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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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Our Message -- UNIFY -- RECALL WALKER

Congratulations to Tom Barrett and Mahlon Mitchell, our candidates for Governor and Lt Gov! It's time for all of us to unify and do the necessary work to replace Scott Walker. Today begins 28 days of action. Tom Barrett is united with all the Democratic candidates to end Scott Walker's ideological civil war.

Wisconsin cannot be healed and will not move forward with Scott Walker as governor.

June 5th will be a referendum on Scott Walker's performance: record job loss, corporate tax breaks, political division, self-serving grandeur - and criminal corruption.

Tom Barrett offers a stark contrast. He will invest in education, get Wisconsin working again, while being fiscally and ethically responsible. He will actually BE in Wisconsin not traveling the nation to get contributions.

Defeating Scott Walker will be difficult, given his huge mountain of right-wing corporate special interest cash. The good news is that this is NOT an election about who has the most money: It is an election about who has the best vision for Wisconsin.

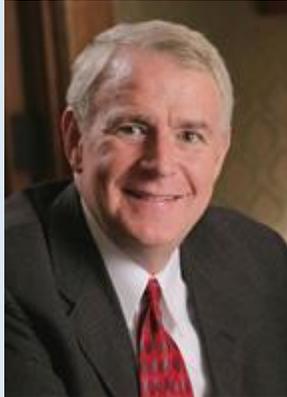
Tom Barrett is the candidate who can heal our divisions, restore integrity and trust to public office and get Wisconsin working again.

In discussing with your friends and neighbors about our candidates these are the points you should stress.

We are almost there, but **WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK**. We have many jobs and need people to staff the front desk, make meals, clean, work the phone bank, and canvas. We must make sure that Tom Barrett is elected on June 5th. Come into the office at 116 5th. Ave. S., La Crosse, and volunteer. **Without you, this does not happen. And heartfelt thanks to all who have and continue to volunteer to get the Vote Out!**

Just drop in or email: sheighf@wisdems.org or phone: 316:213-8118 with the coordinated campaign. You may also contact Organizing for America to help President Obama. Contact: Rebecca Dobrez by email: rdobrez@ofawi.com or phone: (715)271-4400. or Laura at LHundt@ofawi.com. Also, if you wish to donate paper products, please drop them off at our office.

Vicki Burke
Chair
La Crosse County Democratic Party



Upcoming Events

Join the Party!
Tuesday, May 15
5-9 PM

**Bring a friend, neighbor,
colleague, family member.**

Maybe they've voted democrat, independent or never voted. If they're curious about why you're a member of the La Crosse Democratic Party, this is a fun, low-key way to mingle with you and your Dem friends.

Our Hosts: Dan & Amy Estep
**Providing tours of their historic
Vincent House**

1024 Cass St
(Corner of Cass and 11th St)
RSVP: Chris Kahlow 608-448-
5114

Meet Mahlon Mitchell
Monthly Members Meeting
Monday, May 21 at 7 PM

LCDP Office, 116 5th Ave. S.
South La Crosse
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**State Democratic
Convention**

**Friday, June 8 and
Saturday, June 9**

Appleton Valley Paper Hotel, 333
W. College Ave., Appleton, WI
Hotel Phone (920)733-8000
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Membership Meeting, Monday, May 21, 7 p.m.
Meet Mahlon Mitchell
Our Candidate for Lt Governor!

(LCDP Office, 116 5th Ave So, La Crosse)

This is an introduction from President of the Firefighters of Wisconsin Mahlon Mitchell, the lieutenant governor candidate who will soon replace Rebecca Kleefisch.

Hello, friends, neighbors and fellow citizens who I haven't had the chance to meet: My name is Mahlon Mitchell. I'm running for lieutenant governor of the State of Wisconsin.

I'm a firefighter by trade - it's been my career for the past 15 years, and I serve as a Lieutenant in the Madison Fire Department. The job runs in my family; I have two brothers in the fire service and when I was 19 years old, I decided that I too wanted to be a firefighter.

My brothers and I didn't become firefighters for fame or money. We do the job because we care about our communities. We don't expect everyone to make this level of commitment – it's a calling more than a job - but it's a commitment I've been glad to make. I believe hard-working men and women deserve a fair chance to succeed, and that middle class common sense has its place in solving even our biggest challenges.

Over the past 15 months, all of us here in Wisconsin have watched events unfold in our state. We've watched our government grind to a halt over partisan battles as our governor and lieutenant governor divide the state on the grounds of party ideology and class. We have seen our schools fall behind and we have witnessed an unprecedented attack on the rights of women and working families. And we've felt the pain as our state lost more jobs than any other state in the country while corporations continue to receive millions in tax cuts.

Our state's economic crisis impacts us all, unemployed or employed, rich or poor, secure or not. When a situation like this comes upon a state, the job of our government should be to address the crisis head on, with teamwork and creative solutions that bring us together. A year of continued job loss and a massively deteriorated political climate tell us that they have failed as our first responders. But if we want something different, we have to stop sending typical politicians to Madison. You can't do the same thing over and over again and expect a different result.

