



# PORTAGE COUNTY **DEMOCRAT**

Getting Together, Moving Forward Together January 2019

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Dems join together to celebrate election victories and the Christmas holiday



It was standing room only at the celebration

Joyous New Year



And of course there was food  
Thanks to all who brought a treat

Local officials share their thoughts & Holiday Wishes



Meleesa Johnson  
Alder/Supervisor



Cory Ladick  
City Treasurer



Tori Jennings  
Alder



Trish Baker  
Public School Board



Shawn Morrow  
Alder



Julie Morrow  
Supervisor



Mary McComb & Mary Kneebone  
Alder Alder



David Shorr  
Alder



Paul Piotrowski  
City Clerk



Marlo Fields  
Ron Kind Political Director



## Heading into 2019 – PCDP General Meeting January 8, 2019

We have two programs to start off the year. Tiffany Krueger, our first speaker, is a local advocate for the homeless population in Stevens Point. Tiffany helped organize the local Homeless Shelter and continues to help run it. She is on the board of Directors for Evergreen Community Initiatives that includes the Kid's Closet and Movies in the Park. Tiffany is a past recipient of the John Klismet Award given at the MLK Celebration by JusticeWorks and she also received a 2017 Jefferson Award presented by Marshfield Clinic.

In addition, Dennis and Marcy Ferriter, PCDP members and active with the Mobile Pantry, will talk to us about the Portage County food pantry and their involvement in the effort.



### SIGNS

When you come to January's meeting, bring your unwanted campaign yard signs. We have a great collection of used signs in the basement of HQ's and want to add your signs to it!

Seriously, we will soon have a work day sorting signs, saving those that we will use again, removing the wires for reuse, (saving a dollar), recycling those signs we can, then safely disposing those that can not be recycled.



## Spring Primary February 19, 2019 General Election April 2, 2019

Portage County voters will be electing a Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge, and Appeals Court Judge, three Stevens Point School Board members, the Stevens Point mayor, Stevens Point City Clerk, Six Stevens Point Alders, Village of Plover President, three Village of Plover Trustees and several Supervisors and trustees in towns and villages throughout Portage County.

Candidate nomination papers are not due until January 2, 2019. More information on who will be running for various offices in the February primary election will be included in the February newsletter.

Contact a local progressive candidate and volunteer to help with their campaign – they could use your help!

The 3RD Congressional District Convention  
It's coming May 4th, 2019 - Delegates & Resolutions wanted!

If you want to contribute to the Democratic process but are unable to make the meetings, you can still contribute from your home! It's time to start formulating your ideas for writing a resolution.

County party members are encouraged to write resolutions relating to an area of governance that they are interested in for possible inclusion in to DPW platform.

Resolutions can be no more than 100 words, not already included in the platform and must be structured per guidelines that will be included in the February newsletter.

Start your thought process regarding what you would like the Democratic Party of Wisconsin to include in their platform and that fits into one of these categories:

\*Justice, Human Concerns & Democracy

\*Education, Labor & Economics

\*Foreign Affairs

\*Agriculture & Environmental Affairs

\*Additional information and help in the February newsletter.

Be an integral part of the democratic process and help select the resolutions that are sent to the state convention for possible inclusion in the state platform. Become a delegate by contacting Jan or Gary. Delegates will vote on resolutions and hear candidates and officials offer their vision of a progressive, forward moving Wisconsin with Democratic leadership and values.

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*Planning Ahead - The Wisconsin Democratic State Convention  
Potawatomi Casino & Convention Center - Milwaukee  
June 1 & 2, 2019*

Convention details are being worked on by the state party and will be shared as soon as they are available.



Everyone helped in the campaign to turn Wisconsin "bluer"!

PHOTOS BY MICHELE



Ned & Gary



Liz Fulton



Leigh, Sonia, Ann



Michele, Dylan, Valerie, Madge



Jan, Bob & Mildred



Food for the volunteers by Nancy, Maryann & Jan



Michele with Mary & family back from doing doors



Youngest staffer with Mom working desk



Bill & Theresa Heinmann phone callers extraordinaire



Katrina & Marlo with workers



Steve Faber with food

THANKS TO EVERYONE For EVERYTHING!!!

*Thank You to these PCDP recently retired Executive Board members:*

*Carol Gawlik - Carol has been taking and writing up the PCDP meeting minutes for so long, even she doesn't remember how many years she has been Secretary, but thinks it may have been 16 or 17 years. Thanks Carol, you'll be difficult to replace.*

*Conrad & Nancy Chojnacki - both were regulars at the meetings and willing to do whatever was asked of them, from pounding sign stakes to the 50/50 raffle duties to cleaning the carpet & chairs to volunteering to stuff envelopes to food prep for meetings. They've done it all. Thanks!*

*Glen Fink - was our headquarters fix-it go to. Thanks to Glen we have many improvements to our lighting needs and mechanical systems throughout the building. Glen is just stepping away from the meetings and has assured us that he is not retiring his tool belt if we need him. Thanks Glen.*

*Valarie Landowski - Valarie was on the board a short time, but in that time she made her presence known. Being one of the younger members, her knowledge regarding social media and data entry was welcome. She also spearheaded a voter contact project. Valerie is currently in law school but promises to visit often. Thanks Valarie!*

*At the January 8th meeting, we will welcome these new members (voted on at the December 11th meeting) to the PCDP Executive Board : Hilary Landowski, Secretary, Marlo Fields, Joan Garski, Chris McLaughlin, Travis Slattery and Lynn & Rick Wyman.*

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NEW DATA LAYS BARE IMPACT OF WISCONSIN GERRYMANDERING - excerpted from [USA Today](#) by Craig Gilbert

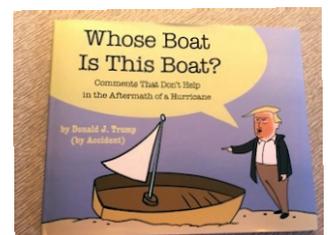
Detailed election data posted by the state illustrates the ongoing impact of Wisconsin's gerrymandered Republican-friendly legislative map.

Governor Walker lost his bid for election by roughly 1 % point to Democrat Tony Evers on November 6th. Yet Walker carried 63 of the state's 99 state Assembly districts. Data shows that 64 of the 99 districts are more Republican than the state as a whole based on their vote for governor. Republicans enjoy a built-in 64-35 advantage in the partisan makeup of the 99 assembly districts.

The legislative map drawn by the GOP in 2011 added to the Republican advantage by drawing lopsided but safe GOP districts and leaving the Democratic concentrated metropolitan areas around Madison and Milwaukee intact. That leaves hardly any "purple" Assembly districts in a "purple" state. Democrats had to outperform the GOP by 9 or 10 points statewide to have a shot at winning control of the Assembly. On November 6th, only 5 of the 99 Assembly races were decided by less than 5 points and only two were decided by less than 3 points.

There is some good news however. The victory of Evers et al. November 6th, means the next legislative map (in place for the 2022 elections) will likely be less partisan than the current one because it will be the product of a divided government.

# 2018 in Pictures





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## PCDP JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING

6 PM Socialization

6:30 Call to Order

7 PM Programs - Tiffany Krueger on local homeless population and  
Marcy & Dennis Ferriter on Mobile Pantry

Refreshments and a toast to Tammy Baldwin, Tony Evers, Mandela Barnes,  
Josh Kaul, Doug LaFollette, Sarah Godlewski & Democratic winners in Wisconsin.