



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together - Moving Forward Together - May 2017

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Our HQ's is well used. During the month of March, there were 4 meetings with 54 persons participating, as reported by Karyn Tank our HQ's numbers tracker. Thanks Karyn!

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN



MADISON
JUNE 2 & 3

June 2-3, 2017
Madison Marriott West
1313 John Q Hammons Dr., Middleton

Participate in the Democratic process; hear the latest strategies to elect Democrats to state offices all across Wisconsin from current state Democratic legislators, vote for State Democratic Party Chair, hear inspiring speeches from our Democratic leaders, participate in the Party Caucuses-there is one that fits your interest, plus, be inspired by Tammy Duckworth, Junior Senator from Illinois, the keynote speaker Friday evening.

The World is Ruled by those who Show UP



Help us fill the basket for the basket raffle at the State Convention. The PCDP's basket at last year's convention was the BEST one there. Let's make it the best one again this year.

We are looking for donations of products that identify with Portage County. Some suggestions include; bottled brews, cheeses, tea, candies, honey, items with Portage County or UWSP logo etc.

Bring your items to PCDP on May 2 when Ex. Board meets or the May 9th meeting or contact Jan to arrange pick-up.

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Elected Officials Drop-in for PCDP Meeting April 11, 2017

Photos by Trudy



*Katrina Shankland, WI. State Assembly*



*Meleesa Johnson  
Stevens Point Council &  
Portage County Board*



*Shaun Morrow  
Stevens Point Council*



*Mary McComb, Stevens Point Council*



*Julie Morrow, Portage County Board*



A full house at HQs on April 11<sup>th</sup> heard Bryan Kennedy and Mandella Barnes, candidates for DPW Chair and Vice Chair respectively, tell PCDP members what their plan is to help elect Dems all across Wisconsin if they are selected to lead the DPW at the State Convention June 2 & 3 in Madison.



Full House at Dem HQs



Bryan Kennedy  
DPW Chair candidate



Mandella Barnes, V. Chair candidate

Members in good standing of their County Democratic Party will be voting for State Party chair at the Convention. If you have not registered to attend, you will find all the information you need at the Dem website: <http://www.wisdems.org/2017-state-convention>



AmySue Vruwink,  
Stopped by to tell us  
Ron Kind would be at  
SentryWorld on  
Thurs., April 13<sup>th</sup>.



## For your information ~~~ UPCOMING Events ~~~

May 3 – League of Women Voters “Editorial Writers Workshop”.  
6-7:30 PM - Portage County Library - 1001 Main St., Stevens Point

Get help and learn how to write effective, persuasive letters to the editor on issues impacting our community and get them published! Free of charge. Hands-on!

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May 3-6 – SPARTA USED BOOK SALE – 1100 Main St., Stevens Point (Children’s Museum)
Wed. Noon to 7 PM, Thurs. & Fri. 9 AM-7 PM, Sat. 9 AM-2 PM

Books for all ages, DVD’s, CDs, VHS tapes, books on tape and CD, albums & sets.
Sponsored by Stevens Point Area Retired Teacher’s Association

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May 12 & 13 PCDP Rummage Sale at 1533 Michigan Ave. Stevens Point

Once again Darlene Todd has agreed to hold our annual PCDP fundraiser rummage sale at her home. Thank you Darlene!!

Please bring gently used, or new or repurposed, saleable goods to the Dem meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> or to Darlene’s home on Thurs. May 11<sup>th</sup> after 4 PM. Darlene’s cell# 715-498-4340. We will open for business at 9 AM on Fri. We could use volunteers to help set up on Thursday evening and again on Fri. and Sat. to assist our customers.

Can you help? Contact Jan Way [janmway@gmail.com](mailto:janmway@gmail.com) - 715-572-5802 or Trudy Pederson at [graniteridgefarm@gmail.com](mailto:graniteridgefarm@gmail.com) - 715-341-6195

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June 3 – WALK WISCONSIN – 11 AM-3 PM - Democratic Party Rest Stop

Not planning on going to the State Dem Convention, but would like to support the PCDP, while showing the Stevens Point Area that local Dems support our community? We need your help.

A one or two hour commitment would be GREAT. Please let Jan Way know you would like to help out. 715-572-5802 or janmway@gmail.com.

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May 4 – MILWAUKEE 53206, A Community Serves Time

UWSP Noel Fine Arts Center - 2 PM – May 4, 2017

A documentary film (followed by a panel discussion) tells the story of those affected by mass incarceration in America’s most incarcerated ZIP code. This film examines how decades of poverty, unemployment and lack of opportunity have contributed to the crisis of mass incarceration communities across the nation.

# Third Congressional Convention Summary

Provided by Karyn Tank

Ron Kind was the keynote speaker at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Convention in Wauzeka, WI.

The candidates for offices for the State Party were each given a few minutes to speak about themselves and their vision of the WI. Democratic Party going forward. For the Chair position, Martha Laning, Bryan Kennedy and Joe Donovan spoke. Anita Klein spoke regarding her run for State Party Secretary. Lisa Herman was re-elected Chair of the 3<sup>RD</sup> CD and all other 3<sup>RD</sup> CD elections were uncontested except for the Administrative Representative, which Gary Hawley failed to win.

