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## **A SINCERE THANK YOU To Our Outstanding Slate of Democratic Candidates!**

**As he left office, President Obama looked out at all of us and asked us to STAND UP, lace on our shoes, grab a clip board and BE A CITIZEN!**

We want to thank the talented people who followed President Obama's advice and stepped up to run for the Downers Grove Township Board: Ardyth Krause for Supervisor, Anne Sommerkamp for Township Clerk, Steve Leopoldo for Highway Commissioner, and Karol Sole and Mehrunisa Qayyum for Trustee.

They worked hard to communicate what the Township Board does and what they wanted to do to improve the Board. They all jumped right in, attending meetings so that they'd be ready immediately after the election. Everywhere you looked, you saw these passionate candidates out meeting the people of the Township.

A special thanks goes out to their equally hardworking and passionate campaign managers, Chris Hotchkin and Warka Barmada. Together these five candidates and their campaign managers ran the most intensive campaign for the Township Board we've ever seen. In addition dozens of volunteers made hundreds of calls and knocked on hundreds of doors. They all did as Obama asked - they stood up and were CITIZENS.

**TO THE SLATE AND THEIR CAMPAIGN MANAGERS and the people who volunteered for the campaign.....THANK YOU!!!!**

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## **PLEASE ATTEND! The Board of Trustees Needs to See and Hear Us at Next Tuesday's Downers Grove Township Annual Meeting**

**We had a huge victory when the GOP was forced to pull their much ballyhooed Repeal and Replace bill! That's People Power! Victories are won from the ground up...and this is our chance for a victory in our own back yard!**

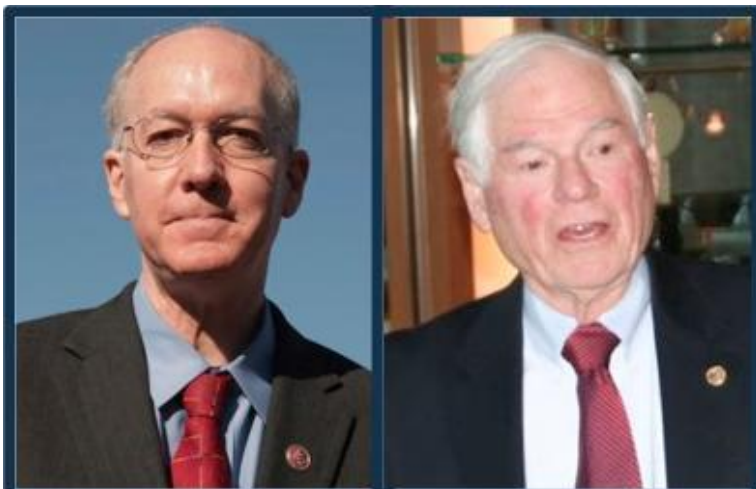


- Next Tuesday, April 11th
- Doors open at 6:15, you must sign in BEFORE the start of the meeting at 7:30.
- Ashayana Banquets, 1620 75th St, DG (in mall on the north side of 75th, west of Lemont).
- You must be a registered voter in DG Township

We are asking ALL Democrats to attend this very important annual meeting. The township is currently completely controlled by Republicans and although it's the voters at the meeting who elect a Moderator, approve the agenda and vote on items on the agenda, the Republican Township Organization has ALREADY decided who they will elect as Moderator. If we have a really good showing WE can elect one of us as the Moderator - what an amazing show of resistance to the Republican agenda and control of the township that would be!

**[Read More Here.](#)**

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### **DGTD0 APRIL MEETING: TWO SPECIAL GUESTS**

**SPECIAL LOCATION:** Lincoln Center, 935  
Maple Ave. Downers Grove, IL

Congressman Bill Foster, IL-11, will give a brief update from Congress.

Lowell Culver, PhD, author of Journey into Darkness: An American in Hitler's Wehrmacht will share insights on the parallels between the rise of Nazi

Germany and the current U.S. political climate. Culver has studied European history and followed political developments in Germany for over half a century. He was a Fulbright exchange scholar at the University of Hamburg and later, an exchange professor at the University of Oldenburg. He holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Southern California.

**We will start promptly at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm**

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## The Four Stages of Reading the News



## **RESISTANCE WORKS - JOIN US, WON'T YOU PLEASE?**

### **Resistance Event Calendar April 2017**

In addition to the excellent DGTD weekly update of actions and events, here are rallies and marches coming up in April. (GET UP OFF THAT COUCH AND MARCH!)

#### **Saturday April 15th:**

Tax March, Millennium Park, 10am - 2pm. To protest Trump's refusal to release his tax returns.

