

THE **D**EMOCRATIC VOICE

June 2023 Newsletter

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LCDP Office Drive

The permanent LCDP office has greatly contributed to our ability to assist candidates, conduct meetings and canvassing, and build our visibility in the community.

While the office is important, it is not cheap and we need your help. Recently, in order to save money, we stopped leasing the back room of the office, which we used for a kitchen, private meeting space and storage. This brings our monthly expenses down, but we still need some assistance.

Would you be willing to sponsor the LCDP office for one day? Or maybe a week? The office costs \$963 a month or \$32.00 a day. Sponsoring one (or more) days would really help us invest in the important work of LCDP.

Click <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/lcdpofficefund> to donate!

The LCDP Executive Board is always looking for ways to use the office to advance our mission or advancing Democratic candidates and progressive policies. If there is anything you think the office could be used to achieve our goals, let us know at chair@laxdems.com

Upcoming Events



LCDP June Executive Board Meeting

Monday, June 5 from 6:30-8:00pm

LCDP Office and Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJOb2ZGWIZhSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

DPW State Convention

June 10-11 in Green Bay, WI

LCDP Summer Social

Monday, June 19 from 5:00-8:00pm
Rowe Park in Onalaska



You're invited!

The La Crosse County Democratic Party Summer Social

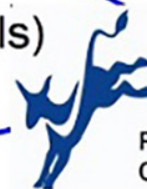
Monday, June 19, 5 to 8 p.m.
Rowe Park Shelter #1
Onalaska

Brats/Veggie Dogs/Beverages provided. Bring some food to share if you can.

50/50 RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES!

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15/person (age 6 and under FREE)

To reduce waste, please
BRING YOUR OWN food service (plate, utensils)
AND RSVP at tinyurl.com/LCDP061923



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Reminder: No meeting in June!

Our Summer Social replaces the June Member meeting, so we have no meeting. Our regular meetings will resume in July, where we will hear from George Penn of Wisconsin United To Amend (WIUTA) is a cross-partisan state network of concerned citizens dedicated to restoring our representative democracy, by minimizing the corruptive influence that money has on our political process. Visit their website at <https://wiuta.org/> and then invite your friends to join us in July!



Juneteenth Booth Volunteers Needed

The LCDP will be hosting a booth again at this year's Juneteenth Celebration at Riverside Park.

We are looking for volunteers to staff the booth in two hour shifts. Staffing the booth is quite fun, and involves welcoming people to the booth, handing out prizes, playing a trivia game with visitors and discussing the work of the La Crosse County Democrats.

Shifts available from 12:00pm-2:00pm, 2:00pm-4:00pm and 4:00pm-6:00pm. Volunteer for a two hour shift at <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/562747/>

Juneteenth Call for Volunteers

In addition to the LCDP needing volunteers to staff our booth, the Juneteenth organizers are also looking for volunteers. Their information is below.

From the Juneteenth Organizers:

The commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States is an opportunity to learn and grow as a community right here in La Crosse!

We are planning a busy day with a variety of good food, kids' activities, live entertainment, community booths and much more. Sustainability is being incorporated into the day with sustainable food packaging, Culligan's water stations, a bike corral and recycling.

All of this takes volunteers and we are grateful you will help make this possible. To find an area and time where you can volunteer, please go to the Sign-Up Genius at <https://bit.ly/LAXJuneteenth23>

Sign up for as many slots as you like. By providing your contact information we will confirm your responses and send a reminder a few days in advance of the event.

Please contact Jane Powell at jloupowe@gmail.com if you have questions.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you in the park!

Juneteenth Committee



LCDP 2023 Membership Survey

How are we doing? Please take a moment and complete the 2023 LCDP Membership Survey. We want to know what is working, how we can improve and your ideas for growing membership. The survey is totally anonymous and will take only a few minutes to complete.

Take the survey at: <https://forms.gle/eiiooYVmf2ehRZbA>



Committee Meeting Times

We really need help with our committees. Please consider joining one of our committees. Information is below!

Committee	Chair	Chair Contact	Meeting Time
Candidate Recruitment	William Garcia	chair@laxdems.com	3:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the Month
Communications	William Garcia	chair@laxdems.com	6:30pm on the 4th Monday of every month
Constitution and Bylaws	Carla Pena	secretary@laxdems.com	5:00pm on the 4th Monday of every month
Events/Outreach	Fred Giese	giese.white@gmail.com	6:30pm on the 2nd Monday of every month
Fundraising	Cathy Van Maren	treasurer@laxdems.com	2:00pm on the last Thursday of the month
Membership	Kristie Tweed	vicechair@laxdems.com	4:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.



La Crosse Interstate Fair Coming Up in July

La Crosse Interstate Fair July 19-23, 2023

The La Crosse Interstate Fair is one of our biggest and busiest outreach events of the year. Hundreds of visitors drop by our booth to find out what the La Crosse County Democrats are doing to improve life for Wisconsinites.

As always, we need a LOT of volunteers to help pull off this event. Please consider working one, or more, of the shifts during the fair.

There are two hours shifts available from 4:30pm-10:30pm on Wednesday, July 19 and then from 10:30am - 10:30pm for Thursday-Sunday.

We need your help to make this year's Interstate Fair a success.

