



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together - Moving Forward Together - January 2018



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Valuable Real Estate

Karyn Tank reports there were 5 meetings at HQ in November with 103 participants. Through all of 2017, our headquarters was the meeting place for over 1050 persons.

~ New Year ~ 2018



*Our challenge for the coming New Year is to work for a government that values integrity, equity, humanity and democracy, so when we wish our friends and families a **happy new year** in 2019, we will have realized it!*



Tammy Baldwin

"I believe Wisconsin families need a senator who will work hard to deliver results for the middle class- a leader with courage to do what's right, no matter how tough

the odds or how powerful the special interests we have to fight".

Tammy visited with area supporters at the O'SO Brewery on December 16th. Assemblyman Katrina Shankland introduced Tammy as a strong voice for middle class values in the US Senate.

Tammy told the group that she was running for reelection so she could continue to work for Wisconsin families on issues like healthcare, living wages and fair and equal opportunities for all Wisconsin citizens.

Change begins Spring 2018

Spring Election- non-partisan

Primary - Tuesday, February 20

Election Day – Tuesday April 3

(D) designates DPW members

OFFICE	Incumbent	Announced candidates
Justice of the Supreme Court	Mike Gableman (not seeking re-election)	Tim Burns Rebecca Dallet Michael Screneck
Wis Court of Appeals	Joanne Kloppenburg	
Portage County, Branch 1	Thomas Eagon	
Portage County, Branch 3	Thomas Flugaur	
Stevens Point Area School Board	1) Meg Erler	
	2) Judy Rannow	
	3) Michael Wade (appointed)	
Portage Co Executive	Patty Dreier (D) (not seeking re-election)	Jami Gebert (D) Matt Jacowski Chris Holman
Plover Village Board	Ward 1 Andrew Timm Ward 2 Orville Damrau Ward 3 Al Tessmann	
Even alder seats	Dist 2 David Shorr (D) Dist 4 Heidi Oberstadt (D) Dist 6 Jeremy Slowinski Dist 8 Cathy Dugan (D) Lynn Schulist., candidate Dist 10 Mike Phillips	

All 25 Portage County District Supervisors

<p>District 1: Vincent Miresse - incumbent District 2: Chris Doubek - incumbent District 3: Meleesa Johnson (D) – incumb. District 4: David Medin - incumbent District 5: Julie Morrow (D) - incumbent District 6: Bud Flood - not running Mildred Neville(D), candidate District 7: Dan Dobratz - not running Dave Ladick(D),candidate District 8: Larry Sipiorski – not running Joan Honl, candidate District 9: Bo DeDeker – not running Andrew Boden (D) candidate Chai Moua, candidate District 10: Bob Gifford - incumbent District 11: Stan Potocki - incumbent District 12: Don Butkowski not running Mike Splinter, candidate District 13: Don Jankowski – incumbent James Carpenter, candidate</p>	<p>District 14: James Gifford (D) - incumbent District 15: Allen Haga, Jr - incumbent District 16: Phil Idsvoog - not running No one running at this time District 17: Jerry Walters- not running Dennis Raabe, candidate District 18: Larry Raikowski - incumbent District 19: Dale O’Brien - incumbent Melinda Osterberg candidate District 20: Charles Gussel - incumbent Ron Becker (D), candidate District 21: Jeanne Dodge - incumbent Tim Corcoran (D), candidate District 22: Matthew Jacowski - incumbent Justin Isherwood, candidate District 23: Barry Jacowski - incumbent District 24: Gerry Zastrow (D) – incumbent District 25: James Zdroik – incumbent Anne Abbott, candidate Robert Lord, candidate</p>
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Mary McComb