#### **Saturday April 22nd:**

Earth Day March for Science, Chicago, Time and location TBD.

#### **Tuesday April 25th:**

Illinois Women's March on Springfield. To support the dozens of progressive bills proposed in the Illinois House and Senate.

#### **Saturday April 29th:**

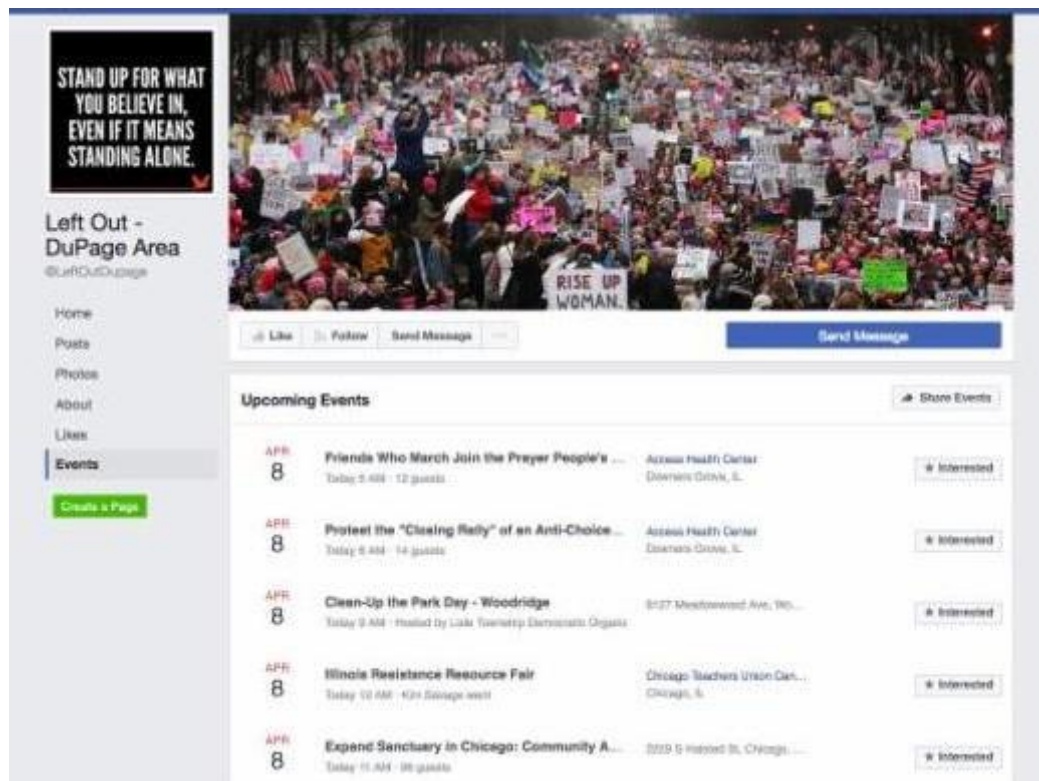
Peoples Climate March/Chicago March for Climate, Federal Plaza, 11am.

"Unprecedented dangers bring unprecedented opportunities for political action"

- Sociologist Ulrich Beck

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**OMG: Check Out  
This FB Page of  
Resistance  
Events All on One  
Site!**

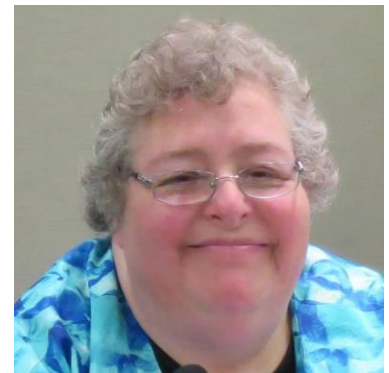
Every Event in the  
Chicago and Western  
Suburban Area on One  
Compiled Website.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON: KIM SAVAGE

**The April election is behind us, but the work continues as we build momentum toward 2018 and 2020.**

The April election is behind us, but the work continues as we build momentum toward 2018 and 2020. The past few weeks have been busy with candidate coffees, phone banks and canvasses. I would like to express appreciation on behalf of all of the Democratic voters in the township for our Democratic Township Slate who campaigned really hard on our behalf. I would also like to thank all of the Precinct Committeemen and volunteers who knocked on doors and made phone calls for the slate, especially the Hinsdale Central students who donated part of their Spring Break to the campaign.



Every day, we are barraged with unbelievable stories from Washington and Springfield that you just can't make up! We must continue to put anger into action and we are fortunate to have some great office sponsors who make it possible to support our local Democratic community. It has become a hub of activism as people drop by to write postcards and make calls to elected officials.

