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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

**We need volunteers.** ( See article on the office information in col. 3). There is too much at stake in this election to sit this one out.

See article below on Grand Opening on Monday, July 11.

Thank you to Barb Clark and Kris Troyanek who did a beautiful job decorating our front windows. See picture below.

On July 25-28 I will be attending the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. I am honored to be a Congressional District delegate. Moving Forward, Vicki

## COORDINATED OFFICE-GRAND OPENING- MONDAY, JULY 11

Join fellow Democrats to celebrate the formal opening of our office at 117 5<sup>th</sup>. Ave. S., La Crosse (next to the Hollywood Theatre) on Monday, July 11 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will have root beer floats, food, and beverages.

We have invited several special speakers and will let you know when they confirm. Watch for an article in the Tribune or check at laxdems.com RSVP <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/events/view/RRB3TKV3JRN7JXF/>



## JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



Secretary Hillary Clinton and Senator Elizabeth Warren appeared on Monday, June 27, in Cincinnati.

Senator Warren praised the presumptive Democratic nominee. "Donald Trump believes poor, sad, little Wall Street bankers need to be free to defraud anyone they want," said Warren. "Hillary Clinton believes we need strong rules to prevent another financial crisis. Yes, Hillary fights for us. Donald Trump cheats workers and wants to abolish the minimum wage."

## TANYA LOHR JULY 18 LCDP SPEAKER

Tanya Lohr has been a teacher for 20 years, the past 17 years as a global studies teacher at West Bend West High School. She is currently Chair of the Democratic Party of Washington County. She also ran against Glenn Grothmann for the State Senate.

Besides serving as vice chair for the County Chairs Association, she is president of the West Bend Education Association. She will be speaking at our July meeting on how we might be more active in community building and issue-based messages.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 11 Grand Opening 117 5<sup>th</sup>. Ave. S. 5:30 p.m. (See article)**

**Tuesday, July 12 Sen. Feingold**  
Harry J. Olson Site 2 p.m. Article p. 3

**Wednesday-Sunday July 13-17**  
La Crosse Interstate Fair Contact Kris Troyanek to volunteer in the booth [kristroyanek@gmail.com](mailto:kristroyanek@gmail.com) or 608-769-5988

**Monday, July 18, LCDP Monthly Meeting, 117 Fifth Ave. S., La Crosse 7 p.m. Tanya Lohr Speaker (See article center col.)**

**Monday-Thursday, July 25-28**  
Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, PA

**Sunday, July 31** Sen. Jen Shilling Birthday Event-See article p. 2

**SAVE THE DATES** Kind Corn Roast August 4 Fall Dinner, Oct 15,

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Stop in and sign up or call Vicki Burke, 792-5854 or email [vburke0737@aol.com](mailto:vburke0737@aol.com) to help. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. M-F; Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone banking Tuesday and Thursday 5 p.m. Canvas every Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Contact Rose Cooney [rooney@wivictory2016.org](mailto:rooney@wivictory2016.org) or call 515-422-6648 to volunteer for Dem. candidates. To contribute to the office, send a check to LCDP, P.O. Box 1861, La Crosse 54602-1861

## Gov. Walker Defers Debt Payments Second Straight Year

Governor Scott Walker continues to talk about the strong financial status of Wisconsin but for the second year in a row Walker has deferred debt payments costing taxpayers an additional 2.3 million in interest.

It is obvious that spending cuts cannot keep pace with the cost of tax breaks and incentives the Walker administration has handed out to businesses. These incentives have not improved Wisconsin's economy or created the jobs promised.

An article in the *Wisconsin State Journal* on June 30, 2016 discloses the impact of one of these tax incentives. According to Matthew DeFour, "The tax credit was created in the 2011-13 budget and phased in starting in 2013. It now offers a credit of 7.5 percent of an agricultural or manufacturing company's income. Individuals, who can also claim the credit if they file their taxes as a business owner or shareholder, receive roughly three-fourths of the financial benefit."

DeFour states that according to the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, "Eleven taxpayers earning more than \$35 million a year are projected next year to claim \$21.5 million from a state tax credit that effectively wipes out their income tax liability,..." The bureau indicated that the tax incentive had "cost the state more than twice as much as originally projected."

Read the entire article at [http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/taxpayers-making-more-than-million-to-reap-million-from-tax/article\\_1a86e890-033b-5b4d-a2eb-3e2bcb487dde.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/taxpayers-making-more-than-million-to-reap-million-from-tax/article_1a86e890-033b-5b4d-a2eb-3e2bcb487dde.html)

## Garrison Keillor On Donald Trump

Garrison Keillor wrote a special article to *The Washington Post* published on June 14, 2016 and entitled "The Punk Who would be President." He describes his perception of the Republican presumptive nominee.

