

### Message from the Chair

Dear Friends,

Exciting news!! Senator Feingold will attend the Grand Opening of his office at 116 Fifth Ave. S. on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.. Please come to show your support. The LCDP shares this office and your help is needed to make this a strong Democratic election year.



Henry Sanders, candidate for Lt. Gov. of Wisconsin, will speak at the February 15th meeting at 7 p.m. at The Feingold/LCDP Office, 116 Fifth Avenue South **\*NOTE New Location\***. See information below.

We need to be more active in writing letters to the editor. Every day we see extreme conservative messages being presented by several writers. WE MUST RESPOND!!

Remember to renew your membership for 2010. 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. 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*

Chair

La Crosse County Democratic Party

### Support Our New Web Site

Hope you have taken the time to go to our reconstructed website at [www.laxdems.com](http://www.laxdems.com). Thank you to those who have helped with funding this project. Our monthly maintenance cost is \$100. If you would like to make a specific donation for the website, please send your contribution to La Crosse County Democratic Party, PO Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861.

Candidate links are on the website.

LA CROSSE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



### UPCOMING COUNTY PARTY EVENTS

#### February General Party Meeting

Feb. 15-7 p.m. Feingold/LCDP Office  
116 Fifth Avenue South, La Crosse  
**\*NOTE Location Change\***

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will be visiting!

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116 Fifth Ave. S.,  
La Crosse, on Saturday, Feb. 20,  
from 9 a.m. to 10:30

#### St. Patrick's Day Party and fundraiser

Saturday, March 20, 6-9 p.m.  
Home of Loren Kannenberg and Kari  
Kline, 322 S. 23rd. St., La Crosse.

#### Call to Convention 3rd Congressional District Convention

Saturday, March 27,  
Cochrane-Fountain City High School,  
S2770 State Rd. 35, Fountain City  
Registration 9-11a.m. Resolutions due at  
Feb. 15 meeting. See article on being a  
delegate and writing resolutions.



# If You Don't Use It, You Lose It Part II

By, Michael Hais

In spite of incorrect explanations like those of *New York Times* political columnist [Matt](#)

[Bai](#) that the election of Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate resulted from the actions of a fickle electorate dominated by political independents, the loss by Democrats of a long-held Senate seat is really a clear example of the old adage, "If you don't use it, you lose it." That is the lesson that Democrats should draw from last week's special election. The admittedly shocking event in Massachusetts notwithstanding, during the past decade the Democratic Party has assembled a new, and potentially majority, voter coalition. If the Democrats have the awareness

and courage to use that coalition in New England and elsewhere across the United States they could dominate American politics and policy making for decades to come.

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According to Bai, the American electorate, represented most recently by Massachusetts voters, seems to suffer from political ADD, flitting between "the latest offer" or "the newest best deal" in a society that is constantly "hitting the reset button." But, the victory of Scott Brown was not a matter of a fickle electorate alternating between the two parties in search of something new and different, or even a change in voting preference by Massachusetts independents. Rather, the outcome of last week's special election in Massachu-

setts stemmed primarily from reduced voter turnout among the state's Democrats.

What happened in Massachusetts has clear implications for Democrats across the United States. Martha Coakley and her out-of-touch strategists lost touch with what Barack Obama and his creative campaign did to rally a new winning coalition in 2008 and, as a result, lost an election in a state Democrats believed they could not possibly lose. Coakley lost not because the groups in that coalition turned against Barack Obama and the Democratic Party, but because turnout among those groups fell precipitously.

If you don't use it, you lose it.

*Read the entire story at [ndn.org](http://ndn.org)*

## In Memoriam-Bob Johnson and Lorraine Flaherty

### BOB JOHNSON

Bob joined the Party in the 1990's and was active in various campaigns, He was elected to the Executive Board for the year 2000 and elected Secretary for the 2001 year.

Bob began editing the LCDP Newsletter - "The Democratic Voice" with the Mar. 2003 issue. He continued as editor when he became Chair in Jan. 2005 and continued until he resigned in June of 2006. In addition to providing local organization information, he continually sought written comment from elected state Democrats repenting the La Crosse area or the state. He didn't like to wait until they were putting out press releases.

He typically had a lead story, usually taken off the internet from major news sources (e.g. New York Times, CNN, CBS) as well as those providing state political news. He also had pieces off the net from well known political figures or pundits such as Jim Hightower, Mark Shields, etc. Some issues would contain two or three separate pieces on different topic, For the most part it was the kind of content one would expect to find on the opinion page of most newspapers. He introduced photographs and political cartoons in the newsletter.

It was evident that he spent a fair amount of time producing each issue which always filled 6 pages. Also, he initiated an e-mail version which was identical to the hard copy version

His newsletter editing and composition exhibited considerable technical expertise which probably reflected the fact that he once considered majoring in computer science in college. At the same time the content clearly reflected the fact that he did major in political science.

### LORRAINE FLAHERTY

Lorraine was an active member of League of Women Voters, the Democratic Party, and American Association of University Women. She was also involved in causes that furthered the advancement of those less fortunate. She attended the National Democratic Convention in 1964 and worked with her husband on many Democratic political campaigns.

Lorraine enjoyed travel, literature, and the French language as well as the arts - classical music, art, ballet and drama. She also enjoyed golf, tennis, fishing and swimming.

Bob and Lorraine,

You will be missed.

## PAC, PARTY & NATIONAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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[www.AssemblyDemocrats.com](http://www.AssemblyDemocrats.com)

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Henry Sanders, Jr., candidate for



**HENRY SANDERS**  
Lt. Governor

New Location\*.

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Henry is a life-long resident of Madison's north side. He is the founder of the Madison Area Growth Network (Magnet) and Propel Wisconsin Innovation dedicated to job creation and growing the economy of Wisconsin. Henry has worked for the City of Madison and for U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin

## SEEKING DELEGATES

If you wish to be a delegate at the Third Congressional District Convention you MUST have your name to Vicki Burke by Monday, March 8, 2010. The convention is Saturday, March 27, at Cochrane-Fountain City High School, S2770 State Rd. 35. Registration will be from 9-11 a.m. with call to order at 10 a.m.

Sign up at the February meeting or email Vicki at [vburke0737@aol.com](mailto:vburke0737@aol.com) or phone 608-781-0737 and leave a message.

With 2010 being an election year, we will hear not only from our Congressman Ron Kind but also from candidates like Senator Russ Feingold, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, state legislators and exciting new candidates!

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*Vicki Burke Chair Kris Troyanek Treasurer*

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**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010!**



*Yes please enroll me, and/or my family, as a member of  
the La Crosse County Democratic Party for 2010!!*

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

**Please Check Due Structure that applies**

- \$25 General Membership  
(\$10 each for up to 3 additional members)
- \$ 10 Senior Citizen or Student
- \$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;*  
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*I recommend contacting as a possible member*

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