Sign up for a shift at <https://mobilize.us/s/lrws60>



Thank you for the 3rd Annual LCDP Necessities Drive for WAFER Food Pantry

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the 3rd Annual LCDP Necessities Drive. We were able to collect 36 pounds of soaps, shampoos and other toiletries and \$150 in cash donations for WAFER Food Pantry!

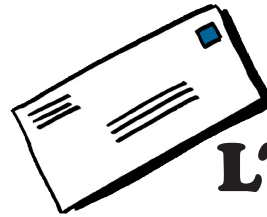


LCDP Lending Library

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.



Hannah Dull and Grant Mathu are working to create a Young Democrats group for La Crosse County! Follow their new Instagram @laxdems or email them at laxyoungdems@email.com for information.



3rd CD LTE Project

Inspired by Ron Malzer's excellent Letter to the Editor campaign last election cycle, the 3rd CD is trying to get a group of people willing to write and help edit Letters to the Editor. This group will work to:

- Write Letters to the Editors
- Help edit other people's letters
- Help distribute LTE ideas and talking points

This is a quick and very effective way for us to communicate with voters. We need a constant flow of Letters to the Editor, as local journalism is so strapped for resources that they do not have time to report what is happening in local communities. Currently, the 3rd CD is distributing 2 ideas a week for letters.

Email chair@3rdcdwisdems.com to join the project.

From DPW Chair Ben Wikler

Dear fellow Wisconsin Democrats,

“The validity of the public debt of the United States ... shall not be questioned.” So says the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, a document every member of Congress must swear to uphold.

How seriously do Republicans in Congress take that oath?

The world is finding out the hard way.

While the rest of us go about our business and lead our lives, Republican House leaders—very much aided and abetted by Wisconsin’s six Republican members of Congress—are holding hostage the world economy and the full faith and credit of the United States in order to extract vicious, brutal cuts to programs ranging from veterans spending to meals on wheels. They say they won’t lift the debt ceiling and allow our country to pay its bills unless they get their way.

It’s pure, uncut power politics of the most cynical and hypocritical kind. These same GOP lawmakers raised the debt ceiling repeatedly under Trump, with no conditions. Nothing has changed since then—other than a massive reduction in the deficit ... and the fact that the president is now a Democrat.

And lest anyone tell you that both parties are the same, or that all politicians do this: Democrats under Speaker Pelosi never held the debt ceiling hostage, under President Trump or under President Bush.

The debt ceiling is a ludicrous legal construct. It’s like a time bomb with a rotary clock for a timer, one that needs to be manually dialed back every year or two to avoid a catastrophic explosion. We should make sure that the country has a good look at exactly what the GOP chooses to do with its power.

It’s an argument as good as any that, for the good of the country and the world, that power needs to be taken away as quickly as possible and given instead to a party that actually seeks to improve people’s lives.

It would be nice to imagine that calling our Republican members of Congress and telling them to back off the debt ceiling could lead to a change in position. But we all know they’re not listening. So let’s use this moment to spur our early preparations for 2024—to encourage people to run for office, to recruit friends to join our county Democratic parties, to spread the word about what’s happening and what it means.

The debt limit has never been breached. It may not even be constitutional—but that question has never been tested. Let us all hope that we don’t find out more about that question in the weeks to come. And let’s recommit to the hard work that will ensure that we never have to think about this preposterous—and yet wildly dangerous—question ever again.

In solidarity,
Ben

When you donate to the La Crosse County Democrats, your donations fund.....



- ★ The Office
- ★ Outreach & Education
- ★ Networking with Allies
- ★ Training & Supporting Strong Local Candidates
- ★ Supporting the next generation of Democrats



Parades!

It is parade season again and we need your help. Marching in parades is an excellent way to reach out to voters and rally people behind Democratic policies and politicians.

We always need marchers! If you would like to be put on a list of potential marchers, contact me at chair@laxdems.com. We also need a parade manager, one person to help us organize this season’s La Crosse County parades. Let me know if you might be interested in helping with this position.

Upcoming parades:

June Dairy Days: West Salem: Saturday, June 3 at Noon
Bangor FunDaze Parade: Sunday, August 13
Holmen Kornfest: Saturday, August 19 at 11am.
La Crosse Labor Day Parade: Monday, September 4
Mindoro Spanferkel Parade: Sunday, September 10

Our Elected Officials

Governor Tony Evers

Office of the Governor
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Madison, WI 53702
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Senator Tammy Baldwin

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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

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Madison, WI 53708
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(608) 785-9581

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Tim Gruenke (Democrat)
(608) 785-9604

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Amy Twitchell (Democrat)
(608) 785-9711

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treasurer@laxdems.com

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Tara Johnson

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Tina Pohlman

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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

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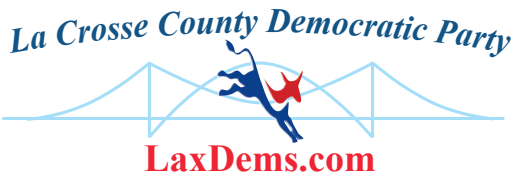
Some Facts On Your LCDP Membership

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 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 or 608-769-5286.



La Crosse County Democratic Party
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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.

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)
2. Visit 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:
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You may also donate online: 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