



Portage County DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward July 2021

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2021 Stevens Point July 4th Parade- Noon on Main St.

Details are sketchy yet so look for updates via PCDems Updates for further information

We need lots of Dems to show our strength in Portage County. Counting on you to participate in whatever way is comfortable for you!

We Love a Parade



July 4th Parade 2019





Sunday August 22 at Pfiffner Park
11:30-4 PM

Jack Allgaier

The picnic is ON! After the year of quarantine it will be nice to gather as Democrats to hear some rousing speeches, have some food & drink and enjoy one another's company! Music will be provided once again by our favorite duo "moogie".

Our local elected officials and 2022 candidates are being invited, beer is being cooled and preparations for a grand celebration of the end of quarantine and a Democratic enthusiastic resurgence is being planned. You'll want to be there!

An important part of our picnic is the sale of our Raffle tickets; our most important fund raiser.

This year is no exception!



All raffle tickets will again be hand-delivered to each member's household. Your Party is fortunate to have an awesome group of volunteers who will deliver the tickets to your door beginning in July. We need your help in selling them. **Ticket buyers need not be present to win!**

Please return sold ticket stubs and a check or unsold tickets to our HQs.

drop them in our locked mailbox on our HQs;

or send via US mail to: PCDP

2220 Division St., Stevens Point 54481 or

bring to the picnic August 22 (**before 2 PM**)

Should you receive tickets that you do not want, please let me know (715-341-5359 or allgaiers@gmail.com) so we do not deliver next year.



A share of our fundraising at the picnic is our Basket raffle. Karyn Tank is once again asking for quality new or gently used items for our silent basket auction.

Please contact Karyn at 715-344-8009 to learn what items she needs to put together the great baskets as she has done in the past. Your contributions are very much needed and welcome. And remember to "shop" at the basket table at the picnic too!

Portage County Democratic Party Dave Obey Award

This Award was initiated in 2004 to honor Congressman Dave Obey's thirty-fifth year as a US Representative. It is given annually at the PCDP Picnic.

Excluded from consideration are publicly-elected officials and the current chair of the PCDP. The selection committee – as appointed by the chair annually – shall contain no nominees for the award for that year. The selection committee has sole rights to select the award recipient (selection is not confirmed by the Executive Board nor the general membership).

PCDP Democrats can submit applications (copy below) for fellow Democrats. Requirements are that the nominee live in Portage County, be a current member of the PCDP and support the philosophies of the Democratic Party. In addition, a nominee should exhibit some of those traits that Dave Obey has demonstrated during his career in politics: hard-working, respected, caring about poor or disadvantaged, steadfast and conscientious. The nominee should make us proud that he/she is a Democrat. The award is based on activity in the Democratic Party over the last year.

DAVID OBEY AWARD RECIPIENTS PAST DECADE

2011 – Kent Hall

2012 – Cindy Chelcun

2013 – Leigh Allgaier,
Trudy Pederson &
Darlene Todd

2014 – Carol Gawlik

2015 - Jerry Ugland

2016 - Glen Fink

2017 - Ray Cal

2018 - Karyn Tank

2019 – Michele Bjella

2020 – David Pederson



Submit this form

Nominated Person _____

Nominator _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Date 07/____/2021

Please explain in 300 words or less why this person is deserving of this award. Include at least two examples of involvement of this person with the PCDP. Please return this form and your comments by the **DEADLINE OF SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021.**

Mail to PCDP

Obey Award

2220 Division St.

Stevens Point, WI. 54481 **OR** email graniteridgefarm@gmail.com



Heather DuBois Bourenane, Executive Director of Wisconsin Public Education Network was our presenter at the June PCDP member meeting program. We learned that the network is a grassroots, non-partisan coalition to support our public schools.

Heather shared a powerpoint presentation that highlighted the consistent state funding shortfall for Public Schools. The lack of supportive funding for public education dates back several decades but was exacerbated by the policies of the Walker administration starting in 2010.

