

BENTON COUNTY
DEMOCRATS



PROGRESSIVE LEGACY
AWARDS
CELEBRATION

JULY 1, 2021



7:00-8:30 PM

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EVENT SCHEDULE

6:45PM - VIRTUAL DOORS OPEN

**(A GOOD TIME TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF ON HOW TO BID
ON ITEMS: (PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN PROGRAM.)**

7:00 PM - WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIR, TARYN BAZURTO

7:10PM- KEYNOTE SPEAKER: OREGON SENATOR SARA GELSER

7:15 PM - CONGRESSMAN PETER DEFAZIO, VIDEO MESSAGE

7:30 PM - AWARDS

8:00 PM - AUCTION

8:15 PM - CLOSING REMARKS

8:30 AM - CELEBRATION ENDS

****THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE****

BLUE WAVE LEGACY AUCTION

HOW OUR AUCTION WORKS

The Progressive Legacy Awards Celebration is all about supporting our volunteers and part of that support is raising funds to supply the resources needed to reach out to voters. That's is where the Blue Wave Legacy Auction comes in.

This is an opportunity to bid on tasty and inspiring items with themes of positive advocacy, restoration, and appreciation for the many ways that BC Dems' volunteers contribute to the defense of our democracy.

BLUE WAVE LEGACY AUCTION

HOW OUR AUCTION WORKS

Create a 32Auctions account:
<https://www.32auctions.com/users/new>

It is quick and free and very little information is required.

Bid Away! have lots of fun!!!

THE PROGRESSIVE LEGACY CELEBRATION

LEADERS AND ROLE MODELS

The Trow Dinner began in 2003 as a “roast and toast” of Cliff Trow upon his retirement from the Oregon Senate after 28 years of service to Benton and Polk Counties and the State of Oregon.

To promote the spirit of service that Cliff and Jo Ann Trow embody, for years, the Benton County Democrats hosted an annual dinner named in their honor, with awards given for volunteer service.

The Trow Dinner has evolved to PLD - that's our roots--and we stand on the shoulders of giants -- thank you Cliff & Jo Ann Trow!!!

HEADLINER

Sara Gelser became an Oregon State Senator in 2014 after having served as a Representative since 2005, but her civil service started well before that - Sara served on the Corvallis School Board from 2001 until 2006 and was also the Children with Disabilities and Family Support Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Human Services.

In addition to serving as chair of the Senate Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery Committee, Sara serves on 3 other committees, including the Judiciary Committee. Prior to joining the Senate, she chaired the House Education Committee for 6 years and served as the National Education Policy Chair for the Council of State governments. In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed Sara to the National Council on Disability. The nomination was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the US Senate.

Sara was featured as one of Time Magazine's "Person of the Year" Silence Breakers in 2017, was honored by the Portland City Club with the Oregon Courage Award in 2019, received the Oregon Center for Women's Leadership Transforming Policy Award in 2018, and was given the Voice for Justice Award by the National Crime Victim Law Institute in 2017.

A trend may be emerging in your mind – Sara Gelser is a champion of children and the abused. Proudest accomplishments include: spearheading Karly's Law which improves child abuse investigations across the state, improving access to medical and support services for children with disabilities, strengthening Oregon's rape statute, and strengthening protections for seniors and people with disabilities who are victims of abuse and neglect. All this while being a dedicated member of the Benton County Democrats, helping out whenever she is needed.



