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December 2019

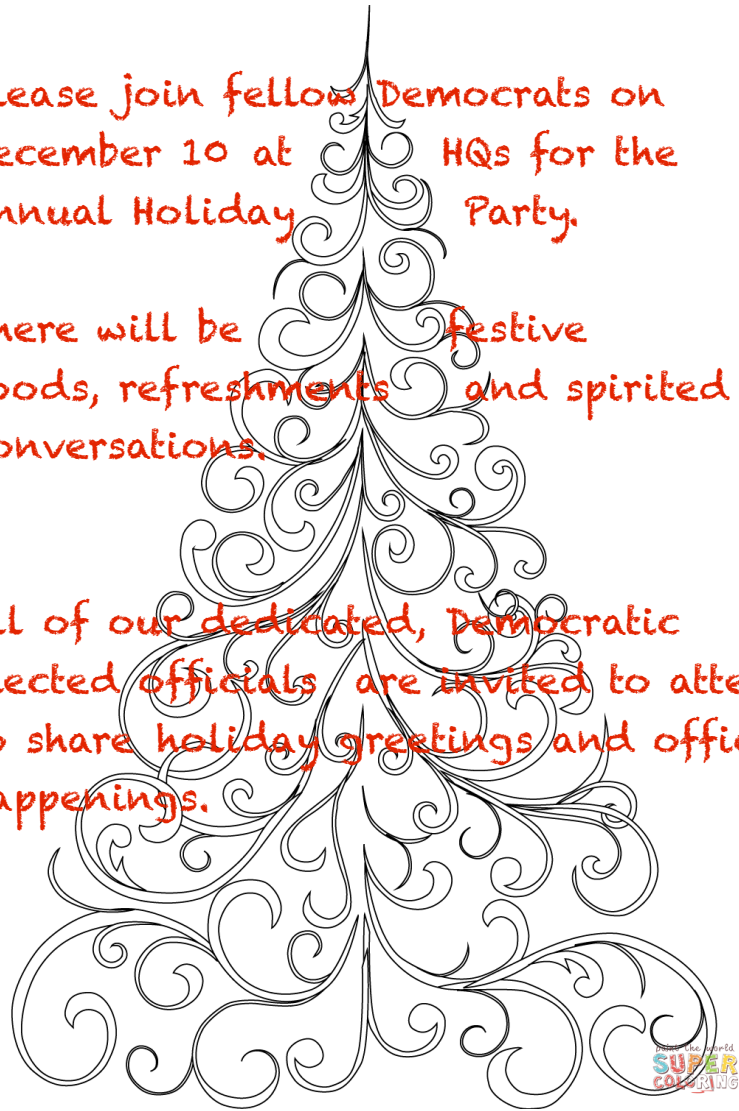
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Please join fellow Democrats on December 10 at HQs for the annual Holiday Party.

There will be festive foods, refreshments and spirited conversations.

All of our dedicated, Democratic elected officials are invited to attend to share holiday greetings and official happenings.



Small logo for SUPER COLLEGE

The event starts at 6:30 with a 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.

In

October there were 16 meetings with 76 people in attendance according to our HQ tracker Karyn Tank



Our featured speaker for the November 12th meeting was Vicki Schneider. Vicki spoke about the LGBTQ local community and the LGBTQ community at large. She identified what each of the LGBTQ letters stands for and the population that identifies with each group. She outlined some of the ways we as informed citizens can be supportive of this marginalized segment of our society.

Vicki answered many questions and received praise for the very informative and thoughtful talk from several members in attendance. She received well deserved applause.

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## Executive Board

Revised 6/2019

| <b>POSITION</b>            | <b>MEMBER</b>       |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Co-Chair                   | Gary Hawley         |
| Co-Chair                   | Jan Way             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair | Jerod Barkley       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair | Ned Grossnickle     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair | Karyn Tank          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice Chair | David Pederson      |
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| At Large                   | Marlo Fields        |
| At Large                   | Joan Garski         |
| At Large                   | Chris McLaughlin    |
| At Large                   | Travis Slattery     |
| At Large                   | Lynn Wyman          |
| At Large                   | Rick Wyman          |
| <b>UWSP College</b>        | <b>Dems</b>         |
| President                  | Haley Hartmann      |
| Vice-President             | Aubree Hagen        |
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The following is a submission by Ned Grossnickle

U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 4: President may be impeached for "treason, bribery, or high crimes and misdemeanors". Clearly, Trump used taxpayer dollars to get something of value, a "favor", in his 7/25 call with Zellinsky "I want to ask you a favor, though" request to get dirt on the Bidens. That is textbook bribery. The 7/25 call summary, released by Trump himself, states this. All the Nov 13 - 21 testimony is just icing on the cake. If Trump isn't impeached, the House is not doing its job, and future presidents can also get away with bribery. In George Washington's 1797 farewell address he warned "Foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government." James Madison proposed impeachment in the constitution to ensure that no president could "betray his trust to foreign powers." Case closed.

Elections for the 2020 Executive Board members will take place at the December 10th meeting.



YOUNG DEMS CHAPTER submitted by Valerie Landowski

Portage County will become the newest chapter of Young Democrats of Wisconsin! We're inviting all young folks under the age of 36 to join us!

The goal of the Young Democrats is to mobilize young people to participate in the electoral process, elect Democrats, advance and advocate for progressive issues and develop long-term leadership skills. Fun events to come!

If you are interested in joining us, please email Valerie Landowski at [valerie.j.landowski@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.j.landowski@gmail.com) for more details!



Recent article headline in the Cap Times - "Fitzgerald is a gun-industry stooge who refuses to govern". Paraphrasing the article: Members of Mothers Against Violence, March for Our Lives and other groups met in Madison recently in support of Governor Tony Earl's Special Legislative session to address gun violence and to tell legislators it is time to respond to the the will of the people.

- \* The time was right to act after the August mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio that left 31 people dead in one weekend.
- \* The special legislative session was appropriate for addressing this big issue.
- \* The proposals represented the will of the people - a recent Marquette Poll showed 80% of Wisconsinites support expanded background checks and almost 70% of gun owners are on board for the proposal.

Unfortunately, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald waited until after nightfall when there were no other legislators in the Senate Chamber to bring the special session to order. Seconds later, Fitzgerald adjourned it. No deliberations, no debate, no votes on the proposals.

It was a stunning display of arrogance and further evidence that he does not hold the best interests and safety of the citizens of Wisconsin first and foremost.



You might be interested:

December 2, 2019 - **6-8 PM** - **UWSP** College of Natural Resources - 1015 Reserve St. Between Earth & Sky - a film screening and discussion - UWSP Dept. Natural Resources

This film examines climate change through the lens of impacts to native Alaskans, receding glaciers and arctic soil. Free & open to the public.

Coffee & Conversation - every Wednesday - 10 AM - at Olympia Restaurant Stevens Point





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## PCDP DECEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING

6 PM Doors Open

6:30 SHORT Business meeting

Holiday Party begins  
Refreshments  
Elected Officials  
Socialization  
Announcements