



## Monthly Meetings

Next Meeting Date:

July 19

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Campaign Office

342 River Street

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DON JENNINGS

DINNER

SEPTEMBER 8

DINNER 7:00

SOCIAL HOUR 6:00

TICKET: \$60



Don Jennings  
Keynote Speaker  
Supreme Court Justice  
Richard Bernstein

The Manistee County Democratic Party announces the Keynote Speaker for their 15th Annual Don Jennings Award Dinner is Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein. The Award Dinner will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018 at the Manistee National Golf and Resort.

Justice Richard Bernstein became the first blind justice elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in November 2014. With a commitment to justice and fairness, Bernstein began his 8-year term in January 2015.

Prior to being elected to Michigan's highest court, Justice Bernstein was known as a tireless advocate for disabled rights as an attorney heading the public service division for The Sam Bernstein Law Firm in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Blind since birth, Justice Bernstein is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his juris doctorate from Northwestern University School of Law.

Committed to taking action to help clients who needed him, Justice Bernstein's cases often set national standards protecting the rights and safety of people with and without disabilities.

Bernstein previously served an eight-year term on the Wayne State University Board of Governors, elected by voters statewide, serving as its Chair from 2009-2010. He also served as an adjunct professor in the political science department at the University of Michigan.

Honors Justice Bernstein has received include: "Michiganian of the Year" by the Detroit News, one of Crain's Detroit Business' "40 Under 40" and recognition on worldwide television by CNN as a leader in keeping government honest. He was selected by The Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan as the 2003-2004 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient for outstanding commitment to public service and is the recipient of the 2008 John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award from the State Bar of Michigan in recognition of his leadership as an advocate and activist.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly named Justice Bernstein a 2009 Leader in the Law, and the University of Michigan presented him with the James T. Neubacher Award in 2011 for his unwavering commitment to equal rights and opportunities for people with disabilities. Also in 2011, L. Brooks Patterson, Michigan's Oakland County Executive, selected Justice Bernstein as one of the region's Elite 40 Under 40. In 2013, Justice Bernstein was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

In his spare time, Justice Bernstein is an avid runner, completing 18 marathons.

For further information or to make reservations for the 15th Annual Don Jennings Award Dinner on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at the Manistee National Golf and Resort, please contact Peggy Raddatz at 231-510-3726 or email [DonJenningsDinner@gmail.com](mailto:DonJenningsDinner@gmail.com). There is a \$5 discount for tickets reserved before August 24th.

# COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR



Gary Madden

I hope everyone is enjoying this year’s Fourth of July holiday season. This is the time of year that always evokes patriotic feelings in all of us. With flags waving colorfully everywhere, fireworks displays in nearly every community across the country, and backyard cookouts to bring friends and families together, who could fail to be moved to feelings of gratitude for the wonderful country we live in. Despite all of our national shortcomings, this is still one the best places to live in the world.

Yet, we should not allow ourselves to become complacent about our good fortune. There are forces out there that, if allowed to continue unchecked, could potentially dramatically alter or completely destroy our American way of life. Already we are beginning to hear warnings from influential sources, of another civil war or second revolution! We should remember that there are no guarantees in the lives of nations. We should not just shrug our shoulders, as some do, and assume that things will “just go on the same as before”. In the future we will continue to experience environmental, political, and social pressures that we will need to deal with if we are to preserve our way of life.

Perhaps the greatest threat to our way of life is the current administration in Washington D.C. and the Republican party itself. We have a president who views our nations laws as nothing more than inconvenient obstacles in the way of his ambitions. A man without a moral compass, incapable of understanding the needs of common people, and wholly driven by self- interest. A man who continually lies to the public and believes that truth is anything that comes out of his mouth. Recent comments by Donald Trump provide a true insight into his mind set. When out fundraising for his 2020 reelection, Mr. Trump made remarks to the effect that if Roosevelt could have four terms in office why shouldn't he have the same? After his recent meeting with the North Korean leader, Trump described him as a very bright and strong leader who, when he speaks, his people sit up at attention and listen. Trump went on to say that he wished “My people” would do the same when I speak! Does he have ambitions to be President for life? You be the judge.

When you examine our president’s relations with leaders of other countries his inclinations become even clearer. Despotism leaders of Egypt, Turkey, the Philippines, North Korea, and Russia are showered with words praise like “great”, “fantastic “, “honest”, “strong leader” while our traditional friends are snubbed and sidelined. Sales of military weapons have almost tripled during the Trump administration with countries like Saudi Arabia and Qatar getting record setting arms deals from the United States, and all this while virtually ignoring the issue of human rights. How long can we continue to call ourselves a peace- loving nation?

Fortunately, we have a remedy for this political threat, it’s we still have it, we need to exercise it. Be reminded that Michigan by 10,000 in 2016 and that 176,000 voters who Democrats in the primary that year, FAILED to vote in the fact tells us that we must turn out the vote this year. As

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called the VOTE. And while Donald Trump only won identified themselves as election in November. This concerned individuals, we

need to talk to everyone we know about the stakes in this years election. We are fighting for our country and the traditional ideals that it has stood for over two centuries. We need to reach out to those 176,000 marginally motivated Democrats and encourage them in every way possible to participate in this election cycle.

