

GENERAL

ELECTION

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Commonwealth

Stella Tsai

Adams County

Torren Ecker

Paul Royer

**Name:** Stella Tsai  
**Age:** 61  
**Address:** Philadelphia  
**Education:** I earned my undergraduate degree in political science from Pennsylvania State University in its honors program and received my law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.  
**Current Employer:** First Judicial District. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Commonwealth Court  
**Past Political Experience:** I was appointed to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 2016 and elected to a ten-year term in 2017.



Tsai

**Why are you running for this office?** This election is about the protection of rights and freedoms of Pennsylvania's citizens. The Commonwealth Court weighs in on important issues such as voting rights, free and fair elections, workers' rights, and zoning. I'm running because this represents a culmination of my life's work. I was born in Harrisburg because my parents left Taiwan at a time when the country was controlled by a repressive regime. I've seen what it means when people are deprived of basic human and civil rights. I have made it my life's work to fight to ensure that democracy and our rights are protected. The breadth of my experience, effectiveness, and deep appreciation for democratic principles has

prepared me to be a highly effective Judge on the Commonwealth Court from day one.  
**What are your goals if elected?** My goal is to ensure that our legal system serves the needs of our diverse community with unwavering dedication, upholding the highest standards of judicial excellence and integrity. It is my belief that every person deserves to have their day in court. My approach to judging is guided by transparency, consistency, keeping an open mind, and ensuring that every litigant in our courthouse is treated with dignity and respect. As your representative on the Court, I will work tirelessly to deliver justice without fear or favor.

**Name:** Torren Ecker  
**Age:** 40  
**Address:** New Oxford  
**Education:** George Mason University, Thomas, M. Cooley Law School  
**Current Employer:** Strausbaugh Law and PA House of Representatives  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Adams County Court of Common Pleas  
**Past Political Experience:** PA State Representative for the 193rd District since 2018  
**Why are you running for this office?** I'm running for Judge because our community deserves a fair, experienced, and level-headed voice on the bench. With years of courtroom experience and service as a State Representative, I've worked to uphold the law, protect victims, and ensure justice is applied evenly. I understand how decisions in the courtroom impact families, businesses, and our community. As judge, I'll bring integrity, impartiality, and a strong work ethic to the bench – treating everyone with respect and following the law as written, not as I wish it to be. My goal is simple: to serve Adams County with fairness, accountability, and a commitment to justice for all.



Ecker

**What are your goals if elected?** My goal is to serve Adams County with fairness, integrity, and common sense. I want every person who comes

before the court to feel heard, respected, and confident that they were treated justly – no matter who they are or where they come from. I'll work to make the court more efficient and accessible for families, victims, and local businesses, while keeping our community safe. My decisions will be based on the law and the facts, not politics or personal bias. Adams County is my home, and I care deeply about the people who live here. As judge, I'll bring the same dedication and fairness I've shown in public service to the courtroom every single day.

**Name:** Paul Royer  
**Age:** 50  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** J.D. from the Penn State — Dickinson School of Law  
**Current Employer:** PBR Law  
**Political Party:** Republican / Independent  
**Office Sought:** Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
**Past Political Experience:** While I serve on church council and am community focused, I have no political experience and consider myself blessed because of it.  
**Why are you running for this office?** I am running for judge because I love the law, people and the interaction between the two is endlessly challenging, fascinating and rewarding. I am at the point in life where I have experience and perspective to offer but also health and energy do the work. I don't have either party's support—and perhaps that is as it should be. This independence empowers me to be fair and impartial towards all citizens who come into court, and I will apply the law as obligated by our state and federal constitutions, our judicial canons and as common sense demands. I spent the last nine months talking to Americans (Republicans, Independents and Democrats) about merit, institutional integrity, shared values and leav-



Royer

ing politics out of our schools, churches and courts and people agree.  
**What are your goals if elected?** I will give every person who walks into my courtroom a fair hearing, no matter what. I don't care what you look like, who you know (or don't) or how much money you have. I will seek the truth and apply the law, as written and try and do the right thing. To promise anything more would be arrogant. If I am given your sacred vote, I will work every day to earn it. Hopefully, in a few years, you will be proud you gave it to me.

Conewago Twp.

Charlotte Shaffer

Cumberland Twp.

Bruce Bennett

Ralph Siegel

**Name:** Charlotte Shaffer  
**Age:** 61  
**Address:** Conewago Twp.  
**Education:** Vocational Tech-School, GSA Certification, Graduate of Pennsylvania Municipal Government Academy, PSATS Certification in Administration, Public Safety, Public Works, Planning and Zoning.  
**Current Employer:** Self-Employed & Current Township Supervisor  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Supervisor, Conewago Township Board of Supervisors  
**Past Political Experience:** Reagan-inspired Republican, served as regional and national campaign director, current state committee member, and Adams County GOP Chair, driving grassroots engagement and conservative victories.



Shaffer

**Why are you running for this office?** As a Republican, running for township supervisor in Pennsylvania is about serving my community with conservative values. I'll continue to fight for lower taxes, ensuring hardworking families keep more of their earnings. Responsible budgeting would prioritize essential services like roads and public safety without wasteful spending. I believe in limited government, empowering residents, not bureaucrats, to shape our township's future. Protecting property rights and opposing overregulation are key, our farmers and small businesses deserve freedom to thrive. Continuing to promote transparency, ensuring every dollar and decision is accountable to the taxpayer. With the educational experience gained, I will continue to lead with integrity, listen to constituents, and preserve our township's character while fostering responsible growth.

**What are your goals if elected?** If re-elected township supervisor, my goals are to continue upholding conservative values with fiscal responsibility and ensuring there is no wasteful spending. I'll continue to prioritize keeping government small and accountable. Transparency will guide every decision, open to resident input. I'll protect property rights, support local businesses, and oppose overregulation to foster economic growth. My municipal education and experience as County GOP Chair equips me to lead with integrity, ensuring our township remains a vibrant, family-friendly community. I'll work tirelessly to preserve our rural character, promote fiscal responsibility, and empower residents to shape our future, all while maintaining strong conservative principles and delivering results you can trust. I look forward to continuing to serve Conewago Township residents.

