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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Congratulations to Congressman Ron Kind and State Senator Jen Shilling on their primary victories. Neither Congressman Ron Kind nor Rep. Jill Billings has an opponent in the November 8 election. District Attorney Tim Gruenke, County Clerk Ginny Dankmeyer, and County Treasurer Shaun Handland are unopposed as well

This means we must focus our attention on winning the Presidency, sending Russ Feingold back to the U.S. Senate, and re-electing State Senator Jen Shilling and Rep. Steve Doyle.

Wisconsin is an important battleground in winning the U.S. Senate and the presidency. Our office at 117 5<sup>th</sup>. Ave. S., La Crosse, is humming with activity. We have several organizers for all campaigns working together to reach voters. **WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER.** Early in-person absentee voting will begin in Wisconsin on September 23!

Because we have to put the paper newsletter out a week before the emailed version, some events may be missed. Go to our website at laxdems and check the events link.

I will appoint a nominating committee this month who will be looking for members to run for officers and the Executive Board of the LCDP for 2016. Please consider running for next year.

Please read the article in col. 3 of this page on our Fall Dinner, our largest fundraiser. We have one final payment for our office. We continue to provide food for events and for canvassers and phone bankers. Read center column on how you **MUST** help. Moving Forward, Vicki Burke

## SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



### Sen. Tammy Baldwin Urges Volunteers to Canvass and Phone Bank

In the above photo Sen. Baldwin appears with Hillary Clinton. On Saturday, Aug. 20, at our office Senator Baldwin spoke of Sec. Clinton's strengths and of her personal knowledge of Sec. Clinton as she urged volunteers to canvass for Hillary.

Join other volunteers in our big push to contact voters. Canvassing and phoning from the office, 117 5<sup>th</sup>. Ave. S., La Crosse (next to the old Hollywood Theatre) Monday through Friday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On Saturday and Sunday canvass at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. We want to stress canvassing on the weekend, but will also do phoning. Contact Stevan Stankovich 317-372-0134 or email [ssstankovich@wivictory2016.org](mailto:ssstankovich@wivictory2016.org)

### Fundraiser for Diane Odeen

State Sen. Jen Shilling and Tara Johnson invite you to an event for State Senate candidate Diane Odeen at Jules Coffee House, 327 Pearl St., La Crosse on Monday, Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m. to 6 :30 p.m. For more info go to [info@dianeodeen.org](mailto:info@dianeodeen.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day Parade 10 a.m. Meet near North side elementary by 9:45 a.m.

Sept. 12 Fundraiser Diane Odeen (Article P. 1, Col. 2)

Monday, September 19, LCDP Monthly Meeting, County Clerk Ginny Dankmeyer on Voting Laws for November Election (Article p. 2)

Presidential Debates-Monday, Sept. 26; Sunday, October 9:Wednesday, Oct. 19 Vice Presidential Debate-Tuesday, Oct. 4

Thurs., Sept. 29, 7 p.m. -Torchlight Parade **MARCHERS NEEDED** Parade number TBA

Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. Maple Leaf Parade **MARCHERS NEEDED**

Fall Dinner, Oct 15, Concordia, 5 p.m. (See article page 1, Col. 3)

Sen. Shilling Chili Cook-off Oct. 18 Tentative Date, Concordia

## FALL DINNER DONATIONS

The LCDP annual Fall Dinner, our largest fundraiser, is Sat, Oct. 15, at Concordia Hall. The fundraising team is asking for donations for the silent auction. In the past we have been very successful with gift cards, new decorations, jewelry, books, game, and sports items. Theme baskets of area foods and beverages are also very popular.

We will need to record the value of donated items. To Drop off your donations, please call: Kris Troyanek – 769-5988, Barb Clark – 498-6150 or Diane Oldani Wulf - 780-7007.

## **SENATOR JEN SHILLING COMMENTS ON IMPACT OF GOV. WALKER'S CUTS TO PRE-K 12 PUBLIC EDUCATION**

An article from *wisconsintravel.com* details the cuts to public schools in Wisconsin. In it State Senator Jen Shilling comments. We must fight Gov. Walker's attempt to destroy public schools.

The article state that, "A new report from the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau shows funding to more than three-quarters of Wisconsin school districts is lower than what it was six years ago."

"The LFB report shows general aid payments to about 75 percent of the state's 424 school districts during the 2015-16 school year were lower than they were during the 2010-11 school year, before Governor Scott Walker's first budget. The report shows 49 schools districts also lost more than half of their general aid support during that time period."

