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July 2022

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Join us on Monday, July 4th for a parade down Main Street in Stevens Point. Meet at 10:30 near the Post Office downtown. Help decorate our vehicle. We have lots of new decorations and candidate posters to use. **The parade starts at noon** so you can either ride or walk the short parade route, and maybe pass out treats to the crowd! The parade is over quickly but we see a lot of people in a short period of time. There will be candidates in the parade as well, and any of them would appreciate you walking with them. This event is open to all members and friends. The more the merrier. Let's have some fun, folks, and spread the love 😊 Dems are good people!

A "Rural Engagement Social" fundraiser for Katrina Shankland will be held Monday, July 11th at the All Purpose Lodge at Iverson Park, 4601 Wis Hwy 66, Stevens Point WI 54481. Teresa Percell, Senior Rural Advisor for the DNC, will be in attendance and will speak to us about ways we can increase Democratic support in rural communities. She will present an award to Katrina during her presentation. Social Hour is from 5:30 to 6:30 with hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided. Suggested donation is \$25. We hope to see many of you there to support Katrina!

Special guest at our July 12th General Meeting will be Sarah Godlewski, one of the candidates running for US Senate. The meeting begins at 6:30 with food provided. Please join us in welcoming Sarah to our Headquarters, either in person or on ZOOM. She will be ready to answer your questions.

A 3rd Congressional District Candidate Forum will be held on August 3rd at the Dreyfus University Center Theater at UWSP from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The candidates running (to replace the retiring Ron Kind) are Brad Pfaff, Rebecca Cooke, Deb Baldus McGrath, and Mark Neumann. All four candidates have confirmed their participation. We need a strong candidate to keep this seat so have your questions ready!

The formation of a Rural Precinct Committee has been approved by the Executive Board. Robert (Bert) Steinke will be the chair and the committee will be comprised of 23 members from towns and villages all over Portage County. The ultimate goal of the committee is to increase the number of rural voters that will vote for Democrats. Contact information for Bert is robertlsteinke@aol.com or 715-340-6383. He's looking for members!

Jerod Barkley, an important member of the Executive Board for the Portage County Democratic Party, recently submitted his resignation, citing increased time demands at his business. He will be sorely missed as Jerod was an active member of the Board, handling several important responsibilities, as well as assisting people to become registered voters. **According to our constitution, we are announcing this opening on the Executive Board.** Any member interested should contact either Co-Chair, Jan Way: janmway@gmail.com or 715-572-5802, or Gary Hawley: garybh2008@yahoo.com or 715-321-0111.

OUR ANNUAL PICNIC IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER. A major share of that money comes from the sale of raffle tickets. Please pick up your raffle tickets at our headquarters during office hours, or at our general meetings. Those not picked up will be hand delivered to your door by an awesome volunteer. Please contact Jack Allgaier with any questions: allgaiers@gmail.com or 715-341-5359.

THE RAFFLE

Important reminder: Ticket buyers do not need to be present to win, but please make sure to include a name, address, and phone number on the stub! Many people use address labels to make it easier to fill them out. Remember to return the sold stubs and a check to Headquarters either inside when the office is **OPEN** or to the locked mailbox outside. **You may purchase and return stubs at the picnic, but stubs must be turned in before 2pm to be eligible for the drawing at 3pm.**

THE PICNIC

Sunday, August 28th, at the Piffner Shelter, 11:30am to 4:00pm. The picnic is ON! It will be nice to gather with a friendly crowd of Democrats and Progressives. Food and beverages (cold beer too!) will be available. All elected officials and candidates have been invited. There will be rousing speeches and opportunities to get to know those in office and running for office. The band "moogie" will be performing. There will be a silent auction, and a bake sale....

THE SILENT AUCTION

Please consider donating quality items for the baskets. Maybe consider putting together a basket yourself. **For information about what is needed or to donate items, contact Karyn Tank: 715-344-8009.**

THE BAKE SALE

We need your donations of cookies, bars, and cakes. You may want to individually wrap some cookies or bars, or put them on a plate. We may also sell jams, jellies, maple syrup, and canned fruit. **For more details and to answer questions, please contact Kathy Celer: 708-212-0435.**

POINT PRIDE

Isaac Murths spent the day greeting participants, giving away stickers and buttons, and most importantly, getting people to pledge to VOTE. He was assisted by Mary McComb, Jan Way, Sarah Marie Ashley, and Kathy Celer.