**Name:** Bruce Bennett  
**Age:** 74  
**Address:** Cumberland Twp.  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Majority Inspector  
**Education:** Bach of Science, US Air Force Academy, 1973 Master of Education, University of Southern California, 1984  
**Current Employer:** Retired  
**Past Political Experience?** 7 years volunteering as Election Majority Inspector for Cumberland Crossing #2 Precinct  
**Why are you running for this office?** Volunteering to support community during elections  
**What are your goals if elected?** Ensure election integrity



Bennett

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DeVita

**Name:** Anna DeVita  
**Age:** 42  
**Address:** East Berlin  
**Education:** Graduate of Bermudian Springs Class of 2002 & furthered my education at Le Cordon Bleu Institute graduate class of 2005  
**Current Employer:** Aero Energy  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Borough Council Member  
**Past Political Experience:** No political past  
**Why are you running for this office?** I have thought about running for office many times but finally felt like I could be heard. I think its important for all ages to have options and be heard. No one is too young or too old for politics. I do think a lot of community's are stuck in the past and need to evolve with the times. I hope to be that voice for others.

**What are your goals if elected?** I hope for positive changes and getting the community to beautify the town. Bring more progress without affecting the small-town feel.

**Name:** Ralph Siegel  
**Age:** 69  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Judge of Elections  
**Address:** Cumberland Twp.  
**Education:** College BA  
**Current Employer:** Licensed Battlefield Guide, Gettysburg National Military Park  
**Past Political Experience?** No elected experience, employed as authority executive director for 20 years under the New Jersey Department of Treasury

**Why are you running for this office?** To serve on Election Day to support free and democratic elections at a time when election workers are criticized and intimidated. I am a political Independent but listed myself as Democrat for this election because I did not think the entire election worker staff should be from one party.  
**What are your goals if elected?** Conduct fair and free elections in an environment in which voters are free from interference and coercion as they make their choice.

**Name:** Jeffrey Brauning  
**Age:** 61  
**Address:** Cumberland Township  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Position Sought:** Cumberland Twp. supervisor  
**Employed by:** Morgenstern Chiropractic  
**Past Political Experience:** Cumberland supervisor for the past six years  
**Why are you running for this office?** Growing up in a community that had so much

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Fairfield

Robert R. Stanley Sr.

**Name:** Robert R. Stanley Sr.  
**Age:** N/A  
**Address:** Fairfield  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Position Sought:** Mayor  
**Employed by:** Ending fifth term as mayor of Fairfield  
**Past Political Experience:** Fairfield council and mayor for 20 years

**Why are you running for this office?** I want to continue to network with the people of Fairfield and continue our work with the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency  
**What are your goals if elected?** Continue to support the needs of our folks and represent them as needed.

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## Freedom

### Matt Young

**Name:** Matt Young  
**Age:** 58  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** Graduate of Gettysburg High School  
**Current Employer:** Young's Masonry and High Rock Farm  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Freedom Township Supervisor  
**Past Political Experience:** I have been Supervisor of Freedom Township for 36 years  
**Why are you running for this office?** As a lifelong resident of Freedom Township, I have spent my entire life rooted in our community — working the same land that has been in my family for over

125 years at High Rock Farm and running my business Matt D Young's Masonry, with the values of hard work, honesty and commitment. With 36 years of public service experience, I remain dedicated to preserving the character of our township while planning for its future.

**What are your goals if elected?** I will support rural character while encouraging responsible growth and development. Continue to maintain our roads. Keep the budget balanced while maintaining essential services. Stay accessible and responsive to all township residents. Continue to run the township on common sense management.

## Germany Twp.

### John Lupp

**Name:** John A. Lupp  
**Age:** 73  
**Address:** Littlestown  
**Education:** B.S. in secondary education  
**Current Employer:** retired  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Germany Township Auditor  
**Past Political Experience:** I am currently in this office running for reelection.

**Why are you running for this office?** I am running to be a help in Germany Township.

**What are your goals if elected?** To serve Germany Township in a small way to help it keep going. I feel that many people in this time period don't help government. I am trying to my part to help the local government.

## Gettysburg

### Chad-Alan Carr

**Name:** Chad-Alan Carr  
**Age:** 48  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** College  
**Current Employer:** Gettysburg Community Theatre  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Mayor  
**Past Political Experience:** Gettysburg Borough Council Member At Large elected twice since 2021.

**Why are you running for this office?** I am running for Mayor for the same reasons I ran four years ago...because Gettysburg deserves proper oversight, better transparency, and communication. I am grateful for the support I have received from this community, and I feel I can give back even more as a champion for Gettysburg as its next Mayor. Winning the Democratic primary is an incredible honor. Since moving here 17 years ago, I have worked to bring people together to share peace, love, happiness, and equality in Gettysburg. I will continue to do so, but I also believe Gettysburg needs stronger transparency and accountability to our community, and as Mayor, I plan to improve that. If the job of Mayor had been done properly over the last 7 years, I wouldn't be running again.

**What are your goals if elected?** Effective oversight isn't just about accountability—it's about protecting taxpayers. Clear, professionally guided policies reduce legal risks. By prioritizing structured and reli-



Carr

able oversight, we safeguard public funds, build community trust, and create a system that serves everyone equitably. While our Police Department is highly capable and I respect them, the management of that department over the last 7 years has not always aligned with Council directives. My biggest goal is to be sure that the Office of the Mayor is held with respect, to not waste tax funds, to be accountable and reliable, and do whatever possible to support our incredible small business community. My nearly 6 years on Council has prepared me even more for the role of Mayor. We must all come together as a community.

## Gettysburg

### David Petters

**Name:** David J Petters  
**Age:** 72  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** BS of Pharmacy from The University of Montana  
**Current Employer:** Blue & Gray Bar & Grill  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg Borough Councilman Representing Ward 1  
**Past Political Experience:** A Two-year term as a School Board Director at Ephrata, Pa.  
**Why are you running for this office?** I plan to use my life experiences, from work in healthcare and private business, which includes manufacturing and restaurant management. My work history will help me serve the residents of Gettysburg by providing the services we all deserve while working for the best value from your hard-earned tax dollars. I

want to listen to you and work together with council members for the decisions that honor your trust.

