

The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club News

October 2023

Monday, October 30th

The Liminal Plan – With Chloe Akers

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

6:00 to 7:30 pm -- Free for ACDWC members -- \$5 for non-members

Pot-luck supper: Come share in a pot-luck dinner before the program. Bring a dish to share (with serving utensils please) and enjoy the good company.

Following dinner there will be a talk by Chloe Akers, the founder of The Liminal Plan.

The Liminal Plan was founded in January 2023 from the belief that Tennessee's democracy is broken. 60 out of the 99 members of Tennessee's House of Representatives ran unopposed in our last election. Without any check on their power, politicians no longer act on behalf of the people who elected them. Instead, they make laws based on the demands of extremist special interest groups. Not only do these laws put Tennesseans at risk, they also endanger our economy by limiting business development. Worse yet, the majority does not support this type of extreme legislation.

The gap between what the people want, and what our laws actually say, is widening. The Liminal Plan creates critical space for moderate voters to call for change in a way that meets their perspective.

The Liminal Plan is committed to focusing its efforts on two issues where the will of the voters is NOT reflected in legislation: access to healthcare, especially in our state's rural communities, and greater gun safety.

The Liminal Plan was founded by Chloe Akers, a Tennessee native and former criminal defense attorney who had no idea she'd ever work in politics. As a criminal defense attorney, her journey began by studying the Dodds decision and "Tennessee's Trigger Ban." This study led to an Instagram video, millions of followers, and a realization of the gap between the electorate in Tennessee, with over 80% of Republicans favoring some access to abortion rights, and the total ban passed by the legislature. She realized that law was only the latest symptom of a much larger gap between voters and many Tennessee laws.

Future ACDWC Events

November 27th – The annual business meeting PLUS club members who are running for office.

December – Holiday party!

Other Events

Upcoming Public Meetings: View [October 2023 Meeting Schedule](#)

City Council Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. October 9, Municipal Building Courtroom

City Council Work Sessions, 6 p.m. October 17, Municipal Building Courtroom

City Council Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. October 18, Municipal Building Training Room

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, October 19, Civic Center Social Room

Municipal Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, October 19, Oak Ridge Municipal Courtroom

Traffic Safety Advisory Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, Central Services Complex Conference Room

Disability Advisory Board, 11 a.m. October 16, Senior Center

Land Bank Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 17, Municipal Building Courtroom

Anderson County Commission Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 16, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312

Anderson County Library Board, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, October 12, Clinton Public Library

Anderson County Operations Committee, 6:00 p.m. October 9, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312

Special Alert -- Anderson County Library Support

At the upcoming Anderson County Operations Committee meeting there are two concerning items. A presentation by Carolyn Fogleman, Commissioner Anthony Allen, and the Director of the Anderson County EMA, Brice Kidwell, titled "Protecting Our Community". And, within Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank's report, a section ominously labeled "Library Board". After investigating, indications are that Mayor Frank is considering a removal of county funding for our libraries, threatening their very existence.

Please attend the Operations Committee meeting (**6:00 p.m. October 9**, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312) AND the Anderson County Commission meeting (**9:00 a.m. Monday, October 16**, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312).

Sign up with the link below, and the Anderson County Democratic Party will keep you informed about Anderson County Library book banning threats and responses. <http://eepurl.com/ixa2v6>

Anderson County Democratic Party: October 19th – General meeting, pizza, and trivia night. 5:30 to get pizza (\$5.00 donation), and the program at 6:00. Clinton Community Center (101 S Hicks St, Clinton, TN 37716).

Oak Ridge Advisory Board Openings: There are open Advisory Board positions in Convention and Visitors Bureau, Environmental Quality, the Senior Advisory Board, and the Charter Review Committee. The deadline has been extended to gather more applicants. Interested? Apply at: <https://www.oakridgetn.gov/elections>

Truman Day Fundraiser: The Knox County Democrats are hosting their annual Truman Day Dinner Friday, October 27th. The proceeds will be used to fund their 2024 Field Organizer Program and FLIP KNOX COUNTY BLUE! The Knox Dems are investing in organizer training to empower young people with the skills to manage campaigns, train volunteers, and turn out voters in next year's crucial elections. Click to purchase tickets.

TAPP Presents: Battleground State Documentary: November 6th – 5:30 to 7:30 – The Grove Theater (123 Randolph Rd, Oak Ridge, TN 37830). TAPP (Tennessee Advocates for Planned Parenthood) presents a double-feature documentary – *Walk For Our Lives* about Francie Hunt's 538-mile walk for abortion rights and bodily autonomy, and *The Tennessee Three* about Reps. Gloria Johnson, Justin Pearson, and Justin Jones. RSVP or donate: [TAPP Presents: Battleground State Documentary](#)

Club Updates

2024 Board Positions: At the November 27th meeting we will vote on our 2024 Board. The proposed slate is:

President: Ann Miller

Vice President: Ann Mostoller

Treasurer: Please contact Regina Guy or Ann Mostoller to put your name here.

Secretary: Pat Marshall

Nominating: Regina Guy

Please contact Regina Guy or Ann Mostoller if you would like to serve as a Board Member or to help on any of the committees (programs, membership, scholarship, fund-raising, or events).

Member news:

Our hearts go out to Gloria Johnson. Her mother, Nell Johnson, died September 25th. She taught her children to stand up for their beliefs, work hard for their goals, and think for themselves. The family will receive friends 2:00-3:00 pm, Sunday, October 8, 2023, at Holley Gamble Funeral Home with a Celebration of Life service to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the M.S. Society or AC ARF (Anderson County Animal Rescue Foundation.)

Appointment? Election? Promotion? Marriage? New baby? Move? If you have news to share with your sister Democrats please let us know and your news will be included it in the newsletter.

September 25th ACDWC & Women in Politics and Public Service Meeting

Approximately 80 women (and a couple fellas) met at the 201 Café in Oak Ridge to learn about getting more involved in local, state, and federal government. The evening started with networking, discussion, and sharing – and moved into a presentation by Lauren Rider and Sara Fischer. Gloria Johnson was scheduled to speak; however, her Mom died the morning of the 25th. Lauren and Sara are key members of Gloria Johnson's campaign team, and well represented her.

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