

# THE **D**EMOCRATIC VOICE

## March 2024 Newsletter

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### LCDP March Membership Drive

Join Mandela Barnes and DPW State Chair Ben Wikler at the La Crosse County Democratic Party March Membership Drive.

Monday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00pm, Capella Arts Center, 721 King Street.

- Elected officials and area candidates!
- Food and drink!
- New members entered for door prizes!

Members who BRING new members entered for door prizes!

The March Membership meeting will take place during the March Membership Drive! Join us at Capella Arts Center or join online. Zoom link and information at [www.laxdems.com/monthly-meetings](http://www.laxdems.com/monthly-meetings)

### A Historic Time to Join the La Crosse County Democratic Party and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin!

Your membership in the party pays for our county office space, materials to inform voters of important candidates and issues, and supplies for volunteers and canvassers to make their work more effective and efficient. Without your support, we do not have the ability to fight for Democratic and Progressive values in La Crosse and across Wisconsin.

- ★Some join to get involved in volunteering with the Party.
- ★Some join to advocate for specific issues and policies.

### Upcoming Events



**LCDP March Executive Board Meeting**, Monday, March 4 from 6:30-8:00pm, LCDP Office and Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJ0d2ZGWIZhSm01QU5nM1lr00zUT09>

**LCDP and DPW Campaign Kick-Off Taco Bar!** Saturday, March 9 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, LCDP Offices, 2318 State Rd.

**LCDP March Membership Rally**, Monday, March 18, 2024 from 6:30-8:00pm, In-person at the Cappella Arts Center, 721 King Street, La Crosse or on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91879624296?pwd=Yi9uYTJmZHQ2YIBGVW96eUJiVGRKOT09>

- ★Some join as a donation to the Democratic Party.
- ★Everyone who joins helps elect Democratic candidates in Wisconsin.

Join for \$25 a year. \$35 for families at one address. \$10 a year for those on a limited income



March Election Kick-Off Party at the LCDP Offices. Saturday, March 9 from 3:00-pm-5:00pm!

Join LCDP and DPW for a 2024 Election Kick-Off Party! Saturday, March 9 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, Including a full Taco Bar!

### 2024 Will Be a Landmark Election Year in Wisconsin! Why?

• *Once in a generation chance to flip the WI Legislature*

With the passage of fair maps, Democrats have the opportunity to make historic gains in the Wisconsin Assembly and State Senate. This is the first election in 13 years that Wisconsin elections will not be conducted using the most gerrymandered maps in the country. With your help, DPW will have the resources to flip these legislatures and pass meaningful reforms in Wisconsin.

• *Electing Biden and defeating Trump and Trumpism*

President Biden has been a remarkably effective leader, despite continued obstruction from the Republican Party. Our economy is booming. We made landmark investments in infrastructure, forgiven billions in student loans, protected civil rights around the country and much more. Preventing the chaos and retribution of a second Trump Presidency is vital. Additionally, defeating Trump means proving to the GOP that Trumpism and demagoguery is a losing strategy, forcing them to return to saner, more competent candidates in the future.

• *Protecting Sen. Tammy Baldwin and maintaining Democratic control of the Senate.*

Democrats face a tough Senate map this election cycle, and Republicans see the Senate as their best chance to hold on to some type of power after 2024. The GOP considers Wisconsin one of their best chances to flip a seat in the Senate, and they have recruited a California billionaire who has pledged to spend up to \$20 of his own money to defeat Baldwin. We must do everything possible to return Tammy Baldwin to Washington!

• *Defeating DVO and restoring sane leadership to the US House.*

Rep. Derrick Van Orden was elected in 2022 and immediately became a national embarrassment. His extreme beliefs and willingness to indulge the worst instincts of the far-right makes him a poor fit to represent Western Wisconsin. Defeating DVO is vital to restoring character and integrity to Washington.



## Convention Information

It is Convention season for the Democratic Party. Below is information for the 2024 3rd CD and the DPW State Convention. If you have any questions, email me at [chair@laxdems.com](mailto:chair@laxdems.com)

3rd CD Convention. Sunday, April 14 from 9:30am-3:00pm at the Comfort Inn Convention Center in Black River Falls.

