

Greetings from Kate

Dear Democrats,

I'm still celebrating last week's victories! But it's time to get back to work. Please see the information on the caucus and next year's convention.

There are still plenty of opportunities to celebrate! Please check out the Dispatch for various victory parties and holiday parties across the state.

An event on "Kate's Picks" this week is the Deval Patrick fundraiser in Boston on Wednesday. Please consider one more "Road Trip!" It's time to go to Georgia and elect Democrat Jim Martin in a full-blown runoff. Massachusetts has adopted the Macon area. The election is on 12/2. For more information please call Chad at 978-376-8178.

Forward the Dem Dispatch to a Democratic friend. It is a great way for people who are newly energized to hear what is happening across the state. TO subscribe send an e-mail to ddemdispatch-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or contact me at KateDonaghue@aol.com.

Suggestion: call someone you met on the campaign trail and invite him or her to do something with you. Go to a victory party, hear a speaker, or just have coffee. If you are already part of the Democratic community, be sure that the new person feels welcome. If you are both new to Democratic activism, work together to figure out a good way to stay engaged. The Democratic Party needs you!

REMINDER: You can celebrate with me! Every year I invite readers to join me at my home for a Democratic Holiday Party. So "save the date" for Sunday afternoon, December 14 and plan on joining me. LG Tim Murray and a number of other elected officials have confirmed.

Democratically yours,

Kate Donaghue

Ideas for Committees - Schedule Your Caucus Now!!

Now that the elections have passed and we are through the first round of celebrations, it's time to start looking towards next year. The caucus window has been set for Saturday, January 31 though Sunday February 8. Now is a good time to book a room for your caucus. Things tend to get busy during the holiday season, so consider planning your schedule now. The State Convention is on Saturday, June 6 in Springfield. Elected delegates will vote on the Party Platform for the next four years.

Please note, under the rules passed by the DSC, it is possible for a person who is interested in being a delegate to run, even if he or she can not be present at the caucus. This can only occur if there are not enough interested Democrats present who would like to run.

DSC Meetings Scheduled

Democratic State Committee meetings have been scheduled for 2009. I have added them to the calendar section. Please note that all Democrats are welcome at DSC meetings:

February 10

April 25
Septemeber 15
November 5

Democratic Committees - Get Involved!!!

Let volunteers know that we value their participation. Urge them to get involved.

Democratic Town and City Committees:

- * Create and maintain a volunteer organization year-round so that we have the structure in place to elect Democratic candidates;
- * Invite elected officials to meetings to create a two-way dialogue -- this allows members to hear about their legislative priorities, and they learn what's foremost in the minds of local voters; and
- * They often host issue forums, bringing together leading policy experts on cutting edge issues such as health care, public education, civil liberties, environmental issues, and many other topics.
- * In essence they keep us connected so that we can function effecively as a unit when it is tiem to campaign.

To find your local committee go to:

<http://www.massdems.org/getlocal/chairslist.cfm>

Inauguration Tickets

A very limited number of tickets will be distributed by your Congressional leaders. Contact your Representative's office to make a ticket request.

To learn more about the process, visit <http://inaugural.senate.gov>.

Jobs in the Obama Administration

You may submit a statement of interest in joining the Obama Administration by visiting <http://www.change.gov>. The site is only days old and is experiencing overwhelming amount of web traffic, so please be patient.

Recurring Sections and Dispatch Information

How to Send an Event to the Dispatch - click [here](#) for info

Regional and Local E-mail Lists - click [here](#) for info

Contact Info for Campaigns and MDP - click [here](#) for info

Ongoing Peace Activities - click [here](#) for info

Summary of events (highlighted items are new or updated):

Fri
11/14 [Retirement event for Rep. Frank Hynes](#)

Sat
11/15 [*Stoughton DTC Meeting*](#)

Dukakis Tribute Dinner Cocktail Reception

Mon
11/17

Northborough DTC Meeting

Wed
11/19

Women for Deval Patrick Event

Falmouth Democratic Town Committee Meeting

Hopkinton Democratic Town Committee Meeting

Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee Annual Toy Drive

Thu
11/20

PCDL Monthly Meeting co sponsored by Hanson DTC

Fri
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Wayland Dems 3rd Friday Breakfast

