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# Porter County Republicans— The Eagle Eye

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## Chairman's Comments

### Fellow Republicans –

Campaigns are in full swing and we're still looking for volunteers to go door to door and make phone calls. Getting the vote out is our number one priority.

We encourage all precinct committeemen, vice precinct committeemen and volunteers to get involved. This election is about getting our voters out and moving our county forward.

As I've stated before, there are many activities and campaigns that need people. Please give us some of your valuable to time and go door to door for candidates or

help us with our phone banks. If you are able, please financially support one or more of our candidates and participate in their fundraisers, which are listed later in this issue.

Also, mission critical is poll workers.

Please encourage your family, friends, neighbors to get involved and become a poll worker. Tap the image below to access a link to sign up:



Our success this year will be because of our activism and our ability to get the vote out! The key is all of you doing all you can to convince your fam-



ily, friends and neighbors how critical it is to vote and why voting Republican in Porter County makes all the difference. Just look around at what's happening in our county — our Republican leadership is responsible for that success which is driven by informed active voters. Please do all you can to ensure our voters vote.

*Michael Simpson*

**Chairman, Porter  
County Republicans**

**AVAILABLE NOW!**

Call (219) 465-3552 today to request an application for an

**Absentee Ballot**

If you are any of the following:

- ◆ A college student away from home
- ◆ In the military service
- ◆ Traveling overseas
- ◆ If you can't make it to your polling location on Election Day



**Don't Be Turned Away!**

**Double Check  
Your Voter Registration**  
tap the image below



or go to:

**IndianaVoters.com**



# Valpo-Center Township Republicans

## Republicans Host 2018 Election Kick-Off Event

More than a dozen elected officials, candidates for state and local offices and Porter County Republican officers attended the first Candidate Forum and Precinct Committeeman meeting at Zao Island on August 23, 2018. Sponsored by Porter County Republicans, the event drew about 40 Republican activists overall.

Keynote speakers included State Rep. Ed Soliday and State Senator Ed Charbonneau. Candidates who were present included Brian Gensel, incumbent Porter County Prosecutor who is running for re-election, as well as incumbent and candidate Jeff Clymer who is running for Porter County Judge Circuit 2.

Candidates for County Township Board who were present included Mark Ribordy, Steve Buck and Amy Daly, as well as Trustee candidate Doug Miller, who is seeking re-election.



Ribordy



Buck



Daly



Doug Miller

Co-chairs of the event, Julie Biggs and Cathie Dull, announced that monthly Committeeman meetings were being set up in Center Township to assure that all candidates have substantial opportunity to meet each Precinct Committeeman and each Precinct Committeeman has the skills and resources to effectively turn-out voters for the November election.



Soliday



Charbonneau



Gensel



Clymer

Candidates for other County offices attending the event included Cyndi Dykes, running for County Corner, Jon Miller, running for County Clerk, Jeff Good, running for rei-election as County Commissioner District 2, and Mark Hoffman, running for County Council District 3.



Biggs



Dull

The next Precinct Committeeman event will be held on September 19, 2018 at Tommy B's Clubhouse at Aberdeen starting at 5:00pm pm and will feature a review of the responsibilities of Precinct Committeemen and an opportunity to hear from local candidates for public office.



Dykes



Jon Miller



Good



Hoffman



## *Our Republican Candidate — Indiana Secretary of State*

### **Connie Lawson — Candidate Indiana Secretary of State**

Connie Lawson is Indiana's 61st Secretary of State. Since taking office, Connie has used her experience as a former State Senator, former County Clerk, and small-business owner to make the Secretary of State's office as voter-friendly and business-friendly as possible. The Secretary of State's office oversees four divisions: Elections, Business Services, Auto Dealer Services, and Securities.

After serving in the State Senate for sixteen years, chairing the Senate Elections Committee, and serving as Hendricks County Clerk for eight years, Connie understands the importance of election integrity. During the 2013 session, Connie worked with the Indiana General Assembly to pass election reforms that increased transparency and accountability in the election process.

In an effort to increase efficiency for Hoosier businesses, Connie and the Business Services division of her office are working to provide business owners with convenient, user-friendly resources online. In addition, the Auto Dealer Services division works closely with car dealers throughout the state to improve services and to provide Hoosiers with up-to-date information on licensed dealers.

Through the Securities division, Connie has made it a top priority to educate all Hoosiers on the importance of financial literacy. She has traveled to schools, senior citizen organizations and other community groups to educate Hoosiers on ways to be financially fit, to protect their financial identity and credit scores, and to avoid investment scams.

