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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

First and foremost-VOTE FEBRUARY 16! I don't just want you to vote because I have a primary in District 21 for La Crosse County Board, but because there are other important races as well. County, City, village, town and school board elections are held in the spring.

Three Supreme Court candidates are in a primary. See article on page 2 about the candidates.

Don't miss our February 15 meeting. Please read the article in the central column on this page. Attend and give a warm welcome to fellow Democrats and find out about some of our newest neighbors. **The location is the People's Co-op, 315 Fifth Ave. S., La Crosse.**

Please read the letter on page 3 which asks for volunteers to lead in the 2016 campaign. The fight has begun!

We are again looking for delegates to the Third CD Convention and the State Convention. See the article on p. 2. Delegates to all conventions-Third CD, State and National- are responsible for all costs.

Thanks to those who have written letters to the editor. If you need information on writing a letter, my contact information is on page three.

Wow! What a race in Iowa! Hillary and Bernie are on to New Hampshire!

Vicki Burke

FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER



Gloria Servais will be the guest speaker at our February monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the People's Co-op, 315 Main St., La Crosse. **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE** Gloria and her husband Jim (pictured above) are members of the Vernon County Democratic Party.

She will bring other guests with her as she talks about Latino Centro, a center for Latinos in La Crosse. The center hopes to offer services to a growing Hispanic population.

The center is located on the lower level of the First Baptist Church, 1209 Main St., La Crosse. It is a joint effort of the Immigration Task Force of the AMOS interfaith social justice group, Catholic Charities, The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

We need phone volunteers to help with getting voters to the polls on Feb. 16. Call Vicki if you can call on Feb. 11. 608-792-5854

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 11, Democratic Debate 7 p.m. NBC Milwaukee Contact the Wis Dem Party or UW-Milwaukee about tickets

Monday, February 15, LCDP Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. People's Co-op Upper RM, 315 5th. Ave. S **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE** La Crosse Gloria Servais, Speaker on Centro Latino (See article this page)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 PRIMARY VOTE

Saturday, March 12, 5 p.m. St. Pat's Day Fundraiser home of Roz Schnick, 3039 Edgewater Lane, (French Island) Bring an appetizer and \$5 donation

Saturday, April 2 Third CD Host Pierce County River Falls Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Spring St., River Falls 715-425-1045 \$25 Fee Sign up with the chair or vice-chair

ELECTION APRIL 5 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Sunday, April 17, First Tier County level National Delegate Selection 1 p.m. La Crosse National Delegate form **available Feb 9** from wisdems.org **Due April 8** (See article p. 2)

Sunday, May 1, 1pm National Delegate selection Third CD Caucus Omni Center, Onalaska

June 3 and 4, Wis. State Dem Convention Radisson Hotel Green Bay, 2040 Airport Dr. 920-494-7300

Gov. Walker's Job Performance- The Department of Workforce Development reported that Wisconsin employers notified the state of more than 10,000 layoffs in 2015 - the most since 2010. This total does not include the Madison Wis. Kraft Heinz or the Jefferson Wis. Tyson Foods closings. Gov. Walker's Wisconsin-a Right to Work For Less state or not at all!

Gov. Walker Continues Silence on WEDC Loan Texts

From an article by Michael Defoure, *Wisconsin State Journal* as reported in the *La Crosse Tribune*, January 16, 2016

MADISON — Gov. Scott Walker’s administration still won’t explain what happened to text messages sought by the Wisconsin State Journal related to a failed taxpayer loan to a business owned by a top Walker donor.

The refusal comes despite a reversal this week by the state Public Records Board of an earlier decision over what constitutes “transitory” public records and when such records can be destroyed. . . .

The text messages could shed more light on an effort by then-Department of Administration Secretary Mike Huebsch to press for the questionable Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. loan that has yet to be repaid.

...Anyone who intentionally destroys public records can be subject to criminal penalties. Read the entire article at http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/walker-administration-won-t-explain-what-happened-to-text-messages/article_48206efa-2dbf-51ce-bdb1-1517f9b3e089.html

THE DESTRUCTION OF PROGRESSIVE WISCONSIN

Read the article in *The New York Times*, January 16, 2016, on the Destruction of Progressive Wisconsin by Dan Kaufman. The article summarizes the loss of clean and open government in Wisconsin and the role the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) played.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/17/opinion/campaign-stops/the-destruction-of-progressive-wisconsin.html?_r=0

MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN RON KIND

In January we observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day to honor the legacy and invaluable contributions he has made to our nation.

I gained a greater appreciation for his vision and his legacy by visiting Selma, Alabama on the 50th anniversary of the march across Edmund Pettus Bridge.

One part of that legacy is still requires us to keep pushing forward-ensuring that everybody has the right to participate in our democracy.
 Voting rights are under fire across the nation and here in Wisconsin by unnecessary Voter ID laws that make it more difficult for people to make their voice heard.