**Read More Here.**



### **Downers Grove Township Election Results Low Turnout Hurts Candidates**

The Democratic Candidates for Downers Grove Township are to be commended for representing us well on April 4. This was

a low turnout election with only 18.6% of the vote. While the outcome of the election was not what we had hoped to see, there is good news in the numbers.

The candidates generated at least 2,000 more votes per candidate than in either of the two previous elections. Unfortunately, the Republican candidates also generated 2,000 more votes per candidate than the previous election. The DGTDO is proud of the dedication that our candidates gave on behalf of the voters. We look forward to increase the Democratic voter base with your support.

We want to give a shout-out and special thanks to Co-Campaign Managers Chris Hotchkin and Warka Barmada for their tireless work and dedication to our fine slate of candidates. They keep us in every race and we are extremely proud and grateful for their efforts.

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### **DGTD OFFICE HOURS FOR APRIL 2017**



**Monday  
1:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Tuesday 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Wednesday 1:30 PM - 5:30 P  
Thursday 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Friday 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

### **LET'S MAKE SURE WE STAY OPEN!**

#### **Can You Please Donate to Support Our Office?**

The office of the Downers Grove Township Democratic Organization, is critically important to our operation moving forward:

- It provides a much-needed base for conducting campaigns and the other activities of our organization.
- It gives us visibility in the community, a place where potential volunteers can find us and make contact with us, something that happens almost daily.
- It gives us a meeting location as we become a center of community services and grassroots organizing.

**Let's Keep It Going!** We are asking all Democrats to contribute to our Office Fund at whatever level is comfortable. One fun way we are doing this is asking folks to make a monthly pledge - \$40 per month will keep our office open one day each month for a year. \$20 per month funds half a day, and \$10 per month funds a quarter day. As a contributor, your name will be added to our Office Support Calendar posted in the office.



## TAKE ACTION: Call Today!

We Can Change Legislation & Politics When Our Voice is Heard.

### RESIST! SPEAK OUT!

Let your elected people hear from YOU!

White House: (202) 456-1111

[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) Click on Participate in blue header  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington D.C.  
20006

Dept of Justice: (202) 353-1555

This pledge is easy to complete by going to Act Blue:

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/dgtdoffice>

and check the "Make it Monthly" box. If you prefer you can send a check payable to DGTDO to P.O. Box 785, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

**DGTD Campaign Office**  
906 Curtiss, Downers Grove, IL  
Phone: 630-408-2093

**STAND UP. TAKE ACTION.**  
**RESIST. VOTE.**



## DGTDO APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

WED. APRIL 12th 7:30 PM

### Special Location:

Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

### FEATURED GUESTS

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The Honorable Bill Foster  
IL-11 Congressman

Lowell Culver, PhD

Local Author of Journey into Darkness: An American in Hitler's Wehrmacht

### BUSINESS AGENDA

8:30 PM

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Congressional Switchboard for both houses:  
(202) 224-3121**

Call their local offices if the Washington office is busy:

**Sen. Dick Durbin: (312) 353 4952**  
**Sen. Tammy Duckworth: (312) 886-3506**  
**Rep. Peter Roskam : (630) 232-0006**  
**Rep. Mike Quigley: (773) 267-5926**  
**Rep. Bill Foster: (630) 585-7672**  
**Rep. Dan Lipinski: (708) 242-0853**

**NEED TO MAKE SURE THE GOP LEADERSHIP HEARS YOU?** Sometimes you cannot get through to Ryan's office and he is the SPEAKER of the whole House.

**Paul Ryan's Janesville, WI office (608) 752-4050.**  
Paul Ryan at HOME 700 South Lawrence Ave.  
Janesville, WI. 53545

**State of IL: Gov Bruce Rauner: (217) 782-0277**

**State Sen Chris Nybo: (217) 782-8148, (630) 969-0990**

**Rep Patti Bellock: (217) 782-1448, (630) 852-8633**

**State Sen Christine Radogno: (217) 782-9407, (630) 243-0800**

**State Rep Jim Durkin: (217) 782-0494, (630) 325-2028**

**State Rep David Olsen: (217) 782-6578, (630) 737-0504**

Contact the corporate media too!

**ABC News: (212) 456-7777**  
**CBS News: (212) 975-3247**  
**NBC and MSNBC news (212) 664-4444**  
**CNN (404) 827-1500**  
**FOX (888) 369-4762**

**8:50 PM**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**9:10 PM**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9:20 PM - 9:30 PM**

**[Click Here to Read the Full Agenda](#)**

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Downers Grove Township Democrats, PO Box 785, Downers Grove, IL 60515

