



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

GETTING TOGETHER, MOVING FORWARD

SEPTEMBER 2016

DEMOCRATS ON THE BALLOT TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Congressional Offices	Democratic Candidates	<i>Opposition</i>
President	Hillary Clinton	<i>Donald Trump</i>
Vice-President	Sen. Tim Kaine	<i>Gov. Mike Pence</i>
Senator	Russ Feingold	<i>Sen. Ron Johnson</i>
3 rd CD Representative	Rep. Ron Kind	No opposition
State Offices		
Senate District 24	Sen. Julie Lassa	<i>Patrick Testin</i>
* Assembly Dist 70	Mark Holbrook	<i>Rep. VanderMeer</i>
* Assembly Dist 71	Rep. Katrina Shankland	No opposition
* Assembly Dist 72	Dave Gorski	<i>Rep. Scott Krug</i>
Portage Co Dist Attorney	Louis J. Molepske Jr	No opposition
Portage County Offices		
County Clerk	Shirley Simonis	No opposition
Treasurer	Tom Mallison	<i>Jeff Presley (Independent)</i>
Register of Deeds	Cindy Wisinski	No opposition

Support them, work for them & VOTE for them!

*In Portage County, you will be able to vote for each of the Democrats listed above EXCEPT in the Assembly races:

- **Assembly Dist 70** (north & west) consists of the Towns of Hull, Dewey, Eau Pleine & Carson plus the village of Junction City.
- **Assembly Dist 72** (south-west) consists of the Towns of Almond, Pine Grove, and the southern half of Grant plus the village of Almond.
- **Assembly Dist 71** (the bulk of Portage Co) consists of all the rest of Portage Co.

PLEASE SUPPORT DEMOCRATS BY DONATING MONEY TO FUND THEIR CAMPAIGNS. You may mail a check (addresses below) or visit their website to make a donation via credit card. Your donation is needed and will be appreciated. Thanks!

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Mark Holbrook for Assembly 5229 County Road S Wisconsin Rapids 54495 www.holbrookforassembly.com	Committee to Elect David Gorski 5811 Schroeder Drive Wisconsin Rapids 54494 www.facebook.com/electgorskiwis72nd	Friends of Katrina Shankland P O Box 531 Stevens Point 54481 www.voteshankland.com

These campaigns are relying mostly on the generosity of like-minded Democrats for funds to help pay for the stamps for mailing letters of introduction, for the printing of door hangers and campaign literature and the other costs of waging a viable campaign. Please consider supporting their hard work with whatever dollar amount you can. We will help turn Wisconsin into the Progressive State we can be proud of again by electing these Democratic legislators.



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Gary Hawley accepts well-deserved award from Ron Kind

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“Gary Hawley is a tireless worker for progressive causes and candidates in central and western Wisconsin. The “Defender of the Wisconsin Way Award” is given to somebody every year that is known to go above and beyond in order to make sure we can keep standing up for our Wisconsin values. **Thank you to Gary and all of those who work with him in the Portage County Democratic Party!** – Ron Kind

Karyn Tank, reports 3 official meetings at HQs in July with 111 persons attending. Not in the count but surely appreciated are all the campaign callers & door knockers using the HQs.

Another Award for hard work ...



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At the August general membership meeting, Senator Julie Lassa presented Karyn Tank, Executive Board member and tireless worker, with "The Champion of the Wisconsin Way Award". The award, signed by both Julie and Ron Kind, recognized Karyn's hard work behind the scenes in support of both Julie's campaign and the Democratic Party. Karyn was applauded heartily by all members in attendance.

August 16th Program – Highlights of National Democratic Convention

Both Gary Hawley and Matthew LaRonge attended the Democratic National Convention in Washington, Gary as a delegate for Hillary and Matthew a delegate for Bernie. Both delegates thanked people for helping them get elected. They provided an interesting account via their personal interactions with the delegates. Observers saw the positive way two delegates, each for different candidates, were able to set aside their differences and come together in unity for the Democratic Party. Their talk was often very humorous as well as informative. They received warm applause from their listeners.



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Member's meeting and Program, September 13 at Headquarters

Executive Board member and active participant in the local Citizens Climate Lobby group, Ned Grossnickle, along with UWSP students, Robby Abrahamian and Sean Piette will report to the membership on their recent visit to Washington DC. They went to the nation's Capitol to meet with Senators and Congressmen or their staff to discuss the value of reducing carbon emissions and to ask them to support carbon fee and dividend legislation. This promises to be another informative and valuable program.



Meet Kessa

Hi there! My name is Kessa and I'm working with the Democratic Party's Coordinated Campaign here in Stevens Point as the UWSP campus organizer. I would be starting my 4th year at UW-Eau Claire as a women's studies major with a communications minor, but I took this semester off to work on this historic campaign. I'm so excited to work with the campus community and get everyone excited about electing our first female president!

You can contact me at: 507-318-9144
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"The hardest part of going to college should not be paying for it."
Hillary Clinton

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Give them a "buzz" or a "click" and offer to help elect Democrats in November.

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UPCOMING EVENTS YOU REALLY DO NOT WANT TO MISS

Friday Sept. 2 thru Monday Sept. 5 – Portage County Fair Rosholt
PCDP will have a booth "on the hill" featuring our Democratic candidate's signs and literature. Stop by to say "hi" to our volunteers or better yet, volunteer to greet fair-goers.

Saturday Sept. 3 Rosholt Parade Noon Start at Rosholt High School
Volunteers needed to walk parade route to hand out American flags and candy. Elected officials shirts provided or wear your own.

Sat. Sept. 17 – Bob Fest – Breese Field
Many "big" names in state and national politics on the speakers platform. Watch PCDP emails for additional announcements regarding this event.

