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November 2018 Newsletter

Every Vote Is Important!

The November 6 midterm election is just a few days away. It is shaping up as one of, if not the most, important midterm election in recent history. We must elect Tony Evers as Governor, Mandela Barnes as Lt. Gov., Josh Kaul as Attorney General, Sarah Godlewski as Treasurer, and re-elect U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, and WI Representatives Jill Billings and Steve Doyle.

If we want to make Wisconsin Great Again, elect the Democratic ticket in Wisconsin to remove Walker, Schimel, and Republican members of the legislature. If we want to make America Great Again, elect Democrats to the House and Senate to put a check on President Trump.

The Nuts and Bolts of Voting – Photo Identification and Proof of Residence

My Vote Wisconsin / Voter Information at myvote.wi.gov is a comprehensive search tool that provides key information unique to you and voting. At this website you can verify your voter registration, find your Polling Place, and view your sample ballot.

If you are not registered to vote, you can register in person at your municipal clerk's office until 5 p.m. on Friday, November 2. A photo ID and proof of Residence is required for any elector, who is not a military or permanent overseas elector, who registers in person at the Municipal Clerk's Office or in person on Election Day, November 6, at your polling location.

A photo ID is required to receive a ballot in all elections. Learn more about photo ID and voting by visiting the website Bring It to the Ballot at https://www.bringitwisconsin.com/ and/or downloading the Voter ID Brochure at http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/filestorage/593/844/1246/1264/Voter_ID__Brochure_Aug_2016.pdf

Upcoming Events

LCDP Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, November 1, 6:00 p.m.
LCDP Office, 115 5th Ave S, La Crosse

GOTV Weekend
November 3-6. See related information in Requests for Get out the Vote (GOTV) Weekend in this newsletter.

Election Day
Tuesday, November 6
Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Go to myvote.wi.gov to verify your voter registration, find your polling place, and view your sample ballot.
Free bus rides on the La Crosse MTU on Election Day.

LCDP Regular Meeting
Monday, Novemver 19,
6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Ho-Chunk Three Rivers House, 724 Main St.,
La Crosse WI

For information on how to register to vote, go to http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/content/407/437/1252/1262/default.aspx

Proof of Residence is required for any elector who is registering to vote on Election Day. For purposes of voter registration, a document is acceptable proof of residence if it includes a current and complete name, including both the first and last name and a current and complete residential address, including a numbered street address, if any, and the name of a municipality. For a complete list of acceptable documents, go to https://laxdems.com/register-to-vote/

You may present your proof of residence document as a paper document or as an electronic document on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Please note however that an internet connection may not always be available for your use.

Drivers to the Polls

Need a ride to the polls on Election Day, November 6? These individuals are available to drive voters to their polling location. Contact them if you need a ride.

Nancy Bartlett – La Crosse southside, 608-788-1053
Jan Contreras – La Crosse, Bluffside area, 608-519-1983 / janhhaz@gmail.com
Donna and Robert Crader - Mindoro, 608-385-9457, 608-061-2167, or 608-857-3620
Jim Frasier, Riverside Park area, 608-513-7106
April Gray – Goosetown – Campus area, 608-397-6039
Kate Lavelle - Holmen, 319-491-4894
Kay Przywojski - Weigent Hogan area, 608-782-4792
Alice Wistrand - La Crosse southside, 608-397-9848
Ann Delwiche - La Crosse Logan Northside area, 608-519-2605 / anndelwiche@gmail.com
Robert Olson – La Crosse southside, 608-386-2662

Requests for Get out the Vote (GOTV) Weekend

On November 6, 2018, Democrats all over the country have the chance to send a message to Donald Trump and Scott Walker that Americans are ready for a change.

But we can't do it without your help! We know that without a personal reminder from a volunteer like you, up to 50% of Democrats may not vote this year. And the most effective way to get out the vote is by talking to the very same voters who the Republicans are counting on to stay home.

With your help, we can make sure every Democrat in La Crosse County makes it to the polls. Please sign up for as many times as you can to help talk to your neighbors, and your local organizer will give you a call before your shift to make sure you have the details.

Sign up at bit.ly/LaCrosseGOTV

If you have more questions, please contact Cole at colee@wisdems.org or Emily at emilyr@wisdems.org.

Food for Volunteers

Volunteers are also need to provide refreshments for the hardworking Coordinated Campaign Staff and the many volunteers phone-banking, canvassing, or working in the LCDP Office. Crock pot meals such as chili, soup, casseroles, sloppy joes, or soup are much appreciated. So are healthy snacks such as granola bars, raisins in small boxes, and fresh fruit. Contact Rosie Brooks at 608-782-6997.

