

## PRECINCT MEMBER

Congratulations on being elected to represent your neighborhood as a Precinct Member on the Linn County Democrats Central Committee (LCDCC)! Thank you in advance for your commitment to serving your precinct and Linn County Democrats. A Precinct Member is often the first point of contact for citizens to obtain information regarding Democratic Party activities. Local, State and Federal level candidates/campaigns will also reach out to Precinct Members of the LCDCC. It is important for you to get to know your precinct so that you can quickly identify people who are interested in getting involved and encourage their involvement through outreach and inclusion activities. Below, please find a list of *suggested* activities to assist you in achieving these goals.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

It is very important for you to attend meetings of the Linn County Democrats Central Committee on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Hiawatha Community Center. This is where a great deal of information regarding activities of the LCDCC and the party as a whole is shared. We usually start gathering by 6:30 pm for a social time including a light meal before the formal meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact the Secretary.

1. Learn the boundaries of your precinct. PDFs of each precinct are available via [www.linncounty.org/372/Precinct-Maps](http://www.linncounty.org/372/Precinct-Maps), or ask an officer.
2. Bookmark the website [www.linncountydemocrats.org](http://www.linncountydemocrats.org) and visit it regularly to find information about upcoming events, LCDCC membership, etc.
3. If you use Facebook, join [facebook.com/groups/LinnCountyDemocrats](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LinnCountyDemocrats)
4. Learn the registration figures for all parties in your precinct and become familiar with how your precinct has voted in previous elections at [www.linncounty.org/628/Election-Results-2000-2016](http://www.linncounty.org/628/Election-Results-2000-2016)
5. Meet *your* representatives or candidates for all county and state offices. Find a list of all your election districts and elected officials at <http://www.linncountyelections.org/lookup/>
6. Canvas your precinct to determine the issues that are important to residents, and how likely each person is to become more active in the Democratic Party.\*
7. Recruit Democrats in your precinct to help make phone calls, host a candidate's meet-and-greet coffee, help with running the next caucus, etc.

8. Keep a list of Democrats in your precinct who like to vote absentee; help them obtain and return absentee ballot requests.
9. Keep up-to-date on who moves in and out of the precinct
10. Visit new residents and register them to vote if they are Democrats.
11. Host a house party for Democrats in your precinct
12. Identify people who would be good candidates for an elected office
13. Recruit members for the Young Democrats organization
14. Recruit members for the other Constituency Caucuses\*\*
15. Determine which registered Democrats don't consistently vote, and concentrate on them during Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts.
16. Contact Independents to try to convert them to the Democratic party if their major concerns mesh with the party platform
17. Convince Democrats who do vote regularly to vote straight party ticket

**\* Executive Board members have access the NGP-VAN VoteBuilder.** Let one of them know when you are planning to canvas your precinct (by knocking on doors and/or making phone calls) and they can also generate an appropriate contact list for you. Find names and contact information of current officers at [www.linncountymocrats.org](http://www.linncountymocrats.org). Serving from March 2015 - March 2017 are:

Bret Nilles	<a href="mailto:chair@linncountymocrats.org">chair@linncountymocrats.org</a> or <a href="mailto:banilles26@hotmail.com">banilles26@hotmail.com</a>
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**\*\* Constituency Caucuses of the Iowa Democratic Party (IDP) are:**

Asian/Pacific Islander	Stonewall (LGBT) +	Veterans
Black +	Disability +	Labor
Latino	College & Young Dems	Rural
Native American	Seniors	Progressive
Women		

*+ = particularly active in Linn County*

Find a link to the Facebook Page / Group and name of the State Chair of each Caucus at: <http://iowademocrats.org/about/state-central-committee/>