In honor of his memory, let's remain dedicated to championing voting rights for all people.
Sincerely, Ron Kind

Want to be a Delegate?

Delegates are chosen for the Third Congressional District Convention (April 2), the Wisconsin State Democratic Party Convention (June 3 and 4), and the Democratic National Convention (July 25-28). Location and place in Upcoming Events. Page 1. If you would like to be a delegate give your name to Chair Vicki Burke or Vice Chair Kris Troyanek by March 15, 2016, for the Third CD Convention and May 18, 2016 for the State Convention.

Wisconsin will select a total of 96 delegates and 7 alternates for the 2016 National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. July 25-28. The Third CD will have 7 CD level delegates-4 men and 3 women. The process is explained and the form available at <http://www.wisdems.org/Delegates>. If you think you want to be a national delegate, the form is available on Feb. 9 and must be returned by April 5. If you have questions, call Vicki at 608-792-5854.

FEBRUARY 16 PRIMARY ELECTION SUPREME COURT RACE AND MUNICIPAL RACES

A crucial vote in the Feb. 16 primary is the choice for a Supreme Court Justice. Two of the candidates are State Appellate Judge Joanne Kloppenberg and Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Joe Donald. The third candidate, Justice Rebecca Bradley, has been appointed three times by Gov. Scott Walker to different judgeships.

In 2011 Judge Kloppenberg lost to Justice David Prosser. After a recount he was found to have won by 7,006 votes out of 1.5 million votes cast.

Two La Crosse County Board races have primaries. In District 14 Margaret Larson is running and in District 21 Vicki Burke.

There is an important primary in the Holmen School Board race as well. Before voting check to see if there is a primary in your municipality.

Under the heading can you believe it!

Rep. Kleefisch, husband of the Lt. Gov., introduced a bill to do away with the minimum hunting age. Currently the law is age ten with a mentor and one firearm.

See the following link from wbay.com published Jan. 17, 2016 by Steve Schuster:
<http://wbay.com/2016/01/17/wisconsin-republicans-look-to-eliminate-minimum-hunting-age/>

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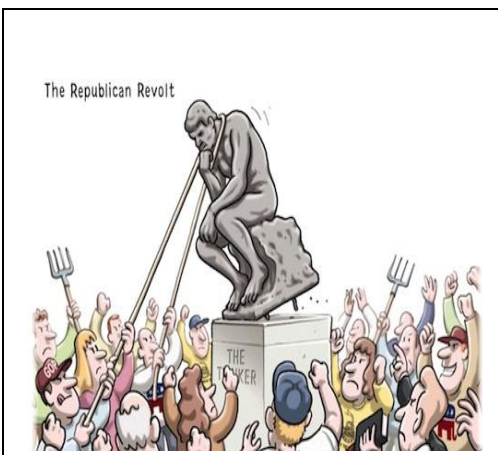
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Cartoon at left by Clay Bennett
entitled "The Republican Revolt"

Letter from LCDP Board

We are in another critical presidential election year. The primaries have begun. This election will set another record for campaign spending where regressive, right-wing candidates will promote an unjust and selfish agenda for the elite of our country. It's likely the next president will select at least two Supreme Court justices. We need to continue the progress made under the Obama administration. The stakes are profound!

Wisconsin will again be a battleground state. The Koch Brothers' organization is already in downtown La Crosse. We must hit the ground running when our local office opens up.

Would you commit to taking on a role for the 2016 election? We can't sit this one out!! Help with the categories listed below to recruit, organize, train, and inspire volunteers.

Phone Calls/Canvassing
Voter Network / Data Entry
Register new voters-SRD
Office Operations
Events
Education of Voters
Social Media/messaging
Outreach with allied groups

We must elect a Democratic president and help Russ Feingold regain the U.S. Senate seat. Re-elect Rep. Ron Kind, State Senator Jen Schilling, State Reps. Steve Doyle and Jill Billings and in La Crosse County officials D.A. Tim Gruenke, Clerk Ginny Dankmeyer, and Treasurer Shane Handland. Help achieve a huge Democratic victory in Nov. Contact us at laxdems@yahoo.com to add your name and skills in 2016.

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We need contributions to help with the many things the LCDP does. This year, 2016, is a very important year for the United States and Wisconsin.

We ask that you consider a donation of any size for the LCDP as we provide for events, an office, and the support of the nine campaigns we will help coordinate from our office.

Please send a contribution to:

LCDP
P.O. Box 1861
La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

You may also go to our website to make a contribution.

For information on candidates or to volunteer, go to our website at www.laxdems.com and click on the Volunteer or Candidates link.

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Attention All Party Members!

The newsletter is also on line. If you are not receiving the email updates on line, please update your address by sending an email to laxdems@yahoo.com or visit us online at laxdems.com

Become a member of the La Crosse County Democratic Party. Clip bottom of page and send to LCDP.

Please check the dues structure that applies:

- \$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

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

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to
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You may also donate online: wwwLaxDems.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.

I recommend contacting as a possible member:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

