

# **Centre County Republican Party**

*Shaping the future of Pennsylvania's heartland*

## **Delegate and Alternate Delegate Candidates**

*Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District*

The Centre County Republican Party contacted each of the candidates for Delegate and Alternate Delegate. This was done to ensure that Centre County voters had sufficient information about the candidates to help each voter make an informed decision at the polls.

Each candidate was requested to provide a brief profile, and asked which presidential candidate he/she will support if elected. Candidates were specifically asked if he/she would: 1) Support the candidate elected by the voters of the 5th Congressional District; 2) Support the candidate elected by the voters of Pennsylvania; or, 3) Support the candidate of his/her choice.

Six of the nine candidates running for Delegate responded to our request; two of the three candidates running for Alternate Delegate provided a response.

Candidate names appear in the order in which they are listed on the Primary Election ballot. Responses appear as provided by each candidate; no edits were made to any submission

### **CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE**

(Vote for not more than 3)

#### **Joyce Haas**

Graduate Penn State University, English and Speech  
Taught High School English and Special Needs Children; College Speech for 15 years  
Former Product Specialist, Ford Motor Company  
Former Customer Service US Airways  
Current Vice-Chair, PA GOP  
Associate with John C. Haas AIA, Architects

#### Memberships and Associations:

Centre Region Chamber of Commerce  
Member, Republican State Committee  
Life Member NRA  
United Way former co-chair  
Ninety Nines (Female pilots)

Boards:

Anstine Excellence in Public Service

Member, Pennsylvania Real Estate Commission

Former: Literacy Council, Strawberry Fields, Diabetes Association, Centre County Housing, Clinton County Housing

Married to John C. Haas 29 years; three sons, one daughter; Reside in Centre County

I have been a volunteer, grass roots worker for the Republican Party for almost 30 years and have worked on nearly every county, state, and presidential campaign during that time. I have been an ambassador for the hard working grass roots as I have travelled every county within the 5th congressional district advocating for our need to join together regardless of who wins our nomination to defeat the Democrats in the fall. I have supported our Congressman, GT Thompson since his first day of declaring for office.

I will cast my vote for the winner of the 5th Congressional District. I feel strongly that I must reflect the wish of the voters. I have not endorsed any candidate for the Presidential Race. I have met all of the original 17 candidates. (I must admit that Rick Santorum was my first choice as I have known him since he was a college Republican at Penn State). I believe that for the future safety of our families, our jobs, our nation and the preservation of our Constitution that we must defeat Hillary or Bernie in November.

Feel free to call me with any questions: 814-280-3333

### **Scott W. Schreffler**

Will support whoever wins the 5th Congressional District (TribLive.com 4/5/2016)  
Did not respond to Centre GOP's request.

### **Richard J. Chura**

Rick works within the Financial Services industry.

I had no interest in politics until Barack Obama was elected ... anyone not a Democrat was his enemy. I believe a President is supposed to represent the entire country.

I am a citizen who remembers what America was like. I am running for Delegate because when my kids and grandkids ask me why did I let this happen, I want to at least let them know that I tried.

Will support Ted Cruz, on at least the first convention ballot.

### **Lyle Stewart**

Will support whoever wins the 5th Congressional District (TribLive.com 4/5/2016)  
Did not respond to Centre GOP's request.

### **Shelia Fitzgerald Sterrett**

Will support whoever wins the 5th Congressional District (TribLive.com 4/5/2016)  
Did not respond to Centre GOP's request.

### **James Feuer Klein**

PhD in Economics from Princeton University  
Insurance Executive  
Benefactor Member of National Rifle Association  
Lifetime Conservative

The Donald Trump organization asked me to run for Delegate. I will vote for Donald Trump.

### **Ash Khare**

Contact Ash Khare 814-726-2909 khare@penn.com

Ash Khare of Warren County is a candidate for Delegate to the Republican National Convention to represent the Fifth Congressional District. This convention will be held July 18-21, 2016 at Cleveland, Ohio. Registered voters of the congressional district will vote at the upcoming primary election April 26th to elect three delegates from the field of nine persons running. Khare is number 7 on the ballot.

