

# Appointments are aplenty in Lake, Geauga

Doesn't it seem like there have been a lot of appointments lately?

I'm not talking about the ones you make with your doctor or business associate.

On Wednesday, the Lake County Republican Party appointed **Jason Wuliger** as the county recorder.

That's because there was a vacancy left by the resignation of former Recorder **Frank Suponcic**.

Before that, **John Rogers** was appointed as the Democratic Party's nominee for Ohio House of Representatives District 60 after Lake County Commissioner **Daniel P. Troy** decided to drop out as the candidate to finish his last two years on his current term as commissioner.

Shockingly, U.S. Rep. **Steven C. LaTourette** decided to retire and drop out from running again effective Aug. 8 after he won the Republican Party's nomination in March. **David Joyce** was then appointed as the new nominee by the seven county party chairman and central committee secretaries.

To replace Joyce on the Nov. 6 ballot for Geauga County prosecutor, the county GOP last month appointed **Jim Flaiz** as the new nominee.

At the same meeting, **Dr. Robert S. Coleman** was appointed as the new Republican nominee for coroner after **Dr. John Urbancic** dropped out.

In June, former Geauga County Commissioner **Bill Young** retired and that created two appointments.

First, Geauga Republicans appointed **Walter "Skip" Claypool** as commissioner to serve until after the Nov. 6 election.

Then at the same meeting, **Mary Samide**, who lost in a primary for reelection, was appointed as the GOP nominee to run Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term of Young. Geauga Demo-



**John Arthur Hutchison**

crats selected **Jim Dvorak** as their nominee and he'll run against Samide.

**Matt Lynch** was appointed by Ohio House Republicans to serve as state representative to replace **Mary Brigid "Bridey" Matheney** for Ohio House of Representa-

tatives 98th District. Lynch got the nod after it was agreed that the Ohio House GOP would appoint the winner of the 76th House District's four-way primary. Matheney had been appointed prior to that to replace **Richard Hollington**, who became Hunting Valley mayor.

State Sen. **John Eklund** was appointed last year to represent Ohio's 18th Senate District after **Tim Grendell** left the Ohio Senate to be appointed as Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court judge.

Going back in time, there are a few more appointments in Geauga County that all seemed to start when former state Rep. **Matt Dolan** resigned to run for Cuyahoga County executive.

Appointments are a necessary part of the political process because it's inevitable that positions become vacant.

But again, doesn't it seem like there have been more than usual in Lake and Geauga counties within the past year or so?

I wonder how, or if, this might resonate with voters on Nov. 6. Will it really matter?

## Candidate forum

Lake County Chambers of Commerce will host a Legislative Candidates Forum and Breakfast to highlight candidates running for the Ohio House of

Representatives and Ohio Senate at 7:30 a.m. Friday at Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites LaMalfa in Mentor. Contact your local respective chamber for registration details.

## Meet-and-greet

Candidates **David M. Fiebig**, **John Hamercheck**, **Bob Patterson**, **Ron Young**, Wuliger and Eklund will be at the Willoughby Hills home of Bob and Carolyn Patton, at 3 p.m. Saturday for a meet-and-greet event in conjunction with the Heritage Club of Northeast Ohio.

## Fundies

■ Fifth annual Oktoberfest for **Judy Moran**, candidate for Lake County commissioner, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Regovich's in Eastlake. See **Kathy Russo** or **Robert Leach**.

■ **Susan McGuinness**, candidate for Ohio House of Representatives District 61, hosts a fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 19 at Hellriegel's Inn in Painesville Township. See **Lindsay Baruffa**.

■ Golf Outing and Dinner fundraiser for **Nancy McArthur**, candidate for Ohio Senate District 32, lunch at noon, tee-off at 1 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at Fowlers Mill in Chester Township. See **Jim Flaiz** or **Mike Petruziello**.

■ Troy hosts his Fall Classic and Clam Bake, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, 5 p.m. dinner, Oct. 1 at Lost Nation Municipal Golf Course in Willoughby. See Troy or **Kip Molenaar**.

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