



ROBERT L. (BOB) ROBERTS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF ELK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Bob is a lifelong resident of Elk County, born May 6, 1943 in St. Marys, the son of James and Marian (Schneider) Roberts. He attended St. Marys Parochial School and graduated from St. Marys Catholic High School in 1961. Bob completed several Penn State education courses, graduated from DuBois School of Trades in 1979 and Wm L. Bolger Postal Academy in 1987.

Bob has worked as a Supervisor for Sylvania in St. Marys and in 1966 began employment with the United States Postal Service as a Mail Carrier in St. Marys. During his career with the U.S. Postal Service, he held several positions, including serving as Postmaster for St. Marys and Ridgway. After 35 years of service, Bob retired in 2000. He also served his country in the U.S. Army Reserve for 14 years attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant – E6

Bob has always believed in being involved in his community. He is a current member of St. Marys city council having run a successful write-in campaign in the fall of 2009. Bob also served on St. Marys council from 2002-2006. He is a Past President of both the St. Mary's Parochial School Board and the St. Marys Church Parish Council. Bob has been an active member of the St. Marys Rotary Club for twenty-one years serving as a past president. He is an 18- year member of the St. Mary's Cemetery Board currently serving as President. Bob is also a 21-year member of Project Gifts for Elk County and has served as President for the past 10 years. He is presently the Chairman of the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building and Maintenance Committee. Social memberships include St. Marys American Legion and Knights of Columbus.

Family is also very important to Bob. On July 17, 1965 in the St. Mary's Catholic Church he married Elizabeth (Schloder) Roberts. They are the parents of Jeffrey Roberts and Amy (Roberts) Smith. They have two grandchildren: Kirsten Roberts and Kayne Smith.

In seeking the Chairmanship of the Elk County Democratic Party, in addition to the above qualifications Bob cites his many years of service and involvement with the party. He has been a lifelong Democrat, an active member since his retirement in 2000 and has served as treasurer since 2004. While serving as Postmaster the Hatch Act prevented Bob from actively serving in the party.

If elected Bob plans to appoint an executive committee of enthusiastic and energetic Democrats who will commit to working hard to fill the ward precinct positions and be willing to make the sacrifice necessary to rebuild the party. These fellow Democrats through their unanimous recommendations will nominate the Vice Chairman and construct the various committees necessary for success.

Bob will recommend only four meetings per year, combined with the spring and fall dinners along with the summer picnic, which he feels strongly will inspire greater participation. He adds that our society with its many obligations will not let meetings for the sake of having meetings survive; there must be an interesting agenda with guest speakers and a period of socialization after the meetings if attendance is expected.

Bob feels the Party in power needs to work harder to promote their candidates, this year will be no exception, and a united Elk County Democratic Committee is his only reason for entering this election. He believes that because of his years of successful leadership positions he can and will lead our party to unity and success.