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Well done fellow Dems! We carried our candidates through the primary! Now the real work begins. **You will find a voter's guide included in this newsletter to use for the April 5th, 2022 election.** We encourage you to research the candidates, the Health Care Center Referendum, and to make wise choices, but we also know the "track record" of many of the candidates so we made a list for you. Some of the races will be hotly contested and all of our candidates will need your help in various ways.

We have regular office hours now:

Sun: Closed

Mon: 11 am---1pm

Our HQ phone number is: 715-544-6323

Tues: 11 am---1pm

Call or stop in to volunteer. We have signs.

Wed: 5pm---7pm

We need volunteers and donations. We

Thurs: 11am---1pm

have opportunities for phone-banking,

Fri: Closed

canvassing, and lit drops. (see below)

Sat: 11am---1pm

In News from the Northwoods, Sabina, our DPW Organizer, has announced **phone banking and canvassing opportunities on March 19th and 20th, and March 26th and 27th** to support our local candidates. Contact her at: sabina.dirienzo@wisdems.org.

Our General Meeting is coming up on March 8th.

We will be electing a secretary at the meeting. Happily, Kathy Celer has volunteered for this position. According to our constitution, we must publish a notice that Kathy will be elected to this position. If you wish to run for secretary, please contact Jan Way or Gary Hawley immediately.

Our program for the evening features 2 of our own local entrepreneurs who operate unique businesses:

Produce Point Forest Fleishauer, a UWSP Bio Grad, and his partner shared concerns about the carbon footprint of food, and the impact of agriculture on our environment. He will explain how using vertical hydroponics can grow food faster, using less water and space and without any pesticides or herbicides.

Curbwise LLC Trevor Roark founded this bicycle delivery service in September 2020 to provide local delivery for businesses and organizations to their customers in our area. He will explain the benefits of the business he runs and the kinds of deliveries he makes.

April 23rd is the date for the 3rd CD Convention

Jan Way has written a very good article for this newsletter about the convention and why we should get involved. We need to stay engaged and informed to protect our rights and our democracy! Suggestion: read upnorthnews.com.

PORTAGE COUNTY SPRING GENERAL ELECTION

Tues, April 5, 2022

OFFICE	WE SUPPORT:	OPPOSITION
Portage County Executive	ERIC OLSON	John Pavelski
Portage County Circuit Court Branch II	LOUIS J MOLEPSKE JR. (non-partisan)	Steven Sawyer (non-partisan)
Portage County Circuit Court Branch III	PATRICIA BAKER (non-partisan)	No opposition
Stevens Point School Board Vote for up to 4:	JEFF EBEL BARB PORTZEN ROB MANZKE DENNIS RABBE	Jennifer Bushman Miguel Campos Kari Prokop Alex Sommers
Stevens Point City Council Alder Seats	District 1: MARC CHRISTIANSON District 2: DAVID SHORR District 4: MYKEERAH ZARAZUA District 6: (future candidate needed) District 8: THOMAS LEEK District 10: KEELY FISHLER	Stephen Klein Corey Kealiher David Crueger Ron Carlson Dean Shuda Bob Larson
County Board Supervisor Candidates: by District	PROGRESSIVES IN BOLD:	
1: Vincent Miresse 2: Chris Doubek 3: Lionel Weaver Kevin Flatoff 4: David Medin Aline Kosloski 5: Julie Morrow 6: Shaun Przybylski Jesse Cornett 7: Dave Ladick 8: Joan Honl Fred Kalkofen	9: Andrew Rockman David Eiden 10: Bob Gifford Brian Biga 11: Stan Potocki 12: Mike Splinter 13: Don Jankowski 14: Edward Morganroth, Jr Pat Keller 15: Lee Lukaszewicz Allen Haga, Jr 16: Mike Olson Steve Fritz	17: Suzanne Oehlke Jacalyn Szehner 18: Larry Raikowski 19: Amberle Schwartz Scott Soik 20: Greg Hakala Charles Gussel 21: Jeanne Dodge 22: Matt Jacowski 23: Barry Jacowski 24: Gerry Zastrow Steve Cieslewicz 25: Ray Reser David Peterson

ALSO ON THE BALLOT on April 5th will be a referendum to fund the cost of operations and to build a new, state-of-the-art Health Care Center. We recommend you vote **YES for Our Health, Our Care, Our Future!**

To volunteer or donate to any of the above candidates please stop by during office hours, or call 715-544-6323 and leave a message. Our candidates need your support!



