

Candidates file for precinct delegate posts

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ON PAPER, precinct delegates have one responsibility — to elect delegates to the party's state convention — Republicans will hold their state convention in September in Detroit, while state Democrats will meet in August in Flint.

But both parties say precinct delegates in fact have many more duties and have much greater importance. Precinct delegates are the bottom rung of the political ladder — the link between their immediate neighbors and party leaders — like Gov. Jim Blanchard or John Engler.

Delegates do a variety of glamorous, but important chores like circulating petitions, identifying their party voters and getting them to the polls. "I don't know what we'd do without them," said Darlene E. Berent, executive director of the Oakland County Democratic Party. "They are the eyes and ears of the party. They're the ones we call to learn what's going on."

HER REPUBLICAN counterpart agrees. "Precinct delegates are the grass roots of politics," said Carol Morlan, executive director of the Oakland County Republican Party. Each is also running for delegate in their respective precincts. Democrat Berent is unopposed in the 14th precinct in Madison Heights.

Morlan is challenging an incumbent — Anthony Antonelli Jr. — in the 7th precinct in Rochester Hills. The lists of precinct delegate hopefuls for both parties include fam-

iliar names, as well as those just getting started in politics.

GOP national committeewoman Ronna Romney, for example, is running in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fellow Republican candidates include Betty Adams, president of the Rochester Hills City Council, Donn Wolf, county commissioner from Farmington Hills, and Rex Martin, mayor pro-tem of Birmingham and one of four candidates vying to succeed Judith Miller as state representative in the 65th District.

AMONG THE Democrats running are Vicki Goldbaum, Southfield city councilwoman, and Aldo Vagnozzi, a longtime union activist in Farmington Hills.

But most of those running for precinct delegate are like Chuck Henry, 74-year-old retired auto worker running in the 6th Precinct in Troy. Henry classifies himself as a "life-long Democrat" who realizes the importance of working the grass roots. "There's some work involved in being a precinct delegate," he said. "But it's important to be visible in the community to present the Democratic viewpoint on any given issue."

THE FOLLOWING is a list of candidates for precinct delegate in your area as compiled by the Election Division of the Oakland County Clerk's office:

City of Farmington Democrats
1. William Liba, Hillcrest.
2-4. None.
5. Arthur & Mae Lanski, Farmington Road.

6. None.

City of Farmington Republicans

1. Patrick L. Anderson, Grace.
2. None.
3. Jeffrey T. McGowan, Leeland; C. Christian Sirob, Leeland.
4. Kim D. Jaske, Larkspur.
5. L. David Stader Jr., Farmington Road.
6. John M. Young, Smithfield.

Farmington Hills Democrats

1. None.
2. Nicole Paron, Nine Mile; Judith E. Poortner, Glenmoor Heights.
3. Paul J. Blizman, Herndonwood; Karl Mark Pall, Inkster Road.
4. Michael R. Sapiece, Timberidge.
5. George T. Roberts, Ottawa.
6. John J. Murphy, Westhill; 7. Barry L. Brickner, Old Homestead.
8. Vicki Barnett, Glenestate Court; 9. Mark Sieckloff, Glenestate Court.
10. Marie Mutschall, Westmoreland.
11. Lawrence W. Moloney, Lorikay.

12. Aldo Vagnozzi, Kiltartan.

13-15. None.
16. Amy J. Hennes, Olde Franklin; Robert S. Rullinger, E. Stonewood Ct.; Hermine Silver, Scottsdale; Albert W. Zolton, Gilchrist.
17. Myron B. Gus, 12 Mile.
18. Michael S. Breshoff, Minglewood; Carl W. Thornburg, 13 Mile.
19-22. None.
23. Merie Silver, 12 Mile.
24. None.
25. Patricia J. Blackard, Nine Mile; William Hatten, Nine Mile.
26. Marshall S. Solomon, Forest Hill.
27. None.
28. William H. Irving, Dartmoor.
29. Carmel P. Galca, Cadillac.
30. None.
31. Marie M. Welgold, Quail Hollow.

Farmington Hills Republicans

1. Shirley A. Hench, Parklane Circle.
2. Alfred V. Diebel, Ashley.
3. Eileen V. Abbott, Spring Road; William A. Ortmann Sr., South Harwich; Andrzej E. Raczowski, Herndonwood.
4. None.
5. Massie Kurczak, Oxford.

6. Donn L. Wolf, Barfield.

7. None.
8. Sharon E. McDonald, Appleton.
9-10. None.
11. Ann Hiner, Oak Point.
12. Marjorie R. Bey, Westmeath; Alice L. Hock, 11 Mile.
13. Linnea M. Ford, Nine Mile; Mary L. Gorys, Grayfield.
14-15. None.
16. Milton E. Lieberman, Wyndham Court; Paul R. Sowerby, Covington Club.
17. Jean M. Fox, Bldstone.
18. Julie A. Pulgini, Summerwood.
19. Richard Corey, Ferry Crossing.
20. Darlene M. Knight, Kingsway; Carol A. Markey, Glouster Circle.

20. Daniel H. McKinnon, Kingsway.
21. Janet Taylor Larson, Pleasant Valley Court.

22. Michael A. Chekal, Foggrove; Thaddeus C. Zylka, Hunters Circle.
23. John G. Akouti, Heartstone.
24. Mark A. Seng, Independence Drive.
25. Gerald R. Crossmyer, Lytle, Terry Sever, Beechwood.

26. Louis J. Bogart, Laurel Drive; Theresa C. Davis, Golfview.
27. Kathryn E. Clark, Muirwood.
28. Gina Peirak, Fox Club Ct.
29. None.
30. Debra L. DeLong, Lana Ct.
31. Mary S. Avery, Thornbrae Ct.

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