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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Congratulations to all local elected winners. We sent the newsletter to mail before April 5 last month. LCDP party members winning their La Crosse County Board elections were Tara Johnson, Rep. Steve Doyle, Vicki Burke, Maureen Freedland, Sharon Hampson, Dave Holtze, Matt Nikolay, Leon Pfaff, and Peg Jerome.

Our office is up and running. See the article on Col. 3 this page..

Dan Kapanke has challenged Senator Jen Shilling. He thinks that Governor Walker has had a positive impact on Wisconsin. Really! I don't think the University or K-12 education systems would agree. I don't think environmentalists and supporters of voting rights, local control and better health care would agree. Workers rights and health care access have been diminished. Your help is needed to spread the word about Jen and her great qualities.

La Crosse has three delegates to the National Convention. See article p. 3.

Thank you to Roz Schnick for hosting a meeting with Martha Laning and a fundraiser for Senator Russ Feingold.

What a great turnout for the March meeting. Thank you to Vince Hatt and Daoud Jandal for their discussion on the Muslim community.

Need parade volunteers June Dairy Days, June 4. Call 608-792-5854.

Moving Forward, Vicki

## MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER



Sen. Jen Shilling on the night of her first defeat of Dan Kapanke.

Encore on Nov. 8.

The picture above is my favorite. In it you see the culmination of a lot of hard work. Jen is one of those legislators who rolls up her sleeves and gets things done for all of Wisconsin.

Dan Kapanke has again decided to challenge Jen. Matt Ullsvik with the State Senate Democratic Committee released a statement saying, "Voters overwhelmingly rejected Mr. Kapanke in 2010 and 2011 after he sided with Gov. (Scott) Walker over local families."

Kapanke said, "I have no problems, no issues with it whatsoever. Act 10 is something I stood for. I stand for today and the results are in and the results are very, very positive for all of Wisconsin," said Kapanke..

Ullsvik continued "We need to move Wisconsin forward – not backwards. The last thing we need in Wisconsin is another rubber-stamp for Gov. Walker's special interest agenda... Jennifer Shilling has proven that she's not afraid to stand up to special interests to protect local families and move our state forward."

Game on! Let's get involved! Go to [jennifershillingforsenate.com](http://jennifershillingforsenate.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 16, Monday**, LCDP Monthly Meeting and Open House for New Office Open House at 5:00-Meeting 7 p.m. 117 Fifth Ave. S., La Crosse (See Article)

**June 4, Saturday** June Dairy Days Parade-Marchers Needed Call Vicki at 608-792-5854

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

**SAVE THE DATE LCDP June 20** Picnic 5 p.m. at Copeland Park

## OFFICE OPEN-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have opened the coordinated office at 117 Fifth Ave. S., La Crosse. This is just across the street from our last location and between the El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant and the Hollywood Theatre. Stop in and meet the Regional Coordinator Chris Garretty and staffer Rose Cooney. Also, we need people to help staff the office. Stop in and sign up or call Vicki Burke, 792-5854 or email [vburke0737@aol.com](mailto:vburke0737@aol.com) to help. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F to begin May 2.

We will have an open house with beverages and appetizers on Monday, May 16. Please stop in from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. and stay for our monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

We will begin a fundraising effort for the office. Watch for details.

## REPUBLICANS ADMIT REAL REASON FOR VOTER ID LAW

In a media release from One Wisconsin Now Rep. Glenn Grothman commented on how the Voter ID law will help Republicans. According to the April 6, 2016 release Rep. Glenn Grothman told a Milwaukee television reporter “that he believed Republicans would win Wisconsin’s Electoral College votes for the first time in over 30 years because of Gov. Scott Walker and the Republican-controlled legislature’s unconstitutional voter ID bill. As a then-state Senator, Grothman was the legislature’s biggest cheerleader for the Voter ID law’s passage in 2011.”

