



# PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward Together September 2018

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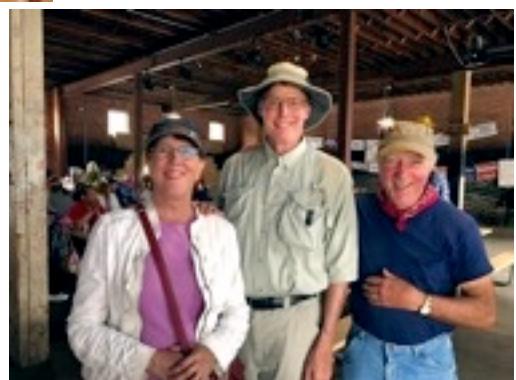
### HQ activity

There were 4 meetings and 158 people using our headquarters in the month of July as reported by our numbers tracker, Karyn Tank.

## A Party for our Party!



Portage County Democratic Picnic 2018



Portage County Democrats & friends  
Brook Knutson , Doug La Follett,  
Jody Hurrish ,Mayor Mike, Cory Ladick,  
Cindy Chelcun, Joe & Nancy Roppe,  
Dave Gorski, Justin & Lynn Isherwood,  
James Zach, Lisa Roth





Katrina the emcee  
extraordinaire &  
Meleesa Johnson, Cari Fay,  
Lois Lawler, Jenny Burton &  
Mary Kneebone.



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### Raffle Winners

1st prize \$250 - Aiden Winn

2nd prize \$150 - Jan Sopa

3rd prize \$100 - Joan Garski

It "pays" to be a Democrat!

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Karyn Tank was presented the Dave Obey Award by Rick Christofferson on behalf of the PCDP.

The award is presented yearly to the PCDP member who supports the philosophies of the Democratic Party and exhibits some of Dave Obey's traits: hard working, conscientious and respected.

Karen was recognized for her work on the silent auction baskets and her active participation at parades, civic actions and other functions that benefit the party.

Congratulations Karyn!

A BIG thanks to these top ticket sellers:

David Shorr sold \$ 260

Greg Hanneman sold \$ 120

Karyn Tank sold \$ 90

Jan Way says "Thanks for your help with the Picnic food ...Thanks to a great group of kitchen and bartender volunteers. we enjoyed a successful picnic again in 2018. I'd especially like to thank our bartenders: Meleesa Johnson, Travis Slattery, and Jarod Barkley. Our thanks to Central Waters Brewery for the discount on their Shine On Ale. Most everyone seemed to enjoy this craft beer.

We had great help in the kitchen too. Thank you Leigh Allgaier, Peggy Wirtz-Olson, Nancy Chojnacki, Joan Garski, Trudy Pederson, Liz McDonald, Jim Pollock, and Trish Baker.

Thanks also to the many food contributors including Leigh Allgaier, Peggy Wirtz-Olson, Joan Garski, Valerie Landowski, Meleesa Johnson, Trudy Pederson, Kent Hall, Nancy Chojnacki, Lois Lawler, and Barb Inch.

Thanks Trudy and Liz for your help in the planning. It's always a pleasure to work with all of you.

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**Thanks from Carol Gawlik...**Carol, chairperson of the Bake Sale, says thanks to all the bakers and preservers who provided the delicious treats and goodies for sale. Carol thanks her helpers, Barb Inch, Char Figge and Joni Garski as well.

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*Basket Raffle "Thank You" ... by Karyn Tank.*

*Besides the list of donors which I have not compiled yet, I thank Leigh Allgaier who helped take completed baskets from upstairs at HQs to downstairs, which saved my knees a few trips up and down those 22 steps. Anne Arndt once again made numbered labels used on the baskets, and Nancy Chojnacki helped me close up the baskets in preparation for transporting them to the picnic. Nancy and my sister Kristyne Havitz and Nathan Havitz, my nephew, helped me transport the baskets to the Pfiffner building the day of the picnic and helped with the set-up, and at the end of the auction, with the distribution to the "winners".*

*Thanks for all the help!*



## Recent visitors to PCDP

PCDP hosted candidates prior to the August 14th Primary.



