Loomis and Timothy McGinty unfold you may come away with a ray of hope. [Issue 24](#) passed by an overwhelming margin and soon will become the law. And the City of Cleveland has a new progressive mayor who supported the issue who seems willing to lead meaningful police reform.

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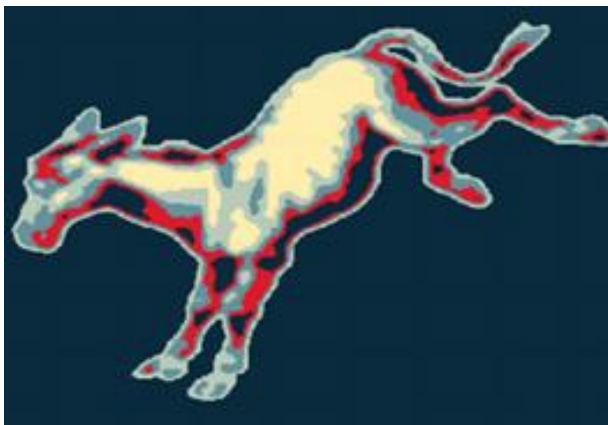
January 6th 2021, so many questions need answered, one year later.



**Forward
this
newsletter,
far and
wide! Help
us get the
word out!**



Thank you to 1st Vice President, Joy Kennedy for her service to the EDC. We all wish her well in her future endeavors.



Welcome to our new 1st Vice President Emily Holody and new Parliamentarian Retanio Rucker! We are grateful for your talents and your participation.

Euclid Democratic Club

ZOOM Agenda

Thursday, January 20, 2022- 7 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of a Quorum
4. Speaker(s)- Candidates will be joining the meeting as they become available
5. Certification of Minutes from the November Meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Correspondence Secretary Report
8. Special Program, Alfred Leak Jr. will join the club for a presentation on Rev. Martin Luther King
9. Committee Reports- Update from the Audit Committee
10. President's Report
11. 1st Vice President's Report
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Open Forum
15. Announcements
16. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m., February 17, 2022, via Zoom



EUCLID DEMOCRATIC CLUB Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

David Bielek Jr., Schuyler Cook, Chris Ericksen, Jake Ericksen, Maria Ericksen, Steven Gall, Emily Holody, , Bud Hilf, Jeannine Johnson-Hogan, Kandace Jones, Joy Kennedy, Charlene Mancuso, Lynn Radcliffe, Retanio Rucker, Kent Smith, Larry Williams, Judi Zivic

Guest: Anne McDonough

I. Call to Order: 7:02pm by President Chris Ericksen

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

III. Certification of a Quorum: Satisfied

IV. Guest Speaker –

a. Ann McDonough – will be running for Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas

Juvenile Division. Introduced herself to the group.

b. Jason Clever - Crisis Chairman for Euclid Teachers Association was unable to attend

our club meeting tonight to get everyone up to speed of what is going on with

teachers contract negotiations. The ETA does not have their media speaking points

at this point. Chris Ericksen shared information from Jason from School Board

meetings (video clips). Teachers speaking at the podium at School Board Meetings.

If you see teachers standing out in front of High School or ELC blow your horn in

support as they fight for better contracts.

c. Judge Steven Gall stopped in to say hello. He is running for re-election in 2022.

V. Approval of Minutes: Kandace asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the October meeting minutes. Larry Williams mentioned the Guest Speaker section is in the minutes twice one stating no speakers. The minutes will be amended to remove the section not needed. Larry Williams made motion to accept the minutes as amended. seconded by Lynn Radcliffe. Motion passed. October 2021 meeting minutes – approved.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

a. Treasurer sent out PDF of the treasurer report to club members in good standing.

He reviewed the club and PAC account activities. Schuyler was able to speak to the bank about bank fees and got those refunded. Last month club approved to distribute \$800 to 8 of the 9 endorsed candidates. Kris Jarosz and John Wojtila thanked the club for the campaign donation, they said they are self-financed campaigns. Larry Williams made the motion to accept the Treasures Report, seconded by Retanio Rucker, motion passed.

b. Review of proposed annual budget for 2022 – Schuyler asked for a motion to remove the 2022 Budget from the table, Chris Ericksen made the motion, Charlene Mancuso seconded. Motion passed. Proposed budget for 2022 was reviewed again. Schuyler asked if there are any further questions regarding the proposed budget. Schuyler asked for a motion to approve the 2022 budget, Charlene Mancuso made the motion, seconded by Retanio Rucker. Motion passed.

c. Chris Ericksen shared a suggestion made from the EDC Exec Committee meeting.

