

THE **D**EMOCRATIC VOICE

February 2024 Newsletter

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Call for Resolutions to submit to the 3rd CD Convention. Due Sunday, Feb. 18

It is resolution time again. Every year, the La Crosse Democratic Party has the opportunity to submit up to 10 resolutions that could be incorporated into the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Per the LCDP Constitution, resolutions must be read the month before they are debated and voted upon, so any resolutions must be submitted to chair@laxdems.com by Sunday, February 18 for the first reading at our Monday, February 19 meeting. Below are the rules:

- Resolutions are valid for 3 years, which means we do not need to re-submit any resolutions accepted by the state in the last three years. Visit https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GPGE310NSteXh8sfBehSZ9M4UHXrAz?usp=drive_link for pdfs of resolutions from 2021, 2022, and 2023, as well as some informational documents on the resolution process.
- Resolutions must be 100 words or less.

• The American Library Association published this "How to Write Resolutions" document: https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/resolution_guidelines/sample%20of%20resolution%20format_5_16_13.pdf

Endorsement information coming soon to your email!

Responses to the LCDP 2024 Candidate Surveys will be emailed to members soon. Watch your inbox for details (or email chair@laxdems.com if you have any questions). Call me at 512-660-2610 if you do not have access to email but would like a copy of the survey. These survey responses will help us decide on local candidate endorsements at the Monday, February 19 meeting.

Upcoming Events



LCDP February Executive Board Meeting, Monday, February 4 from 6:30-8:00pm, LCDP Office and Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJ0d2ZGWlZlSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

LCDP February Member Meeting, Monday, February 19, 2024 from 6:30-8:00pm, In-person at the LCDP Office or on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91879624296?pwd=Yi9uYTJmZHQ2YlBGVW96eUJiVGRKQT09>

LCDP February Meeting!

With Speaker Lee Rasch from LeaderEthics Monday, February 19, 6:30-8:00pm.

February's speaker will be Lee Rasch from LeaderEthics, a non-partisan, non-profit 501c4 organization dedicated to promoting integrity in the American

Democracy through ethical leadership practices among elected officials.

We will also be voting on local candidate endorsements!

Join on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/91879624296?pwd=Yi9uYTJmZHQ2YlBGVW96eUJiVGRKQT09>



Some very important save the dates:

- Sunday, April 14th: 3rd CD Convention in Black River Falls. A great day to hear from candidates, debate resolutions and get energized for the Fall 2024 campaign.
- Sunday, April 28 at 1:00pm: La Crosse County DNC Caucus. This caucus will elect delegates to attend the 3rd CD DNC caucus, which will elect delegates to attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL.
- Wednesday, May 1: 3rd CD Democratic Primary Candidate Forum in La Crosse.
- Sunday, May 19: 3rd CD DNC Caucus in Stevens Point. This caucus will elect representatives to the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL.
- Saturday and Sunday, June 8 & 9. 2024 DPW State Convention in Milwaukee.

Coming in March! The 2024 March Membership Drive. Monday, March 18

LCDP will be conducting a membership drive all March, culminating in a special March Member meeting on Monday, March 18. We will have special speakers, food, drink and prizes for new members (and people who BRING new members). Watch for more details soon!

Press Release from the 3rd CD reacting to Rep. Derrick Van Orden's reelection campaign announcement:

Republican Rep. Derrick Van Orden announces his reelection campaign in the midst of a disastrous first term in Washington DC.

Van Orden has proven over and over that he does not have the judgment, temperament or character to represent Western Wisconsin in Congress. From yelling at teenagers in the Capitol rotunda to abandoning his post to insert himself into the Israel/Gaza conflict, he has consistently made national headlines as a volatile and unpredictable member of Congress. His social media posts support wild conspiracy theories, far-right misinformation and bullying constituents.

As a member of the Republican majority in the House, he has been a part of the most unproductive legislative body in modern history. The last ten Congressional sessions have passed an average of 391 bills a session. This year, House Republicans only passed 27.

As the representative of Western Wisconsin, Van Orden has voted to allow the government to shut down and to limit reproductive rights. He has voted against funding for Ukraine, against efforts to clean our waters and environment, against pandemic funding, and against policies that assist working families.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, Van Orden is directly responsible for the failure of Congress to pass a farm bill.

The 3rd CD Democrats of Wisconsin look forward to defeating Derrick Van Orden and electing a representative who shares the interests and values of Western Wisconsin.



Letters to the Editor Project

The 3rd CD has created a Letters to the Editor Ideas document. This document contains two ideas for Letters to the Editor every week, complete with talking points and sources. The document is updated every Friday with new ideas. You can access this document any time at https://docs.google.com/document/d/11Tla8R4Qpcz9KEDleD0mLZPkiW2WlaTJjC8II_b1bQ/edit?usp=sharing or email chair@3rddcdwisdems.com to sign up to have the document emailed to you every Friday.

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 in these elections.

DNC Delegate Information:

This April and May will be your opportunity to be elected as a delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL. Below is the process:

- Statement of DNC Delegate Candidacy due to DPW by Friday, April 19 (forms available beginning Tuesday, February 13)
- Attend the La Crosse County DNC Caucus (Sunday, April 28) to become a delegate to the 3rd CD DNC Convention (Sunday, May 19). La Crosse will be able to send roughly 50 people to the 3rd CD Convention.
- Attend the 3rd CD DNC Convention on Sunday, May 19 in Stevens Point. The 3rd CD will elect 3 women and 3 men to attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL.

If you have any questions, please contact me at chair@laxdems.com



Thank you for participating in the Necessities Drive for the DPW Week of Service! The LCDP was able to donate 47 pounds of toiletries, menstrual products and cleaning supplies to the WAFER Food Pantry! Thank you again to everyone who donated.

Visit the LCDP office to grab our LCDP Election Information magnet and a Biden for President yard sign!

The office is open 2:00pm-6:00pm Monday-Friday and 10:00am-2:00pm on Saturdays!



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. The La Crosse Young Democrats meets

on the final Wednesday of every month at the LCDP office, 2318 State Rd.

Our Elected Officials

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Madison, WI 53702
Ph: 608-266-1212

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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
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Ph: 202-225-5506

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PO Box 7882
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94th Assembly District Representative Steve Doyle
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Ginny Dankmeyer (Democrat)
(608) 785-9581

La Crosse County District Attorney
Tim Gruenke (Democrat)
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LCDP Executive Board Officers

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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 Peña	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	Doug Zuege	treasurer@laxdems.com	2:00pm on the last Thursday of the month
Membership	Tina Pohlman	vicechair@laxdems.com	4:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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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 as we work to win in 2024.

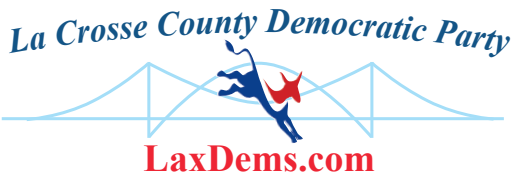
LCDP Podcast

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/>



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.



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 \$ _____

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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