Sara Gelser, BC Dems' Holiday Shindig, 2019



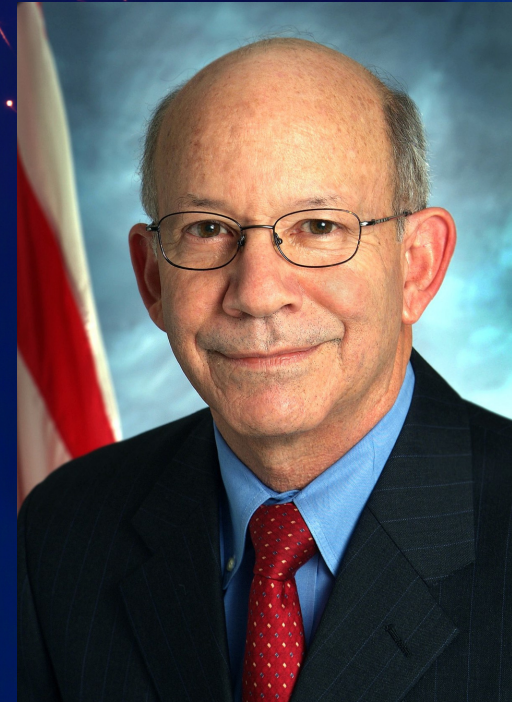
SENATOR SARA GELSER



NOW A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN PETER DEFAZIO

Peter DeFazio, our voice in the U.S. House of Representatives, is known as a passionate and effective lawmaker who stands up for democratic values.

In particular, Peter is a leader in the fight for legislation to hold government accountable, create good-paying jobs, restore economic and educational opportunities, and tip the scales of inequality back in favor of hard-working Oregonians.



Thank you so much for the video message
& your tireless efforts on behalf of
Democracy!

BC DEMOCRATS
ARE GRATEFUL FOR LOCAL SUPPORT

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FIGHT FOR THE THINGS THAT
YOU CARE ABOUT BUT DO IT
IN A WAY THAT WILL LEAD
OTHERS TO JOIN YOU.

--SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER
GINSBURG

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THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT.
ONLY IF WE ARE BRAVE
ENOUGH TO SEE IT.
THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT.
ONLY IF WE ARE BRAVE
ENOUGH TO BE IT.”

— AMANDA GORMAN

— ”



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Our monthly meetings 6:30 p.m.
on the first Thursday of the month
in the Albany Public Library
Meeting Room, 2450.
A social time begins at 6 p.m.

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“ —
EVERYBODY CAN BE
GREAT
BECAUSE EVERYONE
CAN SERVE.
-DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
JR.
— ”

BC DEMOCRATS GET IT DONE!



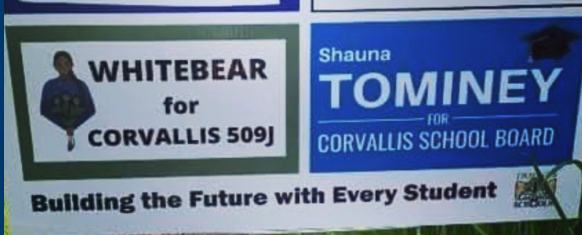
HATS OFF TO NANCY RUSSO

IN RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION FOR

- tirelessly (or at least sleeplessly) giving us her all.
- bringing home the bacon, &
- marrying such a great, giving guy

SARA LUCAS
PROGRESSIVE LEGACY AWARDS CELEBRATION
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BC DEMOCRATS SHOW UP!



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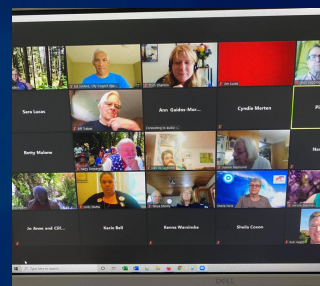
CHANGE WILL NOT COME IF
WE WAIT FOR SOME OTHER
PERSON OR SOME OTHER
TIME.

WE ARE THE ONES WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR. WE ARE THE
CHANGE THAT WE SEEK.

--44TH PRESIDENT BARACK
OBAMA

”

BC DEMOCRATS FIGHT FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL!



HATS OFF TO SARA LUCAS

IN RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION FOR

- Her ability to turn jumbled thoughts into pearls of wisdom,
- Her willingness to step up and offer support when needed, and then follow through with a great job,
- Her commitment to serve, her creativity and thoughtfulness, & her love of pie!

