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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

A UNITED CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA-ON TO NOVEMBER

In spite of the 90 to 95 degree heat in Philadelphia, I had a great time! I was never more proud to be a Democrat! First Lady Michelle Obama was the highlight of the Monday speakers. She and Senator Bernie Sanders kicked off the convention with the Monday night theme of **“United Together.”** DREAMer Astrid Silva spoke on keeping families together.

On Tuesday night, President Bill Clinton was joined by mothers of victims of police violence. He told of his life with Hillary and the mothers movingly told of their lost sons and daughters. The focus was **“Fighting for Families, Children,”** and called for criminal justice reform. Gwen Carr, mother of Eric Garner; Sybrina Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin; Lezley McSpadden, mother of Michael Brown, and Geneva Reed-Veal, mother of Sandra Bland spoke. In the roll call of states Hillary Clinton’s name was entered as the nominee for President and Tim Kaine for Vice President.

President Obama and Vice President Biden spoke on Wednesday night on **“Working Together.”** Vice Presidential candidate Sen. Tim Kaine did a great job introducing himself. All stressed the high stakes in this election and the strengths of Clinton.

Sec. Hillary Clinton, introduced by her daughter Chelsea Clinton, brought done the house with her inspiring speech. **“Stronger Together”** is the theme of the campaign. When we work together we can do anything!

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER



We heard numerous speakers in our Wisconsin daily breakfast meetings. They energized all of us.

Included were our own Congressman Ron Kind and Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Corey Booker, Congressman Keith Ellison of Minnesota, former Senator Tom Harkin, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Nina Turner, and representatives from labor, Emily’s list and Planned Parenthood. On Tuesday Senator Bernie Sanders addressed our breakfast. Now we must all get to work. (See Weekend of Action below.) Rose Cooney has left us and Steven Anstankovich is her replacement.

Moving Forward, Vicki Burke

WEEKEND Of ACTION-Sat. and Sunday, Aug. 6-7

Join other volunteers in this big push to contact voters.

Canvassing and phoning from the office, 117 5th. Ave. S., La Crosse, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. on Sat. and Sun., August 6, and Aug. 7. Contact Steven Anstankovich (new coordinator) 317-372-0134 or email stevanstankovich@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekend of Action Saturday and Sunday, August 6-7, (p. 1, Col. 2)

Tuesday, August 9, VOTE IN PRIMARY

Sunday, August 14, MARCHERS NEEDED Bangor Fun Daze Parade 12 Noon-Be in lineup by 11:45 a.m. Call Vicki at 608-792-5854 if you would like to march.

Monday, August 15, LCDP Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Office, 117 5th. Ave. S., La Crosse Ismael Ozanne, Speaker, (See Article, p. 2)

Saturday, August 20, MARCHERS NEEDED Kornfest Parade 11 a.m. Lineup by pool by 10:45 a.m. Call Vicki 608-792-5854 to march.

Fall Dinner, Oct 15, Concordia, 5 p.m.

VOLUNTEER TO STAFF OFFICE WELCOME DESK

Stop in and sign up or call Vicki Burke, 792-5854 or email yburke0737@aol.com Office hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. M-F; Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

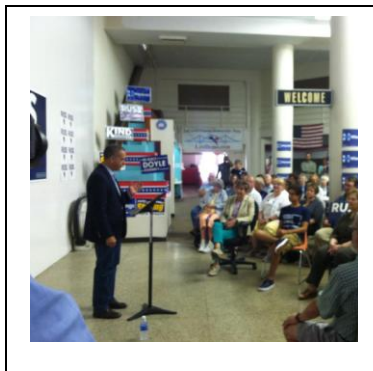
A BIG THANK YOU

Thanks to those who worked the Fair. Booth set-up: Kris Troyanek, Barb Clark and Carolyn Smith. Booth staff: Tom Krajewski, Vicki Burke, Barb Clark, Kris Troyanek, Rep. Jill Billings, Rep. Steve Doyle, Sen. Jen Shilling, Wanda Spraggon, John Medinger, Linda Bechly, Carolyn Smith, Susan Schaller, Erica Hougen, Dorina Lukins, Harvey Witzenberg, Jeff Wildt, Taylor Goodine, Paula and Dennis Stanek.

AUGUST 9 PRIMARY-VOTE

Senator Russ Feingold (Pictured at right) visited La Crosse on Friday, July 29, to kick off and Get Out the Vote. Encourage your friends and neighbors to register and vote now to be ready for the November election.

