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## A Special Program April 19 Are Your Freedoms Important to You?

Please exercise your freedom to vote on Tuesday.

Then plan to attend an important meeting on Thursday. We are pleased to be able to present...



**Ed Yohnka, Illinois ACLU**  
*Featured Speaker*

**Please join us for this powerful program ...  
Thursday April 19  
7 p.m.  
State Bank of the Lakes  
2631 E. Grand Ave. (west of Rt. 45)  
Lindenhurst**

We'll also be discussing opportunities to volunteer "as Democrats" in our communities. (See next article for a preview.)

Yohnka, the communications director of the Illinois ACLU, will talk about continuing threats to our civil liberties and what the new Democratic-majority Congress is doing about it.

One bill Ed will talk about is the "Restoring the Constitution Act" recently introduced in the Senate. It would restore one of our most sacred rights, the right to a speedy trial, among others, that is currently threatened by the Bush Administration's pursuit of terrorists.

"I take a backseat to no one when it comes to protecting the country from terrorists," Senator Christopher Dodd told the *Washington Post* in February. "But there is a right way to do this and a wrong way to do this. . . . In taking away their legal rights, the rights first codified in our country's Constitution, we're taking away our own moral compass, as well."

Ed will also give us some ideas about how we can protect our own freedoms. Yes, it's still necessary!

**For more information or directions, call 847-875-8857.**

## May is... Democratic Community Involvement Month

**Let's Show How Much We Care!**

We really change minds when we get involved in our communities...as Democrats!



Taking part in volunteer activities -- and telling people we are Democrats -- shows them that Democrats care about our communities. And that (surprise, surprise) helps people vote for Democrats.

In May, in honor of our veterans, EDDI members will have a number of exciting opportunities to get involved.

- Make Care Packages for Veterans, May 19 EDDI program, Antioch
- Fix up a womens' shelter, Zion
- Clean up highways, Wauconda, Barrington, Lake Zurich
- A-May-Zing Mundelein Clean up, May 12

In addition, the Lake County Young Democrats will be sponsoring an activity. The first meeting of the Young Democrats will be April 29 at 2 p.m.

Watch for a details of all of these activities soon!

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## Committee Chairs Need You! Won't you Help?

Please welcome our newest committee chairs:

- Jim Neel, Parades and Festivals Chair
- Gene Kryscka, Program Chair
- Nick Wennerstrom, Youth Committee and Lake County Young Democrats

Can you help us on any of these committees? If so, send us an email at [committees@illinoiseddi.com](mailto:committees@illinoiseddi.com).

1. **Campaign Liaison Committee.** Will provide support and connection to EDDI resources to every candidate who runs. Pete Gutzmer, Chair

2. **Parades & Festivals Committee.** Do you like to schedule people and events? Help us to have a presence at community events throughout the Eighth District. Jim Neel, Chair.

3. **Fundraising Committee.** We need money if we are going to keep our office and help candidates to the best of our ability. Bob Wulff, Chair.

4. **Program Committee.** Help EDDI plan and execute interesting programs, including providing refreshments and reserving venues. Gene Kryscka, Chair.

5. **Administrative/Membership Committee.** Does the important "back-room" work (databases, mailings) that keep us in business. Rebecca Modjeski, Chair.

6. **Training Committee.** Will provide training or bring in outside consultants to train precinct committeemen (captains), activists, and candidates. Steve Kirn, Chair.

7. **Youth Committee.** Will support and encourage participation in Democratic politics by young people. Will recruit interns. Nick Wennerstrom, Chair.

8. **Community Involvement Committee.** Will provide opportunities for us to participate in our communities as Democrats to show how much Democrats care. Ed Erwin, Chair.

9. **Volunteer Committee.** Will make sure enthusiastic volunteers find something satisfying to do. Amy Miller, Chair.

9. **Technology Committee.** Keep our tech running

smoothly. Larry Garascia, Chair.

10. **Marketing & Media.** Writers & designers -- publicize EDDI to the world! Andy Kitzmiller, Chair.

Contact [volunteers @ illinoiseddi.com](mailto:volunteers@illinoiseddi.com) to join our team. We need you!

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### **If not you, who?**

Nancy Shepherdson, Chair  
Eighth District Democrats & Independents

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