**What are your goals if elected?** I want to use all of my skills to listen, understand, and communicate with clarity when conducting the business for Gettysburg voters. As much as possible, information that is used for decisions needs to be shared in a transparent manner. I would like to help provide lively discussion and compromise when all aspects of decisions are being made. Parking is a major concern for everyone who lives, works or shops in town. Can we do better? Our taxes and parking fees are impacted by the number of tax-exempt properties. It's time to work on that problem. Working together with your help we can help improve for everyone.

## Chris Berger

**Name:** Chris Berger  
**Age:** 55  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** B.A. history, Juniata College, M.Ed., educational leadership, Shippensburg University  
**Current Employer:** Upper Adams School District, American History Teacher  
**Political Party:** Democratic Party  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg Borough Council, Ward #2  
**Past Political Experience:** Gettysburg Borough Council 2017 – present, Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board member 2020 — present

**Why are you running for this office?** I am seeking reelection for Gettysburg Borough Council as a proud representative of the 2nd Ward because I care deeply about this community and want to give back through public service. As an American History teacher and homeowner in this world-famous small town for 30 years, I never fail to appreciate that we are a national treasure that stands in the shadow of those who gave the last full measure of devotion in service to their country. My goal is to continue working for the common good of the people of Gettysburg with civility and common sense. This community is blessed with many talented citizens and I hope to maintain my independent-minded, thoughtful approach to solving problems.



Berger

**What are your goals if elected?** Public safety remains my top priority and the Gettysburg Police Department deserves much credit the past few years for keeping our community safe with their efficient professional service. I will support the position that oversight of the police stays with the mayor as dictated by the Borough Code. I will work to make certain that taxes are at the lowest reasonable rate. It is necessary that we fund the infrastructure work and repair to provide safe streets and utilities to ensure Gettysburg remains a vibrant small town, welcoming to our residents and visitors alike. Common sense for the common good will always be the focus of my public service.

## Hamilton Twp.

### Ryan A. Fox

**Name:** Ryan A. Fox  
**Age:** 53  
**Political Party:** Republican/Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Hamilton Township Supervisor  
**Address:** Abbottstown  
**Education:** B.S./History/Summa Cum Laude Shippensburg University, M.B.A. with Honors, Eastern University, Graduate Work at Cambridge University, England, McDaniel College, Shippensburg University  
**Current Employer:** Self Employed: Huston-Fox Financial Advisory Services LLC  
**Past Political Experience:** Formerly served Hamilton Township as an Auditor

**Why are you running for this office?:** I believe I can help our Hamilton Township residents and taxpayers by working with my fellow supervisors to modernize how our Township operate. This includes boosting interest earnings on taxpayer funds, updating our Township ordinances, improving communications with residents, and enhancing the safety of our residents by partnering more closely with local law



Fox

enforcement.

**What are your goals if elected?:** Collaborate with fellow Township Supervisors and staff to promote better communication, start Township meetings earlier than 7 p.m., encourage more participation of residents on township boards, committees, etc. including using surveys.

## McSherrystown

### Grace Elser

**Name:** Grace MacLellan Elser  
**Age:** 58  
**Address:** McSherrystown  
**Education:** BS degree from Villa Julie College, now Stevenson University  
**Current Employer:** Hoffman, Comfort, Offutt, Scott & Halstad, LLP (Law Office)  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** McSherrystown Borough Council

**Past Political Experience:** None. I have campaigned for others in the past.

**Why are you running for this office?** I would like to keep McSherrystown as a family friendly community and help make improvements as needed.

**What are your goals if elected?** I would like to get the old tennis courts converted to pickle ball courts and enforce the current ordinances that are in place.

## Mt. Joy Twp.

### Whit Johnstone

**Name:** Whitcomb T Johnstone — call me "Whit"  
**Age:** 42  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** BA in History with English minor, Associate's in Digital Media Design  
**Current Employer:** Freelance Web Designer  
**Political Party:** Democratic  
**Office Sought:** Inspector of Elections — Mount Joy Precinct 2

**Past Political Experience:** I've volunteered for quite a few campaigns and held a paid position during the 2012 Presidential election.

**Why are you running for this office?** To make sure that every citizen of our Commonwealth living in my precinct can exercise their right to vote.

**What are your goals if elected?** To faithfully discharge the duties of my office.

## David Williams

**Name:** David Williams  
**Age:** 61  
**Address:** Mt. Joy Twp.  
**Education:** Associates Degree  
**Current Employer:** McSherrystown Borough  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Mt Joy Township Supervisor  
**Past Political Experience:** I'm not a politician. Just a person that sent a life time of public service. Retired Fire Fighter and active Public Works Supervisor  
**Why are you running for this office?** After going to the monthly township meetings

for over 2yrs and working for the township for 11 months, I saw how the township is being mismanaged and nontransparent. I couldn't sit back and let our community be ruined by self serving individuals, so i decided to run for the Supervisor seat.

**What are your goals if elected?** Bring back transparency. Insure that all decisions are in the best interest for all the community not just a special interest group. Insure the township's monies are being properly handled and the rural community that we all love stays intact.

## Gettysburg

## Jeff Rioux

**Name:** Jeff Rioux  
**Age:** 53  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** BA, Messiah College, MA, Geneva College  
**Current Employer:** Gettysburg College  
**Political Party:** Democratic  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg Borough Council Member — Ward 1  
**Past Political Experience:** I have not held prior political office.

**Why are you running for this office?** For the past 15 years, I've worked at the Center for Public Service (CPS) at Gettysburg College, where I've connected students and faculty to our local community through mutually beneficial partnerships. One example of this work is the \$1.2 million grant CPS recently received, which allowed us to partner with Vida Charter School, the Gettysburg Area School District, and the Spanish Department at the college to create after-school and summer programs that help close achievement gaps for elementary students. My desire to serve on Borough Council comes from this same deep commitment to seeing our community thrive. When we bring creative ideas and motivated people together in partnership, great things happen.

