October 2012

Rep. Jill Billings, Margaret Wood, Paul Kruse, and I had a great time at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.! We sat and cheered as Democrat after Democrat came on stage with the message-Re-elect Barack Obama.

On each day of the convention, we came out of the hall about midnight or later feeling the energy that we are going to win. Michelle Obama, Bill



Clinton and Barack Obama were the stars. We all agreed we could not have had a better convention; in fact, we felt it was the best.

I don't know about the others, but I stumbled into my bed each night about 1:30 to 2:30 a.m., only to rise early to get our next day's credential. Those, hardier than I, attended parties that lasted until the wee hours of the morning.

As a veteran now of three conventions, this convention was the best by far in leaving us with the motivation and passion to re-elect Obama. This is what a convention is supposed to do!

In addition, the speakers were young, and showed that the party has a bright and exciting future.

Everyone we met was interested in Wisconsin because we have been in the news so much in 2011 and 2012.

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 all candidates. We cannot let them down. We need to volunteer and get to work. It is a never-ending battle to protect those things we all value.

Contact campaign workers listed on the right, Upcoming Events. Other important websites are listed at the right as well.

Vicki Burke Chair La Crosse County Democratic Party

Upcoming Events – Hope to see you!!

Debates for the fall election cycle have been scheduled. All debates will take place at the UW-L Cartwright Center, 1725 State St., La Crosse, in the Port O'Call Room.

State Assembly, District 94

Tuesday, October 9, 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Steve Doyle, Incumbent (D); Bruce Evers (R)

State Assembly, District 96

Tuesday, October 9, 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Lee Nerison, Incumbent (R); Tom Johnson (D)

State Senate, 23rd. District

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jennifer Shilling, Incumbent (D); Bill Feehan

Wis. 3rd. Congressional District

Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ron Kind, Incumbent (D); Ray Boland (R)

LCDP Monthly Mtg, Monday, Oct 15, 7 p.m.

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

Nominations for officers and Ex. Board No additional nominations for ballot after this meeting. Call or email Chris Degnen, (608)448-5114 or

chrisdegnan@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Exec Board. We need your enthusiasm! It's an off-year for elections. That means the monthly hours of participation will be only 3-6.

SAVE THE DATE Fall Dinner, October 20, Concordia Ballroom, La Crosse 5 p.m. Yummy spaghetti, delicious sweets, great speakers, silent auction, raffles, and the best friends - Democrats!

>>>>>>>IMPORTANTWEBSITES<

Re-Election Campaign: www.BarackObama.com

Tammy Baldwin for Senate: www.TammyBaldwin.com

GottaVote: www.GottaVote.org

GottaRegister: www.GottaRegister.com

White House Accomplishments: www.WhiteHouse.gov/record

Affordable Care Act: www.NewHealthCareLaw.com

Voter Protection: www.ProtectingTheVote.org

National Party: www.Democrats.org

DPW Membership: www.wisdems.org/membership

The "47%" by the numbers

44% -- Elderly tax benefits (extra standard deduction, exclusion of portion of Social Security benefits, credit for elderly)

30.4% -- Credits for children & working poor (child/dependent care tax credit, earned income tax credit)

6% -- Cash transfer benefits other than SS & unemployment, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (so-called "welfare") & Supplemental Security Income (benefits for disabled adults & children with limited income, resources)

5.1% -- Above-the-line deductions and tax-exempt interest

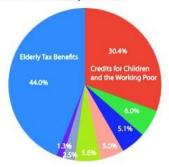
5% -- Itemized deductions

5.6% -- Education credits

2.5% -- Other credits

1.3% -- Reduced rates on capital gains & dividends

Source: "Why Some Tax Units Pay No Income Tax" Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center • July 2011





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Please take the time to help all Democratic candidates. You can see who Tommy's friend is!

Tammy Baldwin has been polling stronger than Tommy Thompson! You can learn more about Tammy at her website, www.tammybaldwin.com

Your contribution to her campaign is vital to its success!

Please use the following links.

https://secure.tammybaldwin.com/page/contribute

State Senator Jen Shilling

https://jennifershilling.ngphost.com/crmapi/contribute

State Rep. Steve Dovle

https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/entity/26645

Rep. Jill Billings

https://secure.actblue.com/entity/fundraisers/27674

Silent Rally for Equality on the Cass St. Bridge

The LGBT Center of the Seven Rivers Region invites you to join them demonstrating the region's commitment to equality. We are invited to join hands and create a bridge for equality.

We will gather at Cameron Park, 400 King St., at 11:30 a.m. and then walk to the Cass St. Bridge. The silent rally on the bridge will last 30 minutes.

After the silent rally we will reconvene in Cameron Park for refreshments.

We know that the sight of hundreds of community members joining hands and creating a bridge for equality will be a powerful image.

Elections for La Crosse Democratic Party Officers and At-Large Board Members

Elections for officers and at-large board members will occur in November. The Nominating Committee comprised of Chris Degnan, chair, and Tara Johnson and Vicki Burke will present a slate of candidates for chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and five at-large members at the October 15th Members Meeting. Any member may nominate other individuals from the floor at the October meeting. No additional nomination may be made after the October meeting. There may be write-in candidates, however, at the November election, Nov. 19. We are looking for qualified, energetic people who will commit themselves to keeping our local party strong. Please contact Chris Degnan if you are interested. (608) 448-5114 or chrisdegnan@gmail.com

Let's show the pundits that "voter fatigue" does not keep us from getting the vote out!!

Why we need your volunteer effort to ensure Obama's Reelection. The Huffington Post combine's 44 polls to track trends in Wisconsin. The gap between Obama and Romney in Wisconsin is closing.

Please, stop by or call to arrange 1 hour or more of your time to make phone calls or to canvas neighborhoods.

HuffPost Model Estimate October 5, 2012

- Barack Obama 49.2%
- Mitt Romney 45.2%
- Undecided 0.0%
- Other 5.6%

Currently tracking 44 polls

http://elections.huffingtonpost.com/pollster/2012-wisconsin-president-romney-vs-obama

PAC, Party & National Campaign Information

Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW)

110 King Street, Suite 203 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 255-5172 www.wisdems.org

Wisconsin State Senate Democratic Committee www.SSDC-Wi.org

Wisconsin Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee www.AssemblyDemocrats.com

3rd Congressional District Democratic Party Melanie Franklin, Chair (715) 659-4964 www.3rdDems.net

Democratic National Committee (DNC)

430 S. Capitol St. SE Washington, DC 20003 (202) 863-8000 www.Democrats.org

Democratic Leadership Council (DLC)

600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003 (202) 544-0007 www.DLC.org

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2 Russell Courtyard Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-5323

Senator, Herb Kohl (D)

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95th Assembly Rep, Jill Billings (D)

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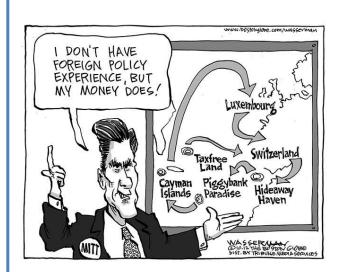
* * * Vice-Presidential Debate * * *

Join us to walk doors from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. this Thursday, October 11th. If you can only fit in 1, 2, or 3 hours before the debate, that's wonderful!

After canvassing, we head on back to the Democratic Headquarters, 116 5th Ave S, La Crosse, WI, to watch the debate.

If you plan to attend, please, contact Laura at 608.345.2372.





Remember to laugh along the way.



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Donations Needed

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 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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