Finally, it is interesting to note that Michigan is already attracting national attention for its potential of having an all female state ticket this year. Of course, we will have to wait until after the primary to see how our ticket evolves, but the potential is there with three strong female candidates. The closeness of the 2016 election in Michigan adds additional interest to the campaigning season. It seems we are replacing Ohio as the mid-west’s must win state. Let’s all do our part ensure that this a “blue wave” Democratic year in Michigan!



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You are cordially invited to attend the

GRAND OPENING

Of the Manistee County Democratic Party

CAMPAIGN OFFICE

342 RIVER STREET

Thursday, July 19

6-9:00 pm

Refreshments Served - Live Music



MANISTEE DEMS ENDORSE

CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S RENEWAL MILLAGE

The Manistee Conservation District's commitment to empower landowners through conservation on-the-ground and direct outreach guides everything we do. The 2014 millage approval transformed the district from certainty of closure to being awarded an MISGP grant for oak wilt, creating water quality monitoring initiatives for streams and lakes throughout Manistee County, working toward reducing large tracts of invasive species infestations, coordinating area watershed groups, installing boot brush stations to prevent the spread of forest invasives, improving hazardous waste disposal, offering workshops on timber taxes, forest management, solar energy, soil health, wild mushrooms, waste water treatment, developing a solid strategic plan, and so much more. The Manistee CD has literally come back from the brink of extinction. It is therefore critical that its millage be renewed in August.



Write in **MATT MORGAN**  
on August 7

MATT IS THE ONLY DEMOCRAT RUNNING IN MI-01

**WRITING MATT IN IS AS SIMPLE AS 1,2,3**

- 1.** Go to the Democratic primary column and find the blank space for U.S. Representative In Congress, 1st District
- 2.** **FILL IN** the bubble next to the blank line
- 3.** Write **MATT MORGAN** on that line



A WINNING WRITE-IN PRIMARY =  
A WINNING DEM ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER!

*PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT*

**MATT MORGAN, Candidate for U.S. Representative**

*Tue, July 24, 5pm - 7pm*

*At the Beautiful, Historic*

*DEMPSEY MANOR BED AND BREAKFAST*

506 Maple St, Manistee



## The 15th Annual Don Jennings Award Nomination Form

Please Print:

I nominate:

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for political activism and the pursuit of social justice

Because:

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(if you need more space, please continue on the back)

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed nomination by **August 9, 2018** to:

Manistee DEMS/DJN -- P.O. Box 65 - Manistee, MI 49660

RENEWAL  
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BY  
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We are excited about the future of Manistee County Library which serves patrons in six locations; Arcadia, Bear Lake, Kaleva, Manistee, Onkama, and Wellston. Our upcoming Millage Renewal on August 7th, 2018 will ensure that we continue to bring you exceptional services and programs. From expanding our programs for all ages, to offering tech help, painting classes, sewing school, story time, and author visits, to getting ready to roll out WI-FI Hotspots for patron checkout, patrons are enjoying new services and programs at all six library locations. A new program will be launched in the near future to make new popular fiction and non-fiction more accessible throughout the county. Library updates in Manistee are also beginning and will include a teen area, updated tech room, and a quiet reading room. We look forward to being "the place to be" in Manistee County.

## Young talent shines in inaugural Lil' Big Shots

by *Dylan Savela/News Advocate*

MANISTEE — A whole lot of talent can resonate from some frames, and Manistee area youth proved as much Saturday in the inaugural Little Big Shots Talent Show during Manistee National Forest Festival.

One of several new events to the 82nd installment of the festival, Little Big Shots is based off the hit TV show of the same name, providing a venue for budding skills to shine.

“The talent we had here today was just tremendous,” said Shirley Madden, the event’s organizer and emcee. “I’m a former school counselor, so I’ve always done talent shows for kids.

“Sometimes we’re so focused on reading, spelling and math that those artistic talents aren’t addressed in the schools,” she added. “That’s why I loved giving these kids the opportunity to come up and display their talents.”

Saturday’s showcase consisted of a small lineup, but it certainly didn’t lack musical chops. Gracing the stage were Trevor Haag (playing piano and singing), Tuggy Thuemmel (playing guitar and singing), Courtney Haag (playing piano and singing) and Sylvie Thompson (singing).

“Singers, guitar players, piano players and little Sylvie who just knocked it out of the park with ‘God Bless America,’” Madden said. “It was just the perfect song for the day.”

Attendees were provided a program that included bios of each performer:

**Sylvie Thompson** (5 years old, daughter of Tina and Jon Thompson): Sylvie began singing as soon as she had a voice. One day, she was on the “Sandy” horse at Meijer and was singing as loud as she could. When she stopped, at least 100 people started clapping. Her mom didn’t even realize a crowd had formed.

