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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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...On Thursday, July 28, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the Affordable Care Act. President Obama said this was "a victory for all Americans." (See article below) This is a success for all of us who worked to elect a President who understands the importance of health care to the economic stability of families and individuals.



Last year, working together, we successfully recalled Senator Kapanke and elected Sen. Jen Shilling. We gained the 94th Assembly District with Rep. Steve Doyle and retained the 95th Assembly District with Rep. Jill Billings. The fight continues. These seats must be protected in November.

Rep. Ron Kind will need your support, along with Tammy Baldwin, who runs to replace Sen. Herb Kohl.

On Monday night, July 16, Joe Heim, Ph. D., will speak to us about the Recall and his reactions to the outcome and what it might mean for November. (See article below.)

We will also hear from the two candidates for La Crosse County Treasurer. Article below.

A big thank you to the following Election Night Party sponsors: Congressman Ron Kind, State Senator Jen Shilling, Rep. Steve Doyle, Rep. Jill Billings, Vicki Burke, Rachel Gundersen, Marilyn Staublely Hanson, Pat Heim, George and Rocky Huber, Tara Johnson and Tim Padesky, Jules Coffeehouse, Roz Schnick, Kris Troyanek, Margaret Wood, and Carolyn Smith.

We look forward to a presidential election. It is a never- ending battle to protect those things we all value. Our office will remain open. In a few weeks we will be gaining staff for 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. Both of these individuals will be responsible for the La Crosse office OFA campaign.

Vicki Burke
Chair
La Crosse County Democratic Party

Upcoming Events

Obama Farm Fest
Saturday, July 7
See article below

LCDP Monthly Mtg
Monday, July 16, 7 p.m.
116 5th. Ave. S., La Crosse
Special Speaker:
Joe Heim, Ph.D.
See article below
And hear from our
Candidates for County Offices-
Treasurer Candidates
See article below

La Crosse Interstate
Fair
July 18-22
Enjoy staffing our
LCDP table!
Contact Paula Stanek
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Joe Heim, Ph. D., to Speak at July Meeting

Joe Heim, Ph.D, has agreed to speak at our July meeting, Monday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at the office, 116 5th. Ave. S., La Crosse. He will comment on the recent Recall and the outlook for November. Joe specializes in teaching public administration, including public budgeting and public sector human relations. He teaches state and local government and political campaigning. Also, he does election analysis. Dr. Heim is a well-known commentator on local politics. His passions include fine dining, travel, and support for the Packers and Brewers. Dr. Heim taught at UW-La Crosse from 1968 to 1971 prior to going to graduate school at UW-Milwaukee, returning to UW-La Crosse in 1975.



Supreme Court Upholds Affordable Care Act

On Thursday, June 28, The Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Roberts, upheld the Affordable Care Act.

President Obama said the ruling will be the subject of intense discussion, but it is a victory for all Americans.

"I know there will be a lot of discussion today about the politics of all this - about who won and who lost," he said. "That is how these things tend to be viewed here in Washington. But that discussion completely misses the point. Whatever the politics, today's decision was a victory for people all over this country, whose lives will be more secure because of this law and the Supreme Court's decision to uphold it." In his East Room remarks President Obama said he understands the concerns Americans expressed in what has been a "divisive" debate. He urged Americans to leave that behind them.

"The highest court in the land has now spoken," the president said. "We will continue to implement this law. And we will work together to improve on it where we can. But what we won't do - what the country can't afford to do - is re-fight the political battles of two years ago, or go back to the way things were."

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- * Individual mandate requiring all U.S. citizens to have health insurance either through private companies, their employers, or state-sponsored exchanges. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
- * Insurance companies banned from denying coverage to applicants with pre-existing health conditions.
- * Insurance companies required to include preventative health care at no extra cost, banned from setting limits on payouts for coverage.
- * Companies employing over 50 people required to provide those employees with health insurance.
- * Children allowed to stay on their parents' insurance plans until 26 years of age.

OBAMA FARM FEST-SATURDAY, JULY 7

Spend Saturday afternoon, July 7, in the beautiful Driftless area of Western Wisconsin, on a flower farm with a panoramic view of miles of the rolling countryside.

French Chef and author Monique Hooker, a dedicated supporter of President Obama, organized a committee of kindred spirits to create the Obama Farm Fest. This event is a combination of gourmet casual food, a gorgeous flower farm, music for listening and dancing, wonderful quilts for auction made by area women.

Dr. Zorba Paster from WPR's "On Your Health" will be the featured speaker.

Star Valley Flower Farm is about an hour and a half to two hours west of Madison. It is a beautiful drive. So consider joining us and Mother Earth.

To register, go to barackobama.com (attend an event). Cost is \$25.

When: Saturday, July 7 Where: Star Valley Farm Flowers, 51468 County Rd.C, Soldiers Grove, WI

Events: 5:00 p.m. Old Time Music and Tour of the Farm; 6:00 p.m. BBQ Dinner; 6:30 p.m. Dr. Zorba on Health-Featured Speaker; 7:30 p.m. Live Quilt Auction; 8:00 p.m. Live Music-Dance

PS. Stay over in one of Soldiers Grove handsome Bed and Breakfasts:

The Roth House; therothhouse.com phone: 608-624-3884

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Candidates for County Offices-Treasurer Candidates to Speak

This year the Democratic Party will field several candidates for County offices. Tim Gruenke will seek re-election as District Attorney, and Ginny Dankmeyer will seek to continue as County Clerk. Neither Tim or Ginny has an opponent.

We have two candidates running in the primary on August 14th. for La Crosse County Treasurer. Shawn Handland and Ronald Rothering seek the position. They will speak at our July meeting. If you have not had the opportunity to meet these great candidates, please come to the July meeting.

FIRED UP AND READY TO GO FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA

Are you fired up for November?

Ready to return to the Democratic Party Office?

Look no further!

We will be doing **three sessions dedicated to an overview of OFA's persuasion program.** The training includes: the president's accomplishments, a framework for persuasive conversations, activities to relate personal stories to the president's accomplishments with practice break outs having persuasion conversations at the door and on the phone, **as well as sign-ups for next weekend of action - July 28th and 29th.**

Saturday, July 14th:

10 am to Noon (South LAX/Bangor/West Salem Teams) RSVP on the link below:

<https://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/training/gp98V>

2 pm to 4 pm (North LAX/Onalaska/Holmen Teams) RSVP on the link below:

<https://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/training/gp9824>

Sunday, July 15th:

Noon to 2 pm (Extra training for those who cannot make the other times.) RSVP on the link below:

<https://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/training/gp98d7>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or email **Laura at 608.345.2372 or lhundt@ofawi.com**



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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



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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.

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