Call to Convention

by Jan Way

Once again, the **3rd Congressional District** and the **Democratic Party of Wisconsin** will hold annual conventions in April and June respectively. PCDP members are invited to sign-up to be delegates. These two events offer local party members a chance to provide input and direction to our Party for the next year. It is important to me that Portage County have our full contingent in attendance.

3rd Congressional District Convention

Sat, April 23rd 9 am – 2 pm

Virtual

Deadline to apply: Wed. April 6, by noon

This is a wonderful opportunity to attend a convention *from your home*. Typically, the 3rd CD Convention is held in-person requiring a several hour drive, delegate fees, and meal expenses. A virtual one reduces the cost to zero! We hope that everyone who has ever considered attending a convention contemplate going. We are allotted 43 delegates plus 43 alternates (in case a delegate cannot attend). We truly can enroll everyone who wants to attend. The only requirement is that you be a dues-paid member by the start of April. Delegates will elect four members to the 3rd CD Platform and Resolution Committee, vote to approve the updated version of our Party Platform and Resolutions and Constitutional changes, and listen to candidates who will be running for elections this fall. **Something special this year is two-hours of breakout rooms where you can interact with candidates running for office.** It is a unique opportunity to hear the announced candidates for the US Senate seat held by Ron Johnson to help you decide who you will support in the Aug, 2022 primary.

You must sign in before the start of the meeting (8 – 8:30 am), but **you do not have to participate all the time** – pick out the events and speakers you want to hear. A tentative agenda is attached. Please consider attending.

For more information or to sign-up,

email co-chair Jan Way at janmway@gmail.com OR phone co-chair Gary Hawley at 715-321-0111

Let me emphasize this. It is a unique chance to attend a convention at no cost with some time flexibility. Please consider attending. It is rewarding.

PRELIMINARY 2022 3rd CD CONVENTION AGENDA

8:30 Check in

If you do not have access to **ZOOM** see below *

9:00 Gavel In

9:05 Approval of Minutes

9:10 Chair's Report / Registration number

9:15 Treasurer's Report and Finance Approval

9:20 DPW Chair Ben Winkler - Live

9:25 Rep. Ron Kind - Live

9:30 Gov. Evers - Live

9:35 3rd CD Candidate Videos (5 minute each max)

10:00 Senate Candidate Videos (5 minute each max)

11:15 State Candidate Speeches (5 minutes each max)

11:45 Platform and Resolution Committee Election

12:00 Platform and Resolutions Debate and Voting

SPECIAL: 2 Hours of Breakout Rooms with Candidates for delegates who wish to speak directly with the Candidates

1:00 Constitutional Changes Debate and Voting members

2:00 Close

*Special Invite: For those members without internet access or **ZOOM** capabilities, we will hold a gathering at our Headquarters on Sat. April 23rd where you can listen to the discussions and see the candidates. Please contact me (Jan) or Gary if you are interested.

DPW State Convention

Sat, June 11th and Sun, June 12th

In-person in Lacrosse. However, it may switch to virtual.

More information will follow in future newsletters.



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PCDP March 8, 2022 General Meeting

Call to Order 6:30pm

Program:

Forest Fleishauer from Produce Point, and

Trevor Roark from Curbwise LLC

Elected Officials & Candidates remarks

Short Business Meeting

Watch your email for a **ZOOM** link

First Call to 3rd CD Convention, April 23rd

(see article inside for details)

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