

THE **D**EMOCRATIC VOICE

October 2023 Newsletter

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Get Your Tickets for the LCDP Fall Dinner and Fundraiser NOW!

Tickets are \$30 before October 6 and \$35 before October 13.

IMPORTANT! We MUST have your RSVP and payment by October 13 or we will not be able to provide you with food! There will be no tickets at the door!

The LCDP Annual Fall Dinner and Fundraiser is our biggest event of the year. This year's dinner will be how the party funds our organizing, office space and activities throughout the 2024 election!

Visit www.laxdems.com/23dinner for tickets.



Rep.
Francesca
Hong

Keynote Speaker: Rep. Francesca Hong knows the only way to legislative victories is through wins across the state. She has spent time building relationships, listening, and learning from people across Wisconsin. Her profound understanding of the struggles of working-class people and their families contributes to her ongoing commitment to creating climate and environmental, racial, and economic justice. She's working hard to bring a government the people of Wisconsin deserve. One that honors the potential of all our communities and comprehensively supports resourcing their needs to ensure we are expanding opportunities and sharing the table. Join us at the table to fight for Wisconsin.

Upcoming Events



LCDP October Executive Board Meeting, Monday, October 2 from 6:30-8:00pm, LCDP Office and Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJQd2ZGWlZlSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

LCDP October Meeting with Rep. David Pepper, Monday, October 16 from 6:30-8:00pm, LCDP Office and Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJQd2ZGWlZlSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

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

LCDP FALL DINNER & FUNDRAISER

Keynote Speaker:
Madison Assembly
Representative
Francesca Hong



Saturday
Oct. 21
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Concordia
Ballroom

- Tickets are \$30 until Oct. 6, \$35 until Oct. 13. No tickets sold after Oct. 13.
- Cash bar
- Jerk Chicken or Jerk Tofu, Rice and Peas, Mixed Vegetables
- Raffle and Silent Auction

RSVP at <https://laxdems.com/23dinner>

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LCDP FALL DINNER RAFFLE

- Drawing will be at the LCDP Fall Dinner and Fundraiser, Sat., Oct. 21, 8:00 p.m.
- You do not have to be present to win.
- Raffle Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. A maximum of 360 tickets will be sold.

1st PRIZE: CHOICE of ONE AVENTON Ebike from Wrench and Roll Collective (value \$1,800) OR \$1,000 cash

2nd PRIZE: One night for four people at the historic Bentley-Wheeler B&B in La Crosse AND \$250 in cash and gift cards from local businesses.

Purchase of tickets represents a donation to the La Crosse County Democratic Party. To purchase tickets, email treasurer@laxdems.com OR call or text 608-315-2693. You may also purchase tickets from the LCDP office, 2318 State Rd, on Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 pm, Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, or Saturdays from 10am-2pm beginning September 1

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Call for LCDP Officers in 2024!

Elections for the 2024 La Crosse County Democratic Party Officers and Board are fast approaching!

Please consider joining us as we work in 2024 to ensure Democratic victories in this crucial election year. If you have any questions, or would like to be considered, contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee.

2024 Officers:

All officer and executive board positions will be up for election. These include four Officer positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary; as well as five At-Large Executive Board members.

There will be several open seats, Many on the board have served multiple terms and would like to take a break!

The 2023 Nominating Committee: Anyone interested in running for the 2023 Board should contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

The 2024 Nominating Committee: Anyone interested in running for the 2024 Board should contact William Garcia at chair@laxdems.com or 512-660-2610. The committee consists of:

William Garcia

Terry Benson

Michael Smuksta

The Process:

September 18 - October 16: Anyone interested in serving on the 2024 Board should contact one of the members of this year's nominating committee. The committee will verify that you meet the qualifications for office and are interested in being on the ballot.

Monday, October 16: At the October LCDP Regular meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the names of all people interested in running for LCDP office to the full membership. The membership is also able to nominate members from the floor at this time. No nominations will be considered after the meeting is adjourned.

Monday, November 20: At the November LCDP Regular meeting, all nominees will be given three minutes to speak to the membership about their reasons for joining the 2024 Board. These speeches will be followed by a vote using the Ranked Choice Election model. The Secretary will announce the results at the November meeting, as soon as the votes have been tabulated.

LCDP October Meeting



Rep. David
Pepper

October Meeting Speaker:

Rep. David Pepper, author of *Laboratories of Autocracy*. Monday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m.

David Pepper is a lawyer, writer, political activist, former elected official, and adjunct professor, and served as the Chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party between 2015 and 2021.

In that role, he was engaged in numerous fights and extensive litigation over voter suppression and election laws in the Buckeye State. Stemming from that work, David appeared in "All In"—the documentary highlighting Stacey Abrams' nation-wide fight for voting rights. David finished first out of 26 candidates in his first run for political office, and served on Cincinnati City Council from 2001-2005. In 2006, he flipped Hamilton County blue for the first time in 40 years when he ousted the incumbent commissioner; he then served on the Commission from 2007-2010, including as its president in 2009-2010. David was the Democratic candidate for Ohio Auditor in 2010 and Ohio Attorney General in 2014. He was elected chair of the Ohio Democratic Party in December 2014.

The meeting will be held in person at the LCDP Office and on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJOd2ZGWIZhSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

Upcoming speakers:

November: LCDP 2024 Officer Election





The 2024 election year will be very busy, with local races January through April, and federal elections from May through November. This means we need the office open and available to the public as much as possible.

We are seeking volunteers to work a few hours a week at the office. Responsibilities would be greeting people who come to the office, handing out literature about candidates, and assisting candidates and organizers using the space.

If you are willing to volunteer a few hours a week, email William Garcia at chair@laxdems.com and we can begin to build a schedule. Shifts would not start until mid-January.



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](https://www.instagram.com/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.

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:

Hannah Dull
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/>

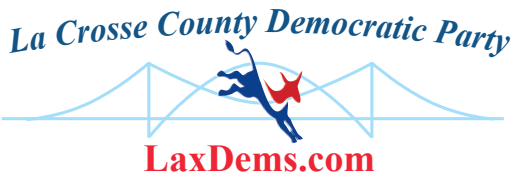
Some Facts On Your LCDP Membership

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 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:

La Crosse County Democratic Party
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La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

You may also donate online: 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