**What are your goals if**



Rioux

**elected?** Gettysburg is an amazing place with so many assets, including our history, our people, and our businesses. As with any community, we also face challenges. I firmly believe that when we work together, pooling the strengths and wisdom of our diverse assets, we can find creative solutions that make Gettysburg an even better place to live, work, and visit. This is the work I've been doing for years: forging partnerships to tackle challenges head-on. I will bring the same passion and collaborative spirit to Borough Council. I believe we can keep Gettysburg moving forward while preserving the unique qualities that make it such a special place.

## Huntington Twp.

### Tracy Boyer

**Name:** Tracy Boyer  
**Age:** 61  
**Address:** Huntington Twp.  
**Education:** Bermudian Springs High School  
**Current Employer:** Ashcombe Farm and Greenhouse  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Judge of Election  
**Past Political Experience:** I have held the office of Judge of Election for several terms. Prior to this, I was Inspector of Elec-

tion and also served as a clerk.  
**Why are you running for this office?** I enjoy being a part of the political process in our township. It is an enjoyable way to help my local community and neighbors on Election Day.

**What are your goals if elected?** My goal is to continue to work together with the other election officials in our township. Also, to make sure voters understand and feel welcome to vote in person on Election Day.

## Littlestown

### Denise Lupp

**Name:** Denise Lupp  
**Age:** 73  
**Address:** Germany Twp.  
**Education:** Graduate degree  
**Current Employer:** Retired  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Inspector of Elections

**Past Political Experience:** Substitute clerk/inspector

**Why are you running for this office?** To give back to my community

**What are your goals if elected?** Assist with conducting fair, impartial, accurate election

## Donald Danneman

**Name:** Donald Danneman  
**Age:** 75  
**Address:** Littlestown  
**Education:** BS, University of Maryland  
**Current Employer:** Retired  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Inspector of Elections and Adams County Republican Committee  
**Past Political Experience:** None

**Why are you running for this office?** I have always wanted to participate directly in the election process. I owned my own business for 37 years and then started another business. I have now retired and finally have the time to run for this position. Even though I am a registered Republican I believe in everyone to have accessibility to vote.

**What are your goals if elected?** My goals are simple. I want to ensure that elections are fair



Danneman

for everyone. Every registered voter should have the opportunity to vote. It will be an honor to serve my community!

## Vicki Bohn

**Name:** Vicki Bohn  
**Age:** 61  
**Address:** Littlestown  
**Education:** Francis Scott Key Hs and FCC  
**Current Employer:** Center of the Arts at Gettysburg Outlets and Neck Ministries  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Minority Inspector  
**Past Political Experience:** Have served under Judge of

Elections several years at Littlestown 1 and would be interested in filling that position when Karen retires.

**Why are you running for this office?** I believe in the process and want to serve my community in the process of elections.

**What are your goals if elected?** To serve my community in making Election Day a fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

## Mt. Pleasant Twp.

### Rose Marie Gebhart

**Name:** Rose Marie Gebhart  
**Age:** 71  
**Address:** Littlestown  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Position Sought:** Mt. Pleasant Judge of Elections  
**Employed by:** Retired  
**Past Political Experience:**

Judge since 1990

**Why are you running for this office?** Love helping my community

**What are your goals if elected?** To make sure everyone has the right to vote

### Walk For The Health Of It



In September 2015 the U.S. Surgeon General issued a Call To Action to increase Walking and Walkability in the U.S. to improve the health of Americans.

*(Since 2000, only 10 calls to action have been issued, 4 have encouraged physical fitness)*

*Endorsed by Physical Fitness Task Force of Healthy Adams County*

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## Mt. Pleasant Twp.

### Lori Caruso

**Name:** Lori Caruso  
**Age:** 73  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** West Virginia University 1973  
**Current Employer:** Mountain Realty ERA Powered  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Auditor of Mt. Pleasant Township  
**Past Political Experience:** Ardent advocate for fair elections. Volunteer for Adams Co. Democratic Committee. Certified State Voter Protection Training. Inside Poll Observer Mt. Pleasant & Connewago Townships 2024  
**Why are you running for this office?** I'm running for election auditor because I believe in protecting the integrity of our democracy. Elections are the cornerstone of citizen trust in government, and an auditor's job---verifying the ballots are counted accurately, procedures are transparent and rules are followed---makes that trust possible. I want to ensure that every eligible vote is counted, that we prevent errors or misconduct, and that voters feel confident



Caruso

in the fairness of the system. As Auditor, I will bring diligence, accountability, and impartial oversight to each election.  
**What are your goals if elected?** My goal is simple: uphold the public's faith in our elections by ensuring they are honest, accurate, and fair. Thank you

## Kimberly Livelsberger

**Name:** Kimberly Livelsberger  
**Age:** 50  
**Address:** Mount Pleasant #2  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Position Sought:** Judge of Election of Mount Pleasant #2  
**Employed by:** Mount Joy Township  
**Past Political Experience:** Judge of election, 4 years- I enjoy serving my neighbors on election day with an efficient voting experience.

**Why are you running for this office?** Our country's govt is for the People, and only works if We the People are actively involved. Being a participant is better than being a spectator.  
**What are your goals if elected?** To serve my community with excellence, and encourage and educate others on how they too can get involved in their local government processes.

### Susan James

**Name:** Susan James  
**Age:** 76  
**Address:** Mt. Pleasant Twp  
**Education:** BS Elementary Education, MA Guidance and Counseling  
**Current Employer:** Retired after 39 years of teaching  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Inspector of Elections

**Past Political Experience:** Clerk and Minority Inspector for Mt Pleasant TWP #1  
**Why are you running for this office?** To assist voters in voting  
**What are your goals if elected?** To assist voters in voting, opening and closing the polls, and Accompanying the Judge to the election office with the votes

## Union Twp.

### Gerald N. Lewis

**Name:** Gerald N. Lewis  
**Age:** 71  
**Address:** Union Twp.  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Inspector of Elections  
**Education:** High school and some college  
**Current Employer:** Retired  
**Past Political Experience?** None

**Why are you running for this office?** To ensure that fair and honest elections are being held.  
**What are your goals if elected?** To perform the duties of an inspector of elections to the best of my abilities and ensure fair and honest accountability in the election process.

