

## Few new faces emerge in Dem suburban cadre

A veteran Democratic Party leader from Macomb County retired, but otherwise there was little "changing of the guard" in suburbia at last weekend's Democratic state convention in Detroit.

Delegates caucused to pick congressional district officer before meeting in Sunday's state convention.

When there is no contest for state chairman, it's likely there is little excitement in local elections — and so it was among Michigan Democrats this year.

### 12TH DISTRICT

After 17 years as district chairman, John Bruff stepped down in the 12th Congressional District, which includes northern Macomb County and the eastern part of Greater Rochester in Oakland County.

A Mt. Clemens attorney, Bruff is a Michigan State University trustee and was once his party's nominee for lieutenant governor.

The new chairperson is Nancy White of Fraser. Elected vice-chairperson for the Oakland County portion of the district was Jack Hugson of Rochester.

### 17TH DISTRICT

Marie Weigold of Detroit has a second term as chairperson of the 17th Congressional District Democratic organization, which includes Farmington, Southfield and Lathrup Village.

Six vice-chairpersons serving with her the next two years will include:

Al Sipher of Farmington, Rufus Coleman of Detroit, Ethel Schwartz of Southfield, Rick Wiener of Detroit, Joseph Patchett of Redford Township and Phil Gorak of Detroit.

Other officers are: recording secretary, Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington Hills; corresponding secretary, Bob Kinzer of Detroit; and treasurer, Susan

Moisev of Southfield.

Members of the Democratic State Central Committee are: Jerry Freedman of Farmington, William Ford of Redford Township, Maxine Bernan and John Shepherd of Southfield, and Dorothy Walker, Mary Massaron and Gerry Sell-Feder of Detroit.

The only commotion at the convention occurred when David Brown, 43, of northwest Detroit, suffered a heart attack late in the day.

After several delegates gave him first aid, an emergency medical unit rushed him to Detroit General Hospital, where he was reported in critical condition Monday. Brown is an international representative for United Auto Workers Region 1-E.

### 18TH DISTRICT

Bernard Lennon, former Oakland County commissioner from Ferndale, won another term as chairman of the 18th Congressional District Democratic organization, which covers Troy, southeast Oakland County and eastern Macomb County.

Among new vice-chairpersons is Bill Blake, past chairman of the Troy Democratic Club. The party's State Senate nominee in the 8th District, Blake is an elementary staff coordinator in Detroit public schools and a member of the city election commission.

Other officers include: vice-chairpersons, Charlotte Rothstein of Oak Park and Linda Strong of Warren; recording secretary, Art Madar of Sterling Heights; corresponding secretary, Dorothy Mirk of Berkeley; and treasurer, Hugh McNichol of Ferndale.

State Central Committee delegates are Gaylen McDonald of Troy, Mike Kokotovich of Royal Oak, John Dewan of Madison Heights, Riley Harris of Warren, Shirley Leopold of Huntington Woods, Kay Penner of Royal Oak, Marie Malotke of Warren and Bernice Stomberg of Sterling Heights.

### 19TH DISTRICT

Sheldon Klimist of Bloomfield Hills won a new term as chairman of the 19th Congressional District Democratic organization, covering western Oakland County and part of Livingston.

Three vice-chairpersons are James Threlkeld of Pontiac, Betty Fortino of Waterford and Bill Brinker of Novi.

Other officers are: recording secretary, Lora Perkins of Pontiac; corresponding secretary, Fred Ritter of Clarkston; and treasurer, George Montgomery of Union Lake.

State Central Committee delegates are Gene Kathy of Orchard Lake, Harry Moss of Birmingham, William Ward of West Bloomfield, Jim Ramey of Livingston County, Carole Kammer of Pontiac, Gail Nolin of Sylvan Lake and Eileen Marz of Bloomfield Hills.



Bill Blake, (left) Troy educator and new 18th Congressional District Democratic vice-chairman, learns the ropes from Bernard Lennon, who was reelected district chairperson. (Staff photo)



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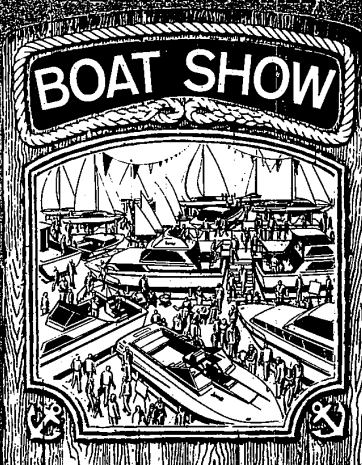
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