



Governor's Budget Provides Opportunities For Middle Class Families

A Legislative Column from the Office of Representative Jennifer Shilling

In his Executive Budget address on Tuesday, February 13th, Governor Doyle introduced his proposed funding priorities for the state. I am pleased to see that the Governor's budget is focused on three important priorities: reducing the tax burden; improving access to health care; and providing educational opportunities for middle class families.

Providing tax breaks to Wisconsin families for the cost of tuition, health insurance, Social Security, and child care will be a major step in helping to ease the burden on the middle class. In the Governor's proposal, middle class families will save \$1.7 billion over the next four years through tax cuts aimed at creating jobs and opportunities for the working men and women in our state.

We can also do more to provide real health care reform at a time when costs are skyrocketing and many people don't have access to quality health care coverage. Governor Doyle's plan to expand BadgerCare Plus and fully fund SeniorCare will provide coverage for every child in the state, and will ensure that seniors will continue to have the best prescription drug plan in the nation.

All together, the Governor's plan would reduce the uninsured rate in Wisconsin by 50 percent and would improve access to affordable, quality health care for thousands of families.

We will continue to look to the future of the state and the interests of our citizens as we proceed with the budget process. I look forward to hearing from residents of the La Crosse community as I work with the Governor and my legislative colleagues to pass a budget that will provide opportunities for middle class families throughout the state.

Wisconsin has always been a leader in innovation and we will continue to build upon our achievements.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The LCDP will enter a busy period beginning this month.

I would hope that as many of you as possible will attend the St. Patrick's Day party & Fundraiser. Many thanks to Loren Kannenberg and Karri Kline for opening up their home to us for this event.

In April, we will be welcoming Dr. Jack Norman to our general party meeting at our new location of Cafe Lola. Dr. Norman was unable to make a scheduled presentation on corporate taxation here in February due to the temporary transformation of the Coulee Region into the Arctic Circle. Jim Myhre and Bev Fleishman deserve our thanks for their generous offering of their facility for future party meetings.

We will also be having a Chicken-Q to benefit the LCDP on April 19 at Sam's Bar on George St. in La Crosse's North Side.

As noted elsewhere, the Democratic Leadership Institute and the 3rd Congressional District Democratic Party Convention are coming up in April. All party members are encouraged to attend.

Finally, many thanks to all party members, for your continued support of the LCDP.

Fabio Burgos
Chair,
La Crosse County Democratic Party

GW STILL STAYING COURSE

(DNC)

Those of you who watched Condoleezza Rice in front of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Iraq war funding probably remember her opening remarks, in which she spoke about "a neighbors' conference" that both Iran and Syria were invited to attend (both countries have since agreed).

But today we find out that the Bush administration is still refusing to hold direct talks with Iran and Syria, despite that being a key recommendation of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group (ISG):

Under the aegis of the New Diplomatic Offensive and the Support Group, the United States should engage directly with Iran and Syria in order to try to obtain their commitment to constructive policies toward Iraq and other regional issues.

So does this mean anything but "stay the course" when it comes to the Iraq policy? Well, Bush spokesman Tony Snow says no:

At a briefing for White House reporters, Snow said the decision to attend the two Iraqi conferences does not mean there has been a shift in Bush administration policy. And he noted that this is not the first time that the three countries have all attended a multilateral meeting.

They still refuse to take the advice of anybody who disagrees with them. It's way past time for them to listen to people like Senator Jim Webb, who spoke last month about the need to have direct talks: "I think if you break those two countries

[Iran and Syria] apart and look at them, I think there are reasons for them to come to the table on both. And I'm not saying that we are - we should be going to them on our knees or that we should be giving up on certain conditions. But it is in their interest."

March 2007

Upcoming Events!

**St. Patrick's Day Party/Spring
Fling & Fundraiser**
March 17th
5:30 to 9:00 P.M.

Loren Kannenberg/ Karri Kline
Residence
322 S. 23rd St.
La Crosse, WI

**The Democratic Leadership
Institute (DLI)**
April 14th and 15th

Devil's Head
Resort
Merrimac, WI

LCDP General Party Meeting
April 16, 2007
7:00 PM

Café Lola (lower level)
200 Main St. (Powell Place)
La Crosse

**SPEAKER: Dr. Jack Norman –
Myths on Taxation – Rescheduled
from February.**

LCDP Chicken-Q
April 19, 2007
11:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Sam's Bar
2116 George St.
La Crosse

**3rd Congressional District
Democratic Convention**
April 21, 2007

Registration: 8:30 A.M.
Call to Order: 9:30 A.M.
(Please see details, p. 3)
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Trail Lodge Hotel and Suites
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Loren Kannenberg's residence, 322 S. 23rd St., La Crosse, WI

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La Crosse County DEMOCRATIC Party
2007 MEMBERSHIP



YES – Please enroll me, and/or my family, as a member of the La Crosse County Democratic Party for 2006-07. Enclosed is payment for dues according to type of membership requested.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home: _____ Fax: _____

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Assembly District: 94th _____ 95th _____ Ward _____

____ Yes, I am interested in volunteering for party activities!

Occupation: _____

⌘ Dues Structure: PLEASE NOTE CHANGED RATES, Please check one:

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- _____ \$ 45 Activist (Up to 3)
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- _____ \$ 1,200 Investor
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TOTAL Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check _____ Cash _____

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