

# THE **D**EMOCRATIC VOICE

## December 2022 Newsletter

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### Running for office is one of the best contributions you can make to our community

Many of us are still recovering from our hard work in the 2022 midterms, but the 2023 election is right around the corner and we want to help you run for office. The 2023 non-partisan race will have a vital Wisconsin State Supreme Court Race, but just as important are the many local, non-partisan seats up for election, including seats on the city councils and school boards of La Crosse, Onalaska, Holmen and more.

Visit the website of your city and school board clerks for more information on elections in your area.

The first steps are filing

1) a Registration Statement, 2) A Declaration of Candidacy and 3) Nomination papers to the city or school board clerk who controls the election for the seat you desire. These forms can be found at <https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/local-candidates#230548828-1556562227>

Below is a timeline of important dates in the election cycle.

December 1: You may start circulating nomination forms. Depending on the office you desire, you may need to collect from 100-400 signatures.

January 3: All completed nomination forms must be turned in to the clerk who controls your election by Tuesday, January 3, 5pm.

February 21, 2023: Primary election (if more than two candidates apply to run for a seat).

April 4, 2023: Election Day

We hope you will consider running for public office. It is a wonderful gift to your community.

### Upcoming Events



**LCDP December Executive Board Meeting**, Monday, December 5, 6:30-8:00pm, In-person at the LCDP Office or on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3902738956?pwd=TnFjcGpxRWREek5NaVIOL1I2dDRndz09>

**LCDP Holiday Social**, Monday, December 19, 6:30-8:00pm, Big Al's Pizza, 115 3rd St., La Crosse



Instead of a meeting, plan to join the LCDP at our Holiday Social!

**Monday, December 19**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Big Al's Pizza**

**115 3rd Street, La Crosse**

Eat some pizza, have a drink and celebrate a year of volunteering, hard work and electoral results.

### No December meeting

A reminder that the LCDP Holiday Social takes the place of a regular membership meeting in December. So, no meeting, just a party.



### Advanced Local Candidate Training

**Wisconsin Progress Local Candidate Training**  
**December 10th in La Crosse**  
**10:00am - 4:30pm. Location: TBD**

Wisconsin Progress to offer training for those interested in running for local political office. There will be seats available on city councils and school boards in the April 2023 election. Those interested in running for local office (and we hope you do) can attend this free training from Wisconsin Progress:

From Wisconsin Progress: Our Advanced Local Campaign Trainings are a comprehensive course in campaign planning for local candidates. Folks interested in running for city council, school board, county board, and other local positions will learn essential skills to create a winning campaign. We will cover campaign planning, fundraising, budgeting, voter contact, and effective campaign messaging.

These one-day trainings are consistently highly attended and well received.

[https://actionnetwork.org/events/advanced-local-training-2?source=direct\\_link](https://actionnetwork.org/events/advanced-local-training-2?source=direct_link)

## A reminder of LCDP rules and procedures for non-partisan office elections and endorsements

Just a quick reminder of the rules LCDP follows with regards to endorsements in non-partisan races.

- The LCDP does not endorse in non-partisan primaries.
- Once the primaries are over and the race has narrowed to two people, the LCDP Exec Board will make endorsement recommendations based on candidates responses to questions from the LCDP as well as public statements.
- If the LCDP Board recommends endorsement, the full LCDP membership will vote to endorse or not endorse.
- The LCDP will only endorse candidates who specifically request our endorsement.

If you have any questions, contact William Garcia at [chair@laxdems.com](mailto:chair@laxdems.com) for more information.



Join the swearing in of John Siegel as La Crosse County's new Sheriff on the morning of January 2. Check your LCDP emails for more specifics as they become available.



### 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.

## Become a recurring donor to assist with the year-round office

Last year, LCDP made an investment in a year-round office. A place that candidates, elected officials and volunteers could work out of year-round. We hope to spend 2023 expanding the uses of the facilities even more, with book clubs, organizational meetings and more.

Help us maintain this office with a recurring donation or a pledge of monthly support. \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50 or \$100 a month would go a long way towards ensuring that the LCDP has the capacity and infrastructure to support our candidates and our ideals.

To donate, set up a recurring donation at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/lcdpofficefund>. Be sure to select Yes, Count Me In! under the Make It Monthly option. Or, send your pledge to [chair@laxdems.com](mailto:chair@laxdems.com) and we will make you down as a recurring contributor.

Thank you for your help protecting democracy in Wisconsin.

## Congratulations to the recently elected 2023 LCDP Officers

Chair: William Garcia  
Vice-Chair: Kristie Tweed  
Secretary: Carla Peña  
Treasurer: Cathy Van Maren

At-Large members:

Bob Freedland  
Fred Giese  
Tara Johnson  
Paul Kruse  
Tina Pohlman

Thank you for volunteering!

## Thank you to the exiting LCDP Board members

Many thank yous to the 2022 board, especially to those rotating off of the Exec Board after a long 2022 election season. Our election successes in 2022 would not have been possible without your hard work and dedication.

Terry Benson  
Ed Burgess  
Ralph Knutson  
Ron Malzer  
David Wulf  
Diane Wulf

## 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  
Ph: 202-225-5506, Fax: 202-225-5739

### 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 Malzer

K.C. Cayo

College Representative: Grace Florence (UW-L)

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## 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 County. <https://www.wizmnews.com/the-democratic-voice-with-william-garcia/>

## 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



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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.

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: La Crosse County Democratic Party, P. O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

You may also donate online: [www.laxdems.com](http://www.laxdems.com).

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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'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