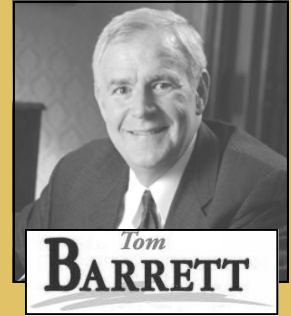


Message from the Chairs

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett has announced he is running for Governor!! Excerpts from his announcement message below. Contribute or sign up to volunteer at www.barrettforwisconsin.com



Congratulations to those elected to serve as officers and at-large members of the Executive Board. Board members are the following: Vicki Burke, Chair; Helen Kelly, Vice-chair; Kris Troyanek, Treasurer; Paula Stanek, Secretary; Justin Fons, Keith Knutson, Bob Freedland, Andrew Londre, and Marcia Wine, At-large members. Also, Pablo Ruiz, past co-chair, and Liz Gluck, college representative, will serve on the board.

We need to be more active in writing letters to the editor. Every day we see extreme conservative messages being presented by several writers. WE MUST RESPOND!! We will be getting together on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Main Library, Auditorium A. at 6 p.m. to help people express what they think and getting that message to the community. Subs and drink will be provided. It will take less than an hour to do this.

Exciting news!! Senator Feingold is opening an office in La Crosse in January, and the La Crosse County Democratic Party will share in the cost and in staffing the office!! The office will be located at 116 Fifth Ave. South.

Remember to renew your membership for 2010. A membership form can be found at www.laxdems.com. Or you may send in your payment. The membership amounts are listed below. Membership paid in after October 1 will be for 2010 as well. Please send the amount with your name and address to La Crosse County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

Vicki Burke & Pablo Ruiz,
Co-chairs, La Crosse County Democratic Party



'Shouldn't you read a book before you write one?'

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A Message from Tom Barrett

-November 15, 2009

Today, I am announcing that I am filing papers to run for Governor of the great state of Wisconsin.

Less than three months ago, I stood here with my family to thank the citizens of Milwaukee and people from all over Wisconsin for their heartfelt and genuine well wishes and support in the aftermath of the incident that took place outside State Fair.

Frankly, at that point in time, I was not thinking about the governor's race. I was hurt. I had to heal and get my strength back. And most importantly, as a family we had to take the time necessary to make a thoughtful and reasoned decision.

I love being the Mayor of Milwaukee. Voters have provided me with a great opportunity to address challenging issues that impact the daily lives of hundreds of thousands of people...

We are confronting serious economic problems. Our families, our neighbors and our friends continue to lose ground and our state's collective anxiety is high.

It is time to pull together to create jobs and get our state's fiscal house in order.

That's why I'm running for governor. I take a common sense approach to problem solving. I have led our community through difficult times and I understand that Wisconsin families and workers want solutions, not rhetoric.

The problems we confront are complex. Wisconsin workers didn't vote to deregulate the financial industry. Residents are justly disappointed with reduced

state property tax relief. And, employers - large and small - are making difficult hiring and lay-off decisions because the economy has left them with few choices.

Government isn't going to solve these problems alone. The business community isn't going to do it alone.

When I helped found Milwaukee 7 - a regional economic development initiative that brings together government and private business partners we knew the benefits of working together. Through M7, we re-



tained and created 1600 Republic Airline jobs. We did it because we knew that old way of doing business just doesn't work any longer. Creating jobs is not driven by hard right or hard left ideology. If we are going to solve our problems we're going to need more pragmatism and less rhetoric....

Cities, towns and farms throughout Wisconsin are facing tough times. Our families struggle to make ends meet. And in these times, we want the taxes we pay to be collected fairly and spent frugally.

At the same time businesses are complaining about an un-

friendly tax climate, local governments are seeing less property tax relief and increased state fees. Just this year, to balance the Milwaukee budget, I cut \$32 million in spending and eliminated over 350 positions.

In short, no one's happy - homeowners, business owners, and farmers are hurting.

Pitting taxpayers, regions, or organizations against one another will not lead to real and practical solutions.

Wisconsin families want to pay less in property taxes. Our families and businesses want state tax increases to stop, our job base to grow and our low performing schools to be turned around.

These are the challenges I work on every single day. These are the issues I'm ready to tackle statewide. I am committed to breaking through ideological walls and breaking down the old and tired political boundaries. Wisconsin working men and women are tired of that.

In the coming months, I will detail my plans for moving Wisconsin forward. I welcome ideas from people throughout our state. This campaign will be about solutions - real and serious solutions - not slogans.

I am running for Governor because I believe in the people of Wisconsin, the businesses of Wisconsin, and the future of this state. I am running for Governor because we can build a strong economy, protect what is important, and create a great future for ourselves and our children.▪

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LCDP Constitution Changes

The following constitutional and by-law changes will be voted on at the January meeting.

In Article VII, Section 1, of the constitution add "or electronically provided." to read "The time and location of the meeting shall be sent "or electronically provided" to each member at least three days in advance.

By-Law change In Article II, Section 4, to add language that the treasurer "endorse on the report the date the report was prepared." It will read He/She shall make a written report of the state of the treasury at each meeting and "endorse on the report the date the report was prepared."

By-law change in Article III, Section 1,

to add "or upon the resignation of the current treasurer" as triggering an audit. At the end of each calendar year "or upon the resignation of the current treasurer" the Chair shall appoint a three person audit committee to review the books of the party.

By-law change in Article III, Section 2, to change the amount to "\$100" as the amount the chair may use for reasonable operating expenses with presentation of an It will read that the chair can without the consent of the Executive Board approve expenditures in an amount up to "\$100" instead of \$25.invoice.

Constitutional change to add "by mail" and insert the numeric "10" to make sure all members get notices. ■

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*Yes please enroll me, and/or my family, as a member of the
La Crosse County Democratic Party for 2009!!
Enclosed is payment for dues according to type of
membership requested.*

Please Check Due Structure that applies

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home/Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____

Assembly District: 94th _____ 95th _____ Ward _____

YES! I am interested in volunteering for party activities!

- ___ \$25 General Membership
(\$10 each for up to 3 additional members)
- ___ \$ 10 Senior Citizen
- ___ \$35 Pairs (Up to Two Memberships)
- ___ \$45 Activist (Up to 3)
- ___ \$75 Family Membership
- ___ \$120 Supporting Membership
- ___ \$240 Friend
- ___ \$600 Patron
- ___ \$1200 Investor
- ___ \$2400 Benefactor

*Make checks payable to;
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I recommend contacting as a possible member

Name _____

Phone _____

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