

# THE DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## November 2022 Newsletter

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### Make a Voting Plan. Take a Friend to the Polls!

We know that voter turnout in La Crosse County will be the deciding factor in this election. The single best thing we can do to ensure a Democratic victory in November is help people get to the polls and vote. So, as you are making your voting plan, make sure you are encouraging others to vote as well.

With the election just around the corner, make sure you have a plan to cast your ballot!

- Polls are open from 7:00am-8:00pm on Tuesday, November 8
- Remember to bring a photo ID to the polls.
- Wisconsin allows same-day voter registration. Bring photo ID and proof of residence to register. Visit [https://www.lwvlacrosse.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=484247&module\\_id=448050](https://www.lwvlacrosse.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=484247&module_id=448050) for information on what counts as proof of residence.
- Redistricting changed some polling places. Double-check your polling place at <https://lacrossecounty.org/countyclerk/docs/PollingPlaces.pdf>
- If you have any problems voting, contact the Wisconsin Democrats Voter Assistance Hotline at 608-336-3232 ASAP.

### Work Needed: Dems' Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler's Open Letter

By Ron Malzer

Dear fellow Wisconsin Democrats, It's time to cancel everything and go knock on doors.

With 18 days to go, we're in a

### Upcoming Events



**Tuesday, November 1, Bus Tour Stop with Governor Tony Evers and Rep. Sara Rodriguez, UWL Cleary and Friends Alumni Center, 4:00-5:30pm.** More information at <https://www.mobilize.us/wisdems/event/532284/>

**Friday, November 4, Our Future is Now Rally with Sen. Bernie Sanders, UWL Student Union 4:00pm-6:00pm.** More information at <https://www.mobilize.us/defend-democracy/event/533206/>

**Tuesday, November 8, Election Day!**

**Tuesday, November 8, Election Night Watch Party and Victory Celebration, Pettibone Resort on the River, 8:00pm-midnight.** Food and drinks!

**Monday, November 21, November LCDP Meeting and LCDP 2023 Officer Elections, 6:30pm-8:00pm, LCDP Office**

**Monday, December 19, LCDP Holiday Social, 6:30-8:00pm, Details coming soon**

statistical dead heat in our statewide elections—and a red alert in the fight against Republican supermajorities in the state legislature. That means it's time to pull out all the stops. How many volunteer shifts can you complete before the polls close? How many voters can you talk to? Find your local canvass launches—they're happening everywhere, every week, now through November 8—and sign up at this link! Every time I've knocked on doors this fall, I've found at least one voter who either wasn't sure if they'd vote or wasn't sure whom they'd vote for—but by the end of the conversation, committed to voting for Democrats.

**If everyone receiving this email completes three volunteer shifts**

**between now and Election Day and convinces one voter per shift, we'll win more votes than the statewide margin of victory in the 2018 Governor's race, or the 2020 presidential race, or the 2019 state Supreme Court race. (And that list goes on and on.)**

There's a lot that will happen between now and Election Day that we can't control. We can't control the global economy for the next 18 days. We can't control gas prices for the next 18 days. We can't control the weather for the next 18 days. But we can decide how we use our time.

And this is the time to do everything we can to bring victories in November. While you're driving to your nearest Democratic Party of Wisconsin canvass launch to knock on doors for Evers, Barnes, Kaul, and the other Democratic candidates up and down the ballot, listen to the newest episode of The Run-Up, a podcast by the New York Times. It's about the impact of gerrymandering and Republican attacks on democracy in Wisconsin.

It's not easy listening. But at the end of the episode, it makes a critical point. We don't live in a functioning democracy at this moment. But there's a path to creating one. If we win the governorship, if we prevent GOP supermajorities, and if we win the majority on the state Supreme Court next spring, there's a path to true democracy in Wisconsin. It doesn't mention it in the podcast, but there's another path as well: if we hold the House and expand the Democratic Senate majority by two seats—a goal that absolutely requires a victory for Mandela Barnes—then we could pass national pro-democracy legislation that would end partisan gerrymandering and bring full voting rights to our state and every other.

