



Statement about the 2017 Primary Election from Kathleen Keohane, Chairperson for Tredyffrin Democrats

A sincere *Thank You* to all the volunteers and voters who helped make this year's Primary a successful election day. And an historic one too. For the first time ever, more Tredyffrin Democrats came out to vote than their Republican counterparts in every single one of our seventeen precincts. A total of 628 more Democrats, to be exact.

We also appreciate the fact that our Republican friends and neighbors cast 1,333 votes for cross-filed Democratic candidates, Analisa Sondergaard, Scott Dorsey, Kyle Boyer and Heather Ward.

Congratulations are certainly in order for incumbent magisterial judge **Analisa Sondergaard** who won a majority of both the Democratic and Republican vote on Tuesday. She ran in 10 precincts in Tredyffrin and 4 precincts in East Whiteland, walking 46 miles to knock doors and talk to voters in the weeks before the Primary. After 5 ½ years of exemplary service as our district judge, Tredyffrin and East Whiteland residents expressed their approval of the job she has been doing. East Whiteland Republicans' support put her over the top on the Republican ballot. As a result, Analisa will be unopposed in November.

Our three supervisor candidates, incumbent Murph Wysocki, Matt Holt and Kevin O'Neil, all outperformed their counterparts by healthy margins. They are encouraged by their constituents' support and plan to door knock during the coming months to talk to residents and listen to their concerns. Their mission is to motivate significantly more voters to vote in November when the numbers game will include Independents and a larger turnout from both parties.

School Board vice-president and incumbent Scott Dorsey ran unopposed in Region 1 and received 1,643 votes from both Democrats and Republicans. Running in Region 2, Kyle Boyer received an impressive 64% of the total vote. Heather Ward and Tina Whitlow, both running in Region 3, bested their incumbent Republican counterparts by over 600 votes.

All school board candidates will be challenged this fall to inform general election voters of the realignment of the three school board regions. The change took effect in the 2017 Primary, with one Tredyffrin precinct now voting with Easttown in Region 3. (Precinct E1, which votes at Our Lady of Assumption on Old Eagle School Rd. in Strafford.)

There is no disputing the fact that Tredyffrin is changing. The number of registered Democrats has increased by almost 10% in the last two years. At this point, the two major parties are separated by only 210 voters, while the number of Independents has remained stable at about 18%. We feel confident that our well-qualified candidates can win this year if voters have a chance to meet them and consider their credentials and positions on the issues that matter most: maintaining our quality of life by providing excellent services, the careful management of growth, and responsible use of our tax dollars.

Thank you for your interest and support of our candidates. Please stay engaged by attending area meetings, marches and events – including TTDEMS' monthly meetings held at the Tredyffrin Township Building on the third Wednesday of every month.



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If you would like to help, consider door knocking with a candidate in your neighborhood or hosting a coffee to introduce a candidate to your neighbors in the coming months. Your time and personal support would mean a great deal. Contact Kathleen Keohane (k.e.keohane@gmail.com) or Hans van Mol (vanmolhans@gmail.com) to coordinate.