During her time as a State Senator, Connie fought to increase awareness of important issues and was recognized for her work in 2012



with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mental Health Awareness of Indiana. She was Indiana's first woman to serve as Majority Floor Leader in the State Senate and in 2013 was recognized by the Indiana Business Journal as a "Woman of Influence."

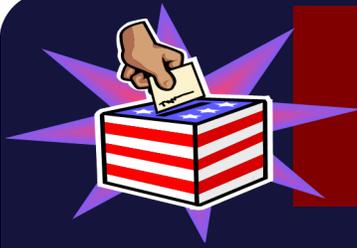
As Hendricks County Clerk, the Indiana State Election Board named Connie "Elections Administrator of the Year" and the Indiana Clerk's Association named her "Clerk of the Year."

Connie continues to serve as a Precinct Committeeman in Hendricks County and has served in this capacity for over twenty-five years. She served as Vice Chair of the Hendricks County Republican Party for twelve years and received the Party's "Ronald Reagan Legacy Award" in 2001. Connie and her husband Jack live in Danville and have two children and six grandchildren.

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**



**WILL BE MARCHING IN THE POPCORN PARADE  
PLEASE JOIN HER! SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH 10:00 AM.**



## *Our Republican Candidate — Indiana Auditor*

### **Tera Klutz — Candidate for Indiana Auditor**

Tera K. Klutz was appointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb in January 2017 to serve as the 57th Auditor of State. She is the first certified public accountant (CPA) to hold the statewide, separately elected office and has a membership with the Government Finance Officials Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society.

As Auditor, Klutz serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Indiana. Her primary duties include accounting for all of the state's funds, overseeing and disbursing county, city, town, and school tax distributions, and paying the state's bills and employees. As Auditor, she is also the Administrator for the Indiana Deferred Compensation Plan. Klutz is focused on ensuring the fiscal integrity of the Auditor's office and that state government is executed at the highest level, which all Hoosiers deserve.

Before her appointment to Auditor of State, she most recently served as the Allen County Auditor in Fort Wayne, Indiana. First elected in 2010 by earning nearly 70 percent of the general election vote, she was re-elected to a second term in 2014. Prior to serving as Allen County Auditor, Klutz served eight years as Allen County's Chief Deputy Auditor. She also worked as a CPA for a national public accounting firm.

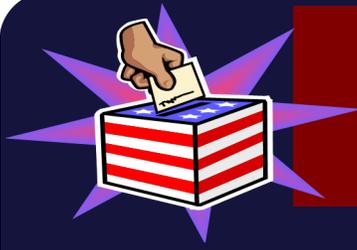
From 2013 through 2016, Klutz was very active with Association of Indiana Counties' Legislative Committee. As Chair, she oversaw and directed the Association's legislative priorities by assisting in the analysis and review of proposed legislation and regularly testified before committees of the Indiana General Assembly.



Klutz's leadership and participation in the Indiana Association of Counties led to her being the recipient of the 2016 Outstanding County Auditor of the Year award. Also actively involved with Indiana's other 91 elected county auditors, she was nominated and elected by her peers to serve as the 2017 President-elect of the Indiana Auditor's Association.

Born and raised in Fort Wayne, Klutz graduated from Elmhurst High School as the valedictorian of her graduating class. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University – Fort Wayne and passed the Indiana Board of Accountancy CPA. She is actively involved in her community and is a member of Pass the Torch, an organization that provides professional mentoring for women in order to provide networking and leadership development.

Tera is married to Zach Klutz. They have two daughters, Alyx and Julian, of whom they are extremely proud.



## *Our Republican Candidate — Indiana Treasurer*

### **Kelly Mitchell — Candidate for Indiana Treasurer**

Kelly Mitchell was elected as the 55th Treasurer for the State of Indiana on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. In this role, Treasurer Mitchell serves as the Chair of the Indiana Bond Bank, the Statewide E-911 Board, the Indiana Education Savings Authority, the ABLE Authority, and as the Sole Trustee of the State Police Pension Trust among a number of other positions. As the Chief Investment Officer for the State, she is responsible for the management of approximately five to seven billion dollars on a daily basis.

For seven years prior to becoming Treasurer, Kelly Mitchell worked in the Treasurer of State's Office as the Director of TrustINDiana, Indiana's local government investment pool.

Prior to joining the Indiana Treasurer of State's Office, Kelly Mitchell was a County Commissioner for eight years in Cass County, Indiana. During her tenure as Commissioner, she served as President of the Board of Commissioners for five years and was named First-Term Commissioner of the Year by the Association of County Commissioners. Treasurer Mitchell also served on the State Board of the Association of County Commissioners for three years, and as a member of the County Government Senate Study Commission. As Commissioner, she served seven years on the Logansport-Cass County Economic Development Foundation and as President of the Foundation for one year. She founded and co-chaired Cass County "Make a Difference Day", managing hundreds of volunteers and dozens of projects every year.

