



Portage County DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward June 2020

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ZOOM IN

We are excited to announce a **ZOOM meeting for our General Membership meeting on June 9**. Please just follow the information that will be sent out by PC Updates after June 2.

If you have not used ZOOM before it is relatively easy. Most devices that you have will work. A laptop with a camera is best however you can use an I pad or your smartphone. Downloading the free zoom app ahead of time may make it more convenient, but it's not always necessary. If you do not have a desktop with a camera or microphone, you will still be able to hear our speakers.

We will have a super limited business meeting. Our featured speaker will be **Our Own Katrina Shankland** who will present **promptly at 6:30**, so start installing the Zoom app by 6:20 and you will be connected.

We would also invite all of our candidates that will be on the ballot to update us on their campaigns and what we can do to help out. Furthermore, we will have more information on plans to open our beautiful, renovated HQ and how we plan to proceed with campaigning activities in the near future.

Our DPW staff members will be on the meeting so you can get acquainted. We have some great Field and Office organizers we hope to meet in person some day soon, but for now, you can meet them on-line.

Our newly elected delegate to the National Convention, Gary Hawley, will give an update on the recently held 3rd CD Convention. He will share what we know about the State and National Convention coming up respectively on June 12 and the week of August 17-20th.

Hoping you all can join us June 9, at 6:30, so we can see each other virtually and plan for the coming election year!

Jan Way, Co-chair, PCDP

Nomination Paper Project

By Jack Allgaier

We realized that getting nomination papers signed this year, due to the corona virus stay-at-home request, was going to be difficult. A candidate for office could not go to large gatherings to obtain signatures simply because large gatherings did not exist. Likewise, going door-to-door requesting signatures did not meet the Gov. Ever's Stay-At-Home guidelines. Therefore, your Executive Board decided to mail nomination papers for candidates who were members at the time (four at the county level, two at the state level) to each party member living in Portage County. We hoped to get each household to have the one or two people residing there sign the papers, and return them in a stamped, addressed envelope to the headquarters. Co-chair Gary and I discussed what we hoped for in response. We thought a 50% would be a success, a 60% response, outstanding.

At the time of this writing (Wed, May 27), for the county officials (Cindy Wisinski, County Register of Deeds; Kayla Filen, County Clerk; Pam Przybelski, County Treasurer; and Louis Molepske, County District Attorney, we received 137 letters back with a total of 255 signatures! Each of these candidates needed at a minimum 200 signatures and a maximum of 400. Candidates prefer to have more than the minimum as the signature are inspected and some may be tossed out due to reasons like not a valid address or person signing twice. The candidates continue to gather signatures to reach that 400 goal, but know that they are most appreciative of our efforts to get them over the minimal threshold of 200. Also, nominations papers continue to be returned to our headquarters so these numbers could increase slightly.

Overall, we are quite impressed with the numbers. We had 137 responses to our 192 mailings, an awesome 71.4% return rate. We cannot adequately express our deep thanks for your involvement. Time and again, you amaze us – from finding the money to buy our own headquarters, to funding solar panels, to volunteering to help campaigns, and to signing nomination papers and returning them. You are amazing!

We also mailed nomination papers for Rep. Shankland and state senate candidate Paul Piotrowski. Unknown to us, the state party also did a similar mailing. This caused the number of returns to headquarters to be somewhat less than with the county officials, but we feel that some members returned those papers to DPW. Possibly, the next time around, if we are under similar rules, we will handle the nomination papers for county officials and let the state party handle the state officials.

If you did not return the nomination papers, you can still do so. Thanks.





Paul Piotrowski for State Senate

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We have surpassed our goal for signature collection! I'm blown away by the support and grassroots efforts I've seen from people across the district. Thank you to everyone and on to November! #wispolitics



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SENATE RACE TO UNSEAT TESTIN

Hello everyone, I wanted to share with you some exciting information! We are officially on the ballot for November and have collected more than 1,200 signatures from across the district. I have been attending local Zoom meetings, calling for donations, and reaching out to Political Groups across the State.

We have a huge fundraising goal coming up at the end of June, and we need as much help as possible to meet that goal. If you haven't yet, please consider donating via Act Blue or by mailing a check to 510 West Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Follow along with our journey on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with the campaign!

Thank you again for all of your support!

-Paul

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Tim LaRose

Campaign Manager
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*We must be the change we wish to see in  
the world.*

## Getting Ready To ReOpen the HQs

These “essential workers” have been spending time at HQs recently, scrubbing, refreshing, painting and sanitizing the building surfaces so when we are able to meet once again, members can be confident that our building is safe. Work on the exterior continues as well. The pillars have been scrubbed clean of the 100 years of dirt and grime preparing for painting.



Thank you Lynn Wyman, Karyn Tank & Trudy Pederson

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Remember our annual picnic at the Pffifner Shelter on Sunday, Aug. 23. In this strange time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we certainly cannot guarantee that the picnic will even occur nor even what form it will take. The raffle will occur. Your raffle tickets can be picked-up at the Headquarters NOW. Check on our webpage to find office hours or just drop in if you see the OPEN sign on.

In addition to fundraising by raffle ticket sales, **we also need quality items for our silent auction.** Contact Karyn Tank at 715-344-8009 for more information. **As you spring clean, remember us!**

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Thank you to everyone who helped in our get out the vote efforts for the May 12 CD7 special election. We had a large, committed, and fun group of volunteers making calls every day leading up to the election. And although the result was disappointing, it's not all bad news: Tricia Zunker performed several percentage points better than Hillary Clinton did in 2016, and we identified numerous new Democrats to target leading up to the November election.

Speaking of November. . . . We're now turning our efforts to recruiting volunteers in anticipation of the November election. Our virtual Volunteer Recruitment Kickoff Event is Thursday, **June 4th, at 7:00 p.m.** We can use all the help we can get as we gear up for the recruitment drive: it's never been more important to get new volunteers, and it's never been more difficult to reach voters, so each and every person who joins us—even just for the virtual kickoff event—is making a big difference.

And if that time doesn't work for you, never fear: it's the first of many events to come. Please reach out to me for more details. My email is marc@wisdems.org and my phone number is (914) 261-1670.

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#### Additions to your calendar

Wednesdays - Coffee & Conversation (virtual for now) 10 AM via ZOOM  
details & sign up with Jan Way 715-572-5802

Team Building Week of Action - June 5th-11th Alex @[alex@wisdems.org](mailto:alex@wisdems.org)

Volunteer Recruitment Kickoff - June 4th 7 PM Marc [marc@wisdems.org](mailto:marc@wisdems.org)

Weekend of Action - June 27th & June 28 Alex [alex@wisdems.org](mailto:alex@wisdems.org)

PCDP Zoom meeting - June 9th - details will follow at PC Dems updates



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