

## SCPD FIRST YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

April 2006 marks the first anniversary of our existence. The following is a list of our accomplishments during that first year:

- Reform Ohio Now campaign: collected more signatures for the RON petition than any other unpaid group in the state / passed out thousands of pieces of literature, knocked on thousands of doors, phone-banked, and put up yard signs prior to election / manned the polls on election day
- Became a chapter of the Progressive Democrats of America / two of our members named as PDA state coordinators
- Conducted door-to-door activities in a 'test' precinct to determine impact on voter turnout / saw a 10% increase compared to previous elections
- Developed a Rapid Response email alert to keep our members apprised of important political developments with recommended courses of action
- Organized a fundraiser at Porthouse Theatre to raise money to fund our activities / representatives of the MRDD Board addressed 94 members and friends before the play
- Had nearly 100 letters-to-the-editor from our members published in the Akron Beacon Journal and other media
- Developed a bi-monthly SCPD newsletter called the SCPD Progressive Patriot
- Co-sponsored a "70th birthday" rally for Social Security at the Akron federal building / attended by Dennis Kucinich and 100 supporters
- Organized a grassroots alliance-building picnic for over 200 people from other progressive organizations in other counties
- Held a Peace Vigil to honor American military casualties of Iraq war / names of Iraqi and American victims were read by attendees from 5 different counties
- Sent SCPD representatives to the massive Peace March in Washington, D.C. in September / two members stayed on for PDA training in lobbying techniques and strategies
- Held a concurrent Peace March in Akron for friends and members unable to make the trip to Washington

- Developed a Speakers' Training program and trained 12 SCPD spokespersons and 2 individuals from other progressive groups who then spoke for Reform Ohio Now at more than 30 events
- Organized a fundraiser that generated \$2,000 for hurricane Katrina victims
- Established the Summit County Progressive Democrats political action committee (PAC)
- Worked with the AFL-CIO in collecting signatures for the Ohio Minimum Wage petition
- Saw a founding member of SCPD elected to the Tallmadge City Council
- Developed and conducted a Leadership Training program for SCPD officers and committee chairpersons
- Sent representatives of SCPD to Columbus to attend a Democratic candidates forum in February, 2006
- Organized a grassroots forum in Akron on March 26 called “ Organize, Mobilize and Deliver the Progressive Vote in 2006. ” We had a large turnout of almost 500 people in the main auditorium at the library for this function