



# PORTAGECOUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together - Moving Forward Together - August 2017

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### Karyn Tank reports:

There were 10 meetings held at the Dem HQs in June, with 123 persons attending.

Our investment in this building continues to be a valuable asset for the local party and others that meet here.

# Portage County Democratic Party

## P I C N I C

### HIGHLIGHTS

Food & Refreshments for sale

Bake Sale

Silent Auction

Raffle at 3 pm

Live music by **moogie** 11:30-12:45

Speeches@ 12:45

Dave Obey Award

Sunday, AUG. 27

11:30 - 4 PM

Pfiffner Shelter

Join us – Rain or Shine

### Invited Politicians

US Senator Tammy Baldwin

US Rep. Ron Kind

State Rep. Katrina Shankland

Elected County & Local Officials

**Scot Ross** of ONE WINOW,

A liberal issue advocacy group, will discuss our progressive values.



## Picnic Raffle Tickets – Jack Allgaier

*The raffle tickets have all been delivered or will be delivered shortly to the members. My deepest thanks go out to this fine group of volunteers who personally delivered the tickets throughout Portage County: Leigh Allgaier, Trish Baker, Jerod Barkley, Darlene & Jim Jakusz, David & Trudy Pederson, Janice & Bill Seybold, Karen Tank and Jan Way. If you did not receive raffle tickets and would like a packet, please contact Jack Allgaier at 341-5359 or [allgaiers@gmail.com](mailto:allgaiers@gmail.com)*

### **Ways to Return your Sold Raffle Tickets:** You may:

- 1) Drop your sold stubs and a payment off at the HQs – the hours are listed at the right;
- 2) In case the HQs is not open, drop the sold stubs and payment in our locked mailbox at our HQs. We check our mailbox daily so your stubs and money will be safe;
- 3) Mail the sold stubs and a check to our HQs at **PCDP, 2220 Division St., Stevens Point, 54481;**
- 4) Bring them to the picnic on Sunday, Aug. 27. Please do so **BEFORE 2:00 pm** as the drawing is held at 3 pm; or
- 5) Contact Jack for personal pick-up: 715-341-5359 or [allgaiers@gmail.com](mailto:allgaiers@gmail.com). Thanks.

### **HQs HOURS**

Tues Aug 8: 6 – 9 pm  
(our general meeting)  
Tues Aug 15: 4 – 7 pm  
Tues Aug 22: 4 – 7 pm  
Sat Aug 26: 10 am – 1

**Can't Sell your Tickets?** That's OK. Really. Your membership and involvement is so much more important. If you don't want to have tickets delivered next year, please let me know and we will put you on our *No Raffle Tickets* list. Doing so saves the time and effort needed to personally deliver the tickets as well as the expenses involved. Thanks – Jack

## MORE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION – Karyn Tank

We are in need of large items for the auction and small items to be assembled into the baskets for the silent auction. These items should be new or in very good condition. If you have any items still in the box at home, consider donating them.

Some baskets that have been started but need additional items include: cat and dog lovers, children's toys, Badger football, gardening, coffee and chocolates. If you can donate any of these items or have additional items for another theme basket, you may bring your items to the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting or call Karyn Tank at 715-347-6633 to arrange pick-up of any donations.

Thanks! And see you at the PICNIC!



Remember, Karyn has donated this basket she won at the DPW Convention...come and place your bid, you could take this prize home!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE THE 2017 PICNIC THE BEST YET

**FOOD** You can donate some potato salad or baked beans or fruit salad  
You can help serve food. You can be a bartender (no license needed.)  
Contact Jan Way at 572-5802 or janmway@gmail.com

**BAKE SALE** You can donate some cookies or bars or homemade jam or other  
homemade items.  
You can also help us sell the goods.  
Contact Carol Gawlik at 344-3961 or [cgawlik@att.net](mailto:cgawlik@att.net)

**IMPORTANT-**With your donation, please include your name and address and  
an estimated value (see below). If you unsure, choose a value equal to a  
similar store-bought version, but we know yours is better!

## **ATTEND!**

Buy some food and drink. Take home some bake goods. Bid on our fantastic  
silent auction items. Be there at the wonderful Pfiffner Shelter – indoors, out-  
of-the sun with a cool breeze off the Wisconsin River.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER – Rick Christofferson**

Our annual picnic is coming up on Sunday, August 27 at Pfiffner Park. The picnic is a major  
source of revenue for our party. Please buy raffle tickets, food, and beverages, bake sale  
items and bid in the silent auction.