KUDOS

- Peter Klitzke for delivering many yard signs to individuals.
- Robert Crader for assisting with a clean-up emergency at the LCDP office on Monday afternoon, October 15, 2018.
- Barb Clark for decorating the LCDP dinner tables, and together with Kris Troyanek, for organizing and managing the silent auction at the LCDP Fall Dinner.
- All the sponsors of the LCDP Fall Dinner, donors and bidders for the silent auction, and all who brought some delicious desserts.
- Wayne Goeldner for assisting with decorating the Brickhouse reception room for the Fall Dinner.
- For the two weekends of Action, October 13, 14, 20, and 21: Sara Bentley, Douglas Howard, and Tina Pohlman for their long hours spent at the two weekends of action at the Onalaska staging site.
- Vicki Burke and Kris Troyanek for their long hours spent at the two weekends of action at the LCDP Office staging site.
- Rosie Brooks and Carolyn Smith for organizing the food table at the LCDP Office during the two weekends of action.
- The numerous volunteers who brought food, drinks, canvassed or made phone calls during the two weekends of action.

PETTIBONE RESORT VICTORY PARTY

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Save the date for our LCDP Democratic Victory Party at the Pettibone Resort, 333 Park Plaza Drive, La Crosse, WI. Directions: http://pettiboneresort.com/

Election of Executive Board Members at the LCDP Regular Meeting, Monday, November 19, 2018

At the regular meeting of the LCDP on November 19, 2018, the 2019 Executive Board will be elected.

Officer candidates are Michael Smuksta (Chair), Peter Klitzke (Vice Chair), David Wulf (Secretary), and Cathy Van Maren (Treasurer). Candidates for the five at-large seats are Sara Bentley, Ed Burgess, Vicki Burke, Obbie King, Mark Neumann, and Avery Van Gaard. No nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting, but write-in votes are accepted with the prior consent of the write-in candidate. Candidates, whether nominated or write-in, will have three minutes to make a statement to the membership prior to the balloting at the November election.

60th Annual LCDP Fall Dinner, October 19, 2018

Almost one hundred individuals attended the 60th Annual LCDP Fall Dinner at the Brickhouse on Friday evening, October 19. Attendees enjoyed good conversations and dinner with fellow Democrats. Reps. Steve Doyle, Jill Billings, Wisconsin Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling and U.S. Rep. Ron Kind reminded the attendees of the importance of this midterm election on Nov. 6. Jeff Smith, Democratic candidate for WI Senate District 31, was also present. Sarah Godlewski, the Democratic candidate for Treasurer, was the special guest at the dinner. She mingled with the crowd before and during dinner, and then spoke about her excellent ideas for the position of Wisconsin State Treasurer.

Sarah Godlewski

In case you missed this: "How to Make America America Again: Elect Democrats and win back the House or the Senate."

October 23, 2018, by Thomas Friedman
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/23/opinion/midterms-democrats-trump-house-senate.html

What is there left to say about the terrible murder of moderate Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and its aftermath? Only one thing, and I have said it before, but I feel it even more strongly now: In the midterm elections, vote for a Democrat, canvass for a Democrat, raise money for a Democrat, drive someone else to a voting station to vote for a Democrat….

President Trump has spent two years attacking our best values — truth and trust — and I believe that Democrats getting a lever of power is necessary, but not sufficient, to reverse that….

Because there is a basic respect for truth, science and decency in the Democratic caucus and because I know that two more years of the G.O.P. holding every lever of power and blindly following Trump's basic disrespect for truth, science and decency will make it impossible to elevate America's best values….

I can write that a president who praises a U.S. politician who body slammed a journalist for politely asking a valid question … is giving license to thugs all over the world. But that criticism will never have any impact if Democrats control neither the House nor the Senate.

I can write that it is unconscionable that the president of the United States simply dismissed as political spin the latest report by the U.N.'s team of climate scientists — warning that if we don't undertake immediate carbon emission reductions to prevent global average temperature from rising … we will be condemning the next generation to a world of environmental hurt by the end of the century….

But not a finger will be lifted to prevent any of these devastating outcomes unless Democrats control at least the House or the Senate.

