



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together - Moving Forward Together - November 2017

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Karyn Tank, our HQs use tracker reports there were 5 meetings held at HQs in September with 68 persons attending.



PCDP Executive Board Election

Candidates Needed

The PCDP Executive Board Election Committee consisting of Jack Allgaier, Michele Bjella and Karyn Tank are charged with seeking interested, current members willing to run for positions on the Board for 2018.

The position involves attending the Executive Board meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month, helping out at events throughout the year and serving on a committee or two.

Serving on the Exec. Board is an excellent way to learn about and have a say in the operation of your local County party.

If you are interested, please contact a member of the Slate Committee, (listed below) before our November 14th general meeting so that your name can appear on our candidate slate.

You may also nominate yourself at the meeting that night; however, no names may be entered after that meeting. Voting for Executive Board members will occur at the December 12 general meeting.

Contact:

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VERY IMPORTANT Wisconsin Spring Primary and Election

Primary Tuesday February 20

Spring Election Tuesday April 3

OFFICE

Incumbent

Announced

Candidates (as of 10/30/17)

Justice of the Supreme Court	Mike Gableman (not seeking re-election)	Tim Burns Rebecca Dallet Michael Screneck
WI Court of Appeals	Joanne Koppenburg	
Portage County, Branch 1	Thomas Eagon	
Portage County, Branch 3	Thomas Flugar	
Stevens Point Area School Board	1) Meg Erler	
	2) Judy Rannow	
	3) Michael Wade (appointed)	
All 25 county board supervisors		
Portage Co Executive	Patty Dreier (D) (not seeking re-election)	Jamie Gebert (D) Matt Jacowski Chris Holman
Plover Village Board	Ward 1 Andrew Timm Ward 2 Orville Damrau Ward 3 Al Tessmann	
Even alder seats	Dist 2 David Shorr (D) Dist 4 Heidi Oberstadt (D) Dist 6 Jeremy Slowinski Dist 8 Cathy Dugan (D) Dist 10 Mike Phillips	

State Referendum April 3RD “to eliminate the office of state treasurer from the WI Constitution”



Portage County Board of Supervisors

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| District 1: Vincent Miresse | Dist. 2: Chris Doubek | Dist. 3: Meleesa Johnson (D) |
| Dist. 4: David Medin | Dist. 5: Julie Morrow (D) | Dist. 6: Marion (Bud) Flood |
| Dist. 7: Dan Dobratz | Dist. 8: Larry Siporski | Dist. 9: Bo DeDeker; moved
Andrew Boden , (D) candidate |
| Dist.10: Bob Gifford | Dist.11: Stan Potacki | Dist. 12: Don Butkowski |
| Dist. 13: Don Jankowski | Dist. 14: James Gifford (D) | Dist. 15: Alan Haga Jr. |
| Dist. 16: O. Philip Idsvoog | Dist. 17: Jerry Walters | Dist. 18: Larry Raikowski |
| Dist. 19: Dale O'Brien | Dist. 20: Chas. Gussel | Dist. 21: Jeanne Dodge |
| Dist. 22: Matt Jacowski | Dist. 23: Barry Jacowski | Dist. 24: Gerry Zastrow (D) |

VERY IMPORTANT Fall Partisan Primary Election

PRIMARY Tuesday August 14

ELECTION Tuesday November 6

OFFICE	INCUMBENT	DEM OPPOSITION	DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT:
Governor	Scott Walker	Michele Doolan Tony Evers Matt Flynn Andy Gronik Bob Harlow Mike McCabe Kathleen Vinehout Dana Wach	
Lieutenant Governor	Rebecca Kleefisch		
Attorney General	Brad Schimel	Josh Kaul	www.joshkaul.org Kaul for Attorney General PO Box 5522 Madison, WI 53705
Secretary of State	Doug La Follette (D)		
State Treasurer	Matt Adamczyk		
US Senator	Tammy Baldwin (D)		
US Representative	Ron Kind (D)		

Odd number senate seats	<i>None in Portage Co.</i>	
Dist 70 Assembly	Nancy VanderMeer	
Dist 71 Assembly	Katrina Shankland (D)	
Dist 72 Assembly	Scott Krug	David Gorski
Portage Co Sheriff	Mike Lucas (D)	
Clerk of Circuit Courts	Lisa Roth (D)	
Portage Co Coroner	Scott Rifleman	
City	No seats	

This is our opportunity to get rid of Scott Walker and his regressive policies and elect Democratic leaders across the county and state. Seize the opportunity! Volunteer to work for Democratic office seekers!