He begins, "It is the most famous ducktail in America today, the hairdo of wayward youth of a bygone era, and it's astonishing to imagine it under the spotlight in Cleveland, being cheered by Republican dignitaries." Growing up in the 50's and 60's makes it easier to relate to what is said, but it is a Keillor at his best.

He believes Donald Trump is so concerned with material things he is unable to sympathize with ordinary people. He describes him as, "A man obsessed with marble walls and gold-plated doorknobs, who has the sensibility of a giant sea tortoise." The link to the article follows; <http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/4005202-155/keillor-the-punk-who-would-be>

## WALKER LACKS LOGIC AND SENSITIVITY IN DISCUSSING WAGES FOR TEACHERS

Matt Johnson, Managing Editor, wrote an article in the *Vernon County Broadcaster* on June 29, 2016 about Gov. Scott Walker's response to Johnson's question at an invitation-only listening session in Coon Valley. He asked if a teacher would be better off teaching in Minnesota or Wisconsin. Walker's answer: Wisconsin. His reasons are the subject of this article entitled "Walker's Education Comparison Lacks Logic, Sensitivity." Walker suggests that teachers could be like NFL free agents. Johnson contends that playing professional football and teaching have little in common. He suggests that, "School districts, especially public schools, do not have pools of cash available to throw at high-performing teachers." This article is worth a read as Johnson highlights Walker's ignorance on public education and teacher compensation.

Link : [http://m.lacrossetribune.com/vernonbroadcaster/news/opinion/walker-s-education-comparison-lacks-logic-sensitivity/article\\_affb9fea-95f5-56a6-95b9-29353445306a.html?utm\\_medium=social](http://m.lacrossetribune.com/vernonbroadcaster/news/opinion/walker-s-education-comparison-lacks-logic-sensitivity/article_affb9fea-95f5-56a6-95b9-29353445306a.html?utm_medium=social)

## JOIN SEN. SHILLING FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONGRATULATIONS ON HER AWARD

You are invited to Senator Jennifer Shilling's Birthday Celebration at the Kickapoo Valley Ranch, E11761, County Rd. P, in beautiful rural La Farge! Join Jen on Sunday, July 31, from 2 to 6 p.m. for music, food. Family and fun! We hope to see you there.

There are sponsorships of \$250, \$500 and \$1000 available. The suggested contribution is \$50, and all contributions are accepted and appreciated! You can donate online at <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/jenbirthday>, at the event or by sending a check to: Jennifer Shilling for State Senate, PO Box 1261, La Crosse, WI 54602

For questions, or to RSVP to the birthday celebration, please email [Katec@wisdems.org](mailto:Katec@wisdems.org).

Congratulations to Jen. As the Wisconsin Senate Minority Leader Jennifer has advocated for public health issues. As a result of her work the Wis. Public Health Association and the Wis. Association of Local Health Departments and Boards recognized her as their Legislator of the Year.

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**Sen. Feingold Meets Seniors-Tuesday, July 12**

Senator Russ Feingold will be at the Harry J. Olson Senior Center, 1607 North St., La Crosse on Tuesday, July 12, from 2 to 2:45 p.m. He will discuss and answer a few questions about Social Security and other security issues.

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**ORGANIZERS SOUGHT**

The Dem. Party of Wis. seeks smart, energetic and passionate Fellows for Summer 2016. Our organizing team is focused on building the Democratic Party's presence in Wis., bolstering progressive values, and helping Democrats win up and down the ticket in November.

An intensive program designed to help develop the next generation of organizers, Fellows will be responsible for organizing in communities across the state of Wisconsin and will have the opportunity to work directly with an Organizer to learn skills and tactics of grassroots organizing.

Anyone willing to dedicate 15-40 hours a week is welcome to apply. This is a great opportunity to make a difference.

The application is linked below if you could include that in the contact that'd be great!

[Democratic Party of Wisconsin Summer Fellowship](#)

Thanks,

Rose Cooney, Organizer

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As Gov. Walker sells more public lands we recall the words of John Nolan who developed plans for UW-M, the city of Madison, and the state park system.

“The issue appears plain. Is Wisconsin going to look upon its bays and lake shores, its rivers and bluffs, its dells, its inland lakes, its forests, as natural resources to be conserved and some portion at least acquired and held for the benefit of all the people – both for present and future generations?” – *John Nolan*

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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](http://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](mailto:laxdems@yahoo.com) or visit us online at [laxdems.com](http://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)
- \$45 yearly Activist
- \$75 yearly Martin Luther and Coretta King, Jr.\*
- \$10 a month John and Jackie Kennedy\*
- \$20 a month Harry and Bess Truman\*
- \$50 a month Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt\*

\*Includes all family members

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

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I recommend contacting as a possible member:

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