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The big take-away from the Spring Election is that we need to be prepared, engaged, and ready for the August Primary and November General Elections. Personal contact and voter turn-out are critical. It's an understatement to say the other side is fired up!

We will be posting information about Democrat candidates on our party website: www.portagecountydems.org, and watch your email for opportunities to meet candidates in person at Headquarters. Right now, we only have names and some websites for the 11 Democrat US Senate candidates running to replace Ron Johnson. More names and websites will be added as we go forward. So far Josh Kaul is the only Democrat running for State Attorney General. Five Democrats are running for Lieutenant Governor, 3 for State Treasurer, 2 for Secretary of State, and 5 for US Representative for the 3rd Congressional District to replace Ron Kind. Tony Evers is running unopposed for Governor, but he certainly has opposition from the other side.

There are other sources of information about the candidates as well. You can visit <https://ballotpedia.org> and follow instructions to find a list of all the candidates who will be on your ballot for the August 9th Primary Election.

Here's an opportunity to meet many of the candidates in person: Attend the 2022 State Convention in La Crosse on Fri, June 24th and Sat, June 25th. Get involved! Sign up to be a delegate by contacting Gary Hawley at 715-341-5359, or email him at garybh2008@yahoo.com. It's a great time to make new friends, get energized, and to make plans for the campaign season ahead.

Walk Wisconsin is Saturday, June 4th. If you can spare an hour or two between 11am and 3pm that day to hand out water and snacks to the participants, please contact Jan Way at 715-572-5802, or email her at janmway@gmail.com. The Dem's tent is located on the corner of North Point Drive and Wilshire by the Sentry Golf Course. It's a great way to get some fresh air and to let the public know Dems are good people 😊

Midwest Renewable Energy Fair is June 24th through June 26th

This is a great volunteer opportunity! The state party pays for the booth (it's in a great location!) Since the DPW State Convention is this same weekend, we Portage County Dems will be needed more than ever to provide the volunteers for this event. There will be displays on the table and literature to hand out. It's a lot of fun to exchange ideas with fellow environmentalists. When your shift is over you have the opportunity to visit the exhibits and to learn about new and amazing products and inventions. And did I mention the food trucks? They serve amazing food, some you will be familiar with, and some you may not be. Give something new a try! There are also interesting speakers to listen to, and if you are feeling energetic you can ride one of the bikes that provides the electricity for the staged events!



Fellow Dems shine at Trivia 52 *The Stacked Deck* 😊





PCDP ANNUAL PICNIC

PIFFNER PARK SHELTER

AUGUST 28TH

11:30am to 4pm

Mark the date on your calendar right now! You don't want to miss the fun! The party is held rain or shine (or heat!) in the Piffner Shelter on the shores of the Wisconsin River in Stevens Point. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A silent auction with themed baskets will give you a chance to bring home some new and different items. Great speeches given by state and

local Democrats will inspire us and be an important part of the festivities. Be there to find out who wins the raffle prizes! Let's all plan to gather together at this picnic to energize and gather momentum for the election in November!

Speaking of having a successful and fun-filled picnic.....YOUR help is needed to make it so! Please read on to find ways you can help.....

As you are doing your spring cleaning and getting rid of things you no longer need or want, consider donating quality, barely used, or new items for our silent auction baskets. You may also consider purchasing new items for a themed basket. To donate, or for more information, **contact Karyn Tank** at 715-344-8009, or email her at karyntank@hotmail.com.

After two years off due to the pandemic, our bake sale will be back! All of you star bakers out there, this is your chance to shine! Kathy Celer will be coordinating the event this year. You can reach her at 708-212-0435, or email her at kceler@sbcglobal.net. I'm planning to donate my "almost world famous" brownies. Is there any competition out there?

We need someone to coordinate the food and beverage sales for the picnic. Anyone who volunteers will get a lot of support, so you won't be doing this alone! If you are interested in this position **contact Jan Way** at 715-572-5802, or email her at janmway@gmail.com.

Sell Raffle Tickets! The Annual Picnic is our major fund-raiser and the raffle brings in the major share of the money we make. Raffle tickets will be available beginning in early May. **You can pick them up at Headquarters whenever the OPEN sign is on, or on June 14th or July 12th General Meetings.** Later In July friendly volunteers will deliver the remaining tickets.

NEW IDEAS FOR FAMILY FUN ARE WELCOME! Contact Jan Way as above.

Coffee at Headquarters on Thursday mornings at 10am is now an on-going event. Please stop in if you are in the neighborhood. We catch up on the news and solve world problems. The coffee is fresh and the conversations are spirited. Meet fellow Dems, and maybe pick up your raffle tickets at the same time!

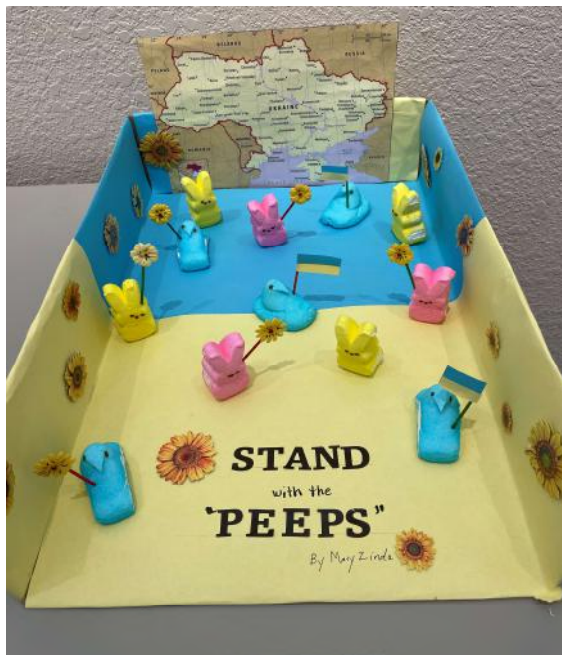


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**PCDP Our May General Meeting will be a
3rd Congressional Candidate Debate**

Watch your email for date, time, and place

WALK WISCONSIN June 4th

DPW State Convention June 24th and 25th

MREA Energy Fair June 24th through 26th

PCDP ANNUAL PICNIC August 28th

Pick up picnic raffle tickets at HQ at our General Meetings on June 14th, July 12th, or whenever the **OPEN** sign on.

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