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**Thurs., August 24th, 5:30 p.m . - Grand Opening of Democratic Party Headquarters located at 181 Walnut St. in Morgantown**

**From left to right in the front row are Senator John Hunter, Magistrate Darris Summers, Executive Committee chair Carye Blaney, Delegate Charlene Marshall, Lotta Near (aide to Congressman Mollohan), WV House candidate Mike Manypenny, WV House candidate Barbara Fleischauer, and WV Senate candidate Craig Rotruck.**

## **Democratic Party Gears Up for Fall Election**

*Schedule of events for supporters*

Morgantown WVa.--- Opening new Democratic Party Headquarters is just the beginning of plans made by the Democratic Executive Committee of Monongalia County for this campaign cycle. The Democratic Executive Committee has scheduled four events, including the Grand Opening of the

new headquarters on Walnut Street (A schedule of events is posted below). Additional events include two volunteer training sessions, and the Morgantown Democratic Women's Club Annual Picnic.

According to Carye Blaney, Chair of the Monongalia County Democratic Executive Committee, party activists are excited to be opening their headquarters downtown and hope to hit the ground running: "We have filled every seat on our Committee and both our new and more seasoned volunteers are energized."

Blaney served as the youngest ever elected State President of the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women and was recently elected to Board of the National Federation of Democratic Women representing the Southern Region.

The Grand Opening of the Democratic Party Headquarters is scheduled for Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 P.M. at 181 Walnut Street in downtown Morgantown. Blaney said that the Governor and Democratic candidates for all local, state and national elections have been invited to assist in the ribbon-cutting for the headquarters. Blaney stated, "The Party is glad to be located back in downtown Morgantown. We have had a lot of visitors just walk in off the street to obtain information about volunteering and about specific Democratic candidates running for office."

The Democratic Executive Committee has also scheduled two volunteer training sessions in order to accommodate the schedules of volunteers. Training will be held at the Democratic Party Headquarters on August 24<sup>th</sup>, following the Grand Opening and on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. to prepare those interested in volunteering for the party.

The training sessions will last about an hour; however, volunteers need only attend one session. Volunteers are needed to staff headquarters, organize voter registration efforts, help with door-to-door campaigning and telephone banking.

Individuals interested in volunteering, but unable to attend a training session, can call the Party Headquarters at 291-2530 or stop in during office hours. The Headquarters is keeping the following hours: August-Election Day (Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>) Mon-Fri 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.-

8:00 P.M.; with Saturday hours (9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.) and (3:00 P.M -7:00 P.M.) being added in September and extending through Nov. 7.

Residents can support their party by purchasing t-shirts and donkeys for sale at the headquarters. The shirts are \$10.00 and the donkeys are \$5.00.

The Democratic Executive Committee is composed of 24 members elected during the spring primary -- two representatives, one male and one female from each of the 12 districts in Monongalia County. In addition, there are seven officers, plus the presidents of the two Democratic Womens Clubs - Clinton District Democratic and Morgantown - and a representative from the WVU Young Democrats.

Below is a listing of upcoming Monongalia County Democratic Party events:

- 1 **Thurs., August 24th, 5:30 p.m.** - Grand Opening of Democratic Party Headquarters located at 181 Walnut St. in Morgantown
- 2 **Thurs., August 24th, immediately following Grand Opening** - Training Session for Democratic Party Volunteers at headquarters - will last aprox. one hour
- 3 **Tues., Sept. 5th, 7:00 p.m.** - Training Session for Democratic Volunteers, at headquarters- will last aprox. one hour
- 4 **Thurs. Sept. 7th** - Morgantown Democratic Women's Club Picnic, St. Mary's Pavilion in Star City

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