There is hope. There is peril. It's all on the line. We have 18 days to do everything we can.

Choose hope!

*La Crosse County Democratic Party*



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## **LCDP Elections!**

### **2023 Officers:**

All officer and executive board positions will be up for election. These include four Officer positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary; as well as five At-Large Executive Board members.

The following people have signed up to run for the 2023 Executive Board. Write-ins are allowable on the ballot.

Chair: William Garcia

Vice-Chair: Kristie Tweed

Treasurer: Open

Secretary: Carla Penã

5 At-Large Board Members:

Bob Freedland

Fred Giese

Paul Kruse

Tara Johnson

Tina Pohlman

### **The Process:**

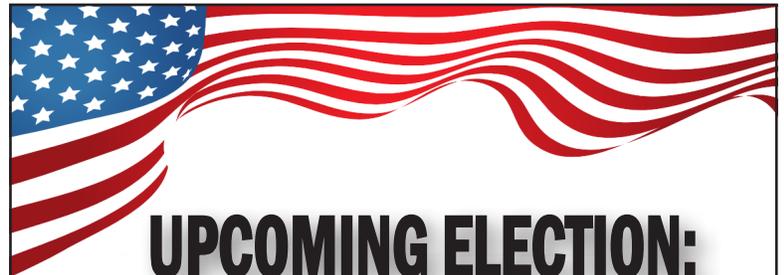
Monday, November 21: At the November LCDP Regular meeting, all nominees will be given three minutes to speak to the membership about their reasons for joining the 2023 Board. These speeches will be followed by a vote using the Ranked Choice Election model. The Secretary will announce the results at the November meeting, as soon as the votes have been tabulated.



**Join our local candidates and officials at the La Crosse County Democratic Party's Election Night Watch Party and Victory Celebrations.**

**Let us celebrate after a long election season. We will have TVs showing election results, food, drinks and a cash bar.**

**Pettibone Resort on the River  
333 Park Plaza Drive, La Crosse, WI  
8:00pm - Midnight.**



## **UPCOMING ELECTION:**

**November 8, 2022:  
General Election**

## **November Regular Meeting:**

Monday, November 21 from 6:30 - 8:00pm

In-person at the LCDP office 2318 State Rd or on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/91879624296?pwd=Yi9uYTJmZHQ2YlBGVW96eUJiVGRKQT09>

In November, we will be deconstructing the November election and holding elections for the LCDP 2023 Executive Board.



## **2023 Exec Board in need of a Treasurer**

The 2023 Exec Board is looking for someone willing to be our Treasurer. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact William Garcia at [chair@laxdems.com](mailto:chair@laxdems.com) or 512-660-2610! We will get you all the assistance you need.



- Governor** - Governor Tony Evers - <https://www.tonyevers.com>
- Lieutenant Governor** - Sara Rodriguez - <https://www.saraforwi.com/>
- US Senate** - Mandela Barnes - <https://mandelabarnes.com/>
- 3rd Congressional District** - Senator Brad Pfaff - <https://www.bradpfaff.com>
- WI Secretary of State** - Doug La Folette - <https://douglafollette.com/>
- WI State Treasurer** - Aaron Richardsom - <https://www.aaronforwi.com>
- 94th Assembly District** - Rep. Steve Doyle - <https://www.doyleforassembly.com/>
- 95th Assembly District** - Rep. Jill Billings - <http://jillbillingsforassembly.com/>
- La Crosse County Sheriff** - John Siegel - <https://www.siegelforsheriff.net/>
- La Crosse Clerk of Courts** - Tammy Padretti

## Tim Michels' Radical Abortion Position Crosses the Line

By Ron Malzer

In audio released this week from a 2004 WPR interview, Tim Michels said he supports forcing a 12-year-old rape victim to give birth, and would tell her her pregnancy was “created by God.” Michels has supported a restrictive, no-exception abortion policy for decades, and this year called the 1849 law that includes no exceptions for rape or incest an “exact mirror” of his position and said he will not “soften” his stance.