The time is always right to do what is right!
Martin Luther King, Jr.



Representative Katrina Shankland was our program speaker at the October 10 th meeting. Katrina talked about the recently passed 2017-19 state budget, noting that it was passed 2 ½ months late by the Republican legislature.

Here are some of the highlights Katrina noted:

- \$76 billion budget leaves a **\$900 million deficit** for 2019-21 budget.
 - Deadline of June 30 missed means funding levels from previous budget continue until budget passed.
 - Budget funds state agencies, our roads, healthcare, prisons, veteran’s homes, schools and Universities.
 - Republicans could not agree on long-term transportation funding.
- Governor Walker had to promise nine vetoes to three Republican Senators to get votes to pass budget. (Is this anyway to run a government?)

Katrina talked specifically on several areas impacted by this state budget including Public Education, expanding vouchers and Special Needs vouchers, taxes, Environment, loss of local control, transportation, veterans, and placement of sexually violent persons. Katrina answered questions and received hearty applause!

You can view Katrina’s budget presentation on her Facebook page.



Program for November 14



Trevor Roark, Program Manager for the UWSP Adventure Tours and Carie Winn, Director of Development for the UWSP College of Professional Studies are our speakers. Their presentation will inform us about the Adventure Tours service at UWSP that develops and coordinates wellness vacations for groups to travel anywhere in the world. The Adventure Tours focus on the seven dimensions of wellness to provide a more fulfilling experience with plenty of options for participants. They may also talk about their recent trip to the Grand Canyon.

Join fellow Democrats to learn of the opportunity for a fun adventure.



Share the weight of the world by Jan Way

We’ve started something new this fall. We want to give Progressives and Democrats a chance to socially meet to discuss current events, share our joy and frustrations, but mostly to enjoy each other’s company, as like-minded, forward thinking and concerned citizens. We meet each Wednesday at 10:30 AM at the Olympia Restaurant (for now) on the north side of Point. We get a table in back and enjoy beverages, great conversation and/or a meal.

We can make this group whatever we want as time goes on and the group evolves. All are welcome and we would love to see you there!

Gerrymandering- Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary – Merriam-Webster 1977

1. *To divide (a territorial unit) into election districts to give one political party an electoral majority in a large number of districts while concentrating the voting strength of the opposition in as few districts as possible*
2. *To divide (an area) into political units to give special advantages to one group*

“The principal is simple: Elections should be fair and should be designed so that voters choose their elected officials, not the other way around”.

The Pioneer Room at the Portage County Library was full to overflowing on Monday night October 23, by persons interested to hear Tim Cullen and Dale Schultz speak on that very subject.

Tim Cullen is a former Democratic majority leader of the Wisconsin Senate. Dale Schultz is a former Republican majority leader of the Wisconsin Senate. They are co-chairs of the Fair-Elections Project, which helped organize the Gill v. Whitford litigation, which is currently before the Supreme Court contesting the gerrymandering of election districts in WI by the Republican legislature.

The Supreme Court has heard arguments for the Gill v. Whitford case this fall. Late last year, a three-judge federal panel ruled that the district maps were unconstitutional. This historic ruling, written by an appellate judge appointed by President Ronald Reagan, marked the first time a legislative map was overturned on the grounds that it was politically discriminatory.

This paragraph is taken from the letter the Senators wrote and sent to the Washington Post in June of 2017:

“Our state is divided right down the middle politically. Wisconsinites voted for Barack Obama in 2012 and for Donald Trump in 2016. One of our two U S senators is a Democrat and the other is a Republican. And in State Assembly elections, the statewide vote has been close to 50-50, with Democrats securing a narrow majority of the statewide vote in 2012 and Republicans winning slim majorities in 2014 and 2016. Yet our state legislative maps don't come close to reflecting that split. For the past 3 elections, Republicans have controlled between 61% and 65% of the Assembly, even when they earned fewer popular votes than Democrats statewide”.

The senators answered several questions from the audience. Senator Schultz also gave a plug for Senator Cullen's book, Ringside Seat, Wisconsin Politics, the 1970s to Scott Walker, the profits of which go to a scholarship fund to educate person's of color to become teachers in the Janesville Public Schools.

Thank you to the local League of Women Voters, and Susan Zach specifically for bringing the speakers to Stevens Point.

Learn more at [Fair Elections Project.com](http://FairElectionsProject.com)



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PCDP November 14 Meeting

6PM Socialization

6:30 Call to Order

Program – Trevor Roark & Carie Winn talk about the
UWSP Adventure Tours program

Refreshments & Raffle

Elected Officials & Candidates comments

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