September 24 9 AM-4 PM – PCDP Brat Sale at TRIG's-
Call Ray Cal if you can help 715-342-3689



Have You Seen These Fine Signs Throughout the Countryside?

Thanks go to Kent and his crew for their hard work painting and then putting them up all around the area. Persons traveling around and about and through can make no mistake about who we favor in the next election!

Here is where you come in...the signboards are deteriorating and are in need of replacement. We have a challenge to raise \$2500 in matching funds for new boards and paint. Please consider making a contribution to the sign fund.

Remember, each dollar that you give will be matched. Make your checks payable to "PCDP" and note "sign fund" in the memo line. You can mail your check to HQs at PCDP, 2220 Division St., Stevens Point, WI. 54481, drop it off at HQs or put it in our secure, locked, outside mailbox at the HQ entrance if no one is in the building. Thank you.



Sean Astin visits PCDP Photos by Jerry Ugland



Sean Astin, (the guy in the tie), campaigning for Hillary Clinton, visited the Headquarters in early August to the delight of these fans. Sean is Patty Duke and John Astin's son and an actor in his own right. He was Mikey in "The Goonies", Samwise Gamgee in the Lord of the Rings trilogy and the star of Rudy. Sean signed autographs for everyone that asked and was treated to an ice cream cone by Senator Julie Lassa.

Need to contact an Executive Board member? We welcome your input.

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Join us on Facebook at PortageCountyWisconsinDemocrats (thanks to Nichole Lynse for keeping the site current)



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Persons living in the towns of Hull, Carson, Dewey, Eau Pleine & points west & south (all the way to Sparta!) have a great opportunity this November to unseat a Republican and vote for a truly Progressive Democrat in Mark Holbrook. Mark is running in the 70th Assembly District, formerly held by Amy Sue Vruwink.

Jan Way, Holly Smith & Trudy Pederson, Holbrook for Assembly kitchen cabinet members, recently extended an invitation to community and PCDP members to meet Mark and learn of his vision to restore public school funding, rebuild Wisconsin's middle class, return common sense and integrity to state government and bring back local control.

Thank you to all community members that joined us at Rhody's and continue to contribute to Mark's campaign effort.

THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK

Several PCDP members met at Rhody's Middletown Grill on Friday night August 19th to enjoy a fish fry and wish faithful, active PCDP member Cindy Chelcun best wishes as she moves closer to her adult children out East. Lois Lawler conveyed everyone's heartfelt appreciation for Cindy's dedication to the PCDP and her tireless work helping get Democrats elected.

Plain Talk: Fighting Bob Fest to rev up progressives again

Excerpts from The Cap Times, Madison, 8/22/2016 by Dave Zweifel, editor emeritus of The Capital Times

Fighting Bob Fest kicks off at 9 AM on Saturday, September 17th at Breese Field on Madison's east side. This year marks the 15th annual gathering of the old-fashioned Chautauqua founded by labor attorney Ed Garvey. The Progressive Magazine and The Capital Times are again co-sponsoring the event.

The list of speakers is impressive. US Senator Tammy Baldwin and senatorial candidate Russ Feingold have accepted invitations as has US Congressman Mark Pocan. Also scheduled to speak is Congress' only Muslim member, Minnesota's Keith Ellison and Texan and self-described agitator, Jim Hightower. Among the other speakers will be Caroline Frederickson, president of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy and former legal director for the ACLU and NARAL/Pro-Choice; John Fugelsang, host of "Tell Me Everything" on Sirius satellite radio; Chicago's 10th Ward Ald. Susan Salowski Garza; Christine Neumann-Ortiz, founding executive director of Voces de la Frontera and Wisconsin immigration activist; investigative reporter Greg Palast; Jeremy Scahill, author of the prize-winning expose, "Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army"; One Wisconsin Now's Scot Ross, who has feverishly campaigned for college loan reform; Sarah Lloyd, president of the Columbia County Farmers Union who has long been involved in Ag reform movements in Wisconsin; and Kevin Alexander Gray, lead organizer of the Tubman Freedom House.

29th Annual Festival of India!

Festival proceeds to benefit SHAMA, Inc. projects to end poverty & hunger!



Nirmala Rajasekar on Veena

Save this date!

Saturday, October 01, 2016

3:00 p.m. Workshops; 4:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

7:00 p.m. Stage Performance

**Stevens Point Area Senior High School (SPASH)
1201 North Point Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481**



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" **Indian Dinner Buffet** Workshops & performances are FREE. A ticket is needed only for the Indian buffet.

" **Maithree the music of Friendship: Veena, Mrudangam, Ghatam & Woodwind.**

" **Classical & Folk Dances:** Bharat Natyam (Lavanya Narasimhan & her students),
Bollywood, Bhangra, Giddha Dance.

" **WORKSHOPS:** Yoga, Meditation, Kirtan, Henna painting, Indian Cooking, Poetry,
Dandia Stick Dance, Spiritual Traditions.

" **Social Dance Floor** with guests / live music

" **Children/Family Games:** Kabadi, Kho! Kho!

Volunteers Needed! Call - Vicki: 715-423-5882; Dan: 715-824-2019; Richa: 715-498-3791



Michelle at Sundin Hall

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STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

PCDP SEPTEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

PCDP HEADQUARTERS 2220 DIVISION ST 715-544-6323

Socialization begins at 6 PM
Program begins at Approx. 6:45 PM
Business Meeting to follow
Refreshments

Program presenters: Ned Grossnickle, Robby Abrahamian & Sean Piette on their recent trip to Washington, DC lobbying for CCL.

Authorized and paid for by Portage County Democratic Party, Rick Christofferson, Treasurer