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RICO Democrats' Labor Day Picnic Cancelled But effort being planned to recognize organized labor

Due to the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Rock Island County Democrats have decided to cancel the 53rd Annual Salute to Labor Chicken Fry Picnic originally scheduled for Monday, September 7, 2020.

“We made this decision after consulting with members of the Democratic Party, organized labor and local officials,” said Derek Jones, Rock Island County Democratic Party Chair. “As with every other aspect of politics during this pandemic crisis, we are adjusting how we do our outreach and our meetings.”

Jones said “since this is the most important election of our lifetime, we will continue to adapt to our current situation to keep our party motivated to work for victories from the White House to the Court House.”

“Here in Illinois and around the nation, Americans are not satisfied with President Trump’s handling of both the COVID-19 crisis and the race relations crisis. When you add that to the economic crisis facing the nation, you understand why Democrats are more united than ever before to win in November,” Jones said.

Jones said he and party leaders are developing a Labor Day plan to recognize the positive contributions that organized labor makes to the community. “We’ll have more details to announce as we get closer to Labor Day,” he added.

The party still plans to hold its 23rd Annual Draw Down Raffle with one grand prize of \$5,000 (250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each, with several levels of cash prizes). Tickets for this can be purchased at [Secure.actblue.com/donate/salutetolabor2020](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/salutetolabor2020). Jones said the drawing will take place live on September 7, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. during a Facebook live stream at the Rock Island County Democrats’ Facebook page.

Funds generated through the raffle will go toward electing Democrats in Rock Island County, along with promoting the messages that are increasingly resonating with the public.