Sun
11/23

Groton DTC Meeting and Potluck

Mon
11/24

Andover DTC Meeting

Tue
11/25

Westborough DTC Meeting

Mon
12/01

Plymouth County Democratic League EBoard Meeting

Tue
12/02

Hingham Wind Power Forum

- Wed**
12/03 [Wrocester City Committee Holiday Party](#)
- [*Arlington Democratic Town Committee Meeting*](#)
- Thu**
12/04 [The North Shore Chamber of Commerce 90th Annual Dinner with Keynote Speaker Deval Patrick](#)
- Sat**
12/06 [*Victory Party in Shrewsbury*](#)
- Sun**
12/07 [*Victory Party in Weston*](#)
- [*Framingham Democratic Town Committee Holiday Party*](#)
- [*Easton DTC Annual Holiday/Christmas Party/Car Drive*](#)
- Mon**
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- Tue**
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You Have to Laugh Occasionally

Top 10 perks of the UPCOMING Obama presidency...

- Canadians no longer minding being called Americans when traveling abroad...and no longer necessary to pretend you're Canadian while traveling abroad.
- Citizens find days passing by quickly in a giddy lightheaded state (“Obamaraderie”).
- Smartest guy in room now IS the President.
- Drug companies begin search for compound to relieve new health problem: people suffering from repeated, uncontrollable sighs of relief.
- Reporter-safe puppy. (Or, Barney's bites no longer make the news.)
- Whitehouse now Cheney-Free zone...except for his eighth cousin, Barack Obama.
- Color blind citizens not annoyed by claim “We're all color-blind now.”
- Warring African nations declare a "ceasefire minute" to celebrate.
- Having a president whose first language is English again and who has made a campaign promise to pronounce the word nuclear, nuclear.
- Excuse that lipstick on collar is from “Some teary-eyed Obama supporter in line at grocery

store" accepted at face value by spouse.

Event details:

11/14/2008 Retirement event for Rep. Frank Hynes

Friday, November 14

Barker Tavern, Scituate

Light supper, cash bar. \$40 pp. Please RSVP and make checks to the Hynes Committee, mail to 21 Mounce Farm Way, Marshfield, MA 02050 [\[back\]](#)

11/15/2008 Stoughton DTC Meeting

Saturday, November 15, 9:30 AM

Cedar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse, 1137 Park Street, Stoughton (Rt 27 Near Nocera's Restaurant)

Doors will open at 9:00 AM. Join our special guest speakers Stoughton's State Representative's Lou Kafka and William Galvin. Breakfast \$12 person including tax & tip. Please RSVP to Donna Smith 781-344-8741 or John Kavin 781-344-6748 SellMyHouse@USA.Net.

BRING GUESTS This is a great opportunity to bring people into the SDTC!

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11/15/2008 Dukakis Tribute Dinner Cocktail Reception

Reception at 5:30pm, Dinner from 7:00-10:00pm

Westin Copley Hotel Boston

Tickets \$250 cocktail attire ~ seating is limited.

Northeastern University honors Mike and Kitty Dukakis

For more information, contact John Sarvey at 617-373-4049 or j.sarvey@neu.edu. Contributions are tax deductible. [\[back\]](#)

11/17/2008 Northborough DTC Meeting

Monday, November 17, 7 - 8:30 PM

Tom's Gourmet, Northborough

Light refreshments will be served. Come and share your campaigning and election night impressions. We will discuss "where we go from here".

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11/19/2008 Women for Deval Patrick Event

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 - 8 PM

The Fairmont Copley Plaza, 138 Saint James Ave, Boston, MA

Governor Deval Patrick and Diane Patrick invite you to come and be a part of a vibrant community of undefinable women who are using their hearts, their minds, their networks, and their pocketbooks to redefine Massachusetts. Our evening promises to be full of enthusiasm, ideas, and connections.