## Enid Morhaleck

**Name:** Enid Morhaleck  
**Age:** Young at heart  
**Address:** Union Township  
**Education:** BA Science Education, Masters Degree Learning Disabilities  
**Current Employer:** Retired  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Union Township Supervisor  
**Past Political Experience:** 17+ yrs Union Township Zoning Hearing Board, Currently serving as Supervisor  
**Why are you running for**

**this office?** To continue Township legacy of being fiscally responsible with a balanced budget. Continue to control growth while adding to our already 2600 acres in preserved farm land.  
**What are your goals if elected?** Our Township has and hopefully will continue to be a warm, nurturing community. With limited, well controlled growth, we can continue to thrive and preserve our way of life.

## Gettysburg

### Rita Frealing

**Name:** Rita Frealing  
**Age:** 69  
**Education:** Penn State undergraduate; Penn State Dickinson Law JD  
**Current Employer:** Borough of Gettysburg  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg Mayor  
**Past Political Experience:** 20-plus years state and county offices  
**Why are you running for this office?** As a Gettysburg native I am running because I love the town the history and want to be part of sculpting its future in a way that reflects our past, but also incorporates a future based on economic development and jobs.



Frealing

**What are your goals if elected?** To continue as listed under the Pennsylvania Code oversight of the police department. They're a great group and they respect me. There's this whole thing about they need 24/7 oversight. They know that they can call me at any time 24/7. Chief Glennly talked

and all the time as I now do with OIC Christopher Evans. Improve town gown relations, national Park relations. And also something I see every day that I try to do in a personal way our homeless people I just dropped off water to them and they looked at me and said why; I said why not.

## Straban Twp.

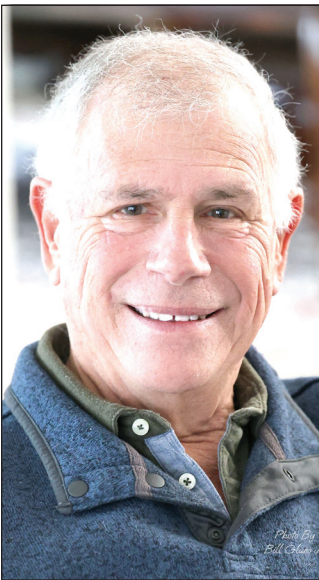
### Alan Zepp

**Name:** Alan Zepp  
**Age:** 72  
**Address:** New Oxford  
**Education:** New Oxford High School, B.S. Penn State University  
**Current Employer:** Self Employed / Semi Retired  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Straban Township Supervisor  
**Past Political Experience:** Straban Township Planning Commission — 30 years, Straban Township Supervisor 2000- present  
**Why are you running for this office?** I was born and raised in Straban township with a deep sense of responsibility to this community. I was taught to help others where possible; it was an expectation. I volunteered as a 4-H leader for 25 years, serving on the board of directors of many organizations, including Penn State Extension, Adams County Conservations District, and Adams County Ag and Natural Resources building steering committee. I will continue to use my business experience and community knowledge to support the rural, agricultural, and historic character of Straban Township,

while providing for residential and commercial needs, especially in the Route 15 and 30 corridors. I will continue to ensure the public has the opportunity to provide perspectives, and conduct business in a fiscally prudent manner.  
**What are your goals if elected?** Straban Township is diverse with differing needs and priorities. During my term the township implemented an Ag Land Preservation fund assisting preservation projects within Straban We expanded the Straban Park facilities and considered recreational opportunities including developer funded bike trails. Route 30 landscaping requirements are being added as commercial projects advance. The expansion of Route 30 to two lanes is in the engineering phase and will soon be constructed by the developer. We amended the Zoning Ordinance to reduce areas available for solar panels and data centers. My goal is to continue to evaluate opportunities and balance competing demands. We listen to residents – both natives and newcomers. We will continue to meet county, state, and federal mandates in a fiscally responsible manner.

## Ed Deitsch

**Name:** Ed Deitsch  
**Age:** 72  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Straban Township Supervisor  
**Address:** Straban Twp.  
**Education:** Some college  
**Current Employer:** Retired  
**Past Political Experience:** Ran for the Virginia House of Delegates, worked on three national campaigns, lobbied for animal rights, and served as a mayoral appointee to the City of Sunrise Recreational Board.  
**Why are you running for this office:** Current township supervisors have approved unchecked population growth while neglecting essential services, including water, power, infrastructure, police, fire, and ambulance services. Emergency and disaster readiness is severely lacking.  
**What are your goals if elected:** Form partnerships with neighboring agencies and jurisdictions to address existing gaps. Explore state grants for purchasing safety equipment, and develop an emergency and disaster plan that ensures the



Deitsch

safety of both our residents and the many animals in the township. Enhance communication between the residents and the board while preserving the unique character of our quiet community. My goal is to elevate the level of services to meet the needs of our growing population.

## York Springs

### Nina Tipler

**Name:** Nina Tipler  
**Age:** 54  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Mayor of York Springs Borough  
**Address:** York Springs  
**Education:**  
**Current Employer:**  
**Past Political Experience?** York Springs Borough Mayor since 2018. Current President of Adams County Boroughs Association  
**Why are you running for this office?** I have been highly motivated to make York Springs a better, safer place for our residents. In addition to being on the Boards that plan our Halloween Parade and Christmas celebrations, I have also joined as many Boards as possible across our County and State to give our little town a

voice and bring new information to our community. The more we learn, the more we know!  
**Current Board of Director Seats:** Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs; Teller Committee; Awards Committee; York Adams Tax Bureau; Finance Committee; Nominations Committee; Adams County Tax Credit Committee; Bylaws Committee; Appeals Committee; Adams County Transportation Planning Organization; Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania; Northern Adams Regional Emergency Management Agency  
**What are your goals if elected?** I will continue to bring truth, honesty and transparency to our Council.