"Senate Democratic Leader Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) said the figures highlight the challenges facing schools, which have had to cut teachers, increase class sizes, and use referendums to maintain facilities. She notes that the cuts have come as Republicans shifted more state dollars to help wealthy special interests, in the form of tax breaks to companies that have outsourced jobs."

"Millions of taxpayer dollars have gone to subsidize companies that have outsourced Wisconsin jobs while school districts are forced to cut teachers, increase class sizes and rely on referendums to maintain outdated buildings. These latest numbers show just how devastating an impact Republican cuts have had on our local communities," Shilling said in a statement."

Find the entire article at the following link

<https://www.wrn.com/2016/08/aid-to-majority-of-wisconsin-school-districts-at-pre-2010-levels/>

## **Ginny Dankmeyer to speak on Voting Laws for 2016 Monday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Office, 117 5<sup>th</sup>. Ave. S.**

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Cross County Clerk, will speak at our Sept. meeting. Wisconsin is one of 15 states that will have new voting restrictions in place for the first time in a presidential election. The new laws range from photo ID requirements to early voting cutbacks to registration restrictions. Recent court decisions have impacted Wisconsin voting restrictions.

## **PIECES OF SILVER** By Paul Krugman, *New York Times*

Paul Krugman in an August 12, 2016, article in *The New York Times* details why he believes some Republicans support Donald Trump. He begins, "By now, it's obvious to everyone with open eyes that Donald Trump is an ignorant, wildly dishonest, erratic, immature, bullying egomaniac. On the other hand, he's a terrible person. But despite some high-profile defections, most senior figures in the Republican Party - very much including Paul Ryan, the speaker of the House, and Mitch McConnell, the Senate majority leader - are still supporting him, threats of violence and all. Why?"

He suggested that perhaps they are not people of principle or that they support Trump because of party partisanship.

The title of the article gives the reader a clue. Krugman says it is simply that the wealthy will benefit from Trump's tax plan. He concludes that, "For the fact is that right now, when it matters, they have decided that lower tax rates on the rich are sufficient payment for betraying American ideals and putting the republic as we know it in danger."

Read the entire article at the following link.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/12/opinion/pieces-of-silver.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/12/opinion/pieces-of-silver.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&_r=0)

## **Senator Bernie Sanders Publishes OpEd in L.A. Times –Must Defeat Donald Trump**

In an opinion piece, written by Senator Sanders for the August 5 issue of the *L.A. Times*, Sanders says that Donald Trump would be "a disaster and an embarrassment for our country if he were elected president."

"On virtually every major issue facing this country and the needs of working families, Clinton's positions are far superior to Trump's. Our campaigns worked together to produce the most progressive platform in the history of American politics. Trump's campaign wrote one of the most reactionary documents."

He concludes that "...being inactive is not going to improve anything. Going forward and continuing the struggle is what matters. And, in that struggle, the most immediate task we face is to defeat Donald Trump. Read the entire OpEd at <http://bipartisanreport.com/2016/08/05/just-in-bernie-sanders-publishes-stunning-oped-in-la-times-makes-major-announcement/>

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Plastic bins for storage 29 gallon

Food-barbeque, cookies, bars, casserole, salad for workers  
Questions Call Vicki 608-792-5854

33 gallon garbage bags

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### **Governor Walker Hurts our University System-Our Economy**

Rep. Dana Wachs, in an August 13, 2016, article in the *Cap Times* criticizes the budget choices of Gov. Walker that have weakened our University system. Wachs points out that, "... Walker just informed the University of Wisconsin System that they will receive no new funding in his next budget."

Wachs says, "There's so much potential here in Wisconsin if we can create strong connections among our universities, businesses and workforce."

Wachs sites a report by The independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan Wisconsin Technology Council. The report states that cuts for higher education "will harm the state's economy, which relies on colleges and universities for talent, technology transfer and business development in the communities those institutions serve."

The report indicates that, "They found that when a kindergartener today eventually enters the workforce, 62 percent of Wisconsin's jobs will require a post-secondary degree. Despite that, they report that Wisconsin ranks 30th among states for adults with a bachelor's degree or higher, and 27th in per capita student aid."

When Gov. Walker talks about wanting to create jobs, he does not see the connection between investing in education as a way to strengthen our state and make Wisconsin a better place to live, work, and retire. Please let the governor's office know you support higher education.

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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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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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