The remedy is to elect supporters of public education to the Wisconsin legislature. To that end we should be committed.

Heather took questions via the Zoom meeting and received appreciative applause.



“Wisconsin Democracy Campaign is working for a real democracy that allows the common good to prevail over narrow interests. We track the money in state politics and fight for campaign finance and other democracy reforms. WDC is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization”.

Matt Rothschild, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign will be our guest speaker at the July 13 meeting.

Matt worked at The Progressive magazine for 32 years most of which he was editor and publisher and has been with WI Democracy Campaign since 2015.

Matt will have much to say about the current Republican legislature and their politics. You do not want to miss this exciting and informative presentation.

Join fellow members on Zoom July 13. Watch PCDems Updates for your invitation.



Congratulations Valerie

Exciting local party NEWS - PCDP Executive Board member Valerie Landowski was elected to serve as the DPW Labor Caucus Chair on June 2 at the State Convention. Together with former State Representative Chris Sinicki and Secretary-Treasurer Kyle Flood, the trio will lead the caucus for 2 years. Valerie plans to develop the Labor Caucus to include diverse workers from many sectors and backgrounds. Valerie also plans to develop a conduit between labor members and the DPW so that more labor-friendly candidates are elected. The Caucus is planning regular meetings as well as several strategic organizing meetings. To join the Labor Caucus please contact Valerie at valerie.j.landowski@gmail.com.

Help wanted—The Statutory Chair is an automatic member at large of our Executive Board. The Statutory Chair compiles lists of current and new poll workers (also called Election/Inspectors) officially nominated by our party for the voting districts of Stevens Point, Hull, Plover and surrounding towns/villages which are then submitted to the clerks of those municipalities.

Every other year, by November 31st, the Statutory Chair gathers the names of potential poll workers from personal inquiries, requests in the newsletter and previous records and submits the lists to the municipal clerks. The clerks are then legally required to draw on these lists to select poll workers for each election.

Please consider this rewarding position. This important and essential task can be done in your home and on your time schedule.



Hello, Portage County Democrats! My name is Rob Hofmann and I am originally from Wausau, WI.

After living in Milwaukee, Chicago and Tampa, I returned home to help my family while wrapping up degrees in Political Science and Psychology at UWSP.

A lifelong interest in politics and activism has brought me to the Portage County Democrats.

Like many of our county party members, my desire to see the continuation of “rule of law”, as well as the strengthening of environmental protections, are key drivers in my efforts.

Your county HQ and strong volunteer base continues to be exceedingly friendly and active. Working closely with local party leadership continues to be fun and productive as we continue to support local candidates while promoting democratic values.

I’m also working with the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (WISDEMS) as a Student Recruitment and Campaign Support Coordinator. They have been gracious in their support allowing me to focus on multiple projects of interest. These include organizing local students and young Democrats and collaborating with county party members and WISDEMS officials to further enhance our support of local candidates during their electoral pursuits.

I’m thankful to be part of your efforts and look forward to know you further. Keep up your fantastic work and activism!!

Feel free to say “HI” or reach me anytime with any concerns or questions you may have at:Robert.Hofmann@wisdems.org.



4th of July Party

PCDP members, parade participants and parade watchers are invited to the HQs after the parade to wish farewell to Ex. Board member, Michele Bjella and husband Steve who are moving from WI.

Refreshments & a picnic lunch will be provided. Come cool off, enjoy the company, a meal and say thank you & good-bye to Michele & Steve.



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**Party for PCDP members, 4th
parade participants and
watchers at HQ immediately
after the parade.**

**Join us in saying farewell to
Michele & Steve Bjella.**

**Refreshments and picnic lunch
provided.**

PCDP July 13th Meeting

**6:30 Zoom meeting - invitation at
PCDems Updates**

Announcements

**Program-Matt Rothschild - Wisconsin
Democracy Campaign**

Elected Officials/Candidates

Business Meeting

**Authorized and paid for by Portage County
Democratic Party**