

Anderson County Democratic Women's Club & Anderson County Democratic Party – Holiday Party

Friday, December 15th

The Lodge (424 Goans Ave. Clinton)



The Holiday Party was attended by approximately 90 people – a wonderful turnout! People really brought their best, and we enjoyed overflowing tables of great potluck dishes and lively conversation. There was a brain-teaser trivia game and we enjoyed a mini-concert from our own Liz&Tim.

There were three ways to share the holiday spirit:

The [Child Advocacy Center of Anderson County](#) provides a safe haven and access to professionals for children who are abused, neglected, or trafficked. At the party, we

passed the hat in support of the CAC. The CAC works with numerous local agencies, such as the DA's office, the juvenile court, Children's Hospital, and the local police departments, to provide services and interventions for the child and the non-offending caregivers.

Attendees were also asked to bring contributions for the Briceville Friendship Center's food bank. We outdid ourselves with our generosity! The director of the Friendship Center was very happy for the donations. They had just given out their last box of food and our contribution will get the shelves restocked and ready for those in need. There are many in the Briceville area in need, especially grandparents raising grandchildren and those coping with the outcome of addiction.

We also had a mystery gift silent auction to support the work of the ACDP and the ACDWC. We were able to offset some of the cost of the party with the bids. Congratulations to all who got a fun surprise via the silent auction. The ACDWC also sold the poinsettias that were used for table decorations.



During the party, the attendees were able to honor Helen Jernigan for her many years of leadership and hard work supporting the Democratic cause in East Tennessee. Helen is supporting the ACDWC Scholarship Fund with a monthly donation – for which we are very grateful. We were honored to have Helen and her family attend the party!

And in the final bit of housekeeping, the ACDWC 2024 officers were sworn in by Liz Ibbotson.

A big thanks goes out to all who helped transform the space from plain to festive, who helped wrangle the many dishes on too few tables, who helped people find parking, and who helped get the word out.