I can write that the growing tribalization of our politics, the notion that members of the other party are not just opponents but "enemies" who must be crushed, is being fueled by a president who has no desire to be president of all the people, but rather only his base, and who delights in dividing us and insulting people, thereby debasing his office. But it will be impossible to impose any accountability … if the Democrats do not control either the House or the Senate.

I can write that it is impossible to have a healthy democracy when our president spews a steady stream of lies every day, has denounced the F.B.I. and the Justice Department, refused to take seriously Russian interference in our elections and still has not revealed his tax returns. But this president will continue soiling our institutions and his office unless Democrats control at least the House or the Senate and can impose penalties for such corrosive behavior….

In sum, words today are not enough, investigative journalism is not enough, television special reports are not enough, documentaries are not enough, endless columns and editorials calling out Trump are not enough … *because the truth is just not enough today* — not as long as we have a president who has no shame, who is backed by party that has no spine, that controls the House, the Senate, the White House, the Supreme Court and, indirectly, a major television network that has no integrity….

So, this year: No third party, no Green Party, no throwing up our hands and saying, "They're all bad." All of that's for another day. For today, in these midterm elections, vote for a Democrat, canvass for a Democrat, raise money for a Democrat, drive someone else to a voting station to vote for a Democrat. It's the only hope to make America *America* again.

Nothing else matters. Pass it on.

"Don't tell me your vote doesn't matter… and if you thought elections don't matter, I hope these last two years have corrected that impression."

~ Barack Obama

Our Elected Officials

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Washington, DC 20510
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Congressman Ron Kind
1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
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State Senator Jennifer Shilling
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Madison, WI 53703-7882
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94th Assembly District Representative Steve Doyle
Room 124 North, State Capitol
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95th Assembly District Representative Jill Billings
Room 4 West, State Capitol
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Governor Scott Walker (R)
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LCDP Executive Board Officers

Co-Chairs: Michael Smuksta & Peter Gorski
608-784-4219 / 312-231-9884

Vice Chair: Dave Wulf
608-799-8977

Treasurer: Diane Oldani Wulf
608-780-7007

Secretary: Avery Van Gaard
608-769-1034

At-Large Board Members:
Sara Bentley
Austin Goodrich
Obbie King
Peter Klitzke
Greg Schams
Past Chairs: Susan Goeldner, J.D. Wine
College Representative: Stephanie Boebel (UW-L)

Posting of Unapproved Minutes

A couple of LCDP members have expressed an interest in receiving regular minutes prior to the next regular LCP meeting. If you want to receive the minutes early, please contact the LCDP secretary, Avery Van Gaard, at averyvangaard@gmail.com or 608-769-1034. She will mail them as a PDF with an UNAPPROVED watermark. No hard copies will be sent.

Some Facts On Your LCDP Membership

The best and easiest way to renew your La Crosse County Democratic Party membership is through your local county treasurer. Once you are a member of the county, you are automatically a member of the 3rd Congressional District (3rd CD) and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW). You need to submit membership dues only once a year to be a member of all three. It is unnecessary to submit duplicate memberships through the county and also through the state. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Diane Oldani Wulf, your current LCDP treasurer, at 608-780-7007, or at eap11111@aol.com.

We Welcome Your Input

Any thoughts or suggestions you may have for your Executive Board are greatly appreciated. You can express them by contacting any board member, either by phone or email.

Renewing Your Membership!

You can renew your membership using the membership form found at the end of this newsletter. If you are receiving this newsletter via mail, please look at your mailing label to see when your membership expires. Thank you for your continued support!

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and would prefer to receive it via email instead, please contact Diane Oldani Wulf at 608-780-7007 or eap11111@aol.com.

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For the LCDP to continue activities for the this year, we are going to need volunteers and funding. The party is only as strong as the engagement of its members and friends. And that is where you come in. We have many opportunities for you to volunteer at the Democratic Party office. Also, please consider a contribution of any amount to help support activities and events to broaden our base in the second half of 2018.

You may send a contribution to:
LCDP, P. O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI, 54602-1861.
For online contributions go to our website www.laxdems.com.

Thank you.

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:

___ $10 Senior, Student, Limited Income
___ $25 General Membership (1 member)
___ $35 Pairs (up to two members)
___ $45 yearly Activist (up to 3 members)
___ $75 yearly (family)
___ $120 Supporting Membership
___ $240 Friend
___ $600 Patron

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

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Make checks payable to:
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*Contributions are not tax deductible for federal tax purposes. State law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, and occupation of individuals whose contributions exceed $200 in a calendar year.

I recommend contacting as a possible member:

Name_____

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