David Shorr



Katrina Shankland

*Democratic
movers &
shakers in the
Holiday Spirit
At PCDP*



Amy Sue Vruwink



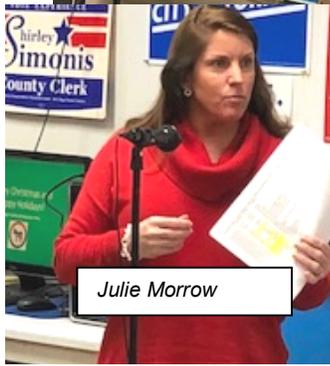
Corey Ladick



Joanne Kloppenburg



Shaun Morrow



Julie Morrow



Jami Gebert



#ME TOO



Millie Neville



New To PCDP Executive Board

Andrew Boden and Valerie Landowski were elected by the membership to the 2018 Executive Board at the December 12th meeting. We said goodbye and thank you to board member Jim Pollock. He assured us he will continue to be active in the party and we can still use his fence to hang our Democratic signs. Thanks Jim!



PCDP moves forward with plans to install solar panels. By Nichole Lynse

A capital campaign committee was formed to make decisions regarding installation of solar panels for our office building. The committee consisted of Konrad Chojnacki, Nancy Chojnacki, Glen Fink, Ned Grossnickle, Kent Hall, Sue Hall, Gary Hawley, Nichole Lynse, Jim Pollock, Darlene Todd and Tim Zimmerman. The committee met with two companies and discussed each company's proposal to place solar panels on our roof. The committee met with PhotoVoltaic Systems, LLC and North Wind Renewable Energy. After consideration, the committee recommended North Wind Renewable Energy to complete the installation. North Wind Renewable Energy also helped PCDP apply for available grants to cover some of the cost.

The committee also met with Solar Legacy Co-op of Wisconsin, a solar cooperative that facilitates community solar projects. After much discussion, the committee decided not to work with this cooperative because the Co-op requires a six-year commitment.

The committee is currently working on fundraising. The committee announced the mailing fundraiser effort, approved by the executive board, at the November general membership meeting. To date, we have raised over \$10,000.

The solar panels will be installed in April 2018.

FYI-PCDP Capital Campaign Update 12/30/2017- Rick Christofferson Treasurer, reports the Capital Campaign took in \$6,535 during the month of December. The total income from the campaign now stands at \$12,106 and includes money donated by the winners from the 50/50 raffles in recent months. Thank you to all that have donated!

If you have not yet done so, but intend to donate to the effort to decrease our carbon footprint, we will continue to accept donations throughout the coming months.

THANK YOU TO:

Glen Fink & Gary Hawley for installing new energy efficient lights in the headquarters. Not only are the lights saving energy and good for the environment, they are also brighter.

Rick Christofferson for his donation of a new Epson projector for HQ. According to Rick, “the Epson EX7240 projector produces a brighter and sharper image. The projector has HDMI and wireless connectivity which will make it easier for presenters to connect and set up their presentations. The old projector can be repurposed in the headquarters”.

Ray Cal for his considerable efforts to identify and encourage progressive candidates to run in the upcoming spring primary including for county board supervisor, Stevens Point Aldermatic seats and Stevens Point Public School Board positions.

Michele Bjella for her continued work identifying countywide and city election poll workers and working with local town, city and village clerks to update Democratic poll worker lists.

ALSO: (12/29/17) *Stevens Point Journal* listed nominations for the 2017 Stevens Point People of the Year designation. Two Portage County Democrats were nominated.

Patricia D’Ercole, for her long service to the Suzuki Center and for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the center this year; and

Colleen Ottum, who works with children doing horse therapy, and with women who have been abused. (Colleen also was PCDP’s “web master” for several years).
Congratulations to Patricia and Colleen on this honor and thanks for your community service.



RESOLUTIONS – WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, BUT UNABLE TO MAKE A MEETING? YOU CAN DO THIS FROM YOUR HOME!

County party members are encouraged to write resolutions relating to an area of governance that they are interested in for possible inclusion into the DPW platform. Resolutions can be no more than 100 words, not already included in the platform and must be structured as follows: (add’l info & help will be provided at the Jan. 9th meeting & in the Feb. newsletter).