NANCY FELIPE RUSSO
PROGRESSIVE LEGACY AWARDS CELEBRATION
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GET OUT
THE VOTE



VOLUNTEER

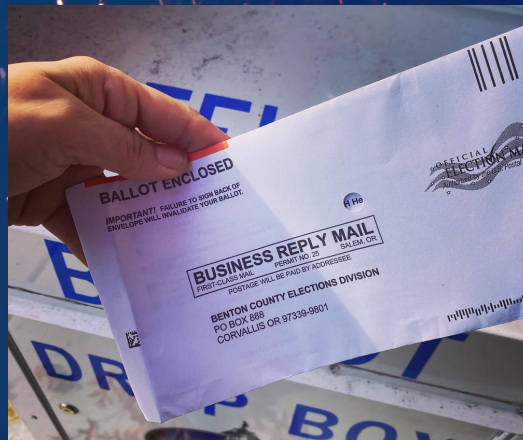


REKINDLE HER
FLAME



SAVE OUR HOME

BC DEMOCRATS -- ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



HATS OFF TO ED JUNKINS

HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE EXTRAORDINAIRE

IN RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION FOR ALL
YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WHAT
YOU HAVE DONE TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF
UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE IN OREGON

Your fellow health care advocates will miss you!

~ Allen Meyer ~ Cathy Soward ~ Karen Christianson ~

~ Deborah Commins ~ Elizabeth Waldron ~

~ Mike Huntington ~ Nancy Felipe Russo ~

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BC DEMOCRATS NEVER QUIT WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE!



HATS OFF TO TANYA SHIVELY -

LEADER EXTRAORDINAIRE

FOR NEARLY 2 DECADES, IF A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN OUR PARTY NEEDED FILLING, TANYA SHIVELY WAS THERE.

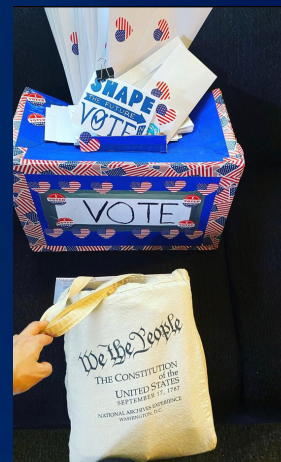
Whatever the role - Neighborhood leader, Secretary, or Committee Chair (6 of them) she stepped up and gave her all for our County.

Similarly, Tanya stepped up at the state level for the DPO, serving on the Executive & Rules Committees, affiliating with seven caucuses. She also served on the the 4th Congressional District Executive Committee and was twice a delegate to the DNC.. and more. All this and she still returns phone calls in a timely manner!

In recognition and appreciation for all your dedication to the BC Dems, the DPO and to all the citizens of Oregon -
Tanya, we thank you

- *Sbella Coxon* - *Janet Wolfe-Eshe* - *Nancy Felipe Russo*-

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*Volunteers Make
Democratic Victories Possible
We salute you!
Cliff & Jo Ann Trow*

**BC DEMOCRATS
HAVE FUN!**



HATS OFF TO ANDY SISSON

IN RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION FOR
*-His ability to comprehend the mysteries
of all things Tech and translate them into
functioning support systems,
-His patience with those of us who are
technologically challenged,
-His willingness to go above and beyond
the call of duty to ensure BC Dems
triumph in 2022.*

**NANCY FELIPE RUSSO
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BC DEMOCRATS
DEFEND DEMOCRACY!




HATS OFF TO TARYN BAZURTO

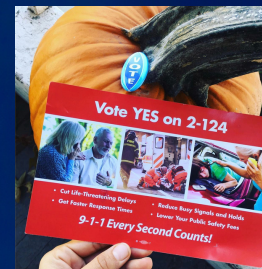
IN RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION FOR

~being our fearless leader

~reminding me to breath, sleep and drink water

(among other things)

SARA LUCAS
PROGRESSIVE LEGACY AWARDS CELEBRATION
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WAVE THAT FLAG!

Happy 4th of July!

Parade with us

When: 7/4 @8:30AM

Where: Meet @Central Park Gazebo

What: Bring your dogs, your red, white and blue, whatever this Independence Day means to you.