Treasurer Mitchell holds a B.A. in Political Science from Valparaiso University and a M.A. in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University – Purdue University, Indianapolis (IUPUI). She is an alumna of the Richard G. Lugar



Excellence in Public Service Series. During the summer of 2015, Treasurer Mitchell completed The Commandant's National Security Seminar at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She has also been selected to participate in the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowship in Public Leadership. The Treasurer was awarded both the Sagamore of the Wabash by then-Governor Mike Pence and the 2016 Torchbearer Award by the Indiana Commission for Women.

As Treasurer, she sits on both the Legislative Committee and the Financial Education Committee of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) as well as on the Executive Committee of the College Savings Plan Network (CSPN). Treasurer Mitchell is also a member of the State Financial Officers Foundation where she serves on the Executive Committee. Treasurer Mitchell resides in Indianapolis, with her husband Larry, and they have a blended family of four children and two grandchildren.

# Our Republican Candidates

## Porter County Clerk and Coroner



### Jon Miller — County Clerk



**Jon C. Miller** is the Republican candidate for Porter County Clerk of the Circuit Court. Jon currently serves as the Porter County Recorder, a position he has held since January of 2011. Thirty-five years ago Jon began his career with the Porter County Sheriff's Department. From 1995-2010 he served the Sheriff and Porter County Communications 911 Departments as the Computer Network Administrator for both agencies.

Jon served four years on the Executive Board of the Indiana Recorders Association, including one year as President. In 2017, he was honored with the Outstanding Service Award from the Indiana Recorders Association, along with receiving the Recorder of the Year Award from the Association of Indiana Counties. Jon has been a solution provider throughout his career, while also creating valuable relationships with local offices and others throughout Indiana. He has dedicated his career to public service.

Community service is also very important to Jon. His affiliations include: Porter Lodge #137 F. & A. M., Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend, Boy Scouts of America, Porter County Museum Advisory Board, Duneland Historical Society, Ewalt Jahnz FOP Lodge #165, Indiana Sheriff's Association and Chesterton Moose Lodge #1623.

Jon and his wife Joyce (Fike) Miller live in Chesterton and have been married 26 years. They have two wonderful children, Brian, 23, and Katie, 20.

### Cyndi Dykes—County Coroner In Her Own Words

I am **Cyndi Dykes**, the Republican Candidate for Porter County Coroner. Living in Valparaiso for over 45 years, I have been a Certified Histology Technician with the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) for 30 years, starting my career at Porter Memorial Hospital in 1981.

I stepped away from my career to raise 3 beautiful children with my husband of 33 years, Ed Dykes. During that time and to this day I continue to work with him at his family owned business of 67 years, Dykes Funeral Home. I presently work in the Pathology Department at Porter Regional Hospital.

I am a woman with strong family values with the utmost respect for Porter County citizens. I want to speak for the deceased by investigating and determining the cause of death, particularly that occur under unusual circumstances.

In the past, I have assisted in all varieties of autopsies alongside pathologists, coroners, and law enforcement. A coroner needs to set high standards for quality service, provide care and consolation to families in times of need, and lead a team of experts to find the cause and manner of death in a timely fashion so that families can begin to have closure, pursue insurance, estate and financial matters.

Last, but not least, I will effectively manage budgets and demonstrate the conservative Republican values our county expects and deserves.





## Our Republican Candidates Porter County Auditor and Recorder

### Karen Martin — County Auditor

Karen Martin has served Porter County as a member of the County Council for 8 years and as County Clerk since 2011. In her capacity as County Clerk, she worked tirelessly to reduce costs and enhance public service. She reduced staff from 54 employees to 35 and reduced the overall budget for the Clerk's office to a level that is less than what was previously allocated to personnel costs alone. Her experience as County Clerk also entailed processing nearly \$20 million in receipts and disbursements annually. She clearly has the financial skills and experience to perform the job of Auditor.



Karen's main goal is providing the most accurate information in the quickest manner possible while saving taxpayer money. Her approach to achieving that goal is to work with staff and Commissioners to streamline access.

Karen believes in Porter County. She has noted, "I believe we as Porter County citizens are fortunate. We have wonderful opportunities which allow us to appreciate the rich history of Porter County. My philosophy is we need to preserve the past while preparing for the future. I feel that helping me in acquiring the position of Auditor by voting for me would be a positive step in that direction."

### Chuck Harris—County Recorder

**Chuck Harris** is running as a Republican Candidate for Porter County Recorder. Harris, the current Porter County Coroner, has served two terms as coroner and was a deputy coroner prior to that.