Pre-reception from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. tickets: \$1,000, \$5,500

Reception from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. tickets: \$250, \$500

Please RSVP to KateDonaghue@aol.com or Paul Brountas, Jr. at pbrountas@devalpatrick.com or by phone 617-367-2010.

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11/19/2008 Falmouth Democratic Town Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 7 PM

Gus Cauty Center, Rt 28, Falmouth , MA

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11/19/2008 Hopkinton Democratic Town Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 7:30 PM

Fire Station, 73 Main St. Hopkinton, Rear entrance, upstairs

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11/19/2008 Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee Annual Toy Drive

Wednesday, November 19

Toy boxes at various locations

Annual toy drive starts Weds., Nov 19th ends Friday Dec 19th. Toy boxes at Stop and Shop Station Ave., Yarm., Cape Cod Cooperative Bank Rt 6A & The Village Store Rt 6A, Yarmouthport, and the Yarmouth Council on Aging Forest Rd,S. Yarm. For more information contact chair Bob Isadore (508) 362-1696, velore20@msn.com

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11/20/2008 PCDL Monthly Meeting co sponsored by Hanson DTC

Thursday, November 20, 7 PM

Camp Kiwanee (Route 58) Hanson, MA.

PCDL Monthly meeting cosponsored by Hanson Democratic Town Committee. Dinner will be available. Guest Speaker Representative Tom Kennedy, Senate Candidate. For details call Kathy DiPasqua Egan (781) 293-2166

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11/21/2008 Wayland Dems 3rd Friday Breakfast

Friday, November 21, 7 - 9 AM

Mel's Commonwealth Cafe, 310 Commonwealth Rd (Rt 30), Wayland

No RSVP needed. Just come on down.

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11/23/2008 Groton DTC Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, November 23, 4 PM

Lost Lake Fire Station, Lost lake Drive, Groton

Celebrate victories over good food, bring campaign photos, contact Michelle Colette 978-448-6606

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11/24/2008 Andover DTC Meeting

Monday, November 24, 7:30 PM

Marland Place, 15 Stevens St. Andover

Reflect on the Democratic party's great Victory and think about how we can use the victory to

change America. contact Paul Stolberg (978)470-2784

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11/25/2008 Westborough DTC Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 PM

Tatnuck Bookseller, Lyman St., Westborough

Contact Kate Donaghue

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12/01/2008 Plymouth County Democratic League EBoard Meeting

Monday, December 1, 7 PM

Knights of Columbus, 48 Schooset St, Pembroke (Rte 139)

All Plymouth Democratic League Members are welcome to participate. [\[back\]](#)

12/02/2008 Hingham Wind Power Forum

Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 PM

Hingham Town Hall, Central Street , Hingham

More information, contact info@southshoredemocrats.org

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12/03/2008 Worcester City Committee Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 3, 7 PM

Leo's Ristorante, Worcester

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12/03/2008 Arlington Democratic Town Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 7:30 PM

2nd floor Meeting Rm, Community Safety Building, 112 Mystic St., Arlington

All interested Arlington Democrats are cordially invited.

See <http://www.arlingtondems.org> for more information and contact info.

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12/04/2008 The North Shore Chamber of Commerce 90th Annual Dinner with Keynote Speaker Deval Patrick

Thursday, December 4, 5 - 8 PM

Sheraton Ferncroft Resort 50 Ferncroft Road Danvers, MA 01923

Tickets \$125/each www.northshorechamber.org

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12/06/2008 Victory Party in Shrewsbury

Saturday, December 6, 2 - 4 PM

24 Sheryl Drive, Shrewsbury

Dear Friends, you worked hard for our success, it's time for celebration. You are cordially invited to join us for Obama Victory party. Come and Celebrate with hundreds of Obama volunteers and state officials. Our special invited guests include Lt. Gov. Tim Murray, DSC chair John Walsh, Senators Elect Jen Flanagan, Mike Moore an Jamie Eldridge, State Representatives Jim O'Day

and Harold Naughton, and Representative-Elect Carolyn Dykema. Let's keep the change momentum going with unity, passion, and determination Please RSVP at rashidmshaikh@gmail.com or 774-275-0124. @2 [\[back\]](#)

12/07/2008 Victory Party in Weston

Sunday, December 7, 3 - 6 PM

5 Warren Place, Weston

Now is the time to celebrate. We are planning to have a victory party; invitees are : Senator Fargo, Representative Piesch, and Senator Elect Jamie Eldridge, the Mayor of Cambridge and Eva Millona, the Executive director of MIRA(Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition) The contribution / ticket per person is \$10.00, includes food, individual/group picture with elected official.

