



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

December 2023 Newsletter

We begin December with a **Holiday Parade** on Friday, December 1st at 6:00pm on Main Street in downtown Stevens Point. **Collin McNamara, our candidate for District 24 State Senator** will be walking the parade route. You are welcome to walk with him to show support for his candidacy, or, be part of the crowd and cheer him on!



Our Annual PCDP Holiday Party will be December 12th at 6:30pm, at Headquarters. Take some time to relax and enjoy the company of fellow Democrats. It will be a **pot-luck** as usual so please bring a dish to pass, and **3 non-perishable items (see below)**. Last year's gathering was memorable. I'm really looking forward to this year's party! The meeting agenda will be short so we will have plenty of time to be "festive and merry". There will be no guest speaker but many of our elected officials and candidates will show up to offer words of holiday cheer. **Maybe even wear an "ugly" Christmas sweater. Really show some holiday spirit 😊**



Our December Community Service Project this year will benefit UWSP students who are struggling with food insecurity. Many students are having a hard time making ends meet while pursuing an education as **evidenced by the increased use of THE CUPBOARD** located in the lower level of the Dreyfus University Center. **We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items, cash, and checks, gift cards, gas cards, toiletries, and household supplies.** You can drop off donations anytime at Headquarters when it is **OPEN**, or you can bring them to our Holiday Party at HQ on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023. If you decide to write a check:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: UWSP FOUNDATION
ON THE MEMO LINE: The Cupboard Fund #4890

Here's a list of needs:

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| Canned Meat | Canned Beef Stew | Canned Fruit | 100% Juice |
| Canned Soup | Rice, Pasta | Canned Vegetables | Jams and Jellies |
| Canned Tuna | Macaroni and Cheese | Boxed Meals | Cereals |
| Canned Chili | Peanut Butter | Nut Butters | Instant Oatmeal |

Also needed: Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Feminine Hygiene Products

NOTE: The Cupboard cannot use rusty or unlabeled cans, outdated, open, or used items, homemade items, non-commercial canned or packaged items, alcoholic beverages, mixes, or soda, or medications.

PCDP
Candidates for
2024
EXECUTIVE BOARD

2023 Co-Chair

Gary Hawley

2023 Co-Chair

Joan Garski

1st Vice Chair

Ned Grossnickle

2nd Vice Chair

Karyn Tank

3rd Vice Chair

Jan Way

4th Vice Chair

Mary Zinda

Secretary

Kathy Celer

Treasurer

OPEN

Statutory Chair

OPEN

3rd CD Rep

Rick Christofferson

At Large

Sam Lang

At Large

Rick Wyman

At Large

Pat Drees

At Large

OPEN

At Large

OPEN

At Large

OPEN

Membership Chair

Karyn Tank

Newsletter Editor

Lynn Wyman

One important item on the agenda at the Holiday Party will be the election of the 2024 PCDP Executive Board. The slate is presented to the left. You will notice the Treasurer's position and Statutory Chair position are both open, as well as three At Large positions. Please consider stepping up! Appointments are easily made to fill empty positions even after the elections. Training and support will be provided

If you don't have time for a board position, maybe think about a position on one of our committees: Finance, Membership, Fundraiser/Events, or Communications. If you are interested in any of these positions, please consider attending one of our General Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Headquarters and talking to one of our Co-Chairs about getting more involved. **The 2024 election season is just around the corner so It's an exciting time to get involved with your local party.** Speaking of elections....

Tuesday April 2, 2024 is the date for the **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE AND SPRING ELECTION** as posted by Maria Davis, our Portage County Clerk. If a Primary Election is needed it will be held on February 20, 2024. (Note: the presidential primary vote narrows the field and a president will be chosen on November 5th, 2024)

For voters, remember you must have an acceptable photo ID, either a driver license or a free voter ID you may obtain from the Division of Motor Vehicles. To register to vote, or to find your polling place, visit myvote.wi.gov.

For candidates, you may declare your candidacy at any time, but the **first day to circulate nomination papers is Friday, December 1, 2023**. The final day and time for filing nomination papers is 5:00pm on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

Are you interested in running for office? Or do you know someone who is? We need more Democrats and Progressives on our local boards.

As you will see on the next page, there are lots of opportunities to serve our community, and lots of good reasons to do so. Some big issues will be decided by local boards in the near future: local water quality, the future of our Portage County Health Care Facility, book bans, class sizes, teacher shortages, and Business 51 repair, to name just a few.

For more information on being a candidate and running a successful campaign contact either of our Co-chairs. Training is available!

Listed below are offices up for reelection this spring.

Many current office holders have not yet announced whether they are running again, a few candidates have already announced their candidacy, and **current office holders highlighted in yellow have already decided NOT to run for reelection)**

OFFICE	CURRENT OFFICE HOLDER	CANDIDATES
Stevens Point Area School Board	Miguel Campos Meg Ehler Judy Rannow	
City of Stevens Point City Council Alders (even districts only)	District 2: David Shorr District 4: Lara Broderick District 6: David Plaisance District 8: Dean Shuda District 10: Keely Fishler	Jacque Guthrie
Village of Plover Trustees	1 st Ward Adam Raabe 2 nd Ward Tim Durigan 3 rd Ward Al Tessmann	
County Supervisors (all seats are up for re-election) NOTE: Information concerning county supervisory district boundaries may be obtained from the office of Portage County Clerk 1516 Church Street Stevens Point, WI 54481, or co.portage.wi.gov	District 1: Vincent Miresse District 2: Cris Doubek District 3: Mark Hemmrich District 4: David Medin District 5: Julie Morrow District 6: Shaun Przybylski District 7: Dave Ladick District 8: Joan M. Honl District 9: Andrew Rockman District 10: Bob Gifford District 11: Stan Potocki District 12: Mike Splinter District 13: Donald Jankowski District 14: Pat Keller District 15: Al Haga District 16: Steve Fritz District 17: Suzanne Oehlke District 18: Larry Raikowski District 19: Scott Soik District 20: Greg Hakala District 21: Jeanne Dodge District 22: Matthew J. Jacowski District 23: Barry Jacowski District 24: Steve Cieslewicz District 25: David L. Peterson	Janell Wehr Karin Sieg John Bertelson Amberle Schwartz

The Stevens Point/Plover Joint Municipal Court Judge seat is also up for reelection in 2024. Erik J. McFarland last won the seat in 2020.



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PCDP HOLIDAY PARTY

December 12th, 6:30pm at Headquarters

Bring a dish to pass and.....

Donations for The Cupboard at UWSP

(see donation list in newsletter)

[VOTE FOR 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD](#)

December 8th First Day of Hanukkah

December 26th KWANZAA

December 26th Boxing Day

COFFEE on Wednesdays, 10am at HQ

Coffee and other beverages available

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