It’s clear that Tim Michels will not defend bodily autonomy or fight to restore reproductive freedom in Wisconsin. His comments about abortion throughout his political career are not only radical, but cruel and out-of-line. Governor Evers is the only pro-choice candidate running for governor and will continue to fight Wisconsin’s 1849 criminal abortion ban and do the right thing to restore reproductive freedom in our state.

### **VOLUNTEER to Re-Elect Gov. Tony Evers and Elect the Democratic Ticket**

You don’t want to watch the Election Night returns and see awful GOP candidates getting elected. There are so many ways you can do your part to prevent this, including going door-to-door, making phonecalls, and texting.

**To sign up, contact field organizer Ailey Brumley using this link:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdZNj0Maluz9R4OPHC2WyWXdJCgzq9geb6Vr-cUFjxe-qMg/viewform>

## Elect Brad Pfaff

by William Garcia

We need Brad Pfaff’s experience, integrity and character representing Western Wisconsin. There is no starker contrast in American politics than between Senator Pfaff and his Republican opponent, Derrick Van Orden.

Brad Pfaff has spent a lifetime working on agricultural policies that support the farmers of Western Wisconsin. No one has a better resume for working on agricultural affairs. Derrick Van Orden has no comparable experience, so he resorts to the only thing he can think of, attacking. Van Orden would have us believe that spending the years necessary to become an expert in rural affairs is somehow a negative to Western Wisconsin. If Van Orden had integrity, he would admit his lack of experience in this area.

Several years ago, Senator Pfaff was denied confirmation as Wisconsin’s Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protections because he fought with the GOP legislature for more funds to prevent suicides among Wisconsin farmers. Knowing that his career was on the line, Senator Pfaff chose to stand by Wisconsin farmers and stand up to the GOP. That is the integrity needed in a US Congressperson. Van Orden’s fear of debates and the mainstream press show he is not willing to speak to his would-be constituents, much less stand up for them.

Brad Pfaff has run a positive, issue-oriented campaign focused on the needs of Western Wisconsin while Derrick Van Orden focuses on getting himself on right-wing podcasts. There is only one responsible choice for Western Wisconsin: Senator Brad Pfaff.

## Thank you from your event chair:

The Fall Dinner was brought back after being stuck for two years in the Covid "bin." Thanks to all who bought tickets and attended. It was wonderful to see so many of us gathered together again. Our speakers were outstanding! Also thanks to all who brought appetizers and /or desserts or contributed items to the silent auction.

Special thanks to Sara Bentley and Rozie Brooks who helped in the planning, set up and managed our appetizer, dessert and beverage tables. They were there working until the end when we locked up.

Big thanks to Kris Troyanek who once again worked diligently to organize prior to the event all of our Silent Auction items and on event day displayed them with an auctioneer's flair, knowledge, and "the proper paperwork." Big thanks to Barb Clark who, with her considerable decorating skill, created a beautiful autumn setting for all of the tables in the room. Thanks much to Leanne Stokes who helped set -up, clean-up and collected our meal tickets. As Hillary said "It Takes a Village."

I hope next year the event can be held in a venue that allows meal preparation. Having to pay a caterer is a not helpful with our fund raising goal.

Thanks again, Terry

## How to sign up for monthly contributions

Did you know that you can easily set up a monthly donation to LCDP? This is a fast and easy way to help our party, our candidates and our volunteers. Just go to <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/lcdp2022office> and select Yes, Count Me In! under the Make It Monthly tab on the donation page. Even \$5 a month is of real help as we work to win in 2022.



### LCDP Lending Library

Several LCDP Executive Board members have been working hard to create a Lending Library at the LCDP offices. We have books on politics, democracy, social justice, anti-racism and more. Visit the LCDP office to borrow any of our books. Or, consider donating books to expand our library and help other members and friends understand what is at stake in these elections.