**Tuggy Thuemmel** (13 years old, son of Eric and Julia Thuemmel): Tug started playing guitar five years ago when he was in elementary school. He enjoys playing it and singing. Tug is also a young actor. He has appeared in “Once Upon a Mattress,” “Peter Pan,” and “It’s a Wonderful Life.” This young actor also played Ralphie in “The Christmas Story.”

**Trevor Haag** (11 years old, son of Cari and Jason Haag): Trevor is a sixth grader at Manistee Middle School. He has been playing the piano for over five years. He also loves singing.

**Courtney Haag** (ninth grader, daughter of Cari and Jason Haag): Courtney attends Manistee High School. She enjoys playing the piano but she also has a tendency to be shy. Hopefully as she participates in more shows of this nature, she will become more comfortable.

There was a fee associated with participation in Little Big Shots, with all proceeds benefiting the Blue Tigers Scholarship Fund. While admission to the event was free, donations were accepted to benefit the scholarship fund as well.

The event wasn’t judged, as each participant received a ribbon for their performance.

“We’ll definitely be back,” Madden said, “and next year it will be bigger and better.”



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CALL TO CONVENTION - MANISTEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 - 10:30 AM

MANISTEE DEMS CAMPAIGN OFFICE - 342 RIVER STREET

*Must be a Member of the Party to Participate*

## Public outcry delays Michigan social studies standards

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References to gay rights, Roe v. Wade, climate change and “core democratic values” have been stripped from Michigan’s new proposed social studies standards, and the historic role of the NAACP downplayed, through the influence of Republican state Sen. Patrick Colbeck and a cadre of conservatives who helped rewrite the standards for public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

While individual teachers develop lesson plans for their classrooms and could incorporate the deleted subject matter, state standards set expectations for what students are to learn in each grade. Standards are so important that the state has spent four years developing new social studies standards to update standards implemented in 2007.

The new standards are now being reviewed as part of a public comment period that ends June 30. The State Board of Education is expected to receive feedback on public comments in August. There is no date set for a final vote by the board, but its co-president Casandra Ulbrich, a Democrat from Rochester Hills, said she expects the board won’t rush a vote. If a vote is taken along party lines, with the Board being comprised of 4 democrats and 4 republicans, the measure will be defeated because of no majority.

The education department announced Friday, June 29, that the public comment period, which had been scheduled to end June 30, will be extended to September 30. Public comments also will continue to be accepted online through the end of September, with a second round of public hearings will be held in August and September.

“With the great level of interest in the development of the revised Social Studies standards, we are extending the public input time in order to continue reaching across the state for additional comment,” Interim State Superintendent Sheila Alles said in a news release Friday afternoon, about 24 hours before the public comment period was to end.

The dates and locations of the future public hearings are still being finalized, with plans to include sites in the Upper Peninsula, Northern Michigan, West Michigan, metro Detroit and Ann Arbor areas, according to an education department release.

Input can be provided online through September 30 by going to [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) and clicking the “Request For Public Comment” box to access the proposed draft version of the Social Studies standards and offer online comments.

Notable changes in the proposed new standards include:

- References to the Ku Klux Klan are decreased, from two to a single reference in eighth-grade, along with a mention in a list of optional examples high school history teachers can consider when teaching about social issues between 1890 and 1930. (*Editor’s note: An earlier version of this story only listed the optional example mention of the KKK in the proposed standards.*)
- Five existing references to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have been cut, with a lone reference remaining in a section on the 1920s on its “legal strategy to attack segregation.”
- The two references to gays and lesbians in the current standards, in sections dealing with the fight for rights for minority groups, have been deleted.
- Both references in the current standards to Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case legalizing abortion, are removed.
- A high school standard about the expansion of civil rights and liberties for minority groups cut references to individual groups, including immigrants, people with disabilities and gays and lesbians. The new proposal includes teaching “how the expansion of rights for some groups can be viewed as an infringement of rights and freedoms of others.” Colbeck told Bridge he added that phrase.
- References to climate change are cut in the proposed standards, with the impact of man on global warming limited to an optional example sixth-grade teachers can use when discussing climate in different parts of the planet. (The standards retain a more generic reference to teaching how “human actions modify the environment.”) In notes Colbeck sent to the state board, the former aerospace engineer argues 7 climate change is “not settled science.”

# 2018 Manistee DEMS Membership Year

January – December 2018

How you benefit from being a member of the Manistee County DEMS?

- ★ Influence local policy and candidates
- ★ Receive email, phone, and newsletter notifications about upcoming **Democratic** events
- ★ Attend the monthly business meeting featuring Guest Speakers (Third Thursday of each month at 7 pm, at the Dial A Ride Building)
- ★ Volunteer opportunities for specific events such as Parades, County Fair and Blue Tigers

Share your ideas to make the Democrats a relevant voice in our County  
 Join our discussion group by signing up on our website  
 Go to our WEBSITE at [manisteecountydemocrats.us](http://manisteecountydemocrats.us)  
 Join us on FACEBOOK [facebook.com/groups/21048470915534](https://facebook.com/groups/21048470915534)  
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- Gold Club - \$50.00
- Silver Club - \$25.00
- Supporter - \$10.00
- Grassroot Supporter – Count me In – No Charge \_\_\_\_\_

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