Early in-person absentee continues August 1-August 5. In-person voting on Tuesday, August 9, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



U.S. District Judge James Peterson Throws Out Election Laws and Limits Voter I.D. Law

According to an AP article by Greg McCune and reported in the *La Crosse Tribune* on Sunday, July 31, Judge Peterson's ruling, "ordered the state to quickly issue credentials valid for voting to anyone trying to obtain a free photo ID but lacking underlying documents such as birth certificates."

The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported in an article by Patrick Marley and Jason Stein that Peterson said, "To put it bluntly, Wisconsin's strict version of voter ID law is a cure worse than the disease."

According to Marley and Stein, Judge Peterson, "struck down restrictions on early voting which had taken away weekend voting, popular in Milwaukee and other urban areas. He also struck down a requirement that cities can have only one place for early voting."

He struck down the 10 day residency requirement which had replaced a 28 day requirement and allowed for student use of expired student ID cards for photo identification.

Donald Trump-No Empathy for Muslim Parents of Fallen Soldier- Trump Unfit to Serve as Leader of the Free World

The Democratic Convention floor is often noisy as speakers come to the stage to show their support for Democratic principles and candidates. As a delegate I sometimes wondered if they were listening. That was not true when Khizr and Ghazala Khan came to the stage to speak of their fallen son Humayun Khan, who posthumously received the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart after his death by a suicide bomber in Iraq in 2004. The 20,000 plus crowd fell silent. They felt the grief of this father and mother. Khizr asked what sacrifices Donald Trump had made. Wondered if Trump had read the constitution.

Donald Trump's reaction was that his creation of thousands of jobs was a sacrifice. Hard to see the comparison. Making a lot of money for oneself is hardly a sacrifice. He continued by questioning Ghazala's wearing a headscarf and standing silently by her husband. Trump said, "She had nothing to say. She probably, maybe she wasn't allowed to have anything to say. You tell me."

The world is telling you Donald Trump. Ghazala Khan is telling you. As a mother I can tell you Mr. Trump. To speak of the loss of something as precious as a child is sometimes impossible. Your lack of empathy disqualifies you for a position that requires placing oneself in the shoes of others.

SEN. RON JOHNSON SPEAKS AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION-LOSES AD BUYS Hours after Senator Ron Johnson spoke at the Republican Convention groups pulled ad buys for him. According to Ryan Grim in the Huffington Post, August 20, 2016, "The Koch-backed Freedom Partners Action Fund, which had previously reserved \$2.2 million in air time for Johnson, yanked its ad buy completely."

Also the article notes that the National Republican Senatorial Committee delayed its own \$1.3 million ad buy on Johnson's behalf. Perhaps they saw the latest Marquette University Poll which gave Senator Russ Feingold 48 percent to 41 percent for Republican incumbent Sen. Ron Johnson. In June, Feingold had 45 percent and Johnson 41 percent. Come in and get to work to help in this race!

Link for Huffington Post article: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ron-johnson-ad-buy_us_578fdbe0e4b00c9876cdd156?yptr=yahoo

Ismael Ozanne August 15 LCDP Meeting Speaker-Latest on Court Decisions on Redistricting and Voting Rights

Our August LCDP meeting is Mon., Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at 117 5th Ave. S., La Crosse. Ismael Ozanne, District Attorney of Dane County, will speak on the court decisions impacting redistricting and voting rights. District Attorney since 2010, he first joined the office in 1998 as an Assistant D. A. He served as executive assistant at the Wis. Dept. of Corrections from 2008 to 2010. Locally elected candidates will speak as well. We will have door prizes and root beer floats!

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**Vote Without ID Allowed
From AP July 19, 2016**

U.S. District Judge Lynn Adelman in Milwaukee issued a preliminary injunction that allows people who haven't been able to obtain IDs to vote in the Nov. election. According to the ruling voters without IDs may sign an affidavit explaining why they could not get identification. The option is NOT available for the August 9 primary because state election officials won't have enough time to prepare for it.

Adelman said, "Although most voters in Wisconsin either possess qualifying ID or can easily obtain one, a safety net is needed for those voters who can't obtain qualifying ID with reasonable effort."

Adelman wrote, "The...affidavit option is a sensible approach that will both prevent the disenfranchisement of some voters during the pendency of this litigation and preserve Wisconsin's interests in protecting the integrity of its elections."

APOLOGY TO READERS

Because of the length of time it takes for the newsletter to get to readers, many received the newsletter following the Grand Opening announcement. I apologize for this inconvenience.

It now takes a week for the newsletter to reach readers. We are working to speed up the process without paying extra. Anyone currently receiving both the hardcover newsletter and the emailed newsletter may ask to have his/her name taken off the mailing list for the mailed copy.

Contact Kris at kstroyanek@gmail.com or Vicki at vburke0737@aol.com.

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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.

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