



"For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream will never die."

-Senator Edward Kennedy, 1932-2009

Message from the Chairs

Mike McCabe, Director of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, will speak at our general party meeting on Monday, Sept. 21st at 7 p.m. at the Ho Chunk Three Rivers House, 724 Main St. Of the Wisconsin Supreme Court races he has said, "We're headed down an extremely dangerous path that has turned our (Supreme Court) election into an auction." Don't miss this speaker!

Thanks to those who marched in the Labor Day Parade. Please volunteer for the Oktoberfest and Torchlight Parades. We need to show the community that we support our President and local candidates. Next year will be a challenge! Let's get involved now!!

Remember to renew your membership. The membership amounts are listed below. Please send the amount with your name and address to La Crosse County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

Vicki Burke & Pablo Ruiz,

Co-chairs, La Crosse County Democratic Party



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EULOGY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Through his own suffering, Ted Kennedy became more alive to the plight and suffering of others - the sick child who could not see a doctor; the young soldier sent to battle without armor; the citizen denied her rights because of what she looks like or who she loves or where she comes from.

The landmark laws that he championed -- the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, immigration reform, children's health care, the Family and Medical Leave Act -all have a running thread. Ted Kennedy's life's work was not to champion those with wealth or power or special connections. It was to give a voice to those who were not heard; to add a rung to the ladder of opportunity; to make real the dream of our founding.

He was given the gift of time that his brothers were not, and he used that gift to touch as many lives and right as many wrongs as the years would allow.

We can still hear his voice bellowing through the Senate chamber, face reddened, fist pounding the podium, a veritable force of nature, in support of health care or workers' rights or civil rights. And yet, while his causes became deeply personal, his disagreements never did. While he was seen by his fiercest critics as a partisan lightning rod, that is not the prism through which Ted Kennedy saw the world, nor was it the prism through which his colleagues saw him.

He was a product of an age when the joy and nobility of politics prevented differences of party and

philosophy from becoming barriers to cooperation and mutual respect - a time when adversaries still saw each other as patriots.

And that's how Ted Kennedy became the greatest legislator of our time. He did it by hewing to principle, but also by seeking



compromise and common cause - not through deal-making and horse-trading alone, but through friendship, and kindness, and humor.

There was the time he courted Orrin Hatch's support for the Children's Health Insurance Program by having his Chief of Staff serenade the Senator with a song Orrin had written himself; the time he delivered shamrock cookies on a china plate to sweeten up a crusty Republican colleague; and the famous story of how he won the support of a Texas Committee Chairman on an immigration bill. Teddy walked into a meeting with a plain manila envelope, and showed only the Chairman that it was filled with the Texan's favorite cigars. When the negotiations were going well, he would inch the envelope closer to the Chair-

man. When they weren't, he would pull it back. Before long, the deal was done.

It was only a few years ago, on St. Patrick's Day, when Teddy buttonholed me on the floor of the Senate for my support on a certain piece of legislation that was coming up for vote. I gave him my pledge, but expressed my skepticism that it would pass. But when the roll call was over, the bill garnered the votes it needed, and then some. I looked at Teddy with astonishment and asked how he had pulled it off. He just patted me on the back, and said "Luck of the Irish!"

We cannot know for certain how long we have here. We cannot foresee the trials or misfortunes that will test us along the way. We cannot know God's plan for us.

What we can do is to live out our lives as best we can with purpose, and love, and joy. We can use each day to show those who are closest to us how much we care about them, and treat others with the kindness and respect that we wish for ourselves. We can learn from our mistakes and grow from our failures. And we can strive at all costs to make a better world, so that someday, if we are blessed with the chance to look back on our time here, we can know that we spent it well; that we made a difference; that our fleeting presence had a lasting impact on the lives of other human beings.

This is how Ted Kennedy lived. This is his legacy.

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Oktoberfest Parade



Last year we had a great showing for the Oktoberfest Parade, with more than 160 democrats unified for change. Can we do the same this year? Contact Vicki Burke

(yburke0737@aol.com) or Pablo Ruiz (pruiz@laxdems.com), or contact Andrew Londre with Organizing For America.

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Attention all Party Members:

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009!



Yes please enroll me, and/or my family, as a member of the La Crosse County Democratic Party for 2009!!

Enclosed is payment for dues according to type of membership requested.

Please Check Due Structure that applies

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home/Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____

Assembly District: 94th _____ 95th _____ Ward _____

YES! I am interested in volunteering for party activities!

- ___ \$25 General Membership
 (\$10 each for up to 3 additional members)
- ___ \$ 10 Senior Citizen
- ___ \$35 Pairs (Up to Two Memberships)
- ___ \$45 Activist (Up to 3)
- ___ \$75 Family Membership
- ___ \$120 Supporting Membership
- ___ \$240 Friend
- ___ \$600 Patron
- ___ \$1200 Investor
- ___ \$2400 Benefactor

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I recommend contacting as a possible member

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