WALK WISCONSIN

We would like to recognize the following people who helped with set-up, preparation of snacks for the participants, serving those snacks, and general clean-up afterwards. Thank you: Marion Trebiatowski, Karyn Tank, Dave Blado, Santha Bickford, Dave Way, Jan Way, Darlene Todd, Suzanne Fee, Rick Wyman and Lynn Wyman. It was a perfect day for hiking!



MREA Fair 2022

The following members staffed or contributed in some way to the Democratic Party Booth at the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair in Custer the last weekend in June: Santha Bickford, Jim Connors, Jan Ostendorf, Kathy Celer, Nancy Foth, Lynn Wyman, Rick Wyman, Joan Garski, Fred Garski, Ned Grossnickle, Isaac Murtha, Bert Steinke, Tim Zimmerman, Michele Bjella (she gave Isaac a ride 😊) and especially Mary Vils, who set up our space at the fair. Many fair-goers stopped by to pick up material, participate in the "Penny Poll", pick out a button, and to talk politics.



Portage County Democratic Party Dave Obey Award

This Award was initiated in 2004 to honor Congressman Dave Obeyes' 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 co-chairs of the PCDP. The selection committee – as appointed by the co-chair annually – shall contain no nominees for the award for that year. The selection committee has sole right 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 PAST DECADE RECIPIANTS

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
2021 – Meleesa Johnson
2022 – Who *will it be?*

YOU can submit a nominee.

APPLICATION

Nominated Person: _____

Nominator: _____ Phone: _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE: 07 / ____ / 2022

You may print this form, write on the back of it and mail it in, or, if you prefer, write an email to Meleesa Johnson. Please explain in less than 300 words why this person is deserving of this award. Include at least two specific examples of involvement of this person with the PCDP. If you receive this form in the mail, please fill it out and mail it back. The mailing address and email address are below. Please return this by the **DEADLINE of Sunday, July 31st.**

MAIL: PCDP
Obey Award
2220 Division St
Stevens Point 54481

Email: Meleesa Johnson at: meleesaj2000@gmail.com

Tues. August 9, 2022 PORTAGE COUNTY **PARTISAN** PRIMARY

In a **PARTISAN PRIMARY** you must choose a party and only vote for members of that party. Listed below are only the **DEMOCRATS** running in the primary. There are several races that have more than one candidate running and you will need to choose only one for each office. Please use ballotpedia.org to research the candidates. Once you find the page just scroll down just a bit to find **Sample Ballot Lookup**, put in your address, hit **View my Ballot**, and choose **Aug 9, 2022**. From there you can look up information on the candidates. The state party as well as your county party will not endorse any candidates in the primary except those who are running unopposed.

OFFICE	DEMOCRAT RUNNING
Governor	Tony Evers (INCUMBENT)
Lieutenant Governor	Peng Her Sara Rodriquez
Attorney General	Josh Kaul (INCUMBENT)
Secretary of State	Doug La Follette (INCUMBENT) Alexia Sabor
State Treasurer	Gillian Battrio Aaron Richardson Angelito Tenorio
US Senator	Mandella Barnes Sarah Godlewski Alex Lasry Kou Lee Tom Nelson Stevens Olikara Peter Peckarsky Darrell Williams
US Representative: 3 rd CD	Rebecca Cooke Deb McGrath Bradd Pfaff Mark Neumann
There is no State Senate race	in Portage Co. this year.
Dist 70 Assembly	Remberto Gomez
Dist 71 Assembly	Katrina Shankland (INCUMBENT)
Dist 72 Assembly	Chiste Greening
Portage Co Sheriff	Florian Chojnacki Mike Lukas (INCUMBENT)
Clerk of Circuit Courts	Lisa Roth (INCUMBENT)

There is also a referendum on the ballot for residents of the City of Stevens

Point, which (if passed) would create an ordinance that would require the city to hold public votes on all road and transportation projects valued at more than \$1 million. Supporters of the referendum feel that passage will “Keep Church Street 4 lanes”. The wording of the referendum is much broader than that, and opponents say what the ordinance would really do is increase your taxes due to increased project costs. **Your Executive Board has gone on record encouraging a NO vote on this referendum.**



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PCDP General Hybrid Meeting July 12th

Call to order: 6:30pm

Speaker: Sarah Godlewski, US Senate candidate

Food and refreshments provided

JULY 4th Parade meet at 10:30 to decorate

JULY 11th RURAL ENGAGEMENT SOCIAL and

Fundraiser for Katrina Shankland 5:30 to 7:30pm

All Purpose Lodge, Iverson Park

3rd CD Candidate Forum August 3rd

DUC Theater at UWSP 6:30pm to 8pm

All 4 candidates will be in attendance!

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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