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12/07/2008 Framingham Democratic Town Committee Holiday Party

Sunday, December 7, 6 PM

TBD

Contact: Chairperson Rochelle Sivan at 508-620-0395

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12/07/2008 Easton DTC Annual Holiday/Christmas Party/Can Drive

Sunday, December 7, 6 - 8:30 PM

16 Ridgewood Rd., Easton (home of Jim & Julie Breton)

Easton Democrats will hold a brief meeting to discuss Nov 4 elections, collect non-perishable food items for the Easton Food Pantry, and hold our Annual Holiday/Christmas Party.

Refreshments ...

RSVP Jim Breton 508.243.1309 or Ryalbret@comcast.net.

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12/08/2008 Swampscott–Marblehead-Nahant Tri-Town Democratic Holiday Party

Monday, December 8, 6 PM

At the Marblehead home of State Representative Lori Ehrlich

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12/09/2008 Easthampton Democratic City Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 7 PM

Sunrise Manor Community Room

Contact: Nicole LaChapelle Phone: 413-364-7304 Email: nicollemarie@gmail.com

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12/10/2008 PCDL Monthly Meeting and Wareham DTC Annual Dinner

Wednesday, December 10, 6 PM

Lindsey's Restaurant, Cranberry Highway (Route 28) in Wareham

Social at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00PM. choice of 3 different dinners, coffee, dessert, cash bar \$25.

Guest Speaker TBA. Contact Sheila Managhan 508-273-7311 Monaghan, with dinner choice etc.
Checks sent to Sheila @ 111 Pineview Terrace, West Wareham, MA 02576

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12/10/2008 Second Annual Governor's Ball

Wednesday, December 10

State Room, Boston

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12/14/2008 Westborough DTC/MW Dems Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14, 2 - 6 PM

17 Gary Circle, Westborough, MA

Please join us in the MW District as we celebrate our victories. This annual event is always well attended. LG Tim Murray is expected. We will be saying thank you to our outgoing State Senator, Pam Resor and welcoming Senator-Elect Jamie Eldridge, as well as all the state representatives who we have just elected. It will be a lot of fun!

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12/17/2008 PCDL Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 7 PM

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PCDL Monthly meeting cosponsored by Wareham Democratic Town Committee.

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12/17/2008 Hopkinton Democratic Town Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 7:30 PM

Fire Station, 73 Main St. Hopkinton, Rear entrance, upstairs

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01/17/2009 GLAD Breakfast Meeting in Chelmsford

Saturday, January 17, 8 AM

Radisson, Chelmsford

\$5.00 to cover breakfast. Contact Marie Sweeney at sweeney133@comcast.net for more information.

Greater Lowell Area Democrats member towns: Bedford, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Groton, Lowell, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford.

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01/20/2009 Ashland DTC Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 7 PM

Ashland High School Teachers Room

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01/20/2009 Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee Inaugural Dinner

Tuesday, January 20

First fundraiser in January at the Yarmouth House Restaurant. Plans in the making. contact chair

Bob Isadore (508) 362-1696 velore20@msn.com

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01/20/2009 AACMW Inaugural Celebration Event

Tuesday, January 20

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! The African American Caucus of MetroWest to Host a MetroWest INAUGURAL CELEBRATION for PRESIDENT ELECT OBAMA DETAILS WILL FOLLOW ----- SO STAY TUNED !!!!!

For more information: Contact Edna Smith 508-231-0767 or Russ Ashton 508-878-6177

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02/10/2009 DSC Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 7 PM

Watch www.massdems.org for details.

