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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

March 2013

Hello, All! What a month we've enjoyed!

Four of our Exec Board members (Kathleen Ryan, Kris Troyanek, Marcia Wine, and I) attended a weekend of excellent training hosted by the County Chairs Association and delivered by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW), certain County Chairs, and the Lead Campaign Auditor, Gov't Accountability Board (GAB), with special guest speakers: Mike Tate, DPW Chair and Supreme Court Candidate, Ed Falone.

Specific outcomes that matter to us, and to you, I hope:

- Development of a LCDP Strategic Plan
- Outreach to the rest of our county
- Improvement of membership/volunteer practices

I will work with a sub-committee to draft the strategic plan, kept simple and to-the-point, with specific objectives we may measure and track. Look for this to be presented at an upcoming general meeting.

Please, help us build a stronger party by finding the best ways to include the rest of our county. If you are one of these members, who would like to become more active, call or email me: (608) 797-3265; karri.kline@gmail.com.

My Soap Box

An "aha" moment for me occurred when interviewing the 6 outstanding candidates for the new SW Regional Political Director. I can diffuse the angst that so divides our country and makes it difficult to converse and to solve problems. Instead of initiating a political conversation by talking about specific issues/candidates, I may speak of values. For example when President Obama said, "If there's even one thing we can do – EVEN ONE LIFE WE CAN SAVE – we have an obligation to try," he becomes persuasive across all political affiliations, because he has expressed a basic human value. So, I feel strange inside when I do this – a new habit to form. When this makes political discussions more positive, I become more motivated!

Peace, Karri

Inside this Edition

- Call to the 3rd CD Convention
 - How to become a Delegate
 - How to submit a Resolution
- Meet the SW Regional Political Director, Doug Haefele

Upcoming Events – Hope to see you

Monthly General Meeting

Monday, March 18, 7-9 p.m.

Ho Chunk 3 Rivers House, 724 Main St., La Crosse

Key Note Speaker: Tim Kabat, Candidate for La Crosse Mayor

Remember, your friends do not have to be members to join this meeting. Bring one or two or more!

St. Patrick's Annual Fundraiser – meet local candidates and SW Regional Political Director!

Requesting a \$10 donation at door.

Saturday, March 16, 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Home of Karri Kline & Loren Kannenberg
322 23rd St. South, La Crosse, 54601

Bring a dish to share. **Bring a friend, member or not!** And plan to have fun!

Spring Elections – Tuesday, April 2!!

Get the vote out for progressive candidates. Don't let the Republicans or ultra Conservatives win your local races because you did not vote. Bring family/friends that need a ride.

College Democrats Convention – April 5-7

LCDP has donated \$250 to help cover the costs. To donate to this worthy cause, contact Laura Fox (Viterbo) lesparky2nd@yahoo.com or Jimmy Dirth (UWL) jame@uwlax.edu

3rd CD Convention – April 27

The Crawford County Democratic Party will host the event at: Huckleberry's Banquet Hall
1916 S. Marquette Road, Prairie du Chien

More details on next page...

CALL TO CONVENTION

Notice is hereby given that the 3rd Congressional District Democratic Party will hold its annual convention on Saturday, April 27th, 2013.

The Crawford County Democratic Party will host the event at:
Huckleberry's Banquet Hall
1916 S. Marquette Road
Prairie du Chien, WI

Registration will take place from 9:00-11:00AM, with the call to order beginning promptly at **10:30 AM**. **Registration is \$25 per person or \$15 per student with a valid student ID.** This includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

This year we will hold elections for all officers and administrative committee representatives as well as two delegates and one alternate to the Platform and Resolutions committee.

Each county may submit up to 10 resolutions for consideration. All resolutions must be received by **midnight Friday, April 12th**. Send them to LCDP Chair, Karri Kline at karri.kline@gmail.com in the proper format (see enclosed below).

To participate in voting, setting resolutions and amendments to the constitution, you must be a delegate and dues-paid member of the La Crosse Democratic Party (LCDP) no later than **midnight Saturday, April 13th**. Dues can be paid by filling out the membership form and mailing it with a check, money order, or credit card information. Or become a member securely online using a credit card. Go to <http://laxdems.com> click on the "Membership Form" tab or use the form on the last page of this.

Three Ways to Be a Delegate to this Convention

Provide name, address phone number, and email by

- ◆ Attending the Monday, March 18 General Meeting (details on front page, right side);
- ◆ Calling Karri Kline, (608) 797-3265;
- ◆ Emailing Karri Kline, karri.kline@gmail.com

Resolution Requirements

Resolutions submitted to the 3rd CD Convention for consideration by its members must be **no more than 100 words** and must contain at least one "Whereas" clause and one "Resolved" clause with the Democratic Party of Wisconsin as the resolving body. Do not include the title in the word count.

Sample Resolution from 2008

Repeal the Military Commissions Act 2006 (MCA)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution provides "The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended...;"

WHEREAS, in September, 2006, the Congress passed the MCA, which denies habeas corpus to individuals labeled "unlawful enemy combatants," whether U.S. citizens or not;

WHEREAS, U.S. citizens can be arrested and detained indefinitely without charge if the President declares them to be "unlawful enemy combatants";

WHEREAS, under the MCA, "enemy combatants" can be tried and executed on the basis of coerced testimony, hearsay and secret classified testimony; (98 words)

Elections and Amendments to the 3rd CD Constitution

For a copy of responsibilities for each position up for election and/or copy of proposed amendments to the constitution, contact Karri Kline by phone or email, as listed above.

PAC, Party & National Campaign Information

Walker Watchdog will return in the future! ☺

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Wisconsin's SW Regional Political Director Begins Work, Monday, March 18!

Please, help me welcome Doug Haefele to La Crosse and other SW Wisconsin Counties.

Doug became an enthusiastic participant in nationwide politics when he became an Intern in Youth and Educator Outreach, Obama for America 2007-08. He graduated the University of Pennsylvania in 2012 holding a B.A. with Distinction in Political Science, concentration in American Politics, Focus on Electoral Systems.

Most recently, Doug was the Field Organizer – The Action – 1st CD WI, which drove sustained actions and educated volunteers on the challenges surrounding the “Fiscal Cliff.” Before this, as 2012 Field Organizer – Organizing for America – Columbia County, WI he and his successful volunteer organization increased Democratic turnout over 2008 Presidential levels for Columbia – just to highlight one measure of victory.

Doug's primary function is to engage or re-engage those rural counties with the highest probability of electing democrats to the State Legislature in 2014. There is A LOT involved to make this happen. The following list is not comprehensive:

- Reach persuadable voters;
- Raise money for critical elections;
- Integrate communications across all counties;
- Establish consistent media messaging across all counties, with quick response capabilities.

He will need our support. If this excites you and you want to be involved with donations and/or volunteer hours, please, contact Karri Kline: (608) 797-3265 or karri.kline@gmail.com.



◆◆◆Donations Needed◆◆◆

We need contributions to help with the many things the LCDP does.

We ask that you consider a donation of any size for the LCDP as we provide for events and the 2014 Office for next year's elections.

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

Received _____

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

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____ Email _____
*Occupation _____ *Employer _____

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

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

Total Amount Paid \$ _____
___ Check or _____ Cash

*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: La Crosse County Democratic Party P.O. Box 1861 La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

I recommend contacting as a possible member:
Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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