Please remember that to comply with state campaign finance laws we must report the  
names and addresses of contributors as well as the contribution amounts in our semi-  
annual reports. So please fill out the necessary information on the raffle tickets and  
provide your information if you are a successful bidder at the silent auction. If you buy  
more than \$10 in baked goods we will need that information as well.

If you purchase or sell raffle tickets in advance, please make sure you get the drawing  
tickets and the money back to us as soon as possible so we can process things promptly.

Thank you and have fun at the picnic!



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Photo by Jan Way



The Portage County Dems were RED, WHITE & BLUE and ready for the Stevens Point Independence Day Parade.

Below are pictures, compliments of Michele Bjella, of the two units in the parade and some of the volunteers that passed out candy and trinkets to the appreciative crowd along the route!



Photos compliments of Michele Bjella

Thanks to David Pederson & Louie & Carol Gawlik for donating their vehicles and THANKS to the volunteers that joined in the fun.

Several parade participants met after the parade at the HQs for refreshments and food.

Thanks to Leigh Allgaier, Darlene Todd, Barb Inch, and Trudy Pederson for preparing and serving the lunch.

John Blakeman, UWSP Political Science professor was our featured speaker at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Professor Blakeman was asked to discuss the proposed legislation to hold a Constitutional Congressional Convention to balance the Federal budget and the implications of such a convention.



Photo by Nichole Lysne

We learned, that in Professor Blakeman's view, the possibility of 2/3 of the 50 states passing such a referendum to hold a convention was unlikely, but should the required number of states vote to hold such a convention the US Constitution does not provide an organized procedure or guidance on how to proceed. The usual procedure to change the Constitution is by amendment. The examples given were the amendments to allow women to vote and legislation prohibiting the sale of alcohol and it's later repeal.

Professor Blakeman answered questions and received a generous round of applause.

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*Familiar Faces at the July 2017 meeting - photos by Nichole Lysne*



*Katrina Shankland, Assembly*



*Sheriff Mike Lucas*



*The "usual" indulgence*



*County Treasurer Tom Mallison*

**CUBA** — We will travel to CUBA with Ned & Mary Grossnickle at our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ned shared this preview:

Cuba is a very different place, with no American banks credit cards, no handguns (except authorities), no fast food restaurants, a highly educated population, excellent health care and incredibly low incomes.

Reminders of the 1959 Revolution are everywhere. Cubans say they like the Americans but not the US government. Talented musicians are part of the culture.

Ned & Mary are anxious to share much more about what they saw and experienced in Cuba recently. Be sure to attend the meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The highest form of ignorance is when you reject that which you know nothing about. Anonymous

### Nominations are OPEN

There is currently an opening on the Executive Board for an At-Large seat. Our constitution does not require that this seat be filled, but should any member be interested, you may nominate yourself at the August general meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send an email to Jerod Barkley at [jerodbarkley@gmail.com](mailto:jerodbarkley@gmail.com) with a brief message stating that you wish to run for this seat. If no one runs, the seat will remain unfilled until elections in December. If only one member decides to run, he/she will likely win the spot. If more than one express interest, there will be an election at the August meeting. Please consider joining our Board.

### Tammy Day of Action July 8, 2017



TAMMY bumper stickers available at HQs

Co-Chair Gary Hawley sponsored the event at HQs and Katrina spoke of her appreciation of Tammy's leadership in the US Congress and the absolute necessity to reelect her in 2018.

# Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Nominee

By Trish Baker

Thursday July 20, Trish invited candidate **Rebecca Dallet** to speak to our local Democrats at our HQs. Portage County District Attorney Louis Molepske introduced her to the group of about 15 members for a personal opportunity for questions and answers.

Rebecca Dallet is a former prosecutor and has been a Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge in Milwaukee County since 2008. She was a prosecutor for 11 years before winning election to the bench in 2008 and 2014. While the Supreme Court is non-partisan, Judge Dallet has made a concerted effort to reach out to Democrats across the state. She believes there is nothing more important in our Supreme Court now than independence from special interests.



Photo by Jerry Uglund

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## EVENTS COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 1 – Monday September 4 - Rosholt Fairgrounds – Volunteers needed to engage fairgoers and disseminate literature and information at our Democratic “tent on the hill”.

Saturday, September 2 - Rosholt Fair Parade - Volunteers needed to walk the parade route handing out candy and US flags. Meet at the high school prior to the Noon parade start.

