



Portage County DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward Together May 2019

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Governor Evers & Lieutenant Governor Barnes traveled to UWSP on April 3 for the first of several public listening sessions on the "Peoples Budget". The gathering was held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus Center on the UWSP campus, where the Governor was introduced by Representative Katrina Shankland.

Governor Evers opening remarks indicated that this listening session was a follow up to the listening sessions he held around the state shortly after he was sworn into office. He crafted his State Budget based on what the people of Wisconsin indicated was important to them during those sessions.

People attending the follow-up listening session could choose to participate in any one of the 6 discussion groups featured in the budget; higher education, health care, criminal justice, economic development, transportation, and natural resources.

Each group included a facilitator, a note taker (from the Governor's office) and an individual available to read the actual wording of the proposals in the budget. Citizens were encouraged to comment on the budget proposals, make further suggestions and to encourage their legislators to support the People's Budget.

3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Convention

Saturday, May 4

Registration: 9:00AM

Meeting: 10:00AM

Location: [Western Technical College Lunda Center](#)

319 7th St N, La Crosse, WI 54601

The deadline is past to register as a delegate, but you can still attend the convention as a guest. Portage County Dems will submit 8 Resolutions to the Convention attendees for consideration to pass onto the State Convention. Also, Gary Hawley and Marlo Fields are both running for officer positions in the 3RD CD. As in the past, several state legislators will be in attendance and it is expected that some of the people running for positions in the DPW will be in attendance as well. Contact Gary Hawley for car pooling information. 715-321-0111.

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2019 State Convention
Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2
Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
1611 W Canal St., Milwaukee, WI.

For ticket, agenda, State Party Officer election information, go to www.wisdems.org



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The World is Ruled By Those Who Show Up

TRIVIA S-O

by Jan Way



PC Dems participate in the "Worlds Largest Trivia Contest" at WWSP

Thank You Trivia Phone Team! No big snow storm this year but a great deal of silliness, laughter and Belt's Ice Cream was enjoyed by all. Team members that joined us in this 50th anniversary year were, Mary Kneebone, Nancy Foth, Lynett Hillker, Rick & Lynn Wyman, Corey Ladick, Konrad & Nancy Chojnacki, Meleesa Johnson, Eric & Erin Olson, Shaun & Julie Morrow, Mike Bialas, Nichole Lysne, Trish Baker, Sue Hall & Jan Way. Our sub list included Eric Way & Carie Winn.

A special thanks to Heidi Zastrow and her great ad featured in the [Trivia Times](#).

So farewell **TRIVIA S-O** and on to next April when we'll do it again.



PCDP Has Buttons

Thanks to Leigh Allgaier, PCDP has a great "NEW" selection of buttons. Be sure to pick out your favorite the next time you are at the HQs. You are sure to find a button that states exactly your position on any of a number of Democratic, Progressive values.

Wear your Progressive Values Proudly



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At Large	Chris McLaughlin
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Thank you Andrew

Andrew Boden recently accepted a position in Milwaukee and resigned from the PCDP Ex. Board. He left us this message:

Please accept this Kathleen Vinehout sign I've had since 2010 as I lighten my load for the move. I was Campus Organizer at UWEC that year and she and Ron Kind were the only Democrats that won on our ballot.

KV was first elected in 2006, and she would go on to survive the Tea Party wave of 2010, and the GOP gerrymander in 2014. Kathleen showed us that it is possible to win rural districts in GOP favored years.

We can do the same here by following her example of [engaging new voters & staying on message!](#)

So with that, I leave you with my one last request: **Take Down Testin!**

With much gratitude, Andrew Boden, Esq.

Introducing Travis Slattery
2019 Ex. Board member

Travis shares that he grew up in Rudolph and graduated from high school in Rapids.

He comes from a family of public servants and union members.

He moved to Madison while in college and eventually graduated first with an undergrad degree in political science and later with a law degree.

While in college he volunteered to work on several Democratic campaigns and WI. Supreme Court races. He helped pass a student referendum to remodel and rebuild the Student Union on campus.

After law school he returned to Central Wisconsin and worked in private practice and at the public defender's office before opening his own office in 2017 in Stevens Point.

He lives in the Town of Hull with his wife Joanna and 9 month old daughter Josephine.

He considers being on the Ex. Board an honor and looks forward to doing all he can to promote progressive policies in Portage County.



EX. Board Open Position

With Andrew Boden's resignation, there is an open at large seat on the Executive Board.

Members who would like to serve may announce their intent at the next general meeting, Tuesday, May 14 and may be elected at that meeting.

Anyone interested in the open seat, but unable to attend the May 14th meeting, should email Co-Chair Jan Way (janmway@gmail.com) 48 hours prior to the meeting to express their interest in filling the position.



Bob Wolensky, Professor Emeritus at UWSP, Department of Sociology & Social Work, and currently acting Co-Chair for the Small City, was our speaker at the April meeting.

Professor Wolensky explained that the US government operates as a combination of capitalism and socialism. A capitalistic system works for the betterment of an individual or corporation and socialism benefits the entire citizenry.

Contrary to the recent Republican smear and fear campaign about socialism, Professor Wolensky stated that Socialism should not be a factor in the upcoming elections. US citizens have benefitted from many social programs throughout its history including public schools, public police and fire departments, social security etc.

Professor Wolensky took questions and received a hearty round of appreciative applause.



May 14th Program

Public Policy is Health Care Policy-
Building active and healthy communities

Stevens Point alders, Tori Jennings and Meleesa Johnson will speak to this topic. This program is rescheduled from February when we cancelled our meeting due to the snowstorm.



UPComing Events

Walk Wisconsin, Saturday, June 1. Contact Jan Way, 715-572-5802 or janmway@gmail.com if you can spare an hour or two between 11 AM & 3 PM to hand out water and snacks to the participants of the walk. The Dem's tent is located on the corner of North Point Dr. and Wilshire Ave, by the Sentry Golf Course. It is a pleasant task and an excellent way to promote our party. Help is needed as many of our active Dems will be attending the state convention that weekend.

Our annual **Brat Fry at Trig's** will be held this year on Friday, June 7th. If you would like to help out for an hour or two on Friday, contact Ray Cal at: Raymond.Cal@hotmail.com or 715-321-0329. Also, please visit us June 7 to buy freshly grilled hot dogs, hamburgers & brats along with homemade cookies. Plan to be there. We need **Y O U** to make our booth a success.

Midwest Renewable Energy Fair, June 21-23. The state party pays for the booth at the fair, but our party provides the volunteers who greet visitors and hand out literature. This year once again, we will be promoting our party to the friendly and engaged fair participants. Please contact Jack Allgaier, 715-341-5359 or allgaier@gmail.com if you can spend a couple hours talking with fellow environmentalists.

PCDP Annual Picnic- Sunday, August 25, 2019 – Pfiffner Pioneer Park, Stevens Point 11:30 AM to 4 PM. **SAVE THE DATE.** The party is held rain or shine in the Pfiffner shelter on the shores of the beautiful Wisconsin River. Please join us for this fun day of food, prizes and camaraderie with fellow Democrats and elected officials. **Additional information in feature issues.**

2019 Raffle Tickets are now available. Pick them up at our May 14, June 11 or July 9 general meetings.



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PCDP MAY 14, 2019 MEETING

6 PM SOCIALIZATION

6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER

**PROGRAM – Active & healthy communities – presented by alders
Tori Jennings & Meleesa Johnson**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BUSINESS MEETING & Announcements

SOCIALIZATION

Authorized and paid for by Portage County Democratic Party