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Political News of Interest for Shields Township Residents
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We are a grassroots political organization made up of concerned residents of Shields Township (which includes Lake Bluff and portions of North Chicago, Lake Forest, and Knollwood). We will provide a voice for the growing Democratic and independent constituency in our communities. We invite you to join us.

A New and Better Day . . .

"Tonight, we mark the end of one historic journey with the beginning of another — a journey that will bring a new and better day to America," Mr. Obama told supporters at a rally in St. Paul after winning the Democratic Party nomination. "Because of you, tonight I can stand here and say that I will be the Democratic nominee for president of the United States of America."

At another event he spoke about his opponent, Sen. John McCain. "There are many words to describe John McCain's attempt to pass off his embrace of George Bush's policies as bipartisan and new," Sen. Obama said. "But 'change' is not one of them."

Democratic congressional candidate Dan Seals, who is running on a platform of change for the 10th district, can say the same about incumbent Republican Mark Kirk. Kirk has also embraced the policies of George Bush for the past 8 years. Only since the reversal of the administration's popularity has Kirk begun to distance himself from his party's leadership . . . sort of. He is now endorsing McCain's positions on endless war in Iraq, permanent tax cuts for the wealthy, and no universal health care plan. Seals and Obama share similar views on a responsible troop withdrawal in Iraq and health care. Seals understands the issues voters face in our district. He will work hard to make a difference right here at home and fully support the Democratic party platform in Washington D.C.



Don't miss out on an opportunity to make history by voting for Sen. Obama and don't forget the importance of the congressional race—support Barack Obama with a vote for Dan Seals for Congress. Vote Early! Spread the word.

Kirk Votes Against North Chicago Interests

A walk around North Chicago tells the story of so many home owners struggling to pay the mortgage, or struggling to sell a house in a down market, or struggling to make their neighborhood a better place. Congressman Kirk is not helping with that struggle. On May 8 he voted **against** the Neighborhood Stabilization Act (H.R. 5818) supported by the AFL-CIO, Habitat for Humanity, the NAACP, and the National Urban League, among many others. It's purpose was to provide assistance to communities hit hardest by foreclosures authorizing \$15 billion in federal grant and loan programs to help state and local governments purchase, rehabilitate, and resell or rent foreclosed homes. Maybe he isn't walking around North Chicago enough to see the struggle. Or maybe his ties to the banking and mortgage industry prevent him from effectively supporting citizen interests over corporate interests.

"... he certainly can't be counted upon for consistent support of individual interests over those of his corporate backers. His vote against the relief for veterans embodied in the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act's second Amendment is a compelling case in point. Tenth District voters who want their congressional representative to be truly committed to protecting consumers over corporate interests should study Mark Kirk's record carefully. Those who do surely will work to elect Dan Seals in November." - Tenth News, June issue



New Thumbs-Up Campaign Pin

The newest Shields button will become a collectors item as have our 2007 Hope button and the May 2008 Obama-Seals issue.

Quantities are limited but while supplies last, you may order at:

*contact@shieldsdemocrats.org
Proceeds benefit Shields Democrats*

Vote Before Election Day

From October 14 to October 30, early voting is available to all eligible, registered voters who need not give a reason to vote prior to Election Day. Early voters are required to present a valid Illinois driver's license, an Illinois identification card issued by Secretary of State, or any other government-issued identification document containing their photograph, name, and address. With nineteen early voting sites, including the County Clerk's office, early voting is convenient throughout the county. Starting in August, you can find your early voting location and hours by visiting our website at www.VoteEarly.info

To avoid any Election Day lines and delays due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, **vote early beginning October 14**. For more information call (847) 377-2410.

Important November 2008 Election Dates

Last Day to Register	October 7
Early Voting	October 14 to 30
Election Day	November 4

Canvassers Wanted

Lose Weight Meet New People

Help win the election right here in Shields!! We have an immediate need for volunteers to help us canvass our area. We will train you how to canvass and pair you with an experienced walker in a local precinct. This is a fun activity that can result in good exercise and lots of new friends. Many dates planned.

Contact us by emailing:

contact@shieldsdemocrats.org
or call Carol Jones at 847.234.5375.

Make Sure You Can Vote! *Remind Family and Friends*

To register to vote you need two forms of identification (a drivers license and utility bill are examples). Both forms of ID must contain your name and permanent address. You can register to vote in the following ways:

- 1) Email contact@shieldsdemocrats.org and we will deliver the forms you need.
- 2) Go to the County Clerk's office at 18 North County Street Waukegan. For more information in call 847-377-2410.
- 3) Many libraries throughout the 10th district are also places to register to vote.