## Berwick Twp.

### Earle Black Jr.

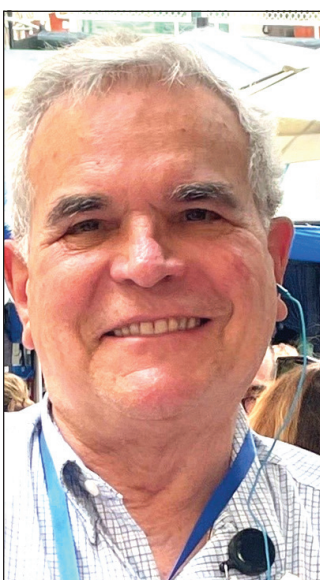
**Name:** Earle Black Jr.  
**Age:** 76  
**Address:** Berwick Twp.  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Position Sought:** Berwick Twp. supervisor  
**Employed by:** Retired  
**Past Political Experience:** At the end of 2025, I will have served 20 years as a Berwick Township supervisor.  
**Why are you running for this office?** Berwick

has come a long way over the years, new equipment, remodeled office and meeting room, built a large storage shed for our equipment, just finished a large 40-by-80-foot salt and cinders building and our taxes for residents stay .15 percent.  
**What are your goals if elected?** To maintain the quality of the township. We have four good employees, all the supervisors (five) are there to help.



### Alan Cecilio

**Name:** Alan Cecilio  
**Age:** 78  
**Address:** Straban Twp.  
**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Humanities with a concentration in Philosophy, and graduate work in Business Administration at California State University, Hayward.  
**Current Employer:** Retired Federal Employee  
**Political Party:** Democrat/ Republican  
**Office Sought:** Judge of Elections, Straban 2  
**Past Political Experience:** Currently Minority Inspector, I worked in Straban 2 since 2021. I served 20+ years as Election Judge, Chief Judge, Early Voting Center Director and Montgomery County Board of Election employee  
**Why are you running for this office?** I love my country. I realized that our democracy needs patriotic citizens to step up to make it work. I asked myself, if not me, who? That was more than 25 years ago. I heard complaints about the election process, and I volunteered to work as an election judge to determine for myself if there was any validity to the complaints. What I found was dedicated people working hard to protect the integrity of our elections. I decided that since our elections are so critical to our democracy, that I would continue to serve my fellow citizens by ensuring the integrity



Cecilio

and transparency of our election process. I ask your support so I can continue that endeavor.  
**What are your goals if elected?** As your Judge of Elections, I will manage a nonpartisan team of principled citizens. Together we will run our polling place with integrity, assisting voters, enforcing the rules and protecting the election process from fraud or abuse. I will personally continue to advocate for fair, lawful and transparent elections and ensure every registered voter in Straban 2 has the opportunity to vote on election day while the polls are open.

## Tyrone Twp.

### Michele Migas

**Name:** Michele Migas  
**Age:** 52  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Tyrone Township Board of Supervisors  
**Address:**  
**Education:** Master's in Health Administration, Penn State University, Informatics Bachelor of Science with a Minor in Psychology, York College of Pennsylvania, Liberal Arts Social Sciences, Harrisburg Area Community College  
**Current Employer:**  
**Past Political Experience:**  
**Why are you running for this office?:** I am running for

office because I have deep roots in Tyrone Township as a fourth-generation landowner in Adams County. I grew up here, went to school here, and chose to stay on my family's land. This community has shaped who I am, and I want to give back by helping preserve its rural beauty, sense of community, and quality of life. I'm committed to ensuring that future generations can enjoy the same open spaces, safety, and neighborly spirit that have made Tyrone Township such a special place to live.  
**What are your goals if elected?:**

## York Springs

### Michael Donnelly

**Name:** Michael Donnelly  
**Age:** 66  
**Address:** York Springs  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Political Science / Sociology Master of Arts, Organizational Management  
**Current Employer:** Serve on the York Springs Municipal Authority; Retired, Navy Chief, Tenure in Power Transmission & Distribution, IT Asset Management, and Navy Supply Chain Management  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** York Springs Borough Council  
**Past Political Experience:** Vice Chair of the Powhatan County Republican Committee, Volunteer on multiple local and national campaigns  
**Why are you running for this office?** I am seeking this office to help keep our borough running well, and make targeted improvements if necessary. If elected, I will serve York Springs with the steadfast principles



Donnelly

of honesty and integrity.  
**What are your goals if elected?** My goal is to practice "good government." Good government is making sure our infrastructure works properly and the financial resources are well managed for the benefit of all our residents.

## School Boards

## Conewago Valley

### Jeffrey Kindschuh

**Name:** Jeffrey (Jeff) Kindschuh  
**Age:** 62  
**Address:**  
**Political Party:** Republican/ Democrat  
**Office Sought:** School Board Director  
**Education:** U.S Naval Academy, Bachelor of Science  
**Current Employer:** SAIC  
**Past Political Experience?** School Board Director (Jan 2018 — Present); Board Vice President (Dec 2020 — Nov 2023); Board President (Dec 2023 — Present)  
**Why are you running for this office?** Public education

is a foundation and enabler of success for the students in our district. A quality education gives our students the knowledge, skills, and traits that enable them to be responsible and successful members of society.  
**What are your goals if elected?** Work with the Conewago Valley School District Stakeholders (Families, Employees, and Community) to deliver an education that aligns with the priorities of the School District Stakeholders, is cost effective, and is compliant with Federal and State regulations.

# GENERAL ELECTION GUIDE

## School Boards Around Adams County

### LASD Rachel Hutchison

**Name:** Rachel Hutchison  
**Age:** 52  
**Address:** Littlestown  
**Education:** Bethany College, Bethany WV, Bachelor of Arts in Communications (Public Relations and Journalism emphasis); Credits for Minor in Political Science  
**Current Employer:** Westminster Rescue Mission, Engagement Operations Director

**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Littlestown Area School Director, 4 year term  
**Past Political Experience:** Served as an intern for the National Republican Congressional Committee (1994); running as a first-time candidate for local office.

**Why are you running for this office?** I am running for the Littlestown Area School District Board of Directors because every student deserves the support and opportunity to reach their full potential. As a lifelong community member, parent of three district students, and professional with over two decades of experience in strategic operations, compliance, and communications, I bring both personal investment and proven expertise. My motivation stems from navigating our schools and advocating for student needs—not from a personal agenda. I am com-

mitted to strengthening communication among the Board, administration, and families, removing barriers that hinder families, and preparing the district for funding challenges and policy shifts at state and federal levels. I see the big picture, attend to details, and lead with listening, collaboration, and practical problem-solving daily effectively.