- WHEREAS, factual statement
- WHEREAS, additional observations and statements
- WHEREAS, more observations and statements
- THEREFORE RESOLVED, the DPW supports.... statement.

Each resolution should fit into one of these categories:

- Justice, Human Concerns & Democracy
- Education, Labor & Economics
- Foreign Affairs
- Agriculture & Environmental Affairs

All resolutions submitted at the PCDP February 13th meeting will be voted on and the top vote getters will be forwarded onto the 3rd CD Convention in March.

Members are also encouraged to sign up to be delegates to the 3 CD Convention in March. CD Delegates are automatically delegates to the State Convention in Oshkosh in June. Contact Gary Hawley or Jan Way to sign up.



*“The time is always right
to do what is right.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

JUSTICEWORKS, LTD. presents

**2018 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

7:00—8:30 PM · **Monday, January 15, 2018**

Stevens Point Area Senior High Auditorium
1201 Northpoint Drive

FREE ADMISSION · REFRESHMENTS

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Struggle For Justice

Additional performances by
TriCounty High School Chorus

For information:
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Holy Spirit Parish—Saint Bronislava Catholic Church—Sisters of Saint Joseph—TOSF
Stevens Point Quaker Meeting—Trinity Lutheran Church—Unitarian Universalist Fellowship—United Methodist Church

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**January 9, 2018 PCDP Meeting**

Doug Stingle from Northwind Renewable Energy is our featured speaker for our January meeting. Doug will talk specifically about the installation of our solar panels and will take questions from the audience regarding renewable solar energy.

Tori Jennings, Stevens Point Alder has asked to talk to the group about the lack of a good local newspaper in the area.

Tim Burns, a candidate for Wisconsin Supreme Court, has also stated he plans to join us.

**Start 2018 off right** by joining an effective climate change organization that gets things done in Washington, D.C., namely, Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL). CCL is non-partisan and is responsible for the formation and growth of the Climate Solutions Caucus, CSC, in the House. From its formation in 2015 with no members, CSC now has 64 Representatives, 32 Democrats + 32 Republicans, because each time a new Representative wants to join, he/she has to reach across the aisle and find a member of the other party to join with him/her. It is truly bipartisan, in today's highly partisan world of the U.S. Congress.

CCL also works at the local level in many ways, and there are many different options available for you to become a climate change activist. Make 2018 the year you put your feelings about climate change into action! You are welcome at our **Saturday, January 13** meeting at **11:15 am** at the **Schmeekle Reserve**. Bring a sack lunch if you wish, and join the fun. We are over 600 members in the Stevens Point Chapter, we welcome new members, and we're growing exponentially! Everything is free, and there are never any dues.

Ned Grossnickle

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## Upcoming Events/Dates

Mark your calendar

**Every Wednesday 10:30 AM – Coffee & Conversation** – Olympic Restaurant N. Division St. Stevens Point

**January 23, 7 PM– Open forum Town Hall Event** at Midstate Technical College  
What is your issue for the 2018 Wisconsin gubernatorial campaign? Watch for posters announcing the event around your community.  
Sponsored by Our Wisconsin Revolution.

**March 10, 3<sup>RD</sup> Congressional Convention** – Sparta – Venue to be announced. This is when resolutions to the State Democratic platform are voted on at this level.

**March 13, Governor Forum** – 7 PM Encore Room at DUC on UW Stevens Point campus. Sponsored by Women's Resource Center.

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**“HOPE IS THAT THING INSIDE US THAT INSISTS,  
DESPITE ALL THE EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY,  
THAT SOMETHING BETTER AWAITS US  
IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO  
REACH FOR IT AND TO WORK FOR IT  
AND TO FIGHT FOR IT.”**

**Barack Obama  
January 3, 2008 – IOWA**



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## **PCDP January 9, 2018 Meeting**

6 PM Socialization

6:30 PM Call to order

Doug Stingle-North Wind Renewable Energy - answering your questions

Tori Jennings – local print news discussion

Elected Officials & Candidates comments

Refreshments & Socialization

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