

# THE DEMOCRATIC VOICE

## April 2023 Newsletter

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### Vote on Tuesday, April 4!

The end of a very long and hard-fought Wisconsin Supreme Court race is here. All we need to do now is remember to **VOTE!**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm. If you are in line at 8:00pm, you are eligible to vote.

Get information on Election Day Polling Sites at <https://lacrossecounty.org/countyclerk/docs/PollingPlaces.pdf>

The La Crosse County Democratic Party has endorsed the following candidates:

Wisconsin Supreme Court:  
Judge Janet Protasiewicz

Holmen School Board:  
Khadijah Islam

La Crosse City Council, District 1:  
Tamra Dickinson

La Crosse School Board:  
Jeff Jackson  
Trevor Sprague  
Jerry Wacek

We also endorse voting "REPEAL" on the referendum to repeal the 1849 Abortion Ban.

### Upcoming Events



**Spring General Election**, Tuesday, April 4

**LCDP April Executive Board Meeting TIME MOVED!** Wednesday, April 5 6:30-8:00pm, In-person at the LCDP Office or on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3902738956?pwd=TnFjcGpxRWREek5NaVlOL1I2dDRndz09>

**LCDP Regular Meeting**, Monday, March 17, 6:30 - 8:00pm, In-person at the LCDP Office or on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3902738956?pwd=TnFjcGpxRWREek5NaVlOL1I2dDRndz09>

**Please note - The LCDP Exec Board meeting has been moved from Monday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 5 to allow our Exec Board to focus on Get Out the Vote Efforts before the April 4 election.**

### 3rd CD

#### Call to Convention!

Please consider participating as a delegate, we want La Crosse's voice to be heard in the 3rd CD, Sunday, April 30 10:00am - 4:00pm in Black River Falls

Please consider participating in this fun and important meeting of Democrats from all over the 3rd CD. Enrolling as a delegate to the 3rd CD Convention automatically enrolls you as a delegate to the 2023 DPW State Convention, June 10-11 in Green Bay, WI.

Activities include:

- Hearing from Democratic elected officials
- Networking with Democrats from across the 3rd CD.
- Voting for 3rd CD Leadership
- Voting on Resolutions to send to the DPW State Convention

This year, La Crosse County has been allotted 51 delegate slots.

#### Enrollment:

To enroll as a delegate, fill out this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeitnCKfQozZINuc3Ip5y\\_d8ro3df6CWigvKAgFDI4mlhvk1\\_A/viewform?link\\_id=6&can\\_id=60155e4f306a0a981fdc6c7aa662b7f5&source=email-2023-delegate-quotas-info&email\\_referrer=email\\_1808513&email\\_subject=2023-delegate-quotas-info](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeitnCKfQozZINuc3Ip5y_d8ro3df6CWigvKAgFDI4mlhvk1_A/viewform?link_id=6&can_id=60155e4f306a0a981fdc6c7aa662b7f5&source=email-2023-delegate-quotas-info&email_referrer=email_1808513&email_subject=2023-delegate-quotas-info)

After enrolling as a delegate, DPW sends your enrollment to the County Chair for verification.

#### Registration Fees

After enrolling as a delegate, pay the registration fee for the 3rd CD Convention at this link: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2023convention> \$35 per delegate before April 23. \$40 per delegate after April 23. \$15 per student. Please contact LCDP Chair William Garcia at [chair@laxdems.com](mailto:chair@laxdems.com), if the registration fee presents a financial

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- Wisconsin Supreme Court: Judge Janet Protasiewicz
- La Crosse School Board:
  - Jeff Jackson
  - Trevor Sprague
  - Jerry Wacek
- La Crosse City Council, District 1: Tamra Dickinson
- Vote Repeal on the 1847 Abortion Ban
- Holmen School Board: Khadijah Islam

**Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, April 4.  
Or Vote early now!**

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hardship and we will work something out.

If you would prefer to use a check to pay for your registration, print out page 3 of the 3rd CD Call to Convention and follow the directions to mail the fee to 3rd CD Treasurer Adam Balz.

All delegates must be members of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Join or renew your membership at [laxdems.com/join-the-party](http://laxdems.com/join-the-party)

The full 2023 3rd CD Call to Convention Packet can be viewed at <https://wisconsinDemocrats3rdcd.files.wordpress.com/2023/02/2023-3rd-cd-call-to-convention-c-1.pdf>

If you have any questions about the 3rd CD Convention, the DPW State Convention or any other party business, do not hesitate to contact William Garcia at [chair@laxdems.com](mailto:chair@laxdems.com) or (608) 286-2036.