"When it comes to leadership in the Republican Party" Khare believes, "having true leaders in the party is as important as leaders in public office". A self-described political junkie, Ash has been involved as a volunteer/leader in the local/regional /statewide as well as national GOP politics since 1982. Starting out as a GOP County Committee man and Member State Committee at Warren County, a position he still holds, he served as NW Caucus Chairman, a statewide regional leadership role from 1990 to 2008. NW caucus is one of the six regional caucus of the state GOP.

A business and technical consultant, Ash works out of his home in Warren, doing business as Ash Khare Consulting LLC. He has three college degrees, two bachelors and a Master's in Metallurgical Engineering. Excelling in his professional field of Metallurgical Engineering, he has 24 US and International patents including those on three steels called Khare I, Khare II and Khare III; numerous published papers & has

edited three reference publication technical books. Recognizing his technical excellence, a “Fellow” designation has been conferred on him by three major international technical societies (ASM, ASME and AAAS).

Our Fifth congressional district, the largest east of the Mississippi, consists of all or parts of sixteen counties to include: Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Huntington, Jefferson, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Venango and Warren. The requirement for the position of delegate was to file with a minimum of 250 valid signatures of registered GOP members from the district. Ash Khare, with help from friends and well-wishers, filed with 974 signatures from registered GOP voters of fourteen of the sixteen counties.

Starting as an At-Large Delegate to the 1992 GOP Convention at Houston, Khare has attended all national conventions (1996 CA, 2000 PA, 2004 NY, 2008 MN and 2012 FL) since then as an Alternate Delegate or Guest.

Contrary to the low view most voters have of politicians, Khare considers politics “a very noble profession”. “It involves service”-- he says. “You are serving the community. You serve at the whim and fancy of the people. You do something good. That’s the way you make a difference in politics, You Touch Lives.” “I know the district and how our GOP members think” said Ash Khare, and will vote for the candidate who wins the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. “I am asking for your vote and support for this volunteer position where I will represent you well.

Please remember BALLOT POSITION 7”

## **Barry Kroeker**

Barry Kroeker has a master’s degree in Public Policy from Regent University. Educated in music, he was an Assistant Professor of Music at Penn State for 8 years. A long-time active Republican voter, he now serves as Senior Marketing Manager for a local software company, volunteers at his church, and is active with local music groups including the Nittany Valley Symphony and the Pennsylvania Centre Orchestra.

I am running for Delegate for the 5th District of Pennsylvania to bring my political judgment and education to the most important meeting of the Republican Party in decades. This July in Cleveland, we will be choosing the standard-bearer for our party, and it is no secret that the front-runner, Donald Trump, has spent more time in this century as a Democrat than as a Republican. John Kasich presents himself as a nice man, but I believe that the Republican voters of Pennsylvania are tired of presidential candidates that capitulate to the ideology of the Democratic Party time and time again. John would tell us all to “move on”, but Ted Cruz has a proven record of fighting the good fight for fiscal and social conservatism, and I believe he is the best hope for redefining the original vision of the Party of Abe Lincoln. If I am elected as a delegate, I

will honor Ted's faithful service with my vote, and I encourage my fellow Pennsylvanians to do the same.

### **C. Arnold McClure**

Chairman of the Huntingdon County Committee; retired businessman, beef farmer, writer and author.

I intend to vote for the candidate chosen by the voters of the 5th Congressional District.

## **CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

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### **Justin Gallagher**

Justin Gallagher, an Alternate Delegate candidate from Harborcreek, PA, is a student at Penn State Erie who will graduate next year with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance in just 3 years. Gallagher is working as a Finance intern for a Fortune 500 company while in college. Gallagher, at 20 years old, ran in a nine candidate race in 2015 for the Harbor Creek School Board and took first in the general election. If given the opportunity to vote as a delegate at the convention, Justin would support the choice of the people of the 5th Congressional District and vote for the candidate who won the district.

### **C. Arnold McClure**

See Above – Mr. McClure is also running for Delegate

### **Shelia Fitzgerald Sterrett**

See Above – Ms. Sterrett is also running for Delegate