North Andover — Over plates of waffles, bacon and cinnamon rolls, North Andover’s democrat politicians, both challengers and incumbents, encouraged blue voters to make their voices heard this November.

The North Andover Democratic Town Committee hosted their annual scholarship breakfast on Sunday, March 11, congregating close to 100 democrats at the North Andover Country Club. The breakfast doubled as both as the fundraiser for the scholarship and a chance for local democrats to shake hands with congress and statehouse hopefuls.

For newcomers such as Diana DiZoglio, who will run against seven-term incumbent David Torrisi for the position of 14th Essex District Representative, the morning was an opportunity to speak with the people. Legislative veterans like Representative Steven Baddour, reminded voters of their past accomplishments accomplishments.

Keeping in line with the ideas of “hope and change” espoused by President Barack Obama, most candidate speakers focused on the revitalization of Massachusetts business in the specter of the Great Recession thanks to bills and measures supported by Democrats both in state government and at the federal level.

The two centerpiece speakers of the morning included Congressional challengers Elizabeth Warren and Marisa DeFranco, both hoping to displace Republican Senator Scott Brown this November.

Warren stressed her experience with helping families fight exploitative legislation and special interests during the recession.

“We broke this economy one lousy mortgage at a time,” she said. “America’s middle class is getting hammered. I believe change is possible.”

DeFranco said she would focus on policy of unifying Bay State voters from the entire economic spectrum to demand accountability from banks and other groups responsible for the recession. DeFranco was also collecting signatures to appear on the primary ballot in September.

“I represent the working class, the middle class and even the one percent when they create jobs,” she said.

The breakfast also marked one of the first public appearances on the campaign trail by DiZoglio, who is still collecting signatures for the primary ballot.

“I believe the in democratic process,” she said. “The more people we have on the ballot the better the process comes out.”

Despite his challenger’s enthusiasm, Torissi said he’s gearing up for a busy campaign this summer and fall.

“This summer will be a busy summer but we’re looking forward to it,” he said.

Other speakers that morning included Town Moderator candidates Mark DiSalvo, Francis Macmillan and Ramsey Bahrawy.

The democratic committee also named Phil DeCologero as their democrat of the year. DeCologero became involved with the committee in 2006 and was elected in 2008. DeCologero works as the executive assistant to Methuen Mayor Stephen Zanni and serves on the North Andover Merchants Association board of directors.

“I’m really honored by (the award),” he said. “I’m flattered.”