



Portage County DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward Together June 2019

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Numbers

In March 142 people used the HQs.

In April there were 5 meetings with 64 attendees

EARTH WALK - 2019



Thanks to Susan Zach & Karen Dostal for organizing Earth Walk-2019, held on a beautiful spring day in Stevens Point.



Walkers met at the UWSP Sundial and walked to the Mathias Mitchell Square in Downtown Stevens Point.



The walkers, representing several local environmentally conscientious organizations, including the Dems and many other concerned citizens, carried signs focusing on the urgent need to stem the use of fossil fuels.

PCDP Delegates to 3RD Congressional District Convention



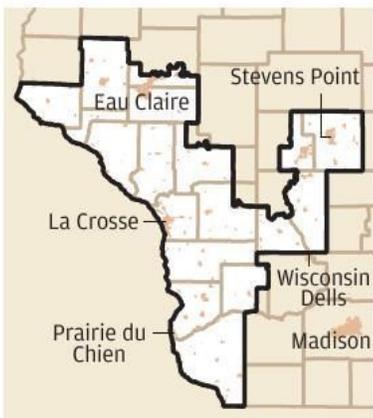
Young DEMS at convention

Twenty-five PCDP members were in LaCrosse for the 3rd CD convention held on May 4th. Our group of young Dems were given a "shout out" by CD chair Lisa Herman.

One of the highlights of the conventions was the election of Marlo Fields as vice chair of the Eastern Division and Gary Hawley as a administrative representative to the 3rd CD. Congratulations to both. Their election means that Portage County will have a voice in the 3rd CD organization.

Portage County Dems resolutions were voted on to be eligible to proceed to the state party resolution committee. Delegates at the state convention will vote on the resolutions that made the cut from all of the congressional districts for inclusion in the DPW platform.

Congressional District 3



State Journal



Outgoing Chair
Lisa Herman



Newly Elected Chair
Bobbi Green

Republican Gerrymandered 3RD CD

3RD CD Delegates are automatically delegates to the State Convention June 1 & 2 in Milwaukee

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MOVING FORWARD → TOGETHER

Convention

Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2
Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
1611 W Canal St., Milwaukee, WI.



An important order of business at the 2019 Wisconsin Democratic Convention will be the election of the new DPW Chair. The State Party and the DPW Chair will have a prominent role in the planning for and the implementation of the 2020 Democratic National Convention to be held in Milwaukee in 2020.



Ben Winkler (l.) and David Bowen (r.) are candidates for the chair of the party. They are shown here speaking to the delegates at the 3rd CD Convention.



Stevens Point Alder, Tori Jennings was the featured program presenter for the May 14th meeting. Tori's talk was "Public Policy is Health Care Policy". She made the point that policies proposed and enacted by public officials have an impact on the health and well being of the community. She offered that continued stress has a negative impact on humans and that officials need to factor in the health consequences to their constituents as a result of their of decisions.

Unfortunately, fellow presenter, Alder Meleesa Johnson, was unable to attend the meeting to give her talk on the neighborhood park effort at the former Emerson School site.

Program for June 11th meeting will be on "the value and history" of the Green Circle hiking trail.

Our program presenter will be John Jury, one of the initial visionaries for a trail to link area parks and other public lands in the Stevens Point area.

PCDP Executive Board

POSITION	MEMBER
Co-Chair	Gary Hawley
Co-Chair	Jan Way
1 st Vice Chair	Jerod Barkley
2 nd Vice Chair	Ned Grossnickle
3 rd Vice Chair	Karyn Tank
4 th Vice Chair	Dave Pederson
Statutory Chair	Michele Bjella
Treasurer	Jack Allgaier
Secretary	Hilary Landowski
Newsletter Editor	Trudy Pederson
3 rd CD Rep	Rick Christofferson
At Large	OPEN POSITION
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 Hartman
Vice-President	Mitchell Knight
Treasurer	Aubree Hagen

EX. Board Open Position

With Andrew Boden's recent resignation, there is an open at large seat on the Executive Board.

Members who would like to serve on the board, may announce their intent at the next general meeting, Tuesday, June 11, and may be elected at that meeting.

Anyone interested in the open seat, but unable to attend the June 11th meeting, should email Co-Chair Jan Way (janmway@gmail.com) 48 hours prior to the meeting to express their interest in filling the position.

Executive Board Profile

Rick Christofferson

Rick currently serves on the executive board as the 3rd Congressional District representative. He previously served as treasurer for 2 ½ years.