**What are your goals if elected?** My goal is to restore stable, respectful governance by ending the revolving-door turnover that has left our board and superintendent positions vacant. I will restore governance by building partnerships through listening circles, town halls, and public-comment facilitation. By partnering with our administration to combine evidence-based instruction, personalized interventions, and mental-health supports, we'll address learning gaps and create conditions where every student can thrive. I'll champion budgeting, collaborating with PA districts to protect academics, arts, athletics, and other vital programs despite funding challenges. My commitment is respectful leadership, decisions, and true partnership with administration, community, teachers, students, and the board.

### Susan Kratz

**Name:** Susan Kratz  
**Age:** 65  
**Address:**  
**Education:** MS Florida Institute of Technology, BS United States Military Academy, West Point, NY  
**Current Employer:** Kratz Defense LLC

**Political Party:** Democrat / Independent

**Office Sought:** LASD Board  
**Past Political Experience:** No elected positions. However, 30+ years of getting things done as an Army lieutenant colonel and GS15 civilian in the Department of the Army.

**Why are you running for this office?** I am running for LASD School Board because after a lifetime of service and real-world experience in problem solving, decision making, and group dynamics I believe I have much to give back to my Community.

**What are your goals if elected?** 1. Support students and teachers in raising math



Kratz

and reading proficiency. 2. Champion the Adams County Technical Institute (ACTI) expansion. 3. Get the most out of our school taxes.

### Donna Baylis

**Name:** Donna Baylis  
**Age:** 64  
**Address:** Littlestown  
**Education:** College, business management

**Political Party:** Republican

**Position Sought:** Littlestown School District Board Director

**Employed by:** Retired  
**Past Political Experience:** I have 10 years experience as a school board member and keeping the educational budget in check

**Why are you running for this office?** I have the experience needed and time to dedicate to improving the Littlestown Area School District without raising taxes. I take pride volunteering in my com-

munity, and serving the general public. It is important to me that the students get a quality education in a nurturing environment. I feel with my experience, I could help the LASD students excel in education.

**What are your goals if elected?** To have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers and not increase taxes while staying within our budget. To insure each student gets a quality education and improved test scores in a safe learning environment. To ensure open dialogue including public comment with the parents and public. To promote true transparency within the district, to include improving parent and community trust.

### Ryan Kerney

**Name:** Ryan Kerney  
**Age:** 49  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** B.A. from Hampshire College; Ph.D. in Biology from Harvard University  
**Current Employer:** Gettysburg College

**Political Party:** Independent but registered Democrat for special election

**Office Sought:** Gettysburg School Board Director

**Past Political Experience:** I have no past political experience do not want to run for any "higher" office. I am running because of my commitment to our schools.

**Why are you running for office?** I am running for School Board to ensure our focus remains squarely on the academic mission of our schools.

With 26 years of teaching experience—from middle school to medical school—extensive project management expertise as a biologist, and the perspective of a dedicated GASD parent of four, I am uniquely qualified to lead. I have managed teacher development programs and directed "Advancing Science," a regional lending library for scientific equipment, demonstrating my commitment to practical educational solutions.

My priority is simple: Support

our teachers. We must listen to them, explore crucial regional educational partnerships, and ensure they have the resources and technology needed to adapt to a changing landscape. As a coach and long-time community volunteer, I know the value of strong school-community collaboration.

**What are your goals if elected to the school board?** First, I will prioritize financial accountability. The most critical role of the School Board is budget management. We must be attentive and respond quickly to the uncertainty surrounding delayed state and federal funds—over 30% of our budget—while guaranteeing the proper use of local property taxes. My focus will be on directing every dollar efficiently toward student success.

Second, I will champion the strategic integration of Artificial Intelligence in our classrooms. AI is the most pressing educational issue today, and we must ensure students and teachers are prepared to navigate these powerful, disruptive tools responsibly.

My commitment is to transparent governance that proactively addresses financial and technological challenges, securing the best future for our students and taxpayers.

**Name:** Donna Kluck Harrison  
**Age:** 66

**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** Graduated from Gettysburg Area School District, Graduated from Shippensburg University with a Bachelor's of Science in Education, Received a Master's Degree in Education Administration from McDaniel College

**Current Employer:** Retired  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg School Board Director

**Past Political Experience:** I've always been involved in education. No prior political experience with the exception of school politics, both teacher and administrator.

**Why are you running for this office?** I have devoted my life to excellence in education for students of GASD. Born and raised in Gettysburg, graduate of Gettysburg, teaching degree from Shippensburg University, started teaching in the district right out of college. After 30 years of teaching, I became principal of James Gettys Elementary School for eight years, devoting 38 years of my life to a district where my heart is embedded. It would be an incredible honor to serve on the district's board of directors as my final chapter in this district. I have four grandchildren attending school in our district. Serving on the board allows me to continue devoting my life to excellence in education not only for my grandchildren, but for ALL our children! Children are my business!

**What are your goals if elected?** Throughout my career, I have



Harrison

always had a teamwork approach. I hope to continue this approach on the school board, bringing together all stakeholders in an effort to give all children the best education possible, making them lifelong learners and productive members of our society. I have no hidden or personal agendas. The future of our children depends on this board of directors. The budget, taxes, hiring and keeping highly qualified administration, teachers, and staff, diversity, and a sense of belonging for all stakeholders are some of the top issues I see our school board facing. No doubt we are facing some very tough times with very tough decisions. Now is the time to elect the right people as myself to make these decisions.