The suggestion is since we are not having a live holiday event in 2021 that we use half of the \$400 allocated Special Event Holiday party to a charitable donation and the other half to our Campaign Office for 2022. Since these funds are allocated the Club account (which cannot make those donations), we would need to transfer

funds to the PAC account. Schuyler explained \$400 would transfer from Club account Special Events/Holiday Party to PAC account - \$200 to the Campaign Office line item and \$200 to Other Independent Expenditures. Schuyler would write a \$200 check from the PAC account to Euclid Hunger Center. Chris asked for a motion to move the funds from the Club account to the PAC account, Charlene Mancuso made the motion, seconded by Retanio Rucker, motion passed. Chris asked for a motion to divide the \$400 moved to PAC account \$200 for EHC and \$200 for Campaign office, Charlene Mancuso made the motion seconded by Bud Hilf. Motion passed

d. Audit Committee – volunteers are Lynn Radcliffe, David Bielek Jr. and Bud Hilf.

Schuyler will have their packets to them by January 7, 2022

VII. Correspondence – Schuyler received a correspondence from Stephana Caviness that she and Lana Caviness needed to attend a neighborhood meeting tonight and would not be able to attend club meeting.

VIII. President's Report – President Chris Ericksen inviting everyone to LSCH 11am – noon to sign Kent Smith's petitions. You can also pay your 2022 EDC dues at that time also.

Chris shared event he attended through zoom regarding the Kennedy assassination given by Judge Brenden Sheehan. It was an interview and Q&A a retired Judge Griffin.

This presentation may be given again in the future.

IX. 1st Vice President Report – N/A

X. Committee: None

XI. Old Business – Open Executive Position seats – Parliamentarian which is currently vacant and 1st Vice President which will be vacant at the end of 2021 when Joy Kennedy leaves. A volunteer has stepped up to fill the role of Parliamentarian – Retanio Rucker.

Chris asked for a motion to open nomination and ask that Retanio Rucker be nominated

for Parliamentarian effective immediately, motion by Charlene Mancuso, seconded by Larry Williams, Chris Ericksen cased the single vote, based on Roberts Rules. 1st Vice President position - Joy Kennedy will be stepping down at the end of 2021. Emily Holody has volunteered to fill this position as of January 1, 2022. Chris opened nominations for 1st Vice President effective 2022. Charlene Mancuso nominated Emily Holody, seconded by Lynn Radcliffe. Chris Ericksen cased the single vote. Emily Holody is our 1st Vice President as of January 1, 2022. Congratulations Retanio & Emily.

XII. Comments

XIII. New business – Chris Ericksen shared that according to the EDC bylaws we need to establish the club dues for 2022. Chris asked for a motion to keep the dues at \$10 a year, motioned by Retanio Rucker, seconded by Schuyler Cook, motion passed.

XIV. Open Forum –

a. Councilwoman Charlene Mancuso – Due to Census counts a portion of ward 5 will become part of ward 7, portion of ward 2 will become part of ward 4, portion of ward 3 will become part of ward 2. No changes to wards 1, 6 & 8. Changes will go into effect in January 2022.

b.

XV. Announcements –

a. Our December meeting will be December 16th and will also be our Virtual Holiday Party.

b. Saturday 1-4pm Jacobs & Son Funeral home– Fill the Bus campaign- asking for cold weather gear donations for homeless veterans.

c. East Shore United Methodist giving out 150 Thanksgiving meals on Wednesday 4:30

– 5:

XVI. Raffle: N/A

XIV. Adjournment: EDC meeting adjourned at: 8:03pm,

Next meeting: Thursday December 16, 2021 –using Zoom.

Rec. Sec. Kandace Jones

*Thanks for reading and thank you to all of our contributors!
See you in next month's edition and on Zoom.*



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