Kathleen Vinehout was a candidate for governor. Not winning the primary, Kathleen will continue as Senator of District 31



Sarah Godlewski was a candidate for Treasury Secretary. Sarah won her primary and is the Democratic candidate in the November 6th election.



### CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

About 30 people gathered at the PCDP headquarters on the Wednesday evening following the August 14 primary. Over food – the food is always good at HQ – members and guests discussed the primary results and the path forward to the November general election.

Representative Katrina Shankland spoke to the group sharing a positive vision of hope and of what is possible for Wisconsin if we all work hard together and win in November.

*The World Is Ruled by Those That Show Up*

Marlo Fields, Field Organizer at PCDP, is looking for volunteers to help get our Democratic candidates elected in November. 612-401-9597 - marlof@ronkind.org



Happy winning candidates on August 15th at UWSP!

## **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES VISIT STEVENS POINT DURING CAMPAIGN KICKOFF TOUR**

Four Democratic candidates for statewide office visited Stevens Point on Friday, August 17 – one of five stops on their Wisconsin campaign kickoff tour.

Tony Evers for Governor, Mandela Barnes for Lieutenant Governor, Josh Kaul for Attorney General and Sarah Godlewski for State Treasurer spoke to an

enthusiastic crowd in the Encore Room at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Our own state representative, Katrina Shankland, provided opening remarks, emphasizing the importance of the November elections and the need to work hard to get out the vote in November.

Tony Evers spoke about Democratic plans to fund public K-12 and higher education, fix our roads and provide health care to Wisconsin residents. Mandela Barnes emphasized that the campaign will be focusing on a positive, progressive vision to provide voters with a reason to vote for the Democratic ticket and not just against the current administration.

Josh Kaul spoke about the current attorney general and the interests that the incumbent represents and protects. Josh Kaul is committed to representing the people of Wisconsin on the issues that matter to working Wisconsinites and their families.

Sarah Godlewski addressed the need to have a fiscal watchdog to act as a check on possible abuses in how Wisconsin taxpayer money is spent. She emphasized that her background and experience provide her with the skills to see that Wisconsin spends its money wisely and in accordance with standard practices and principles.

Portage County Democrats are happy that the candidates recognize the importance of our county in statewide races. Portage County is a longtime “blue” county and it is critical that Portage County Democrats turn out to vote in November along with independents who know that it's time for change in Madison.

Let's build on the enthusiasm generated by this early visit. Volunteer to work at the Portage County Democratic Party headquarters at 2220 Division Street in Stevens Point. There is much work to be done for voter identification and then GOTV – Get Out The Vote – efforts as Election Day approaches. We need people willing to make phone calls, do literature drops, canvas and perform various other seemingly small but actually vital tasks to achieve victory in November. Join us in working toward a progressive path for Wisconsin in 2018 and beyond.

by Rick Christofferson



A reception for Ron Kind was held at Great Northern Distillery in early August.

Ron chats here with Mayor Mike. Also attending is Ron's staffer, Erica Hougen and Ned Grossnickle.



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## AUGUST

PCDP's August member meeting held just prior to the primary election, featured an open mic. Members were able to expound on why they were supporting "their" Democratic candidate for any one of the several Partisan Primary races. Positive support was offered for several candidates.

## September

Our September 10th meeting will feature Wendell Nelson, a local historian and author of several articles revealing the history of several of the stately homes in and around Stevens Point. Mr. Nelson will share what he knows about our historical building and "the triangle" just south of us that was once a thriving business district. Please join us September 10th.

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### UPCOMING PCDP EVENTS:

**Coffee & Conversation** - Our weekly coffee group will continue to meet at the Olympic Restaurant, (in the back) on Division St. in Stevens Point at 10:30 AM on Wednesdays. We share progressive ideas on the issues affecting all of us. Join us and join in our lively discussions.

