

The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club News

February 2023

Monday, February 27th

Affordable Health Care for Tennessee: Policy Solutions to Cover the Uninsured, Protect Tennessee Hospitals and Reduce Medical Debt

Clinton Community Center (101 S Hicks St, Clinton, TN 37716)

6:00 to 7:30 pm

Come share in a soup supper fundraiser (\$10.00) – with the proceeds to benefit the club. There will be 5 soups, including vegetarian, with bread, fruit, and dessert to cap the meal. Your ACDWC Board are your chefs!

Following dinner there will be a talk by Judy Roitman, Executive Director of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign, a grassroots non-profit health justice organization.

She brings to this effort a career in non-profit management and health care advocacy. Judy moved to Tennessee 40 years ago to organize health care workers with Service Employees International Union. Since that time, she has worked to improve women's health, erase HIV stigma, increase vaccination rates, promote organ donation, and connect people to the resources and insurance they need. Her resume includes Summit Medical, the Knox County Health Department, The National Kidney Foundation and Planned Parenthood. She holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Tennessee.

Judy volunteered with the Tennessee Health Care Campaign from the initial advocacy to pass the Affordable Care Act, through the push to enroll underserved communities in ObamaCare and the fight for TennCare expansion. She joined the staff of Tennessee Health Care Campaign in December 2020, in the midst of the COVID pandemic, at a time when the organization's mission of equitable, affordable, quality health care is more important than ever.

Future ACDWC Events

March 27th -- 6:00 pm –
Social Security –
Understanding Social
Security vs. The Federal
Budget

April TBA –

Other Events

Bi-annual convention: Anderson County Democratic Party – March 25th – The party will elect new party officers and leaders for our many districts in Anderson County. Given this is the year before a Presidential election, it is critical we have all hands on deck and a common game plan.

More info: www.andersoncountymdemocraticparty.com

Club Updates

Membership Drive and 2023 Dues: If you haven't already, please renew your ACDWC membership. The dues have increased to \$25/year to cover increased costs. The 2023 membership form is attached to this email – please mail the form with your check.

Open Committee Positions: Please contact Ann Mostoller if you can help with the Scholarship Committee, the Membership Committee, or the Program Committee.

Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women: The TFDW Annual Convention will be held in Greenville TN, April 14th-16th. Please contact Jan Newsome if you'd like to participate.

January 10th – People's Party in Nashville

The ACDWC met with a broad coalition of like-minded groups and individuals to create our legislative agenda for all of Tennessee. On January 10th we went to Nashville to encourage legislators to adopt that agenda as their own. There were many interesting speeches and good camaraderie.

Several members of the ACDWC were able to attend the event. Our thanks to Laura Carrington for keeping us informed and for her efforts in organizing the event.



January 27th – ACDWC Meeting – AC Rescue Squad and Yellow Dot Program

Ken and Donna Wheeler, from the Tennessee Yellow Dot Program, presented how it is vital for first responders to have your information in cases when you cannot tell them yourself. Program basics: The program includes a distinctive folder with a form you fill out with basic medical information (allergies, conditions, medications), emergency contacts, and physicians. You store the form & folder in your car's glove box. And you place a distinctive Yellow Dot Program sticker on the rear window of your car. In case of a crash or emergency, the first responder will see the sticker and know information is available that will help them help you.

For more information and to get the form/folder/sticker:

[TN Yellow Dot Program](#)



Chief Terry Allen reported that the Anderson County Rescue Squad responded to over 800 calls last year, with only 15 volunteers. One of these first responder volunteers is our own Paula Daniel. The squad provides the primary 911 response in the county and are able to provide lifesaving help up to the point of transporting the person to the hospital.

The Rescue Squad has an impressive array of heavy equipment and specialized life-saving tools, such as having the only vehicle extraction equipment (cutters, hydraulic equipment, and “jaws-of-life”) in the county. They provide the extraction even when the EMS is called to the wreck. The extraction tools are very expensive (approx. \$70,000 for a new “jaws-of-life”) and new equipment is important to give the first responder and the victim the best safety and outcome. They also provide swift water rescue, dive team rescue, and off-roading rescues (with a large number of rescues at the 74,000 acre Windrock Park), as well as locating missing persons (including dementia patients) and sadly doing body recovery.



The Anderson County Rescue Squad is part of a 21 county group that provides mutual support. It is very important in times of major catastrophes, e.g., flooding, fires, ice storms, or cross-county searches to be able to call for assistance from a larger pool of highly trained first responders.

The Anderson County Rescue Squad (a 501c3) is fueled by volunteers, donations, and competitive state grants. Their door-to-door fundraising is done by Excalibur Knoxville – a legitimate local organization that does fundraising for area rescue squads and fire departments.

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