## Democrats Are Fully Behind Judge Janet Protasiewicz



In what will be a monumental election for Wisconsin in 2023, DPW has formally endorsed Judge Janet Protasiewicz for Wisconsin Supreme Court.

If we can turn out the vote here in La Crosse County, we have an excellent chance of winning this important seat and flipping the ideological make-up of the court from conservative to progressive.

More information about Judge Protasiewicz at <https://www.janetforjustice.com/>

### The Office Will Be Open During Election Day on April 4th

The LCDP Office will be open from 10am - 6pm on Tuesday, April 4 for any last minute election needs. Following the April 4 election, the office will return to "Open As Needed".

## Upcoming Speakers at Our April and May Meetings



Matthew Rothschild

Our speaker for the April 17 meeting of the La Crosse County Democrats: Matthew Rothschild, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Democracy Project.

Since coming to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign at the start of 2015, he's concentrated his work on raising public awareness of the need to ban gerrymandering, to limit big and dark money in our politics, to protect and expand the freedom to vote, and to oppose the anti-democracy movement in our state and in our country. He's the author of *12 Ways to Save Democracy in Wisconsin*, published by the University of Wisconsin Press (2021).

Prior to joining the Democracy Campaign at the start of 2015, Matt worked at *The Progressive* magazine for 32 years. For most of those, he was the editor and publisher of *The Progressive*.



Scot Ross

Our speaker for the Monday, May 15 meeting: Scot Ross, former Executive Director of Wisconsin Now.

# A Message From Your Treasurer: Your LCDP Membership and Donations

by Cathy Van Maren

As your 2023 treasurer, I would like to give you a bit of information about memberships and donations. When you become a member of the LCDP, you are also joining the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW) and visa-versa. So, if you renew through the LCDP, you are also renewing your DPW membership. If you renew through the DPW, they will let us know that your LCDP membership is renewed. So, you need only renew through one or the other organization. Updating records between our offices sometimes takes a while, so you may still get some reminders until the records match.

Your membership donation is split between the state party (DPW) and the county party (LCDP). They keep more than half of the membership donation. We also pay a bit to the Third Congressional District. When you send your membership donation through ActBlue, ActBlue retains 3.95 percent of your donation to help pay for their services. ActBlue is a convenient way to donate, and they generate very useful records, so if that's your preference, please use it.

If you want more of your donation to remain with the LCDP, join or renew at one of the basic levels and then make an extra donation in addition to your membership donation and pay by check. We will split your membership donation with the DPW but retain the entire amount of any extra donation you might make.

One more thing. You may get emails and letters from the Democratic National Committee (DNC) or the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) or the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) warning you that your membership in their organization is expiring. There are no individual memberships in the DNC, the DSCC, or the DCCC. These are just fundraising letters. Donate or not, as you wish, but don't believe that you are joining or renewing a membership.

Here's a good article about some misleading solicitations members may see: <https://bluentent.us/blog/be-aware-5-kinds-of-misleading-democratic-fundraising-emails/> and this New York Times article looks at how both parties target older people: <https://tinyurl.com/NYT-OlderDonors>

We very much appreciate your participation and the support you provide by joining, renewing, and donating to the LCDP. If you have questions about any of this, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@laxdems.com.

The LCDP officially did not comment on the three statewide referendums put on the ballot by Republicans in the Wisconsin Legislature. However, below is a good overview of the referendums by Matthew Rothschild, Executive Director of The Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. The article can be viewed below:

## Vote No, No, No on Referendums

by Matthew Rothschild, Executive Director

I got my absentee ballot in the mail the other day, and I noticed that there are three statewide referendum questions on it.

And while they may, on the surface, seem reasonable to you, I'm urging you to vote no on all three because they actually aren't reasonable. They're a devious scheme by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and his cohorts to divide us and distract us so they can stay in power and keep rewarding their donors like Diane Hendricks, Richard Uihlein, and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce rather than serve the people of Wisconsin.

The first two would amend the Wisconsin Constitution in such a way as to keep more people behind bars even before they've even been convicted of a crime.

One would allow judges to impose all sorts of restrictions on someone's freedom when released before trial. This could include even minor things like prohibiting the drinking of alcohol. And if the person gets caught drinking, that's a separate crime in and of itself.

The second one would give judges more latitude to impose cash bail. But cash bail penalizes the poor. Why should a rich person be able to get out when he or she poses the same risk as the poor person, who can't get out? What's more, judges already have the power to detain people who they deem as too dangerous to the community. So this is unnecessary.

