



PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

April 2024 Newsletter

VICTORY PARTY at HEADQUARTERS!

April 9th, 6:30pm.

Election results are in!
Kudos to our hard-working candidates and volunteers! 😊 We now

have proof that personal contact and hand-addressed letters work! **It's time to party!** Take some time off to relax and enjoy the company of fellow Democrats. This will be a pot luck so bring your favorite party foods, appetizers and snacks to share! There will be a short business meeting. Our Guest Speaker will be Chandler Denhart, the Political Director for WisDems. He will be joining us virtually, so those of you unable to attend will be able to join on Zoom. Watch your email for a link.



As you are well aware, there is a LOT at stake in the upcoming elections in August and November. **There will be 3 more GOP endorsed Constitutional Amendments to vote on, 2 on the August ballot and 1 on the November ballot.** All we know right now is that all Dems voted against them and all GOP voted for them so they can't be good. **They will again be called "Questions" and have complicated wording. BE AWARE!** More information will be forthcoming.

In mid-April our state, federal, and some local candidates will be collecting signatures of registered voters as required by law so they can be on the ballot. Watch for the date of a "signing event" at HQ in your email.

Sign-up sheets for upcoming events can be found at Headquarters.

These are great opportunities to meet with friends and neighbors and to let people know Democrats work for the people. For those of us who prefer not to knock doors or phone bank, think of these as opportunities to effectively and personally reach voters. **Sign up for the following: PRIDE FEST, JUNETEENTH, MREA, 4TH OF JULY PARADE, AMHERST FAIR, AND ROSHOLT FAIR.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE is looking for new members. Contact the Chair, Rick Wyman at 608-234-2005.

COMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE is looking for a Newsletter Editor to take over the newsletter next year. Training will be provided! Contact Rick Christofferson at 715-342-0747.

SPRING CLEANING AT HQ: watch for dates to be announced.

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54481

More ways to get involved! We have IMPORTANT EVENTS coming up 😊

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS, CALL GARY HAWLEY, 715-321-0111.

April 14th is the 3rd CD Convention in Black River Falls.

April 24th Forum for the 3rd Congressional District Candidates 6:30 – 8:00pm at UWSP Dreyfus University Center Auditorium. Meet Katrina Shankland, Rebecca Cooke, and Eric Wilson.

April 28th is the Portage County Caucus at HQ from 1-2pm. Delegates chosen at the county level will then advance to the Congressional District caucuses.

May 19th is the date for Congressional District Caucuses, during which delegates to the DNC Convention in Chicago will be chosen.

June 8th & 9th is the DPW State Convention in Milwaukee.

August 19th – 22nd is the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

OFFICE HOURS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED. Look for the **OPEN** sign! If you can help staff the office call Gary Hawley at 715-321-0111

Electronic Recycling Event



April 13th 8:30 am - 12 pm

Pre-register at www.co.portage.wi.gov

Anyone not registered will be turned away.

Portage County Transfer Facility, Plover

Follow signs. Enter off County Rd R.

Any traffic entering off Apache will be rerouted.

Cost:

\$10 per vehicle. Limit 25 items. Cash or Check Only. Please bring exact change & checks prewritten out to PCSW.

ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT

cable boxes, cables & cords, cameras & camcorders, cell phones/PDAs and chargers, clocks, coffee makers, copiers, printers, scanners & fax machines, desktop computer towers & peripherals, docking stations, DVD/VHS/Blu-Ray players (no discs), external drives (all types), fans, hair dryers, landline phones, laptop computers & peripherals, monitors (all types), MP3 & iPod players, microwaves, projectors, radios, satellite dishes & receivers, servers, stereos & speakers, toasters, TVs (all types), UPS & jump starters, video game consoles & controllers

NOT ACCEPTED

ballasts, batteries, bulbs/lamps, capacitors, dehumidifiers, dryers, gas cylinders, ink & toner cartridges, holiday lights, liquids, medical & radioactive wastes, medical & lab equipment, refrigerators, smoke detectors, stoves, vape pens, washing machines

Portage County residents only, no businesses.

Portage County Solid Waste
(715) 343-6297

www.co.portage.wi.gov/396/Solid-Waste



March was a busy month for Portage County Dems.

Our State of the Union Watch Party was fun and well attended. Ben Wikler was a special guest. Next, we had a Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party at HQ..... in between elections!



We had many opportunities to meet our candidates before the election. LWV held forums for School Board, Stevens Point Alders, and Portage County Supervisors.



Then we had a Candidate Meet and Greet at Headquarters! Karleen Ferrante spoke to us about the poorly put-together plan to sell the Portage



County Health Care Center, and many of our candidates were there.





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The Health of American Democracy in a Polarized World
 A CONVERSATION WITH **DONNA BRAZILE** AND **ANA NAVARRO**
 MODERATED BY ROB MENTZER OF WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO




Donna Brazile
 In addition to regular appearances on CNN and Good Morning America, Donna Brazile, former chair of the Democratic Party, was a commentator for Fox News from 2019-2021.

Ana Navarro
 Also a contributor to CNN, Republican strategist Ana Navarro has appeared frequently on Meet the Press and hosted The View. She has advised numerous Federal and State campaigns in Florida and nationally.

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7 p.m.
 Dreyfus University Center UW Stevens Point
 1015 Reserve St, Stevens Point, WI
 and online via Zoom



With years of political expertise and media experience under their belts, Brazile and Navarro are seasoned analysts and are among the best political commentators on television today.

Despite hailing from opposing political parties, these pundits join forces to provide honest, blunt and humorous commentary on the American political landscape and understand that the line that divides political parties is not black and white, but gray.

Registration is required to attend via Zoom and may be accessed via the QR code or by visiting tinyurl.com/thompson24

PCDP GENERAL MEETING & VICTORY PARTY

April 9, 2024, 6:30pm at Headquarters

Guest Speaker: [Chandler Denhart](#), Political Director, WisDems, joining us on ZOOM.

Bring a dish to pass. Beverages provided 😊

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