Jerry Ugland's proposal to amend Article VII of the 3<sup>RD</sup> CD Constitution regarding fees paid by local parties to the 3<sup>RD</sup> CD was approved. None of the 8 resolutions to the party platform forwarded to the convention by the PCDP made the final group of resolutions passed onto the state convention.

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Do these people look like they are having fun? Photos by Jan Way
They are!!

These are PCDP Dems answering phones at the "World's Largest Trivia Contest"



Jan Way says, "Thank you Trivia operators"! We had a great time again this year answering phones. We had many old hands and a couple of new ones, but as always, all shared the laughter. Thank you to our Trivia hosts including "Oz", of course, as well as his staff who served us pizza, salads, popcorn, cheese fries and Belt's Flurries – all within a 4 hour shift! Our operators included Nichole Lynse, Mike Bialas, Mary Kneebone, Jenny Burton, Trish Baker, Mark & Candy Holbrook, Jack & Leigh Allgaier, Eric Way, Jerry Ugland, Susan Barrett, Jessica Hoerter, Jan Way, Sue Hall, Scott & Carrie Winn and Corey Ladick. In addition, Paul & Cindy Piotrowski were on call ready to "answer the call" if we needed them. Thanks to the best crew ever!!

PCDP Executive Board

Co-Chair	Gary Hawley 715-321-0111
Co-Chair	Jan Way 715-572-5802
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At Large 3	Glen Fink 715-341-0155
At Large 4	Matt LaRonge 715-303-8479
At Large 5	David Pederson 715-341-6195
At Large 6	Jim Pollock 715-295-9979
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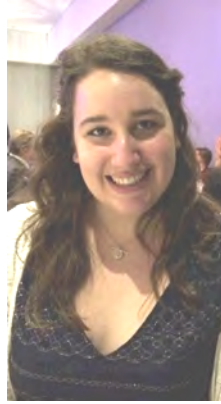
Executive board meetings are open to the membership. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 PM at HQs.

Facebook - PortageCountyWisconsinDemocrats

Website - www.PortageCountyDems.org

Meet Hannah Marcus

Central WI. Regional Organizing Director, DPW



Hannah grew up in Amherst. Hannah says, " Watching the events surrounding ACT 10 and the impact they had on my little community inspired me to use my voice and get into politics".

Hannah honed her political skills working with Young Progressives, and learned first hand the power of Grassroots organizing. She has a degree in political science and communication arts from UW-Madison and is proud to be a Badger.

Most recently she managed a successful Dane County Board race and a Colorado State Senate race.

You will see Hannah at the PCDP HQs beginning in May busy organizing for the important Democratic races in 2018.

You can reach Hannah at 608-293-1529 or hannahm@wisdems.org



FYI- Some of you may not know that our Co-Chair, Gary Hawley, recently had back surgery.

Gary reports the 5-½ hour surgery went well and he is recovering nicely. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Correction: In the April newsletter I incorrectly identified Tom Mallison's elected office. Tom was elected Portage County Treasurer in February. I regret the error! Trudy Pederson, Editor

Bob Harlow, Candidate for Wisconsin Governor 2018



Bob Harlow was one of the featured speakers at the April 11th meeting. Bob outlined his eight-point plan for Wisconsin, stating “it is time for a new era in Wisconsin government”.

Mr. Harlow is a 25 year old third generation Wisconsinite who grew up near Barneveld, WI. He is a graduate of Stanford with an impressive list of accomplishments in music and the scientific field. He worked on the Obama campaign in 2008, and worked for Dale Schultz the following year.

His bio and 8-point plan for Wisconsin can be viewed at www.https://bobharlow.net

Lenore Hitchler, PCDP member will present our May 9 Program

Hemp is NOT marijuana! Marijuana is NOT hemp! Lenore will explain!

Her presentation will acquaint us with the versatility of hemp as a cash crop, a fiber for textiles; its use in manufacturing and industry and as a food source. Please join us.



It has been a tradition at the PCDP monthly meetings to have a minimum offering of snacks or nibblers at the monthly meetings. We thank those members that have continued to contribute to our offerings and encourage attending members to continue to bring treats and snacks to share with fellow attendees.

The Executive Board, recognizing that we often rely on the same persons to donate food at the meetings and that the early start time does not allow some members to eat before the meetings, has authorized a modest amount of money to assure that we will have at least one mini-entrée each month.

Final Note...

We continue the 50/50 raffle at meetings; the proceeds to fund an electric sign for the building. We are accepting donations to the fund as well. Donations by check can be sent to PCDP Sign Fund, 2220 Division St., Stevens Point, 54481.

At this time, we are considering an electric sign to mount in the window while we investigate if and what we can do to refurbishing the façade of the building.

Thanks to Cathy Dugan for providing us with information as to the guidelines and information we need in order to pursue an upgrade to our physical presence in Stevens Point.

PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2220 DIVISION ST.
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

NOTICE to Recipients of Print Copies of the PCDP Newsletter:
If you have an email account, please consider receiving your newsletter via email. It would save PCDP money, plus the photos would be in color and much better quality.

Send an email to Jack at allgaiers@gmail.com saying YES! Thanks.

PCDP MAY MEETING
MAY 9, 2017

6 PM Socialization

6:30 Call to order

Program: HEMP presented by Lenore Hitchler

Refreshments

Raffle

Comments from Elected Democratic Officials & Candidates

Business Meeting

Authorized and paid for by Portage County Democratic Party