



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together - Moving Forward Together - June 2017

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Karyn Tank, our keeper of the numbers, reports there were 4 meetings at headquarters in April with 62 attendees.

WI Dems Gearing up for a Busy Summer



Participate in Wisconsin Dem's Biggest Bash of the year.

Browse through the Unity Fair, share your ideas at a caucus meeting, participate in the raffle to win one of many baskets of "goodies" supplied by local parties, listen as Wisconsin elected officials share their vision to restore common sense to our state and national governments, elect DPW leadership for the next two years and vote to fill a DNC vacancy. All of this topped off with speeches Friday evening by Tammy Duckworth, Junior Senator from Illinois and Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles.

More info at www.wisdems.org/2017-state-convention.

WALK WISCONSIN



Saturday, June 3rd. Dems will be handing out drinks and fruit at the corner of Wilshire and N. Point Drive between 11 AM & 3 PM. Call Jan Way if you can help out for an hour or so. 715-572-5802. Dems actively support and care for our community and its citizens!

PARTICIPATION REQUESTED – ENJOYMENT GUARANTEED



The Democratic Party of Wisconsin will once again have a booth at the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair in Custer June 16-18th. The DPW pays for the booth, and Democratic volunteers from other counties as well as from PCDP are asked to staff the booth.

Volunteers have free entry to the fair and are requested to spend a couple hours of their time handing out literature, engaging in conversations with very friendly fair goers and promoting our Democratic ideals and values. The booth is under cover so weather is not an issue.

The Fair has many displays, programs and prominent speakers scheduled including JB Straubel, the Chief Technical Officer and co-founder of TESLA. JB manages the technical direction and engineering design of the Tesla products including battery technology. info@midwestrenew.org.

We are asking PCDP members to contact Jack Allgaier to volunteer 715-341-5359 or allgaiers@gmail.com to staff the Dem booth.

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It was a cold and blustery day... but that did not deter the brave PCDP Democrats from serving brats, hamburgers and hot dogs with the works to the many persons who stopped at our Brat Fry at Trig's on April 28<sup>th</sup>.



Photo by Trudy

A HUGE thanks to Ray Cal for making all the necessary arrangements, setting up, grilling all day and helping to clean-up.

Thanks to these volunteers, Tim Zimmerman, Jim Pollack, Gee Pope, Jan Way, Ned Grossnickle, Kent Hall and Leigh Allgaier, the sale was a great success in spite of the weather. Thanks too to the many persons, members and non-members who not only bought a brat, but donated \$ to the donation jar and added a word or two of encouragement.

QUIZ: Can you name these PCDP members who stopped by for a bite?

## 2220 Division St. PCDP Headquarters is Popular on Meeting nights

These persons stopped by our headquarters to promote their candidacy for Democratic Party offices to be voted on at the Dem Convention on June 3<sup>RD</sup>. The candidates and the offices they are vying for are identified below.



Eric Finch is vying for Democratic Party Chair



David Bowen (Incumbent.) is vying for V. President Democratic Party with Martha Laning current Chair



Peter Peckarsky,  
Candidate for DNC



Luke Fuszard,  
Candidate for DNC

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PCDP welcomed these Officials to our meeting.



Stevens Point Mayor,
Mike Wiza



Portage County
Treasurer,
Tom Mallison

HEMP A Sustainable, Environmentally Friendly Crop



Lenore Hitchler presented a fascinating program on the versatility of and misconceptions about hemp. Lenore explained that hemp is not marijuana but is in the same family. Her presentation contrasted the amounts of energy used to produce cotton products and products made with hemp. Cotton production uses vastly more energy. Hemp is also more environmentally friendly. Lenore said that hemp has been widely used for hundreds of years and was used extensively during WWII. Lenore received a hearty round of applause for her program.

ANOTHER RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS



Darlene Todd, Jan Way, Nancy Chojnacki, Trudy Pederson and Barb Inch greeted customers to the PCDP rummage sale recently. Thanks to Gary Hawley and David Pederson for hauling tables and merchandise.

A special thanks to Darlene Todd for allowing the sale to be held in her yard, for storing items in her basement and working without stop for all of the sale days!



Customers were able to choose from a wide variety of goods, everything from children's toys to house wares to books to clothing.

The setting up and taking down was a lot of work, and we would have welcomed more help, but are willing to coordinate a sale again in the future. We stored some items and encourage members to save their re-useable items to donate for a future rummage sale.

JUNE PROGRAM

Plan to Attend June 13th

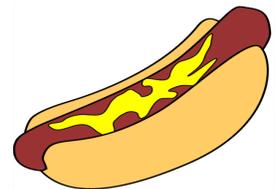
Justin Isherwood is a fifth-generation farmer and an award-winning writer. His most recent books are Pulse: A Farmer’s Take on the Universe and Walking on Water II. He is a featured weekly writer for the Portage County Gazette.

Justin’s interests and writing subjects are vast and varied. However, at our next General meeting on June 13, Justin and his wife Lynn will be sharing a presentation on their on-going battle with the Portage County Drainage Board regarding their effort to restore trout habitat on their farm in the Town of Buena Vista, Portage County.

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UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**Raffle tickets are available for pick-up now...** If you would, please pick them up at the meeting on June 13 **or** Tuesday, June 20 & 27 from 5 – 7 PM or Saturday, June 24, 11 AM-1 PM at the Headquarters. If you are unable to pick up your tickets at these times, we will arrange to have them delivered to you in July.

**PCDP Annual Picnic August 27, 2017 11:30 AM – 4 PM**  
*Pfiffner Pioneer Park on the Beautiful Wisconsin River, Stevens Point*



There will be good food & beverages for purchase, a silent auction including theme baskets, a bake sale, music by “moogie” beginning at 11:30, great speeches by local and State Democratic leaders **and special this year, Scot Ross of One Wisconsin Now**, a liberal issue advocacy organization that focuses on progressive leadership and values, will be a featured guest speaker. Plan to join fellow Democrats for a great event.

*It’s a party for our party you won’t want to miss!*



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4TH OF JULY PARADE Downtown Stevens Point

Join in the fun. We will again have vehicles decked out in RED, WHITE & BLUE, with banners, FLAGS, & our Donkey mascot.

IT’S AN EASY WALK and you can help us hand out candy to the young and young at heart. If you can donate candy or non-candy trinkets as Sue Hall has provided in years past, we welcome those items too. Contact Jan Way for pickup (715-572-5802) or bring items to the June meeting.

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**Portage County Fair Amherst July 13-16** Volunteers are needed for all shifts from 5-8 PM. Volunteers sell our raffle tickets, buttons and bumper stickers. Our booth is under the grandstand, is cool during hot July days and is in a great visible location. Our purpose is to encourage fairgoers to vote for Democratic candidates. That should not be a hard sell this year!! Contact Jack Allgaier if you are able to help out [allgaier@gmail.com](mailto:allgaier@gmail.com) or 715-341-5359. Thanks!

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***PCDP MEETING JUNE 13, 2017***

*6 PM Socialization*

*6:30 Call to order*

*Program: Justin & Lynn Isherwood on their efforts to create trout  
habitat on their Buena Vista farm*

*Refreshments*

*Raffle*

*Comments from Elected Officials & Candidates*

*Business meeting*

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