

## DEMOCRATIC NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2009

### Message From The Chairs:



...Congressman Ron Kind announced that he will not seek the office of Governor but will continue to serve the Third Congressional District. We know that this was a difficult decision for Congressman Kind. He has put the needs of the Third Congressional District ahead of all other considerations.

"My job is to stay focused on the health care reform that's pending so that we deliver affordable, quality, accessible health care for all Wisconsin families," he said. "I've a primary responsibility to do this job well." Thank you, Ron, for your work on our behalf.

If you missed the Sept. General Meeting you missed a great speaker!!! Mike McCabe gave us much to think about regarding money in politics. He asked that we contact Thanks to those who marched in the Oktoberfest parade!

Our largest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching. On Saturday, Oct. 24, we will have cocktails (5 p.m.) and dinner (6p.m.) at the Concordia Ballroom, La Crosse St. We are raffling four basket this year instead of the silent auction. The themes are politic, gourmet, Wisconsin, and entertainment. Please contact Barb Clark (608-498-6150) or Marcia Wine (608-783-0172) to donate Badger or Packer tickets (for events after Oct 24th), symphony, play, or movie tickets or gift certificates. Gift certificates for restaurants, miniature golf, bowling, etc. for the entertainment basket. If you wish to make a money donation to this project, contact Barb or Marcia as well.

Remember to renew your membership. A membership form can be found at [www.laxdems.com](http://www.laxdems.com). Or you may send in your payment. The membership amounts are listed below. Membership paid in after October 1 will be for 2010 as well. 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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Ho-Chunk Three Rivers House,  
724 Main St.

## The Cost of Inaction on Health Care Reform

The following is information from Alice Germond of the Democratic National Committee which could be used in discussing health care reform.

As the debate continues over what the final version of health insurance reform will look like, it is critical to remember one thing: inaction is not an option. The cost of doing nothing is too high.

The Robert Wood Johnson foundation released a new report underscoring that cost. The report found: "if federal reform efforts fail, over the next decade in every state, the number of uninsured will increase, employer-sponsored coverage will continue to erode, spending on public programs will balloon and individual and family out-of-pocket costs could increase by more than 35 percent."

Even under the best case scenario, the Foundation's analysis

predicts an incredible economic strain on individuals and businesses in every state and the District of Columbia if reform is not enacted.

Under the worst case scenario, the results would be devastating. If we fail to enact reform:



~ In 29 states, the number of uninsured would increase by more than 30 percent.

~ The number of people without insurance could increase by at least 10 percent in every state. The number of uninsured Americans would reach 65.7

million.

~ The cost to individuals and families would increase significantly over the next 10 years - from \$326.4 billion this year to \$548.4 billion in 2019.

~ Out-of-pocket costs for families and individuals would increase by 35 percent in every state.

~ Rising costs would also continue to hurt businesses - their premiums would continue to increase, more than doubling in 27 states.

~ In the very best case, employers would see premium costs increase by more than 60 percent in nearly every state.

~ Employer-based coverage would continue to erode in every state. In half the country, employer-based coverage would fall by more than 10 percent.

### Support Our New Web Site



### [www.LaxDems.com](http://www.LaxDems.com)

Our latest project is the development of a great new, user-friendly website. Thank you to those who have helped with this project. Our monthly maintenance cost is \$100.

If you can contribute to the cost, please send

your contribution to La Crosse County Democratic Party, PO Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861. If you would like to contribute \$50 or \$100 to the monthly maintenance, please note that on your check.

When election season comes, we will be ready to hit the ground running with a great website capable of helping candidates and presenting an organized face for the LCDP.

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**Wisconsin Assembly  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Assembly District: 94th \_\_\_\_\_ 95th \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ \$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*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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YES! I am interested in volunteering for party activities!