

# Eaton County Democratic Party

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**PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN LOCATION  
FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING TO THE  
LOG JAM IN GRAND LEDGE.**

## ECDemP CANDIDATE TRAINING

The Eaton County Democratic Party is sponsoring a "Candidate Training" at the Charlotte Public Library on Monday, March 29, 2010 beginning at 7 p.m. Contact John Strachan at [johnstrachan@eatoncountymocrats.org](mailto:johnstrachan@eatoncountymocrats.org) for more information.

## 71st DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE DEBATE

A debate for the Democratic candidates running for the District 71 House seat will be held the first week of June. More details will follow as the date gets closer. Check back to [www.eatoncountymocrats.org](http://www.eatoncountymocrats.org)

## MDP ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION

Hold the date for the MDP Endorsement Convention on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. The purpose of the Convention is to endorse candidates for Secretary of State and Attorney General. There will be no endorsements in any primary races. The Endorsement Convention will be held the same day and place as the Jeff-Jack Dinner. [www.michigandems.com](http://www.michigandems.com)

## SIREN is in NEED

Donations can be dropped off at SIREN's Office from 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

- Towels (any kind); Pillows (new only); Blankets (clean used or new)
- Paper Towel/Toilet Paper ; Zip Lock Bags; Aluminum Foil/Plastic Wrap
- Kleenex; Sanitary Products; Shampoo & Conditioner
- All types of Laundry and Household Cleaning Supplies
- Phone Cards (any amount); Gas Cards (any amount)
- School Supplies/backpacks
- Flashlights
- Mittens- gloves-hats (any size, including adult)
- Children's Card Games ; Flash Cards
- Diapers (All sizes); Formula; Wipes
- Food (all types but cereal); non-perishable food items, especially fruit, chunky soup, and microwave meals for families housed in a motel.

[www.sireneatonshelter.org](http://www.sireneatonshelter.org)

Join us on  
**January 16**  
at 7:00 p.m. for  
our monthly  
meeting.

The meeting  
will take place  
at the **Log Jam**  
in Grand Ledge  
110 West  
Jefferson St

## MDP Celebrates Black History Month

### February Honors Accomplishments, Contributions of African Americans

"It is vitally important to remember the struggles of the past to thrive in the future," said MDP Chair Mark Brewer. "While the United States has made great strides since Black History Month was first celebrated, including electing our nation's first African American President, we must continue to make progress."

Michigan has had many civil rights pioneers and prominent African Americans throughout its rich history. From civil rights icon Rosa Parks to the first African American in Michigan to hold statewide partisan elected office, Secretary of State Richard Austin, to individuals like Sojourner Truth, to Mayor Coleman Young, the first African-American mayor of Detroit.

The importance of black history has been recognized annually since 1926 when "Negro History Week" was instituted. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard scholar, is recognized as the father of "Negro History Week". Woodson was a man who devoted his life to furthering the knowledge of Black people as a participant in history as opposed "to a lay figure." He chose the month of February because it contained the birthdays of Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. "Negro History Week" later evolved into "Black History Month" in 1976, in honor of America's bicentennial celebration. (Taken from [www.michigandems.com](http://www.michigandems.com))

### Help the Victims of the Haiti Earthquake

Humanitarian efforts in Haiti are underway now. To find out how you can help, visit the [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or [www.mercycorps.org](http://www.mercycorps.org).

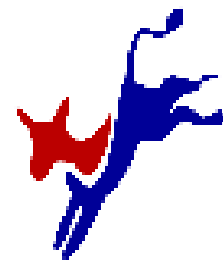
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3. No Cost-sharing For Preventive Care
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[www.healthcare.barackobama.com](http://www.healthcare.barackobama.com)



*"While it does not contain every measure President Obama and I wanted, I would vote yes for this bill certain that it includes the fundamental, essential change that opponents of reform have resisted for generations." Vice President Joe Biden in a New York Times op-ed piece.*