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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

What an exciting Primary! Two great rallies and what I hope will be a fabulous turnout. Unfortunately our newsletter has to be sent to La Crosse Mail before the April 5 election if it is to get to people in a timely manner. Thank you to all who helped move out voters.

Congratulations to all local elected winners. Being a County Board Supervisor who had competition I know what it takes to run a campaign.

Thank you to Xong Xiong for her moving speech at our March meeting. We need to be sure we work to prevent hate toward all members of our community.

Related to treatment of others, Vince Hatt, along with Daoud Jandal, will speak at the April meeting about the Muslim community. (See article about President Obama's and Com. Bratton's comments on treatment of Muslims center of this page.) **Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the Muslim community.**

Former State Senator Tim Cullen will be at the meeting also. He is in La Crosse to promote his new book. (See article page 3).

Read the articles about selecting national delegates and the State DPW Convention.

Hopefully our office will open May 1 or earlier and then we will be reaching out to you for support of that office.

Vicki

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Vince Hatt, a spiritual director, retreat facilitator, and workshop presenter Tribune Photo

President Obama and NYPD Commissioner Bratton On Singling out Muslims

President Barack Obama and NYPD Police Commissioner William Bratton spoke following remarks by Senator Ted Cruz. Cruz said, "We need to empower law enforcement to patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized."

President Obama said "We have an extraordinarily successful, patriotic, integrated Muslim community," Obama said. "They do not feel ghettoized, they do not feel isolated." He continued, "Any approach that would target them for discrimination is not only wrong and un-American, but counter-productive,..."

NYPD Com. William Bratton strongly condemned the remarks. "I would remind the senator (Cruz) he lives in the United States of America. And the statements he made today is why he's not going to become president of this country, because we don't need a president that doesn't respect the values that form the foundation of this country." He also indicated that the vast majority of mass killing incidents here are committed by American citizens who have access to firearms.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 17, First Tier County level National Delegate Selection UW-L Cartwright Center, Room 339 1725 State St., La Crosse-Doors open 12:45 p.m, Registration 1-2 p.m. Caucus begins at 2 p.m. **NO ADMITTANCE AFTER 2 P.M.** Form **available** from wisdems.org to put your name in as a National Delegate Form **Due April 8** (See article Page 2)

Monday, April 18, LCDP Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ho Chunk Three Rivers House, 724 Main St., La Crosse. Vince Hatt and Daoud Jandal, guest speakers. Former Senator Time Cullen will attend to present his new book, *Ringside Seat*.

Thursday, April 21, Evening with Martha Lanning, Chair of Wisconsin Democratic Party, hosted by Roz Schnick, 3039 Edgewater Lane, La Crosse (French Island) 6-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 1, Second Tier National Delegate Selection for Third CD Register 1 p.m.- Caucus begins at 2 p.m.- Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Road, Onalaska

Tuesday, May 3, Senator Russ Feingold fundraiser, Home of Roz Schnick, 3039 Edgewater Lane, La Crosse (French Island) 5-6:30 p.m.

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

RUSS FEINGOLD EVENT

Links for Russ Feingold May 3 event (Info above) to register or to contribute online go to <http://www.russfeingold.com/LaCrosseMay16>

John Nichols: Wisconsin will restore the principles that have been lost to Walkerism from The Cap Times

John Nichols wrote an article in The Cap Times on Feb. 23, 2016 that you may want to read if you are beginning to wonder when the insanity in Wisconsin will end. He begins "In the darkest days of a still new republic, when President John Adams was attacking the Bill of Rights, jailing critics and rejecting the basic premises of the American experiment, Vice President Thomas Jefferson challenged the abuses of the Adams administration and all who engaged in 'the old practice of despots.' He acted with concern, but also with faith that the American people would reject Adams and the wrongheaded politics of the moment."

Nichols points out that Walker's popularity has fallen. He cites the February Marquette Law School Poll which shows that only 38 percent of Wisconsinites approve of how Walker is governing; 57 percent expressed their disapproval.

