Portage County DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward November 2019

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Karyn Tank Ex. Board member and HQ's usage tracker, reports there were 6 meetings with 50 participants at the HQs in September.

Meet Austyn Zarda - The new Regional Organizing Director for the North Central Region of Wisconsin for DPW. "I am absolutely thrilled to have this opportunity to come home and help organize the Northwoods".

I am a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a BA in Political Science. I am an aspiring political organizer with a specialization in voter registration, rural outreach and campus organizing. I have multiple campaign cycles under my belt, including work as a Field Organizer for the organization NextGen America during the 2018 midterm elections.

We are just days until our ONE YEAR TO WIN Weekend of Action

November 2nd & 3rd, 2019. 9 AM - 6 PM Dem HQs Stevens Point

This is going to be our largest event for the rest of the year, so we will need as much help as we can to make it successful. We will be having events throughout the state and specifically in our region. There will be no shortage of opportunities to start laying the groundwork for 2020.

Speaking of elections... Portage County Spring Elections

Primary - Tuesday February 18, 2020

General & Presidential Partisan Primary - Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Office	Incumbent	Candidate
Stevens Point Area School Board	Trish Baker Chris Scott Ed Morganroth – appointed to serve out Amy Dailey's term	
Stevens Point alder seats Even districts	Dist 2: David Shorr Dist 4: Mykeerah Zarazua Dist 6: Jeremy Slowinski Dist 8: Cathy Dugan Dist 10: Mike Phillips	 *not running in 2020* *not running in 2020* *not running in 2020*
Village of Plover Trustees	1st Ward: Adam Raabe 2nd Ward: Orville Damrau 3rd Ward: Al Tessmann	
Town of Hull Supervisors	John Koshnick Dave Wills	
County Supervisors: all seats are up for re-election. District 1: Vincent Miresse District 2: Chris Doubek District 3: Meleesa Johnson District 4: David Medin District 5: Julie Morrow District 6: Mildred Neville District 7: Dave Ladick	District 8: Joan Honl District 9: Chai Moua District 10: Bob Gifford District 11: Stan Potocki District 12: Mike Splinter District 13: Don Jankowski District 14: James Gifford District 15: Allen Haga, Jr District 16: Daniel Martinson	17: Dennis Raabe 18: Larry Raikowski 19: Dale O'Brien 20: Charles Gussel 21: Jeanne Dodge 22: Matt Jacowski 23: Barry Jacowski 24: Gerry Zastrow 25: James Zdroik

Some of the incumbents listed have not yet announced whether they are running again.

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Ray Cal was at the October meeting making an appeal to anyone interested in running for a local office and/or if anyone knew of someone who might be interested in running for office.

He also informed us that Wisconsin Progress will be conducting campaign training for any Progressive running for local office (city council, county board, school board, village or town board) on Saturday, November 16, at the Portage County Democratic Party Headquarters.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the program runs until 5 PM, (although they may finish earlier depending on questions and followup). Training is open to candidates and their key campaign volunteers. Anyone planning to participate **must** register **ahead of time** with Wisconsin Progress www.wisconsinprogress.org. For more information, contact Ray Cal at Raymond.Cal@hotmail.com or 715-321-0329
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Spring State Elections - Primary Tuesday, February, 18
General & Presidential Partisan Primary - Tuesday, April 7, 2020

OFFICE	Incumbents	Candidates
Justice of the Supreme Court	Daniel Kelly – appointed by Gov. Scott Walker in 2016	Edward Fallone Jill Karofsky
Wis Court of Appeals Dist 4	Rachel Graham- daughter of members Anne & Larry Graham; appointed by Gov. Tony Evers	
Municipal Court Judge	Erik MacFarland	

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PCDP's Statutory Chair, Michele Bjella asks for Poll Workers

Integrity of our elections is so important. As we all know, we need Democrats and Progressives staffing the polls. Note that electors are paid. All County municipalities, including Stevens Point, Plover and smaller towns and villages are short of Democratic Poll work nominees.

If you are available to work the polls or can recommend another Democrat to do so, please call Michele Bjella at 715-345-9779 no later than November 27 in order to meet the deadline.

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OCTOBER PROGRAM

Greg Wright, Executive Director of CREATE Portage County was the speaker at our October meeting.

Greg shared that CREATE began in 2004 as The Arts Alliance of Portage County as an arts and cultural agent for Portage County. CREATE has evolved through the years and now identifies as an organization "to lead community development efforts through continued arts advocacy and creative placemaking".

Currently, CREATE Portage County is raising money in a capital campaign to salvage and refurbish the "FOX" Theatre (built in 1894) in downtown Stevens Point to create a Community Hub for Innovation & Creativity. A New Fox will not only serve as a hub for entrepreneurship and creativity in Central Wisconsin, it will also anchor a countywide innovation district made up of existing and expanding tech businesses, music venues, art galleries, shops, restaurants and more".

Greg answered questions from the audience and also let us in on some secrets regarding the future of the Fox Theatre. The audience appreciated Greg's presentation by their applause.

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Vicki Schneider will present our program on November 12th.

Vicki will speak to LGBT issues. Her talking points include:

- Why supporting the LGBT community is important
- Privilege
- Definitions
- Pronouns
- How to be supportive
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PCDP Executive Board

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POSITION	MEMBER
Co-Chair	Gary Hawley
Co-Chair	Jan Way
1st Vice Chair	Jerod Barkley
2nd Vice Chair	Ned Grossnickle
3rd Vice Chair	Karyn Tank
4th Vice Chair	David Pederson
Statutory Chair	Michele Bjella
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Secretary	Hilary Landowski
Newsletter Editor	Trudy Pederson
3rd CD Rep	Rick Christofferson
At Large	Valerie Landowski
At Large	Marlo Fields
At Large	Joan Garski
At Large	Chris McLaughlin
At Large	Travis Slattery
At Large	Lynn Wyman
At Large	Rick Wyman
UWSP College	**Dems**
President	Haley Hartmann
Vice-President	Aubree Hagen

2020 Executive Board Candidates Needed

The PCDP is looking for members interested in running for positions on the Executive Board. It involves attending the monthly meeting held the first Tuesday of each month and helping out with events throughout the year. Serving on the Executive Board provides an opportunity to shape our party and it's functions.

If you are interested, contact Gary (715-321-0111), Jan Way, janmway@gmail.com or Jack Allgaier allgaiers@gmail.com before Nov. 12 so your name can be included on our candidate slate. You may also nominate yourself at the meeting that night. However, no names can be added after the Nov. 12th meeting. Voting for the Executive Board takes place at the December 10th meeting.

Save The Date

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2019

Mark the date on your calendar now. You will not want to miss our annual Holiday Party at the Dem Headquarters.

Join your friends for festive foods, refreshments and spirited conversations.

All of our dedicated, locally elected officials are invited and are encouraged to share their holiday greetings and official happenings.

The party begins at 6:30 with a very short business meeting. The rest of the evening is devoted to socialization and holiday cheer.

As always, we invite you to bring your special holiday finger food to share with fellow Dems.

Congratulations
Katrina & Jed

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PCDP November 12, 2019 Meeting

6 PM Socializing

6:30 Call to Order

Program: Vicki Schneider will discuss LGBT issues

Elected Officials

Business Meeting - Announcements - Refreshments

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