Visit [www.3rdcdwisdems.com/2024convention](http://www.3rdcdwisdems.com/2024convention) for the official Call to Convention, registration forms, tickets, agenda, and more. The cost is \$35 a person and includes lunch.

What happens at the 3rd CD Convention?

- Speeches and updates from elected officials and Democratic Leaders, including Rep. Mark Pocan, Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski, all three 3rd CD Dem candidates and more!
- Debates and discussions over the 2024 Party Platform and Resolutions sent to the DPW State Convention.
- Elections for the 3rd CD Platform and Resolutions Committee
- Activist Training
- Fellowship with Democratic Party members from across the CD.

2024 DPW State Convention. Saturday and Sunday, June 8 & 9 at the Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee.

Visit <https://wisdems.org/wisdems-2024-convention/> for

the official Call to Convention, Registration, tickets, hotel information and more.

## What happens at the DPW State Convention?

- Everything that happens at the 3rd CD Convention but BIGGER!
- Meetings of DPW's many caucuses. (Asian American Pacific Islander, Black, Disability, Environmental, Jewish, Labor, Latino, LGBTQ+, Native American, Progressive, Rural, Veterans, Womens)
- Meetings with Democratic officials from around the country.
- Elections for Democratic National Committee Members
- Fellowship and socializing with party members from across the state.

## 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.

Visit <https://wisdems.org/2024-dnc-convention/> for the best information about the DNC Delegate process and to download the DNC Delegate Candidacy form. Below is the process:

- Statement of DNC Delegate Candidacy due to DPW by Friday, April 19 .
- 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](mailto:chair@laxdems.com)



# Upcoming Canvassing and Volunteer Opportunities!

Canvassing is the SINGLE BEST WAY to turn out voters. Remember, when you canvass, you are not knocking on random doors. You are going to the doors of Democratic and Progressive voters to remind them to vote! Visit <https://www.mobilize.us/wisdems/?q=la%20crosse> for more information and to sign up for a shift.

**Saturday, March 16:** Get Out the EARLY Vote Canvass!

**Saturday, March 23:** Get Out the EARLY Vote Canvass!

**Thursday, March 28:** Get Out the Vote Canvass!

## The LCDP has officially endorsed the following candidates for local offices:

2024 April Election LCDP Candidate Endorsement Slate

La Crosse County Board of Supervisors

County District 1: Kelly Leibold  
County District 3: David Pierce  
County District 5: Emily (Em) Anderson  
County District 6: Grant Mathu  
County District 8: Peg Isola  
County District 9: Dawn Wacek  
County District 10: Kim Cable  
County District 12: Randy Erickson  
County District 15: Monica Kruse  
County District 16: Wyatt Molling  
County District 19: Rick Cornforth  
County District 20: Steve Doyle  
County District 21: Emily Onsanger  
County District: 24: Kristie Tweed  
County District 25: Michael J. White  
County District 27: Paul D. Wuensch

Onalaska Common Council

2nd District: Diane Wulf



- 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.



## 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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11Tla8R4Qpcz9KEDleD0mLZPkiW2WlaTJjC8II_b1bQ/edit?usp=sharing) or email [chair@3rdddwisdems.com](mailto:chair@3rdddwisdems.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.

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](mailto:laxyoungdems@email.com) for information.

The La Crosse County Young Democrats meets on the final Wednesday of every month at the LCDP office, 2318 State Rd.

## 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: Tina Pohlman**  
vicechair@laxdems.com

**Treasurer: Doug Zuege**  
treasurer@laxdems.com

**Secretary: Carla Peña**  
secretary@laxdems.com

### At-Large Board Members:

**Ed Burgess**  
**Hannah Dull**  
**Fred Giese**  
**Paul Kruse**  
**Kelly Leibold**

**College Representative: Jake Williams**



## 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.

## Follow the LCDP on



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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.

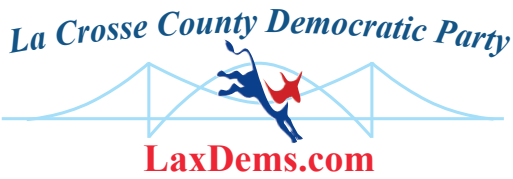
## LCDP Podcast

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](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