Wear masks if it makes you comfortable.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Harry Demarest in role as OSU geophysicist (with teaching assistant Tom Horning) - 1982

2020-21 Lifetime Achievement Award

Harry Demarest

Once upon a time, Harry Demarest was a geophysicist and computer geek, with shoulder length hair, and Benton County was controlled by Republicans. Harry and a bunch of crazy liberals took control of the Benton County Democrats in 1988. During the ten years Harry was chair, over 1000 Democratic volunteers helped take control of the Corvallis City Council, the Corvallis School Board, the Benton County Commission, the Benton County Sheriff's office, the 5th Congressional District, and the local state legislative districts.

For many years, the Benton County Democrats raised more money than any other county party in Oregon, and over 500 volunteers worked on our coordinated campaign. In 1995, the Democratic National Committee recognized Harry with its Lawrence O'Brien Award. For over a decade, Harry's company,

Astro Data Services, compiled and worked with voter files in over a dozen states. Harry developed the first web-based voter file server, which enabled candidates and local parties to select, manipulate, and download lists of voters.

After his retirement, Harry continued to be an auctioneer at the Benton County Democrats' Picnic and Pie Auction and the Holiday Party Auction. He remains an active member of the Benton County Democrats as well as its Rules Committee. During his spare time, Harry likes to hang out with his four grandchildren, and play chess, where he maintains his rank in the US Chess Federation's top 100 online chess players over 50.



Harry Demarest at the BC Dems' (pre-COVID) Holiday Shindig - 2019

HARRY DEMAREST

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Edward P. Junkins, Jr.
MD, MPH, Academician &
Executive Administrator**

2020-21 Volunteer of the Year Award Edward Junkins

In his professional life, Dr. Edward Junkins is a long-time, health sciences academician with a breadth of experience having served as faculty clinician, committed educator, clinical researcher and executive administrator for more than two decades. Currently, he holds the leadership role of Senior Associate Dean at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine. His teaching interests include best-practices in diversity and equity, cross-cultural communication and social determinants of health. As a member of the academic health science community, he has served on multiple academic boards, multidisciplinary committees and task forces.

Ed Junkins is also a community leader who serves the people of Oregon in multiple ways. At the state level, he was appointed by Governor Kate Brown to Oregon's Joint Taskforce for Universal Healthcare. He currently serves as Vice-Chair for that group. He also serves the state of Oregon in his new role as President of the Local Government People of Color Caucus. In Corvallis, Ed has been elected to both the School Board and to the City Council while serving on multiple boards and foundations.

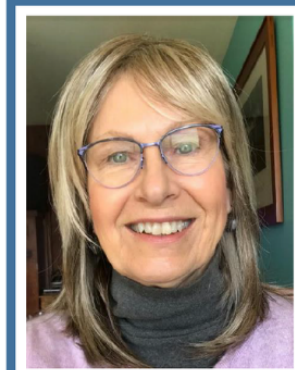
As an active BC Dem PCP and Neighborhood Leader, Ed consistently steps up to contribute his time, money, and talents to ensure Democratic victories at all levels of government. A key member of the BC Dems Fundraising Team, in 2020 he was the opening act in our first ever virtual fundraising event. His unforgettable rendition of Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up" rocked the house, leading to a demand for repeat performance. In 2020 he was also a GOTV star, stepping up to distribute literature to Dems beyond his NL turf and also to NAVs in neighboring territories. He even made it a family affair, recruiting his teenage son Jonny in the efforts to ensure PCT 8 had full GOTV coverage.



Ed Junkins rocks the house at the BC Dems' virtual Picnic & Pie Auction, 2020.

EDWARD JUNKINS, JR

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Linda Ramsey, Retired Nurse & Volunteer Extraordinaire

2020-21 Volunteer of the Year Award

Linda Ramsey

A lifelong democrat and Registered Nurse, Linda Ramsey started volunteering for the BC Dems during the Bush era. Over the years, she came to appreciate the interaction of different levels of government and how the work done by state and local politicians affects people's daily lives.