### Letter Writing Initiative



LCDP Executive Board Member Ron Malzer is spearheading an Op-Ed/Letter to the Editor initiative with LCDP. We will be having weekly (at a minimum) articles that discuss news and opinions about La Crosse and Wisconsin politics. See the articles on our social networks or at <https://laxdems.com/category/news>.

### LCDP Podcast



Have you checked out The LCDP podcast The Democratic Voice, produced in conjunction with WIZM news? Listen and subscribe for opinions and updates of what is happening in La Crosse. <https://www.wizmnews.com/the-democratic-voice-with-william-garcia/>

## Our Elected Officials

### **Governor Tony Evers**

Office of the Governor  
115 East State Capital  
Madison, WI 53702  
Ph: 608-266-1212

### **Senator Tammy Baldwin**

717 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Ph: 202-224-5653, Fax: 202-224-9787

### **Senator Ron Johnson (R)**

328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. Office Building  
Ph: 202-224-5323

### **Congressman Ron Kind**

1406 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
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### **32nd District State Senator Brad Pfaff**

State Capitol 22 South  
PO Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707  
Ph: 608-266-5490, Sen.Pfaff@legis.wisconsin.gov

### **94th Assembly District Representative Steve Doyle**

Room 124 North, State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708  
Ph: 608-266-0631 or 888-534-0094  
Fax: 608-282-3694

### **95th Assembly District Representative Jill Billings**

Room 4 West, State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708  
Ph: 608-266-5780

### **La Crosse County Clerk**

Ginny Dankmeyer (Democrat)  
(608) 785-9581

### **La Crosse County District Attorney**

Tim Gruenke (Democrat)  
(608) 785-9604

### **La Crosse County Treasurer**

Amy Twitchell (Democrat)  
(608) 785-9711

## LCDP Executive Board Officers

### **Chair: William Garcia**

608-769-5286

### **Vice Chair: Ed Burgess**

608-799-1944

### **Treasurer: David Wulf**

608-799-8977

### **Secretary: Diane Wulf**

608-780-7007

### **At-Large Board Members:**

**Terry Benson**

**Fred Giese**

**Ralph Knudson**

**Ron Maizer**

**K.C. Cayo**

**College Representative: Grace Florence (UW-L)**

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## 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 [lcdpwi@gmail.com](mailto:lcdpwi@gmail.com) or 608-769-5286.

## 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! Or just visit <https://laxdems.com/join-the-party/> and fill out the form (it is the same form to join or renew) and pay online.

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and would prefer to receive it via email instead, please contact [lcdpwi@gmail.com](mailto:lcdpwi@gmail.com) or 608-769-5286.

La Crosse County Democratic Party



La Crosse County Democratic Party  
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As the LCDP prepares for 2022 and beyond, your membership and participation are more important than ever. Your membership fees help fund the LCDP office and infrastructure, community outreach, candidate recruitment and campaign assistance up and down the ballot. Membership also gives you a voice in the operations and policy of the Wisconsin Democratic Party and the National Democratic Party platform. There is always a need for volunteers, and we can always find a way for you to help.

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](http://www.laxdems.com).

Thank you.

There are three ways to join through the LCDP:

1. Print and mail your check and the form (available also at [tinyurl.com/lcdpmbform](http://tinyurl.com/lcdpmbform))
2. Visit [laxdems.com/join-the-party](http://laxdems.com/join-the-party) and complete your application and payment online.
3. Come to a LCDP event and complete the process and payment in person.

Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal Month \_\_\_\_\_

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

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I'm interested in learning more about DPW caucuses:

- American Indian Caucus
- Black Caucus
- Environmental Caucus
- Labor Caucus
- Latinx Caucus
- LGBT Caucus
- Progressive Caucus
- Rural Caucus
- Veterans' Caucus
- Women's Caucus