

## DEMOCRATIC NEWSLETTER JUNE 2010

### This time she is going to win!!

Cheryl Hancock announced a second run to unseat Rep. Huebsch. Rep. Jennifer Shilling introduced Cheryl at her announcement on Thursday, May 27, at the Blue Cup in Holmen. Please support her by going to [www.hancock4assembly.com](http://www.hancock4assembly.com) or visiting her office in the downstairs level of our office!



Those attending the Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention heard many enthusiastic speakers. Democratic National Committee Chair Tim Kaine spoke of the challenges with an off-year elections. He told the delegates how important the delegates and all those who work on the ground are in being successful in November. You can hear the speakers by going to [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org) and listening to the live streaming of speakers.

Senator Feingold needs your help! Call Pablo Ruiz at (608)782-1588 or email [ruiz@russfeingold.org](mailto:ruiz@russfeingold.org) to volunteer for phone banking and canvassing.

Shawn Phetteplace has joined the Kind campaign at the Feingold/Kind/LCDP Office, 116 5th. Ave. S. You may volunteer by stopping at the office or calling him at 317-710-0515.

Please consider contacting me to help staff our booth at the La Crosse County Fair on July 14- 18.

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!! Email me at [vburke0737@aol.com](mailto:vburke0737@aol.com) for help or suggestions Remember to go to our website for information on candidates [www.laxdems.com](http://www.laxdems.com). Remember to renew your membership for 2010. A membership form can be found at [www.laxdems.com](http://www.laxdems.com). Or you may send in your payment. The membership amounts are listed below. 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*

Chair

### JUNE CARTOON OF THE MONTH

The BP, Transocean & Halliburton runaround...



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## UPCOMING COUNTY PARTY EVENTS



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# Barrett wants state government 'on a diet'

From the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Online



**Madison** — Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, a Democrat, said Monday that he plans to "put Madison on a diet" as he unveiled

ways to cut at least \$1.1 billion a year in state spending.

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At least one proposal - to save \$1 million a year by eliminating the offices of the secretary of state and state treasurer - would require a change in the state constitution, a process that takes two years.

So far in the campaign, Barrett has offered voters the most specifics on how he would manage state government. In addition to Monday's budget proposal, he unveiled a 67-page economic plan May 20.

...As attention recently has focused on the battle between Neumann and Walker, Barrett has pushed policy pronouncements.

At a news conference in Madison, Barrett said he wanted to present "honest plans and straight talk" on what he would do to balance a 2011-2013 state budget that already has a \$2.3 billion deficit built into it. He declined to say whether he would hold state spending or tax increases to a specific limit, which has been suggested by his Republican opponents.

In a 26-page plan, Barrett said Wisconsin could save \$339 million a year by combining state and local governments' buying power to lower health insurance costs. He said the state could save \$200 million a year by giving incentives to people on BadgerCare Plus health coverage to use low-cost insurance plans.

Other major areas for budget cutting and savings: \$175 million from technology upgrades; \$76 million after improving financial administration, including contracting; \$36 million fighting Medicaid billing fraud; and \$34 million in workforce reductions, including cuts in middle managers. Many of Barrett's plans would require approval by lawmakers or other groups such as public employee unions in labor contract negotiations.

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Wisconsin's constitution calls for a treasurer and secretary of state. Lawmakers would have to pass a proposal in two separate sessions to change that, and then it would need the approval of voters. Those offices have lost several of their early functions and are currently held by Democrats.

Read the full article at [jsonline.com](http://jsonline.com)

## Senator Kohl Works To Save Retirement

(Fortune) -- The fight over financial reform has made legislators such as Barney Frank and Chris Dodd fixtures in the headlines. Herb Kohl's name doesn't command that sort of attention, but it should: The Democratic senator from Wisconsin has embarked on reforms that could have a profound impact on the lives of millions of Americans. As chairman of the Senate's Special Committee on Aging, Kohl has become Congress's go-to leader on retirement issues.

While his better-known colleagues mud-wrestle over regulating derivatives, Kohl is quietly building bipartisan support for changes that govern how we finance our golden years. "He wants to make sure that people who do care about retirement security are protected," says Bob Corker of Tennessee, the ranking Republican senator on Kohl's committee. Please read the rest of the article at the following website.

[http://money.cnn.com/2010/05/24/retirement/retire\\_rich\\_kohl.fortune/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/2010/05/24/retirement/retire_rich_kohl.fortune/index.htm)

## Mike Sheridan-Assembly Speaker To Attend Picnic

Rep. Mike Sheridan was elected to the State Assembly in 2004, re-elected since 2006. He was elected Speaker of the Assembly in 2009.

Prior to elected office, Rep. Sheridan worked with General Motors, starting as an assembly line worker in the Janesville plant. He is recognized as a friend of labor.

Please join us at the picnic to talk with him about the last legislative session and the outlook for Democrats in the November elections!

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