People are beginning to see how Walker's policies threaten democracy. Please read as he details those things that will cause the downfall of Walker and his destructive policies. The link follows:

http://host.madison.com/ct/news/opinion/column/john_nichols/john-nichols-wisconsin-will-restore-the-principles-that-have-been/article_23134457-a2ee-59c9-a7c5-a2a0aa3d5e1c.html

Forty-Six Bills Signed by Gov. Walker

Molly Beck in the March 1, 2016 *Wisconsin State Journal* details some of the ways in which Walker has changed the landscape in Wisconsin both literally and figuratively.

Beck writes that Walker signed a bill which allows "farmers, food processors, frac sand mine operators and other operators of high-capacity wells to replace them without a state review of how the wells are affecting groundwater, lakes and streams." Read more at http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/scott-walker-signs-bills-including-ban-on-county-execs-serving/article_9ac1d633-8c1a-5c6a-9d81-c5deda0f9dd3.html

Trump's View of the World

Trump has been called scary and dangerous. As President Obama met in Washington with 53 other nations to halt the spread of nuclear weapons, Trump talked about increasing their presence. Roger Cohen in the March 29, 2016, issue of the *New York Times* explained what he calls "Trump's New World Disorder".

He begins by writing that, "Donald Trump would rip up the post-1945 world order, trash an 'obsolete' NATO, lean toward a Japan with nukes rather than the 'one-sided agreement' that leaves the United States responsible for Japanese defense, tell Saudi Arabia that it 'wouldn't be around for very long' without American protection, and generally make clear that 'we cannot be the policeman of the world.'"

"So much for Pax Americana; it was a bad deal, you see, and in the Trump universe the deal is everything."

Cohen reaffirms what many believe; that Trump does not have a command of foreign policy and even history. The author called Trump's attitude about NATO "dangerous."

Read the entire article at the following link: http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/29/opinion/donald-trumps-new-world-disorder.html?_r=0

La Crosse County Democratic Caucus-Two Tier Process To Select National Delegates

As required for all Wisconsin County Democratic Parties, the Dem. Party of La Crosse County will hold its County Caucus on Sunday, April 17, in Room 339 at UW-L Cartwright Center, 1725 State St., La Crosse. Doors open at 1 p.m. Registration for the La Crosse County Party Caucus will be held from 1:00 - 2:00 PM, with voting for delegates starting at 2:00 p.m. Doors close at 2 p.m. **No admittance after 2 p.m.** The caucus is held every four years to select delegates to the Democratic National Convention, held this year in Philadelphia, PA July 25-28. Wisconsin has 96 delegate slots and seven alternates, of which 57 are elected by a two-tier process. The County Caucus is the first tier. The La Crosse Dems can elect up to 51 delegates and 51 alternates at the County Caucus. Those elected then go to the second tier to select national delegates for seven slots (4 men and 3 women) allocated to the 3rd CD. The second tier caucus will be held on Sunday, May 1, at the Omni Center, Onalaska, with registration at 1:00 p.m.; Caucus at 2 p.m.. All those who wish to compete for the seven Third CD National Delegate slots **MUST** file a Statement of Intent and Pledge of Support Form with the State Party by Friday, April 8, 2016 if you want to be a delegate. The form is available electronically by going to <http://www.wisdems.org/Delegates> **PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS**

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Third CD Convention and Call for Delegates to DPW Convention

The Third CD Convention was held on April 2 in River Falls. Congressman Ron Kind spoke to the Convention about the success of President Barack Obama. He also condemned what Gov. Walker has done in Wisconsin citing legislation on voting rights, workers' rights, the Civil Service system, and public school financing.

State Senator Kathleen Vineout outlined how Walker harmed public schools with the voucher program.

The Wis State Dem Party Convention is June 3-4 in Green Bay. (Information above in Upcoming Events.) All delegates to the Third CD Convention are State Delegates. We may add additional delegates. If you want to be a delegate to the State Convention in June, give your name to Kris Troyanek. Deadline to Kris for signing up for the State Convention is May 18

Former State Senator Tim Cullen to Attend April Meeting

Former State Senator Tim Cullen will attend our April meeting. He is in town for a book signing of his book *Ringside Seat*.

Cullen will donate profits from the sale of his book to Janesville Multicultural Teacher Opportunities Scholarship, a private foundation he started in 2008 which raises money to send Janesville students of color to college to become teachers.

The book can be pre-ordered online at littlecreekpress.com or Amazon.com and will be available in bookstores.

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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:

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