Both of these amendments would take away more people's freedoms prior to conviction, which is an offense to our basic American principle that you're innocent until proven guilty. And given the racial disparities in our criminal justice system, the punitiveness behind these amendments are bound to fall disproportionately on people of color.

We all want to be safe, and we all want our loved ones to be safe, regardless of our race, background, and zip code. But overloading our jails won't make us safer. Investing in our communities will. And that's exactly what Robin Vos and his buddies don't want to do.

So don't fall for these amendments.

The third referendum is advisory only, and it's about having a work requirement for adults who get welfare but have no kids. This is already the law in Wisconsin, so this one is unnecessary, too. And it's a ploy, as well, to further divide and distract us.

So when you get your ballot, and you see these referendum questions, just vote no, no, and no.

It's that simple.

## POLLING PLACES

**ALL POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

<b>DIST.</b>	<b>WARD(S)</b>	<b>CITY OF LA CROSSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1	1, 2	Black River Beach Neighborhood Center	1433 Rose St.
2	3, 4, 27	Harry J Olson Senior Citize Center	1607 North St.
3	5, 6	Myrick Park Center	789 Myrick Park Dr.
4	7, 8	English Lutheran Church	1509 King St. (Parking Lot entrance)
5	9, 10	UWL Student Union	521 East Ave N (Farwell St. entrance)
6	11, 12	La Crosse Public Library	800 Main St. (9th St. entrance)
7	17, 18	Hogan Administrative Center	807 East Ave. S.
8	15, 16	Coulee Recovery Center	933 Ferry St.
9	13, 14	Southside Neighorhood Center	1300 6th St. S.
10	19, 20	South Community Library	1307 16th St. S.
11	21, 22, 28	Living Word Christian Church	2015 Ward Ave (rear entrance)
12	23, 24	Hmoob Cultural & Community Agency	1815 Ward Ave
13	25, 26	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. (27th St. Entr)

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CITY OF ONALASKA</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1 (wards 1-5)	Onalaska Omni Center	255 Riders Club Road
2 (wards 6-10)	Onalaska City Hall	415 Main St.
3 (wards 11-15)	Onalaska Omni Center	255 Riders Club Road

<b>VILLAGES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Bangor	Bangor School District (Old School Gym) 1313 Cardinal St.
Holmen	Village Hall - 421 South Main St.
Rockland	Municipal Building - 105 W Center St.
West Salem	Community Center 175 South Leonard St.

<b>TOWNS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Bangor	Town Hall - N4400 State Road 162
Barre	Town Hall - W3541 County Road M La Crosse
Burns	Town Hall - W1313 Jewett Rd Bangor
Campbell	Town Hall - 2219 Bainbridge St La Crosse (French Island)
Farmington	Town Hall - N8309 County Road C Mindoro
Greenfield	Town Hall - N1800 Town Hall Rd La Crosse (St. Joseph's Ridge)
Hamilton	Town Hall - N5105 N. Leonard St West Salem
Holland	Town Hall - W7937 County Road MH Holmen
Medary	Town Hall - N3393 Smith Valley Rd La Crosse
Onalaska	Town Hall - N5589 Commerce Rd Onalaska
Shelby	Town Hall - Annex - 2801 Ward Ave La Crosse
Washington	Town Hall - W1430 County Road H Newburgs Corner

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## 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.

## 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 Derrick Van Orden (R)

1513 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-4903  
Ph: 202-225-5506

### 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**  
(512) 660-2610

**Vice Chair: Kristie Tweed**  
(608) 317-1331

**Treasurer: Cathy Van Maren**  
treasurer@laxdems.com

**Secretary: Carla Peña**  
secretary@laxdems.com

### At-Large Board Members:

Bob Freedland  
Fred Giese  
Tara Johnson  
Paul Kruse  
Tina Pohlman

College Representative: Jake Williams

## 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.

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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/>

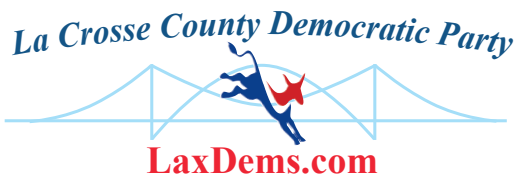
## Some Facts On Your LCDP Membership

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.

## 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  
 P. O. Box 1861  
 La Crosse, WI 54602 -1861

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Membership in the La Crosse County Democratic Party ensures we have candidates who share our values, the infrastructure they need to campaign and the support they need to win elections. Consider joining the party today!

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.

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 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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\*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 would like to support the LCDP with a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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