Firefighters have a saying: "All Hands Working." It is our motto when confronted with a crisis. It means that every firefighter on scene is doing a task or job to stabilize a situation. Now is our opportunity for all hands to work together for Wisconsin. We must stop fighting the same old political wars of the past. By working together, we can solve these problems and restore the Wisconsin values of fairness and hard work to government. These are values I learned growing up in Delavan, and they are values that have helped my wife and me raise our children. Early on we all learn that Wisconsin is a place of opportunity, where hard work is rewarded and those willing to work hard can dream big.



[Why is Membership in the LCDP Important?](#)

Why is membership so important? Certainly one can volunteer and be committed to electing Democratic candidates without being a member of the Democratic Party. Indeed, many folks say, "I've been a Democrat for many years, always voted Democratic, but just never joined the Party." Well, there are several benefits that make it worthwhile not only to join, but to encourage friends and family to join too.

First, you will find yourself surrounded by interesting, committed, progressive and stimulating people who share many of your basic values. Do we agree on everything? Of course not; we're Democrats. But that's half the fun.

Second, the best way to influence the direction of the Party and its candidates is from within. Through serving as a County Party officer or Board member, or delegate to CD, State, and even National Conventions, you can help set priorities.

Third you can continue to receive this Newsletter, as well as constant contacts related to important events.

Fourth, you may attend informational, educational and social events related to concerns and issues that matter to you.

Fifth, your membership dues are really important to us. Here are some details. Your County Party keeps 45% of your dues. The Third CD receives 2% and the State Party gets 53%. Our portion of the dues, along with fundraising, helps to support our activities, such as maintaining a office, mobilizing for campaigns such as the Recall (and now the upcoming recall election), as well as the 2012 campaigns for Assembly, Congress, Senate and Presidency.

During elections we try to raise enough money to also contribute directly to candidate campaigns. By law, we can give more than an individual, so our members can effectively contribute two ways: as individuals and as part of the County Party. So, there are lots of good reasons to join or renew, and to encourage others to do so as well.

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www.SSDC-Wi.org

Wisconsin Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee

www.AssemblyDemocrats.com

3rd Congressional District Democratic Party

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www.3rdDems.net

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www.Democrats.org

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The Democratic State Convention

Join other Democrats as we celebrate our win over Scott Walker. Get energized for elections in November! The Democratic State Convention will be held in Appleton on Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, at the Appleton Valley Paper Hotel, 333 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI. Hotel Phone (920)733-8000.

Submit your name to Vicki Burke at vburke0737@aol.com or call 608-792-5854 by Thursday, May 17. *You must be a member of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin to attend as a delegate or alternate.* We have 17 spaces for delegates and 44 for alternates. Those who were delegates to the Third CD Convention are automatically listed as State Delegates.

>>>Campaign Staff Housing Needed<<<

We will soon be sending more organizers all over the state to help with our Recall Walker efforts. Our organizers will need both long and short term housing from May 1st - June 6th.

Will you help push us over the top by providing supporter housing for a Recall Volunteer?

Please take a moment to fill out our brief supporter housing survey at

www.wisdems.org/housing

You will be added to our supporter housing database and contacted as housing is needed in your area. Providing supporter housing is an incredibly helpful and rewarding way to show your support. Thank you for helping us to finish strong!

In Solidarity,

Jeremy Jansen Field Director, Democratic Party of Wisconsin jeremyj@wisdems.org

Tom Barrett's Record on Jobs

As governor, Tom will fight to restore full collective bargaining rights, and bring new jobs to Wisconsin. In fact, Tom has made working with the private sector to create jobs and grow our economy a central focus of his career. He co-founded and currently co-chairs the M-7 regional economic development group that has worked to save and attract thousands of jobs to Wisconsin. Tom's leadership also played an important role in transforming the Menomonee Valley from an industrial wasteland to a thriving commercial sector that now supports nearly 4,000 jobs. In 2011, Helios (Solar Panels) and Ingeteam (Windmills) both opened new factories in the Menomonee Valley, and Palermo's Pizza expanded their factory – bringing hundreds of good-paying jobs to Wisconsin. Tom has also worked with companies like Direct Supply, Bucyrus/Caterpillar and others to expand operations and grow jobs in Wisconsin.



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◆◆◆Donations Needed◆◆◆

We need many volunteers to come to the office to help with phone banks and canvassing.

We also need contributions to help with the many things the LCDP does. We have not made requests for your donations in the last few weeks; we know that many of you have been contributing to candidates and other requests. We ask that you consider a donation of any size for the LCDP as we provide for events and the office. Please send a contribution to LCDP, P.O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861.

You may also go to our website at www.laxdems.com and contribute with Act Blue online.

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Attention all Party Members:

The Newsletter is now online. If you don't receive the online newsletter and have not received online updates through the campaign, please update your address by sending an email to: laxdems@yahoo.com or visit us online at: www.LaxDems.com



Become a member of the La Crosse County Democratic Party

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Please check dues structure that applies:

Renewal Month _____

- ___ \$25 General Membership
- ___ \$10 Senior, Student, Limited Income
- ___ \$35 Pairs (up to two members)
- ___ \$75 Family
- ___ \$120 Supporting Membership
- ___ \$250 Friend
- ___ \$600 Patron
- ___ \$2400 Benefactor

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I would like to support the LCDP with a donation of \$ _____

Contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Your contribution may be used in connection with federal elections and is subject to the limitations and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

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*Federal Law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.

Make checks payable to:
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La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

I recommend contacting as a possible member:

Name _____

Phone _____

You may also join or donate online:
www.LaxDems.com

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