

## Area 11 Reorganizes; Elects New Area Leader

**Norristown, 9 September.** A large group of Area 11 Democrats from East Norriton, Norristown, and West Norriton recently gathered at the Norristown Municipal Building to reorganize and reenergize their organization.

The meeting was called to order by Committee woman Olivia Brady, who acknowledged that the objectives of the night were to

nominate and appoint new officers for the committee, as well as to discuss filling committee vacancies. Gary Simpson, the new municipal chair of Norristown, took the floor to discuss his vision for the future of the Area. "This is a new day for Area 11," Simpson declared. He emphasized that the Area needs to move forward and forget the divisiveness of the past, as well as to learn to support and train new Democrats to serve in posts throughout the county organization and to stand for office at the local and state levels. Many of Simpson's sentiments were echoed by Brady, who then noted that a quorum was present and began the process for electing new officers.

Rick Saunders, municipal chair of West Norriton, nominated Brady for the position of Area Leader, which was seconded by Simpson. The



current Deputy Area Leader, Rose Boyd-Young, was in attendance, and the members present reaffirmed her position. There were no nominations for the position of Recording Secretary; Brady stated that she would temporarily take minutes but hoped that someone would step up to serve. Bill Caldwell was elected Treasurer. The East Norriton municipal chair position remains vacant.

The members continued Rick Saunders as one of their area representatives to MCDC's Executive Committee, and elected Harris Dainoff as their second representative. Saunders reported that he had learned of the recent nomination of Judge Teresa Sarmina to the state judicial ticket for Superior Court.



(l-r) Area 11 Treasurer Bill Caldwell, Deputy Area Leader Rose Boyd-Young, and Area Leader Olivia Brady.

The committee then turned their attention to filling vacant committee positions as well as reenergizing those current committee people in attendance. Field organizers from the county-wide judicial slate were in attendance and introduced themselves. Lastly, Tina Howell reported that with the recent death of the auditor in East Norriton Township, the committee now had the opportunity to put a candidate on the ballot and she would out from MCDC how to proceed.

## East Norriton Candidates Hold Successful Fundraiser



(l-r) East Norriton candidates John Zurzola, Tina Howell, Sue Wendt, Joe Valerio, and Harris Dainoff.

**East Norriton, 12 September.** The East Norriton Democratic slate, candidates for supervisor Harris Dainoff & John Zurzola, candidate for tax collector Tina Howell, candidate for constable Joe Valerio, and candidate for auditor Sue Wendt, hosted a Beef-n-Beer fundraiser at the Teamsters Local 384 Hall. With over 75 neighbors and friends in attendance, the sponsors declared the event a huge success. The guests were also treated to appearances by State Senator Daylin Leach and State Representative Matt Bradford, as well as by local councilors and supervisors from neighboring townships. Candidates for the court of common pleas also attended. View more photos of the event by going to [www.dainoffzurzola2009.org](http://www.dainoffzurzola2009.org).

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