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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

September 2012

The election is just 68 days from today. What have you done to help bring us a victory? Have you helped with phone banks, volunteered to staff the office, contributed money, or walked your neighborhood to canvas? You do not want to wake up on November 7 with a Walker ticket in the White House. Let's get to work!!

The Republicans are holding their convention this week. I have included two articles on Medicare and welfare-to-work. Please read them carefully so you can respond to the lies being told about President Obama's position on these two topics.

Our Democratic candidates are working very hard as we look to November. President Obama, Tammy Baldwin, Congressman Ron Kind, State Senator Jen Shilling, Rep. Steve Doyle, and Rep. Jill Billings will be working in a coordinated campaign for the success of a Democratic sweep.

It is a never-ending battle to protect those things we all value.

Get involved! Contact campaign workers listed below.

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## Upcoming Events – Hope to see you!!

### **Labor Day Parade, Monday, Sept 3, 10 a.m.**

The more the merrier!! Meet near Franklin School, corner of Kane and Gillette by 9:30 a.m.

### **President Barack Obama's Acceptance Speech, Thursday, Sept 6, 7:30 - 10 p.m.**

Democratic National Convention Watch Parties

7:30 – 8pm Socializing

8 – 8:30pm Updates on the Obama and local campaigns

The President is scheduled to speak at 8:30pm.

Pick your location!

### **>>North LaCrosse/Onalaska Convention Watch Party**

Jeff and Yongbok Wildt's Home

209 E Larkspur Ln, Onalaska, WI 54650

### **>>South La Crosse/Holmen Watch Party**

La Crosse Democratic Party Office

116 5th Ave S, La Crosse, WI 54601

### **>>UW - La Crosse and Viterbo Watch Party**

Eagle's Nest, 1914 Campbell Rd, La Crosse, WI 54601

### **>>Bangor and West Salem Watch Party**

Sara and Joel Lazinger's Home

N2842 Antony Rd, Bangor, WI 54614

### **>>Central High School Watch Party**

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### **Cooking For Obama—A Culinary Show**

**Friday, Sept 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Muse Theatre, 1353 Avon St., La Crosse **See article with Details. This should be yummy fun!**

### **LCDP Monthly Mtg, Monday, Sept 17, 7 p.m.**

Democratic Office, 116 5th. Ave. S., La Crosse

### **Tammy Baldwin Fundraiser—"Purse strings and politics," Monday, Sept 24, 5-7 p.m.**

Home of Margaret and Tim Larson, 1924 Nakomis Ave, La Crosse (Turn onto Clinton St. to French Island, **first street on right**)

### **Jennifer Shilling Oktoberfest Fundraiser**

**Wednesday Sept 19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

City Brewery Hospitality Center, 1111 3rd St. S., La Crosse

**Guest Speaker: Sen. Jon Erpenbach**

### **Congressman Kind's Annual Corn Roast**

**Thursday, Sept. 27, 5 p.m.**

La Crosse County Fairground, West Salem

**Great Fun! Great Food!  
Cooking, Humor, Music, Eating, Laughter  
All for President Obama**

**A Culinary Show in Four Courses**

**Date: Sept. 14**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Place: Muse Theatre, 1353 Avon St., La Crosse, WI**

**Join award winning Chef Monique Jamet Hooker and Chicago's legendary folk singer Bonnie Koloc and their supporting cast.**

Food includes chicken choices, diverse potato recipes, apples and pastry, salad and dressing varieties. Supper following the show, serving the menu created on the stage. Recipes will be provided to attendees.

**Seats limited.** Call 608-397-3752

**Ticket Cost:**

\$55 per person for play and supper 6:30 p.m. OR  
\$100 per person 5 p.m. Champagne reception with hors d'oeuvres prior to show, reserved seating and supper

Send a check payable to "Obama Victory Fund"  
2012 to Wisconsin Women for Obama  
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**Truth and Lies About Medicare**

... excerpt from a *New York Times* article

Republican attacks on President Obama's plans for Medicare are growing more heated and inaccurate by the day. Both Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan made statements last week implying that the Affordable Care Act would eviscerate Medicare when in fact the law should shore up the program's finances. "Both men have also twisted themselves into knots to distance themselves from previous positions, so that voters can no longer believe anything they say. Last week, both insisted that they would save Medicare by pumping a huge amount of money into the program, a bizarre turnaround for supposed fiscal conservatives out to rein in federal spending.