Rick has been interested in politics for nearly his entire life. "I 'got it' from my father. He was a high school teacher in South Dakota when I was very young. He was active in the Lawrence County Democratic Party, including serving as chair. He ran for the state senate as a Democrat and lost a close contest in a heavily Republican District. I met George McGovern and state party leaders during that campaign.

"When we moved to Indiana so my Dad could attend graduate school at Purdue, he took me to events. I got to hear civil rights activist Julian Bond speak and I shook hands with Eugene McCarthy at a campaign event at a local park.

"My father accepted a position in the political science department here at UWSP and the family moved to Wisconsin. I participated in my first political campaign at the advanced age of 13, doing literature drops for the McGovern campaign.

"I have been involved in campaigns off and on – mostly on – ever since. There have been highs and lows. The presidential elections of 1980, 2000 and 2016 were the lows, but there have been many high points, too. I was in graduate school in 1992 when Russ Feingold defeated Bob Kasten in the U.S. Senate race. I felt like I was floating above the floor the day after the election. I was more excited about that win than Bill Clinton's, although that was good, too."

Rick also served as party chair for two years before he went off to graduate school. "Being a party chair can be a very demanding job. There's a lot to be done to make sure the local party is successful in recruiting and retaining members, staging events, and running local campaign operations.

"The chair doesn't do that by him or herself. It takes a team effort and one of the chair's responsibilities is to make sure team members have what they need to be successful. I think Gary (Hawley) and Jan (Way) have been doing a great job and Portage County continues to be one of the largest and most active county Democratic Parties in the state."

Rick's key interests now are in upgrading the technology in the county party headquarters and continuing to improve the party's social media presence. "We have to use a wide range of communications tools to reach out to and connect with diverse groups of progressive activists and voters.

"Vote Blue!"

Volunteers needed - You could help

Saturday , June 1 - WALK WISCONSIN Contact Jan Way 715-572-5802 or
janmway@gmail.com

If you can spare an hour or two between 11 AM and 3 PM to hand out water and snacks to the walk participants. The Dem tent is on the corner of North Point Dr. and Wilshire on the east end of the Sentry golf course. Community member walkers appreciate our willingness to help out.

Friday, June 7 - Annual Trig Brat Fry - Contact Ray Cal 715-321-0329 or
Raymond.Cal@hotmail.com

Join in the fun and help grill up and serve hotdogs, brats and hamburgers, plus freshly baked home made cookies, to the hungry crowds shopping at Trigs. If you can't help out, be sure to stop by for lunch and bring your friends, family and co-workers too.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23 - MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR - CUSTER, WI
Contact Jack Allgaier - 715-341-5359 or allgaiers@gmail.com

DPW provides a booth at the fair and PCDP provides most of the volunteers to greet and have friendly conversations with fair goers. Our booth emphasis and displays vary from year to year, but always provide a reason for fair participants to stop for a friendly chat.

4TH OF JULY PARADE (THURSDAY) - STEVENS POINT

Weather permitting we will have vehicles decked out in red, white and blue banners, flags and yard signs in the parade. You can help pass our candy and trinkets to the hundreds of kids and adults lining the streets in downtown Point. We line up at noon in front of the post office. Come help decorate the vehicles then join in the parade.

We are seeking candy and trinkets to hand out. You can bring your contribution to the June 11th meeting, contact Jan Way for pick-up or bring your offering to the parade on the 4th.

After the parade, all are invited to the HQs for food and refreshments. Join us even if you don't participate in the parade to enjoy the company of fellow Democrats. It is also another chance to pick up your raffle tickets.

RAFFLE TICKETS are available. **Pick them up at the June 11th or July 9th meeting.**

After July 9th, volunteers will personally deliver the tickets to your home. Please help to save their time and effort by getting your raffle tickets at these opportunities. Should you be driving by the HQs and the **OPEN sign is on**, stop in and get your ticket packet.

PCDP ANNUAL PICNIC - SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH - PFIFFNER PIONEER PARK - STEVENS POINT - RAIN OR SHINE - 11:30 - 4 PM

We will have food and beverages for purchase, also a silent basket auction, a bake sale, speeches by local and state Democratic leaders and perhaps a surprise or two.
It's a party for our party and we need you to make it a success!

NEEDED- New or gently used items for the themed basket raffle. Please contact Karyn Tank 715-344-8009 for idea suggestions or to donate or have items picked-up. Thank you!



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PCDP June 11, 2019 Meeting

6 PM Socializing

6:30 Call to Order

PROGRAM - John Jury - Green Circle visionary

Elected Officials

Business Meeting - Announcements

Socialization - Refreshments

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