Tuesday, September 12 – PCDP General Meeting – Dan Dieterich and a UWSP student will report on their recent meeting with US Representative House members as part of the Citizens Climate Lobby Day in Washington D.C.

Friday, September 15 – PCDP Brat ETC. Sale @ Trigs – Contact Ray Cal if you can flip a burger, fry some onions, bake a batch of cookies, and/or help us out in the food booth.

[Raymond.cal@yahoo.com](mailto:Raymond.cal@yahoo.com)



# Apply to join the Emerge Wisconsin Class of 2018



## ABOUT US

Emerge America and our 22 EmERGE affiliates share one mission: to increase the number of Democratic women leaders from diverse backgrounds in public office through recruitment, training and providing a powerful network. EmERGE Wisconsin is an affiliate of EmERGE America and is the premier political leadership training program for Democratic women running for office in Wisconsin.

## TRAINING

With a curricula designed for women planning to run in 2018 and beyond, the Class of 2018 is an intensive program intended to give women in Wisconsin the training they need to run and win. Curricula will include the following topics presented by top political strategists and trainers.

- *Developing a campaign plan*
- *Fundraising*
- *Messaging*
- *Press Operations*
- *Public Speaking*
- *Grassroots Field Campaigns*
- *And much more!*

## TUITION

Tuition for the EmERGE Wisconsin Class of 2018 is \$500. There is an additional fundraising requirement for a total of \$750. We will work on the raise requirement as a class.

Tuition offsets EmERGE Wisconsin's out-of-pocket costs for providing the weekend training sessions. EmERGE Wisconsin will also schedule a Shadow Day, which gives participants the opportunity to walk in the shoes of a legislator for the day to learn the ins and outs of the daily lives of women in politics. EmERGE Wisconsin believes that individual financial circumstances should not be a barrier to participation. Partial financial aid may be awarded after admission to the EmERGE Wisconsin Class of 2018. EmERGE Wisconsin is the premier training program for Democratic women. We inspire women to run, and we hone their skills to win. Our goal is clear: to increase the number of Democratic women in public office.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The EmERGE Wisconsin Class of 2018 has been developed for Democratic women who are planning to run for office in 2018 and beyond. More information about our programs can be found at [www.emergewi.org](http://www.emergewi.org).

APPLY NOW:  
[www.emergewi.org/apply](http://www.emergewi.org/apply)

Questions? Contact us at [contact@emergewi.org](mailto:contact@emergewi.org)



WE ARE BETTER THAN THIS — CONGRESSMAN JOE KENNEDY III  
MAY 5, 2017

It is among the most basic human truths: Every one of us, some day, will be brought to our knees. By a diagnosis we didn't expect, a phone call we can't imagine, or a loss we cannot endure.

That common humanity inspires our mercy. It fortifies our compassion. It drives us to look out for the sick, the elderly, the poor, and the most vulnerable among us.

The Republican proposal is more than premiums and tax cuts. It is a cold and calculated worldview: One that scapegoats the struggling, and sees fault in suffering. One dead set on dividing us based on whom we love, where we come from, the direction of our faith and the size of our fortunes.

We see it in their tax plan, their budget cuts, their immigration policy, and their civil rights assaults -- and yesterday, in their cruel health care plan.

**We must reject it.**

We must decide, instead, to take care of each other -- because, but for the grace of God, we will all one-day wake up in need of a little mercy.

This nation's character has never been defined by the power we give the already strong -- but by the strength we give the weak.

**This is our ultimate test. And it starts right now. Get involved in the fight today**

***Everyone Does Better When Everyone Does Better***



***WANTED: Qualified individual to develop, design and maintain a web site for PCDP. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested, please contact either co-chair: Gary Hawley at 715-321-0111 or Jan Way 715-572-5802 or janmway@gmail.com***

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PCDP MEETING AUGUST 8, 2017

6 PM Socialization

6:30 Call to order

Program: **CUBA**- Ned & Mary Grossnickle will talk about their recent trip and their impressions of the people and the culture.

Refreshments & Raffle

Elected officials & candidate comments

Business Meeting

Authorized and paid for by the Portage County Democratic Party

A note to readers that receive the PCDP newsletter in black & white by mail. If you have internet service, consider having the newsletter come to you electronically. The colored copy is so much more vibrant and readable, especially with all of the pictures that are now included. Contact Jack Allgaier at [allgaier@gmail.com](mailto:allgaier@gmail.com) or 715-3415359.