Read the entire release at

<http://onewisconsinnow.org/press/wisconsin-u-s-rep-admits-voter-id-about-rigging-november-2016-elections/>

### Trump Plans to Reshape His “Persona” And Win Wis.

An April 21, 2016, *New York Times* article by Jonathan Martin and Jeremy Peters discusses the Republican meeting held in Florida the end of April. We should be interested in the following discussion. They write, “As the Republicans ate oysters in a dim, stuffy conference room overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Mr. Wiley, (Rick Wiley, Donald Trump’s new political director) walked them through a slide show that predicted victory for Mr. Trump not just in swing states with large Hispanic populations like Nevada, Colorado and Florida, but in states that Republicans have not captured since the 1980s: Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Connecticut.” Not on our watch.

According to the article Trump will fix his personality problems. Paul Manafort, newly hired campaign chief, said that “Fixing personality negatives is a lot easier than fixing character negatives...” Manafort continued, “You’ll start to see more depth to the person, the real person...” One wonders what this new persona will be like.

Makes it seem like a personality contest rather than a contest of ideas. My guess is the Democratic candidate wins hands down when it comes to substance. The article is worth a read as they discuss Trump’s plan to win in November. See the entire article at the following link.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/22/us/politics/donald-trump-to-reshape-image-new-campaign-chief-tells-gop.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/22/us/politics/donald-trump-to-reshape-image-new-campaign-chief-tells-gop.html?_r=0)

### Gov. Scott Walker Continues Assault on Public Schools-Appoints “Czar”

In an opinion piece for the *Madison Cap Times* on Monday, April 25, Rep. Sody Pope, Democrat AD80 writes about one more step toward destroying Wisconsin's once excellent public schools.

In the article she says, "A partisan "czar" was appointed to oversee the newly created OEO (Office of Educational Opportunity). This individual can authorize charter schools in Wisconsin's two largest districts, Madison and Milwaukee. Students can live in any district and still attend these new charter schools."

Rep. Pope continues that this appointed "czar" will have "vast power over schools in Wisconsin. His authority overrides that of locally elected school boards in Milwaukee and Madison. His salary and benefits, and those of his staff and office, will be paid by the already cash-strapped UW System."

We must fight not only this attempt to take away local control of our schools but also the special interest voucher school supporters who contribute millions to Republican candidates. Read the rest of the article at the following link:  
[http://host.madison.com/ct/opinion/column/rep-sondy-pope-cronyism-seeps-into-wisconsin-schools/article\\_d173bca2-ef79-52f4-93f5-62a0749a283c.html](http://host.madison.com/ct/opinion/column/rep-sondy-pope-cronyism-seeps-into-wisconsin-schools/article_d173bca2-ef79-52f4-93f5-62a0749a283c.html)

### Congressman Ron Kind is standing up for the right of Wisconsinites to vote.

“After hearing the comments from Glenn Grothman (Article Above) and the testimony of the ex-GOP staffer who was in the room when these laws were made, it eliminated any shadow of a doubt in my mind that these laws were designed to block voting in Wisconsin.”

“I have asked the Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel to launch a vigorous investigation to hold accountable anybody found to have committed what would be a serious constitutional violation. Join me by going here and help take back our state by signing my petition telling AG Schimel to investigate: <http://bit.ly/1UcxdfI>”

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## WIS. STATE CONVENTION IN GREEN BAY

The Wisconsin 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 by May 10. Phone 608-782-3135 E-mail [kristroyanek@gmail.com](mailto:kristroyanek@gmail.com)

## NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES SELECTED

On May 1, Third Congressional District Delegates were chosen to attend the Dem. National Convention in Philadelphia, PA on July 25-28. Delegates and there counties are the following: **Clinton delegates**-Gary Hawley, Portage; Ryan Greendeer, Jackson; Vicki Burke, La Crosse **Sanders Delegates**-Obbie King La Crosse; Matthew Lorange, Portage; Alicia Leinberger, Vernon County; Xong Xiong, La Crosse. La Crosse will have three of the seven from the Third CD.

## Former State Senator Tim Cullen Unable To Attend April Meeting

Former State Senator Tim Cullen was unable to attend our April meeting. He will reschedule to the Fall Dinner. Please look for his book *Ringside Seat* about Wisconsin politics.

Cullen will donate profits from the sale of his book to Janesville Multicultural Teacher Opportunities Scholarship, which raises money to send Janesville students of color to college to become teachers. Pre-order online at [littlecreekpress.com](http://littlecreekpress.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and is available in bookstores.



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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