### Julieta Booz

**Name:** Julieta Booz  
**Age:** 63  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** B.S. Aerospace and Ocean Engineering Virginia Tech, M.S. Engineering Science, Pennsylvania State University

**Current Employer:** Retired Civilian Program Manager, Naval Air Systems Command

**Political Party:** Democratic  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg Area School District School Director, 4 years

**Past Political Experience:** Nominal experience, this is my first political campaign.

**Why are you running for this office?** I believe that being a school director is the biggest investment I can make. Today's students will be our future caregivers, artists, tradespersons, explorers, and careers yet to be imagined. Focusing on the students' education will provide unlimited dividends. As school director I can provide our students with the knowledge and skills they need to follow their dreams and be contributing members to our community. I can provide the faculty and staff with the resources they need for the most important jobs of our community — educating our children. I also want to balance the educational requirements with taxpayers' dollars. As a former program manager, I led teams of stakeholders. I will respectfully listen and understand everyone's perspectives and achieve solutions that meet everyone's needs.

**What are your goals if elected?**



Booz

**ed?** My goal is to work with faculty, staff, and the rest of the school board to provide the best education for students while providing the best value for the Gettysburg area taxpayers. I expect to face challenges, like safely integrating new technology, developing, and improving curriculum, or responding to funding cuts. All while assuring the safety and success of our students, faculty, and staff. And as a former program manager, I have successfully addressed similar challenges. I plan to apply my experience to equip the faculty and staff with the resources and tools they need to focus on the most important job of our community — educating our students.

### GASD

### Justine Sieg

**Name:** Justine Sieg  
**Age:** 42  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** Bachelor's Degree — Human Resource Management and Business Teaching Certification — Shippensburg University; Master's Degree — Business Administration- Mount St. Mary's University

**Current Employer:** CCA  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** School Board Director

**Past Political Experience:** N/A

**Why are you running for this office?** I am running for School Board Director because I am a parent and educator, having served 12 years teaching at Gettysburg Area High School. I understand the educational system, and would like the opportunity to make a positive impact on every student that goes through our school district.

**What are your goals if elected?** If elected, I will prioritize 4 areas — Student success; Financial responsibility



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and transparency; Teacher and staff support; and Community engagement. GASD is a place where EVERY student has the opportunity to grow, learn, and succeed and I would be honored to be part of the Board of Directors.

### GASD

### Char Weise

**Name:** Char Weise  
**Age:** 62  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** BS Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 1985; Ph.D Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1993.

**Current Employer:** Gettysburg College

**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg Area School District board of directors

**Past Political Experience:** This is the first time I have run for office. I am currently the Constable for Ward 2 in Gettysburg.

**Why are you running for this office?** I'm running to help provide the students in this district with the best possible education, and to make sure that every kid in our schools feels safe and valued. I will bring knowledge, common sense, and compassion to the board. My training as an economist helps me to understand budgets and tradeoffs. My career as a college professor gives me an understanding of education and the vital job teachers do. As a long-time resident of Gettysburg and the father of three children who went to GASD schools, I care deeply about our schools and our community. We need to come together as a community to navigate the many challenges facing our schools, and I will be proud to be part of that effort.

**What are your goals if elected?** We need to stabilize the district budget, starting with finding more economical ways



Weise

to expand ACTI. We need more resources for mental health services and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We need to act strategically to improve the academic program at the high school for all our students. One step would be to get regular feedback from parents and students. Another is to hire great teachers from different backgrounds and perspectives, and give them the autonomy to do their jobs well. We need to engage more with the community through town halls and other means to give people a voice and to draw on their wealth of expertise. Finally, the Board should not be directly involved in the renewal of coaches' contracts.

### David Sites

**Name:** David L. Sites  
**Age:** 70  
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** BA Degree from Gettysburg College, Business Management

**Current Employer:** Self-Employed, Sites Realty, Inc.

**Political Party:** Republican  
**Office Sought:** Gettysburg School Board

**Past Political Experience:** None

**Why are you running for this office?** To offer 45 years of business background and benefit the Gettysburg Area School District community.

**What are your goals if elected?** Develop a 5 year GASD strategic plan to promote proper professional compensation for all teachers and staff. Provide students with a fundamental and advanced curriculum. Advocate for an annual teacher, student, and administration open forum with the School Board. Update the "ALL HAZARDS PLAN". Annual School Board tour of



Sites

classrooms and GASD facilities. Develop an Activities Endowment to enhance all students' GASD experience. Discontinuation of GASD School Board micromanagement of day-to-day operations.

### Dale Brennan

**Name:** Dale Brennan  
**Age:** 66  
**Political Party:** Democratic  
**Office Sought:** School Director Gettysburg Area School District

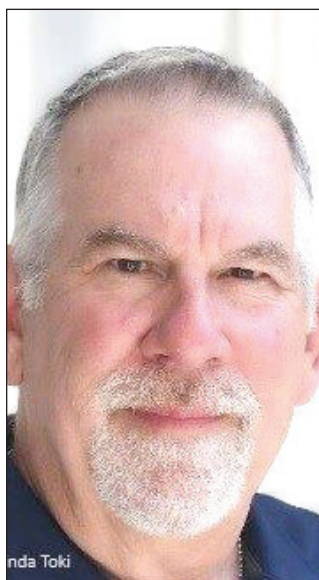
**Address:** Gettysburg  
**Education:** BS Secondary Education/Social Studies, University of Maryland 1990

**Current Employer:** Retired Teacher

**Past Political Experience?** This is the first political office that I have run for.

**Why are you running for this office?** I was a public school teacher for 30 years, having taught Government and A.P. US History. In addition, I was also the Social Studies department chair, a varsity volleyball and baseball coach and sponsor of numerous student clubs and honor societies. I always saw my job as that of being an advocate for my students and doing all that I could to help them build a better future for themselves. I am running to be a school director with the same goals in mind; to advocate for the students in the GASD, to be their voice on the school board and to help them prepare to be successful, contributing members of our community.

**What are your goals if elected?** I have three main goals if elected to the GASD school board. First, I will visit all our schools on a regular basis to listen to our teachers,



Brennan

administrators and support staff in order to identify and better understand their needs and concerns. My second goal is to maintain an open line of communication between myself, parents and all other stakeholders in the community in order to inform my positions on supporting and improving the Gettysburg Area School District. My third goal is to ensure that our schools are fully funded to give our students the quality education they deserve. To do this I believe that we must explore non-traditional sources of revenue to help reduce the tax burden on the citizens of our community.