**Fall Rummage Sale** - Our almost annual rummage sale is Friday September 7 & Saturday Sept 8th. It will be held at Darlene Todd's home, 1533 Michigan St., Stevens Point. Set-up will be held during the day on Thursday, Sept. 6th. If you can help Darlene and co-chair Liz McDonald on any of these days, the help would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you have items in good shape to donate (no electronics please), you can contact Liz at 715-341-4223 or Darlene at 715-498-4340.

**ANNUAL FISH FRY** - Friday, September 21 at Two Harps (formerly Rhody's, kitty-corner from HQs) at 6 PM. Join us to mingle with fellow Democrats and enjoy a Wisconsin tradition - beer and Friday fish fry!

## Upcoming Community Events of Interest:

Making Peace Week, September 16 - 23 "A September Week of Activities to build a culture of peace & nonviolence". All events are free and open to the public. Details on all events at <https://www.facebook.comvvcwi/> or questions at [makingpeace18@gmail.com](mailto:makingpeace18@gmail.com).

FESTIVAL OF INDIA - will be held September 29 from 1-7 PM at SPASH in Stevens Point. There will be 12 free workshops, a stage show and a delicious Indian buffet dinner. For more information visit [www.shamaimc.org](http://www.shamaimc.org)

Rise up for Climate, Jobs & Justice - Rise for Climate in Appleton, WI. September 8th, 10:30 AM, Houdini Plaza (College & Appleton) . Americans are taking action to send the message that Americans care about climate change and demand local leaders step up and take bold action where the current administration won't. More information at [pcm.info@peoplesclimate.org](mailto:pcm.info@peoplesclimate.org) .

FIGHTING BOB FEST - Sponsored by Progressive magazine & Our Wisconsin Revolution

Friday 9/14 - Kickoff at Barrymore Theatre in Madison.

Saturday 9/15 - LaCrosse - a day filled with speakers, training, music and food.

Monday 9/15 - Milwaukee - A one-man show by Josh Fox - Our Revolution-Creative Director

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PCDP Dems show up at the  
Rosholt Fair & Parade

Thanks to **everyone** who spent part of their Labor Day holiday letting fair goers know that Dems are engaged and active in central Wisconsin.



You can pick up your Tammy signs at HQ on meeting night September 11.  
We have plenty on hand!

Signs for our Democratic candidates facing challengers for state offices have been ordered.  
As soon as they arrive, you will be notified.

Evers/Barnes - Governor/Lt. Governor

Josh Kaul - Attorney General

Sarah Godlewski - Treasury Secretary

In addition, PCDP Executive Board authorized the purchase of barn (the big ones) for Tammy and Evers/Barnes. Also ordered were Evers/Barnes bumper stickers.

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FYI

\* September 19th, absentee ballots will be available statewide.

\* There will be **these** referendums on the local November ballot:

The Stevens Point School District will have two referenda. One, to fund major maintenance and construction projects and the second to continue existing educational programs.

The Portage County Board has authorized a binding referendum that would ask voters to approve a temporary tax levy increase to fund the Portage County Home for 4 years while a permanent solution to the funding deficit is sought.

The Portage County Board also approved a referendum asking voters whether the state should legalize medical marijuana.

An advisory referendum asking voters if state lawmakers should close dark store tax loopholes will also be on the November 6th ballot. The current law allows big box stores to have their property assessed as vacant buildings which allows these business to pay less taxes, shifting more of the tax burden onto the rest of the taxpayers.



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## **PCDP SEPTEMBER 11TH MEETING**

**6 PM SOCIALIZATION**

**6:30 CALL TO ORDER**

**PROGRAM WENDELL NELSON -BUILDING HISTORY**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS & CANDIDATES**

**REFRESHMENTS & SOCIALIZATION**

**AUTHORIZED AND PAID FOR BY PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**