The likelihood that they would stand by that irresponsible pledge after the election is close to zero. And the likelihood that they would be better able than Democrats to preserve Medicare for the future (through a risky voucher system that may not work well for many beneficiaries) is not much better.

THE ALLEGED "RAID ON MEDICARE" A Republican attack ad says that the reform law has "cut" \$716 billion from Medicare, with the money used to expand coverage to low-income people who are currently uninsured. "So now the money you paid for your guaranteed health care is going to a massive new government program that's not for you," the ad warns.

What the Republicans fail to say is that the budget resolutions crafted by Paul Ryan and approved by the Republican-controlled House retained virtually the same cut in Medicare.

In reality, the \$716 billion is not a "cut" in benefits but rather the savings in costs that the Congressional Budget Office projects over the next decade from wholly reasonable provisions in the reform law.

One big chunk of money will be saved by reducing unjustifiably high subsidies to private Medicare Advantage plans that enroll many beneficiaries at a higher average cost than traditional Medicare. Another will come from reducing the annual increases in federal reimbursements to health care providers - like hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies - to force the notoriously inefficient system to find ways to improve productivity.

And a further chunk will come from fees or taxes imposed on drug makers, device makers and insurers - fees that they can surely afford since expanded coverage for the uninsured will increase their markets and their revenues."

**Welfare to Work-The Truth**

The Republican Lie About the President's position on Welfare-To-Work Republicans have put out an ad, titled "Blatant," which claims the Obama administration was implementing a welfare policy that would drop the work requirement. The President is fighting back on this false ad. Help President Obama by making sure your neighbors are not falling for these lies.

Immediately after its release, the Romney campaign ad's accuracy was disputed by numerous media outlets, which the Obama campaign is now highlighting in a new campaign ad.. The New York Times called it 'blatantly false' and The Washington Post says "the Obama administration is not removing the bill's work requirements at all."

President Obama reacted to the false ad. He said, "In fact what's happened was that my administration, responding to the requests of five governors, including two Republican governors, agreed to approve giving them, those states, some flexibility in how they manage their welfare rolls as long as it produced 20 percent increases in the number of people who are getting work," he said. "So in other words, we would potentially give states more flexibility to put more people back to work, not to take them off the work requirement under welfare."

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Tammy BALDWIN for Senate: <https://secure.tammybaldwin.com/page/contribute>

State Senator Jen Shilling: <https://jennifershilling.ngphost.com/crmapi/contribute>

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## Annual Fall Dinner October 20, 5 p.m. at Concordia Hall South La Crosse

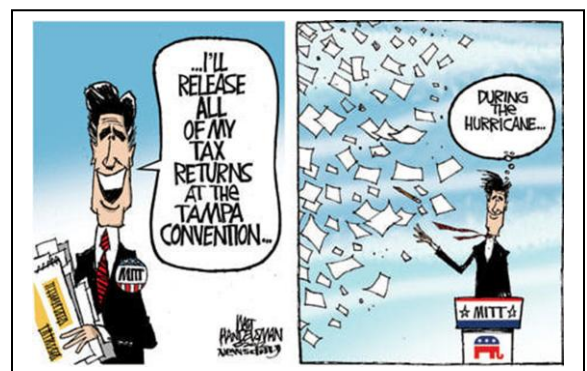
We are planning for our annual Fall Dinner.



If you have any items to donate to the silent auction or you would like to make a cash donation, please contact Rocky Huber at 608-783-4824 or [gghrsh@aol.com](mailto:gghrsh@aol.com)

Examples: Gift Certificates for dinner, hotel/motel, or bed and breakfast stays, spas, manicure/pedicure; Tickets for theatre, movies, Badger football, Green Bay Packers, Bucks basketball, symphony; Art; Jewelry; Political books or other paraphernalia, etc.

Remember that any event tickets must be for after Oct. 20, 2012.



*Remember to laugh along the way.*



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We 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](http://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](mailto:laxdems@yahoo.com) or visit us online at: [www.LaxDems.com](http://www.LaxDems.com)



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- \_\_\_ \$35 Pairs (up to two members)
- \_\_\_ \$75 Family
- \_\_\_ \$120 Supporting Membership
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