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## The Importance of the 2023 Election

by Kirk Radanovic, Chairman

The government is divided into three branches: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch. This fall, Lancaster County will vote on the judicial branch for not just the county, but also for Pennsylvania. The purpose of the judicial branch is to interpret the law as it is written. For many years, we have seen activist judges who have created laws that best suit their political ideologies, leading to disenfranchised communities at large.

We have the power this November to put a stop to that overreach and elect experienced, qualified judges who will uphold the law and the Constitution. The Republican Committee of Lancaster County spent weeks interviewing and endorsing the best candidates who represent our values, and I believe we have done just that with our three Republican Court of Common Pleas candidates: Todd Brown, Christina Parsons, and Shawn McLaughlin. Each of these individuals have demonstrated not just their qualifications, but their love for Lancaster County and to see it thrive. At the statewide level, it is critically important that we elect Judge Carolyn Carluccio for Supreme Court, Maria Battista and Judge Harry Smail for Superior Court, and Megan Martin for Commonwealth Court. These four individuals have proven their ability to uphold the rule of law and protect our freedoms while holding our government accountable.

We also have the opportunity to elect school board directors across the county who will put our student's education first, and stand up to the left who wish to indoctrinate our children and make them hate our country that we have worked so hard to build and defend. This is something that is happening in our own communities.

We have to make a commitment to vote in November or else these issues will keep persisting. Voters today have the opportunity to cast their votes weeks before Election Day. Republicans continuously show up to the polls on Election Day and outnumber Democrats. Lancaster County has been

monumental in making sure that Republicans exercise their right to vote not just at the polls, but by voting by mail. In a state where there is a 4-to-1 ratio for Democrat to Republican mail-in ballot requests, Lancaster County has managed to get that ratio down to 2 to 1. With the issues we are facing today as a county, as a state, and as a country, are too important to sit on the sidelines. Make a plan to vote and keep Lancaster County strong under our Republican leadership.

## A Spotlight on the Court of Common Pleas

By Todd Brown, Christina Parsons, and Shawn McLaughlin

This November, Lancaster County voters will determine which three judicial candidates will be seated on our Court of Common Pleas for the next 10 years. So, let's take a quick look at the role the court plays in our justice system and why it is important to elect all three Republican nominees.

The Court of Common Pleas is the state trial court in Lancaster County. It is tasked with resolving all matters filed at the Lancaster County Courthouse, and these fall within one of the three major court divisions: criminal, family, and civil. After the three newly-elected judges are sworn in next January, the county's judges will share the responsibility to administer justice in all divisions in a fair and impartial manner.

In this modern era, the importance of a judiciary that understands its role within our system cannot be overstated. As your Republican nominees for the Court of Common Pleas, we fully appreciate that the judiciary was established to apply the law, not to make law. Moreover, we are prepared to assist our local court on day one because our team includes a member with substantial experience in each of the three major

## Meet Our Judicial Candidates!



Judge Carolyn Carluccio  
PA Supreme Court



Maria Battista  
PA Superior Court



Judge Harry Smail Jr.  
PA Superior Court



Megan Martin  
PA Commonwealth Court



Todd Brown  
Court of Common Pleas



Christina Parsons  
Court of Common Pleas



Shawn McLaughlin  
Court of Common Pleas



Scan here for more information about our judicial candidates!

divisions of the Court of Common Pleas – Todd in criminal law, Christina in family law, and Shawn in civil law.

We humbly ask for your support and your help in spreading the word as to our qualifications.



Register to vote!



Apply for a mail-in ballot!



Learn about all of our candidates!

## YRs named Club of the Year



During the recent Young Republican National Convention, the Lancaster County Young Republicans were recognized as the 2022 Small Club of the Year for their efforts to elect Young Republican representatives within the county and state committee. Join us to celebrate with the YRs on September 28th.

## Women's Day of Action

In partnership with the Women's Republican Club, the Republican Committee of Lancaster County will be kicking off the campaign season with the Women's Day of Action. Join us on Saturday, September 23rd for door-knocking and grassroots efforts with women candidates. Afterwards, stop by RCLC headquarters for food, drinks, and meet-and-greets with our special guests. You won't want to miss this!

## Writers' Corner

### Disingenuous attacks by Maisano supporters

by Albert Glover

*Albert Glover is the RCLC committeeman for West Lampeter Township - Lakes District.*

Recently, I read a letter to the editor ("[Aghast at actions of Lancaster GOP](#)," July 2 LNP | LancasterOnline) attacking the Republican Committee of Lancaster County for its actions in the current judicial race. I was struck by the alternate reality put forth, as it doesn't comport with my experience as a member of the county GOP in the primary election process.

Judge Karen Maisano had the same opportunity during the Lancaster County straw poll interviewing process as other candidates to make her case for endorsement by the county GOP for the Court of Common Pleas bench. The difference: Other candidates were judged by committee members to be more highly qualified when assessing overall

## Thank you to our Volunteers!

Volunteers had a great time at the Republican Committee of Lancaster County's Volunteer Luncheon, which commended dedicated Republicans for their efforts in the Primary season. The luncheon included special guests, such as Lancaster's countywide officials and candidates.

These special volunteers assisted the RCLC with the mail program, attending RCLC trainings, and by calling voters and knocking on doors. Endorsed Republicans in Lancaster County could not have succeeded without their help.

The Republican Party of Lancaster County will have plenty of exciting opportunities this cycle. Volunteer to join our grassroots efforts!

### #IamaRepublican



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**I'm a Republican because I believe our institutions and our country are worth fighting for.**

Stephen R. Reinholds, 22



qualifications for the position. For supporters of Maisano to ignore this process is not only a denial of reality, it is a disingenuous attempt to malign the county committee's endorsed nominees for the court and to discredit the approximately 350 elected grassroots volunteers who take their vetting role in our political process seriously.

I have been impressed with the Republican Committee of Lancaster County's process of vetting candidates. Candidates are not selected in backroom deals but rather through a thoughtful and deliberate process that truly represents what our founders envisioned. The county GOP's endorsed judicial candidates bring remarkable qualifications and appropriate temperaments to the table and they are absolutely committed to serving all citizens of Lancaster County in a fair and impartial way.

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# 175,846

The number of Republican voters in Lancaster County

### Area Volunteer Competition

*Which Area Committee is currently winning the voter registration race?*

Elizabethtown Area Committee has registered over TWENTY voters in one week. Way to go!



## Upcoming Events

**September 5th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Committee Member Training at RCLC headquarters

**September 7th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
Outreach Training on Zoom

**September 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
African American Alliance Fair with the Women's Republican Club at Reservoir Park

**September 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
Committee Member Training on Zoom

**September 16th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
Numinar Training on Zoom

**September 18th, 4:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.**  
Phone Banking at RCLC headquarters

**September 20th, 6:00- 8:00 p.m.**  
Quarryville Parade

**September 21st, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
Precinct Program Training on Zoom

**September 23rd, 10:00 a.m.**  
Women's Day of Action

**September 25th, 4:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.**  
Phone Banking at RCLC headquarters  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Campaign Finance Training for candidates at RCLC headquarters and Zoom

**September 27th, 7:00 p.m.**  
Ephrata Parade

**September 28th, 6:00 p.m.**  
Young Republican Award Celebration

**September 30th, 10:00 a.m**  
Door-knocking with candidates



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