As coroner, he has increased drug awareness and prevention in a multitude of ways including speaking at middle and high schools in Porter County and educational opportunities in collaboration with the Porter County Sheriff's Department. He also has focused on increasing community outreach drug awareness and drug prevention programs.



Harris serves on several boards in Porter County including Porter-Starke Services Foundation Board of Directors; serves as Secretary on the Porter County Substance Abuse Council of the Board of Directors; United Way of Porter County Board of Directors; and the Community Action Drug Coalition of Porter County Board of Directors. Harris prides himself on volunteering and dedicating his time to the betterment of his community.

Coroner Harris was awarded the 2013 Porter-Starke Community Impact Award for working with and educating our youth on the dangers of substance abuse and making better choices. In 2017, he received the first annual United Way Spirit Award for everyday passionate, courageous, and self-sacrificing individuals who serve others and their community. In 2017, he was also awarded the Porter County Substance Abuse Council's Awareness Matters Award for his work in drug prevention.



# SAVE THE DATE! CANDIDATE FUNDRAISERS



**KEEP  
JUDGE  
CLYMER**  
Porter Superior Court 2

Tuesday, September 11th  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Aftermath Cidery & Winery  
15 Washington Street  
Valparaiso

Enjoy your first drink on us!  
Cash food and additional drinks available .  
Please RSVP:  
KeepJudgeClymer@gmail.com / 219-617-3556

Please join us in support of  
**CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE  
DOUG MILLER**  
Thursday, September 27th, 2018  
6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Hosted By:  
**KIMBERLY AND KURT MINKO**  
2602 William Drive • Valparaiso, IN 46385  
Co-Hosted by:  
STATE REP. ED & MARY SOLIDAY • STATE SEN. ED & SHARON CHARBONNEAU  
MAYOR JON & SHARON COSTAS • MATT & POLLY MURPHY  
CHUCK & NICOLE WILLIAMS • KELLY & JOYCE KEOUGH  
MIKE & SHARON SIMPSON • ROSS & KELLY MACLENNAN  
DR. DOUG ZALE • JOHN & KATHLEEN WALSH • DR. ROB & KAREN BEHREND  
MARK & KAY RIBORDY • TIM & AMY DALY • DR. STEVE & JILL BUCK  
CHUCK & KAREN CONOVER • DR. JOHN & SARAH PECZKO  
TOM COLLINS, JR. • BILL & MEGAN PENDLETON • JAKE & BECKY WAGNER  
MIKE & NITA BLESSING • MARK & KATHY MOSAK  
CO-HOST: \$500  
PATRONS: \$250  
FRIENDS: \$100  
The Event Sponsored by:  
**VALPARAISO FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1124**  
Please RSVP by Friday, September 21st to  
Doug68miller@gmail.com or 219-741-7080  
Paid for by the Committee to Elect Doug Miller

**RE-ELECT**  
**JEFF GOOD**  
"YOUR" Commissioner  
"I feel we have some unfinished business and hope to serve another term to continue this long awaited upgrade to County Government with a fiscal eye in mind."

**FOR THE PEOPLE**  
Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar  
**Sept. 20th**  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
**Memorial Opera House**  
104 E. Indiana Avenue  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
If unable to attend, please forward contributions to **Jason Gilliana**  
3703 Goodrich Rd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
Jason@gilliana.net. Cell: (219) 405-0217  
Minimum Contribution...\$250  
Make Checks Payable to "Good 4 Porter County"  
Paid for by "Good 4 Porter County"

Please Join us in Support of  
**Mark Ribordy**  
Candidate for  
**Center Township Advisory Board**  
Tuesday September 18th, 2018  
6pm-8pm  
**Greeks Pizza**  
\$25 individual; \$50 couple; Friends \$75  
Patron \$100 — Co-Host \$200  
Hosted by: State Rep. Ed Soliday, Valparaiso Mayor Jon Costas, City Councilman Matt Murphy, Rod Gayda, Kelly Keogh, Jon Leetz, Doug Miller, Kurt Minko, Bill Pendleton, Rob Thorgren and Chuck Williams  
Please RSVP to 219-476-5436

**Soliday**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
  
**Fundraiser!**  
October 3, 2018  
**Details Soon!**  
**Please Join Us**

Fundraiser—October 1st 5-7pm — Details Soon!  
  
Jon Miller—Clerk  
  
  
Chuck Harris — recorder



*Join the Porter County Republican Party*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**POPCORN FESTIVAL—September 8, 2018—VALPARAISO**

**PARADE 10:00 am**



**REAGAN RALLY—Thursday, October 25th—VALPARAISO**

