

# THE **D**EMOCRATIC VOICE

## July 2023 Newsletter

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### LCDP Office Matching Donations

Exciting news: Some generous LCDP donors have promised to match all donations to the LCDP Office Fund in the month of July, up to \$3500! This means your contribution in July will go twice as far to supporting the important work of the La Crosse County Democratic Party! Go to Click <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/lcdpofficefund> to donate!

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](mailto:chair@laxdems.com)

### Upcoming Events



#### LCDP July Executive Board Meeting

Monday, July 3 from 6:30-8:00pm  
LCDP Office and Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJ0d2ZGWIZhSm01QU5nM1rb00zUT09>

#### LCDP July Meeting

Monday, July 17 from 6:30-8:00pm  
LCDP Office and Zoom  
<https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJ0d2ZGWIZhSm01QU5nM1rb00zUT09>

### 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 at [tina.pohlman@gmail.com](mailto:tina.pohlman@gmail.com)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR SUMMER SOCIAL





## 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>



### 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	gjese.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.



## 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.

## July Meeting Speaker: George Penn of Wisconsin United to Amend

Monday, July 17 at 6:30pm

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. We seek to overturn Citizens United and related Supreme Court decisions so we may reclaim the liberties and privileges guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution for real people.

The meeting will be held in person at the LCDP Office and on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJOb2ZGWiZhSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>



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](mailto: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](mailto:chair@laxdems.com) to join the project.

## 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.

## Follow the LCDP on



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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.

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