She joined the Political Action Board of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA), where she honed her knowledge about the workings of the state legislature, learned about candidates from all over the state, rural and urban, who sought ONA endorsement and testified in front of the legislature about various bills.

In 2018 Danny Jaffer's candidacy offered the chance to unseat an extreme right wing Republican incumbent in HD 23 and she went "all in" working to get him elected (he did win in Benton County). In an intersecting role, Linda took on the position of the Chair of the Campaign Services Committee during the home stretch of the campaign, recruiting a multitude of volunteers and organizing the canvassing and phone banking at BC Dems headquarters. The team that emerged from that intense midterm effort created a rural network of volunteers who became the backbone of Benton County's rural GOTV in the 2020 election.

Linda became head of the BC Dems Neighborhood Leader Program (NLP) in 2019 with a mission to turn out a record-breaking vote in 2020 and hasn't had a minute to breathe since. Her legion of activities and accomplishments are too numerous to fully list but include running the Benton County NAV outreach campaigns (both postcard and canvassing), providing weekly training/check in sessions for NLP volunteers, coordinating with Linn County Democrats to amplify GOTV efforts, creating a Facebook group for NLPs on the BC Dems website, recruiting a Volunteer Coordinator, and covering Benton County in slate cards. If Benton County Democrats communicated with the community at large in the past year, Linda probably had a part in it.



Did we mention a favorite activity was tabling? [Here pre-COVID at the County Fair.]

LINDA RAMSEY



YOUNG DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR



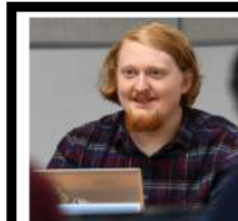
Gabe Shepherd
2021 - Age 24

2020-21 Young Democrat of the Year Award Gabriel Shepherd

Gabriel Shepherd, 24, moved to Corvallis in 2014 to attend OSU and graduated in 2018 with an HBS in Industrial Engineering. Finding a passion for local government, he began attending nearly every Corvallis City Council meeting, typically sitting in the back and soaking up what was happening in the city.

In 2019, he became the Volunteer Aide to the Corvallis City Legislative Committee, and soon after took a position as a Minutes Recorder for Corvallis and then for Albany. Later in 2019, he was appointed to the Corvallis Budget Commission. In 2020, Gabe's civil service career took a step up as was elected to the Ward 4 seat on the Corvallis City Council.

During this same time, Gabe became involved with the Benton County Democrats. Appointed as a PCP in late 2019, Gabe quickly got involved with the Rules & Bylaws Committee and the Campaign Service Committee. When the pandemic hit, he volunteered to organize the BC Dems' first virtual event: The 2020 Primary Night Watch Party. Not long after, he took on the Campaign Manager position for Bernadette Hansen, Democrat for SD 12. Though the campaign did not succeed in flipping that seat, Gabe applied that experience to his role as Strategist for the 2021 Corvallis School Board Equity Slate, which won by historic margins. Further, Gabe has been an indispensable part of BC Dems fundraising. He is not only part the emcee duo at our virtual events – he is the leader of the tech team that has made all of our pandemic-time events possible.



Gabe Shepherd,
Age 23 -Volunteer
Aide & budding
political activist -
2019

Gabe now serves as a Precinct 4 PCP, Co-chair of the BC Dems Platform and Legislative Committee, and a SCC Delegate for the Benton County Democrats. Additionally, he was just appointed to the DPO's Platform and Resolutions Committee.

GABRIEL SHEPHERD

WHO WE ARE

Benton County Democrats

Real political change
starts locally!

Are you ready to take
action for our 2022
election victories?'

Join us at our meetings
Monthly - Third Thursday
doors open at 6:30pm



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TRABER, CAROL TRUEBA

AND ANYONE ELSE WE MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED



Thank You!

VOLUNTEERS, AWARDEES, & GUESTS!!!

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Thank You!

THANK YOU PCPS, NLS, & ELECTED OFFICIALS!!!

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Thank You!

SEE YOU AT 4TH OF JULY PARADE!!!

JULY 1, 2021



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