

THE DEMOCRATIC VOICE

August 2023 Newsletter

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THANK YOU for the LCDP Office Matching Donation Drive

Thank you to all the donors who contributed to the LCDP Matching Donation Drive in July. It was a great success. Your donations have placed the LCDP in a better position for the upcoming 2024 election.

If you would still like to donate, visit <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/lcdpofficefund> or mail a donation to LCDP, PO Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54601.

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 for to achieve our goals, let us know at chair@laxdems.com

Upcoming Events



LCDP August Executive Board Meeting, Monday, August 7 from 6:30-8:00pm, LCDP Office and Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJ0d2ZGWlZlSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

Senator Tammy Baldwin Meet and Greet, Wednesday, August 9 4:00-5:00pm, Riverside Park Fountain

Senator Tammy Baldwin Fundraiser Wednesday, August 9, 6:00-7:30pm

LCDP August Meeting, Monday, August 21 from 6:30-8:00pm, LCDP Office and Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJ0d2ZGWlZlSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

LCDP Annual Fall Dinner and Fundraiser, Saturday, October 21 Concordia Ballroom

August Meeting Speaker:
Dr. Anthony Chergosky,
Assistant Professor of
Political Science at UW-L
Monday, Aug. 21st at 6:30pm



A favorite speaker for the LCDP, Dr. Chergosky will give us a take of the recent 2023 election and the upcoming 2024 campaign season through the lens of non-partisan political science data.

The meeting will be held in person at the LCDP Office and on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJ0d2ZGWlZlSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

Upcoming Speakers for LCDP Monthly Meetings:

September: Law Forward, a pro-democracy nonprofit that uses strategic litigation to develop the law so that in Wisconsin, democracy includes all of us. They will be speaking about the court case challenging gerrymandered maps in Wisconsin.

October: David Pepper, former US Representative from Ohio and author of Laboratories of Autocracy, a book about the Republican-controlled state legislatures, like Wisconsin, hard at work hacking away at core principles and protections of our democratic system.

Volunteer with the LCDP



The Democratic Party of Wisconsin really needs volunteers in La Crosse County to canvass and make calls on behalf of the party and our values. Right now, we are focusing on talking to people who consistently vote Democratic but are not members or involved in the Democratic Party.

Canvassers typically take a three hour shift on a weekend, but our DPW Organizers are happy to work around your schedule. Again, canvassers visit homes who we are fairly sure are already strong Democratic homes.

To get involved, contact Tina [Pohlman](mailto:tina.pohlman@gmail.com) at tina.pohlman@gmail.com or fill out our Volunteer Form at <https://laxdems.com/volunteer/>

Meet & Greet

with
Senator Tammy Baldwin



Wednesday, August 9
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Riverside Park Fountain
La Crosse

Hosted by the
La Crosse County Democratic Party

LaxDems.com

**Senator Tammy Baldwin
Fundraising with Special
Guest Minnesota
Senator Tina Smith
Wednesday, August 9
from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Hosted by Pat Heim, Ken Riley and Jay Lokken, Roz Schnick and Margaret Wood.

Location upon RSVP
Help us support Senator Tammy Baldwin's crucial reelection campaign.

RSVP at www.tammybaldwin.com/lacrosse

Contact Shelby Foster at events@tammybaldwin.com for questions.

Join Sen. Tammy Baldwin to hear about her plans for 2024 and beyond.



THANK YOU



Thank you to the volunteers who helped make the 2023 Interstate Fair booth a great success.

Chair Wikler Calls Out GOP Early Vote Hypocrisy

On Monday, Chair Wikler joined FOX 6 in Milwaukee to call out the GOP's early voting hypocrisy after the Republican National Committee announced that it would target Wisconsin as the first subject of its new voting initiative. In reality, this plan is simply an attempt for the GOP to save face after a series of bruising election defeats in the Badger State.

It's no surprise that the GOP is focusing on Wisconsin ahead of 2024. After all, the road to the White House—and to majorities in the halls of Congress—runs through our state. The GOP's latest ploy, which comes after years of spreading election misinformation at the expense of Wisconsin taxpayers, is just a desperate attempt to recoup what they've lost in Wisconsin: any hope of victory.

Chair Wikler called out how Wisconsin Republicans have spent years casting doubt on the 2020 election and undermining safe and accessible forms of early voting. They're reversing course in the wake of several embarrassing statewide defeats, but their desperation won't erase the years Republican politicians like Donald Trump, Robin Vos, and Brian Schimming have spent lying to their own voters about the 2020 election.

While the GOP scrambles to make up for lost time in Wisconsin, Democrats are already hard at work across the state to connect with voters and energize Wisconsinites ahead of the 2024 election. We know next year's election will be close—it's Wisconsin after all. That's why we're not wasting any time as we hold the GOP accountable for their record of failing our state and uplift how Democrats are working hard for Wisconsin.

Press Release from LCDP Regarding the Van Orden Rotunda Incident

The La Crosse County Democratic Party formally condemns the recent actions of GOP Rep. Derrick Van Orden.

As has been widely reported, GOP Rep. Derrick Van Orden yelled and cursed at some high school students who work at the Capitol for lying down to take pictures of the mosaic featured on the Capitol Rotunda. It was later reported, and confirmed by Rep. Van Orden, that he had been drinking before his interaction with the students. After the incident made the press, instead of apologizing for his actions, he doubled down, suggesting he cursed at the students because the Capitol Rotunda is "sacred ground".

This is not an isolated incident for Rep. Van Orden. This is another in a long list of inappropriate and erratic behavior by the Representative. He participated in the January 6th Insurrection, wrote in his biography about sexually harassing female subordinates in the military, carried a loaded gun onto a commercial plane and was caught verbally harassing another teenager at the Prairie Du Chien library for creating an LGBTQ+ book display.

The people of the 3rd Congressional District have a right to information on the character of their elected representatives. Says William Garcia, chair of the 3rd CD Democratic Party and the La Crosse County Democratic Party, "Being an elected representative is about character. Rep. Van Orden continues to demonstrate that he does not have the character, judgment or temperament required to represent the people of Wisconsin's Third District. If the Representative was truly offended by the actions of the high school students, he should have used the opportunity to engage these young people in conversation about the history of the Capitol Building, instead of hurling obscenities and threats."



Brad Pfaff's Corn Roast
Wednesday, August 30
from 6:00-9:00pm
La Crosse Fairgrounds
in West Salem

In support of Brad Pfaff's
Senatorial district



Save the Date!
La Crosse County Democratic Party
Annual Fall Dinner and Fundraiser
Saturday, October 21 with keynote speaker
Rep. Francesca Hong.
Join us for one of our biggest and
most enjoyable events of the year.



Committee Meeting Times

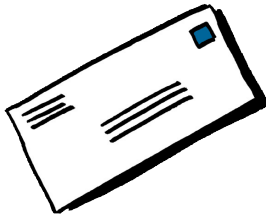
We really need help with our committees. Please consider joining one of our committees. Information is below!

| 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. |



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.

Letters to the Editor Project



Inspired by Ron Malzer’s excellent Letter to the Editor campaign last election cycle, the LCDP 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, I am distributing 2 ideas a week for letters.

Email chair@laxdems.com to join the project.



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.

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Senator Ron Johnson (R)
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Washington, D.C. Office Building
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Congressman Derrick Van Orden (R)
1513 Longworth House Office Building
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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

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 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
 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.

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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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