

## DEMOCRATIC NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER 2009

### Message From The Chairs:

... Elections for officers and at-large members of the Executive Board will be held Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the North Side Policing Station, 713 St. James St. The Executive board is comprised of the four officers, the immediate past chair (Pablo Ruiz, past co-chair), a college student, plus five at-large members. Candidates for officers are the following: Vicki Burke, Chair; Helen Kelly, Vice-chair; Kris Troyanek, Treasurer, and Paula Stanek, Secretary. Five at large members will be chosen from the following: Justin Fons, Bob Freedland, Keith Knutson, Monica Kruse, Paul Hackner, Andrew Londre, Katie Norton, Mike Parker, and Marcia Wine.

Thank you to Congressman Kind for his interesting and informative update on health care reform and the Iraq/Afghanistan situation. The members present thanked Ron for his decision to forego the Governor's race to make sure the job is completed on health care reform.

Lt. Gov. Barb Lawton came to La Crosse on Tuesday, Oct. 27, to speak on the Impartial Justice which Mike McCabe, Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, had asked us to support. Please go to the web site for more detail about contacting your state representatives.

Our Fall dinner was a success thanks to many contributions and donations. They are listed below.

Exciting news!! Senator Feingold is opening an office in La Crosse in January, and the La Crosse Dems will share in the cost and in staffing the office!! Stay tuned for further details.

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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## Kind Increases Accessibility, Affordability, Quality of Health Care

November 8, 2009



Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) today voted for bipartisan health care reform that provides affordable, stable, quality health

insurance to all Americans. The Affordable Health Care for America Act, H.R. 3962, passing 220 to 215, is a commonsense bill that will reform the current health care system.

“Comprehensive health care reform is long overdue because the current system is unsustainable. The Affordable Health Care for America Act not only makes health care more stable and affordable for those who already have health insurance, but it guarantees access to health insurance coverage for the uninsured, protects consumers, provides security for seniors, and reforms the way we pay

for health care from one that is volume driven to one that is value driven.

“The health care reform bill builds on what works and fixes what doesn’t, offering stability and security to families who are satisfied with their health insurance and providing choices for those who aren’t, without leaving a legacy of debt to our children.

“Although it’s not perfect, the bill is a good start. As promised, it’s completely paid for. In fact, it reduces the national deficit by \$109 billion over the next 10 years and will reduce the cost of care moving forward. I am proud to support the bill.

“Our current system pays for the number of procedures ordered instead of the quality of care provided; resulting in \$700 -800 billion, approximately one third of health care costs, in wasteful

spending each year that doesn’t help the patient. We need a value-based reimbursement system that rewards quality and cost-effectiveness.

“I’ve worked with health care providers in Wisconsin to correct the unfairness of Medicare reimbursement rates that they have been subjected to for so long. Our region is among the lowest reimbursed in the nation, forcing health care providers to shift costs to private plans, resulting in higher costs for patients. We’re fixing that flawed system with this bill, through negotiations I led, to include provisions for historic payment reform that reward the value of care delivered instead of the quantity of care provided. This bill will lead to a more cost effective way to pay for and deliver health care in our country and lower costs in the long run, making health care more affordable for all Americans.

### Fall Dinner Contributors - Thank You

Thank you to Pablo Ruiz and Kris Troyanek for the Packer tickets, Vicki Burke for the Badger tickets, and Senator Kohl for the Bucks tickets. Donations of articles for the baskets or money to help with the cost of the dinner were made by the following: Senator Russ Feingold, Congressman Ron Kind, Rep. Jennifer Shilling, Tara Johnson and Tim Pedesky, Ken Brown, Paula Byerly, Barb Clark, Dan and Lorraine Flaherty, Sharon Hampson, Helen Kelly, Bill and Jan Larkin, Leo Mashak, Tom Misco, Marcia and J.D. Wine, Margaret Wood, Pat Mulrooney,

Jane Klekamp, Alice McHugh, Theresa Wang, Chris Kahlow, Paula Stanek and Vicki Bloor.

A special thank you to Barb Clark, Kris Troyanek, and Marcia Wine for putting together the baskets. They were great.

Thank you to Loren Kannenberg, Mike Parker, Charlie Marx and Dave Groshek for the great food. Thanks to Chris Kahlow for the bread.

Thank you to the college students and others who helped with the setup and takedown.

### Feingold House Party November 19



Chris Kahlow, 2525 King St., La Crosse, is hosting a house party for Sen. Russ Feingold on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Sen Feingold’s campaign will be holding these throughout the state on this night, and he will be on a conference call to each house during the house party. Suggested Contribution \$25.

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[www.SSDC-Wi.org](http://www.SSDC-Wi.org)

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**Support Our New Web Site**



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

Our latest project is the development of a great new, user-friendly web-site. 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.

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Attention all Party Members:

The Newsletter is now online. If you don't receive the online newsletter and haven't received online updates through the campaign, please update your address by sending an email to: [laxdems@yahoo.com](mailto:laxdems@yahoo.com) or visit us online at: [LaxDems.com](http://LaxDems.com)



**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

*Make checks payable to;  
 The La Crosse County Democratic Party  
 P.O. Box 1861  
 La Crosse WI 54602-1861*

*I recommend contacting as a possible member*

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