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04/25/2009 DSC Meeting

Saturday, April 25, 7 PM

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09/15/2009 DSC Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 7 PM

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11/05/2009 DSC Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 7 PM

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Submitting Events

The Democratic Dispatch is a more or less weekly e-mail newsletter for Democratic events across the state. Your editors are Kate Donaghue and Pace Willisson. We edit this as volunteers as our way of promoting the Democratic Party, Democratic candidates and the Democratic Platform. The positions represented in the regular "Greetings from Kate" or "Greetings from Pace" reflect our personal positions, and not those of the Democratic Party.

Replies to the Dispatch come only to us, unlike some other Yahoo groups.

Please do send us events. We want to publicize what you are doing. Please send events with the subject line "For The Dispatch" so that we can find them easily. Also, it helps to keep the information right in the body of the e-mail. We usually go to press for Friday AM. Please send to ddemdispatch-owner@yahoogroups.com. Thanks!

I also look for you to send me appropriate jokes. I appreciate all of the submissions, but there are some that I keep in my "censored jokes" file.

Kate Donaghue (and Pace Willisson)

Ongoing Events Towards Bringing Our Troops Home

Bring the Troops Home, Saturday 12-12:30, Sudbury Town Common

Anti-war vigil, Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM at the corner of Park Avenue and Highland Street in Worcester.

Anti-war protest every Sat. at Noon on Natick Common (Rt. 135 & 27)

Anti-war vigil in Falmouth at the Main St PO every Saturday from 11-12.

Bring a candle or a sign and stand out for ending the war in Iraq.

Peace vigil every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 PM. Corner of Rt 27 and 30 in Wayland.

Peace Vigil every Thursday 6:00-7:00 PM, Kittrick Park, Lowell (Rtes. 38 & 133)

Peace Vigil every Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM, Westborough Rotary (Route 135 and 30)

Peace Vigil every Thursday 5:30-7:00 PM, Stow Common (Route 62 and 117)

Peace Vigil every Saturday 11:30-12:30 PM, Wayland (Route 27 and 20)

Peace Vigil every Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM, Petersham, Unitarian Church

E-Mail Lists/Campaign Contacts

SEND ME INFORMATION ON YOUR LIST If your list is not listed here, or the information that I have needs to be changed, just send an e-mail to DDemDispatch-owner@yahoogroups.com.

Please sign up for the lists that suit your needs. If it turns out a list doesn't suit you, just opt out. In some, but not all of these groups, it helps to write a note as to why you want to join. Just as an FYI, in some groups, the groups is configured so a message is not seen. So let the owner know who you are.

Plymouth County Democratic League - contact bojjoy38@comcast.net.

North Shore Update - NorthShoreDemocraticUpdate-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

MNWAAlliance (Splika district)-AllianceDems-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

MWDems (Resor District) - MWDems-owner@yahoogroups.com

1EM ALliance (Gloucester area Democrats)-Contact elizabethkilcoyne@hotmail.com

South Shore Democratic News - contact jim@jimcantwell.com

South Shore Democrats - contact newsdesk@southshoredemocrats.org

Greater Lowell Area Democrats - sweeney133@comcast.net

Bershire Brigade - contact victory2006@berkshiredems.org

Berkshire area - berkshires4demchange@yahoogroups.com

Cape and Island Democrats - ohmankathy@comcast.net

South Shore Democrats - www.SouthShoreDemocrats.org

Merrimack Valley Democrats - MVDems-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

List for DTC activists - MassDemsGuide-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

List for Young Dems - massfuture-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Kids for Democracy - (for kids & teens) contact anitagc@kidsfordemocracy.org

hopkintondemocrats-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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Grafton DTC - www.graftondems.org

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Needham DTC - www.needhamdems.org

Northborough DTC - www.northboroughdems.org

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Shrewsbury DTC - contact GDgeary@cs.com

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Wayland DTC - wdtc@comcast.net

Westborough DTC - WbroDems-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Uxbridge DTC - <http://www.uxbridge-dtc.org/>

Bridgewater DTC - bridgewaterdems@gmail.com

Watertown DTC - watertowndems@gmail.com

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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