

## DEMOCRATIC NEWSLETTER - AUGUST

### Message from the Chair

A big thank you to those who worked at the La Crosse County Fair booth. Kris Troyanek, Barb Clark and I setup the booth. Monica Kruse and Rep. Shilling are pictured doing a great job of welcoming fairgoers. The booth was staffed by the following Democrats: Jan Slaght, Helen Kelly, Margaret Wood, Kris Troyanek, Justin Fons, Pablo Ruiz, Marcia Wine, Stan Berg, John Medinger, Linda Bechly, Nancy Burfield, Paula Byerly, Rep. Jennifer Shilling, Monica Kruse, R.J. Schlewie, Andrew Londre, Romi Pattison, Sharon Hampson, and Josh Sanders. Thank you for working on some hot and stormy days. The people were generally receptive.



We added a new staffer at the office who is with the coordinated campaign. He will be focusing on the Barrett for Governor campaign. His name is Eric Lavine. Anyone who wants to get involved should call him at 847-902-4152 or email at [ericl@wisdems.org](mailto:ericl@wisdems.org)

To get involved with the various campaigns, call their local organizers!

**Senator Feingold** — Call Pablo Ruiz at (608)782-1588 or email [ruiz@russfeingold.org](mailto:ruiz@russfeingold.org)

**Congressman Kind** — Shawn Phetteplace at 608-385-6488.

**Cheryl Hancock** — Andrew Londre, 608-790-2627

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!! Email me at [vburke0737@aol.com](mailto:vburke0737@aol.com) for help or suggestions

Remember to go to our website for information on candidates [www.laxdems.com](http://www.laxdems.com).

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  
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# Answers For Those Who Question Health Care Reform



There are still many misconceptions being spread regarding health care reform. Please use these points in clarifying the major point of the reform when talking to voters.

By 2014, health reform will eliminate all discrimination for pre-existing conditions, expand health insurance for 32 million additional Americans, and provide the largest middle class tax cut for health care in history.

It will take four years to fully implement these reforms in a responsible way, but a host of desperately-needed reforms and consumer protections will take effect this year.

\* This year, children with pre-existing conditions can no longer be denied health insurance coverage.

\* This year, health care plans will allow young people to remain on their parents' insurance policy up until their 26th birthday.

\* This year, insurance companies will be banned from dropping people from coverage when they get sick, and they will be banned from implementing lifetime caps on coverage.

\* This year, adults who are uninsured because of pre-existing conditions will have access to affordable insurance through a temporary subsidized high-risk pool.

\* This year, small businesses that choose to offer coverage will begin to receive tax credits of up to 35 percent of premiums to help make employee coverage more affordable.

\* This year, new private plans will be required to provide free preventive care: no co-payments and no deductibles for preventive services.

\* This year, early retirees will have help in the form of a temporary re-insurance program to help offset the costs of expensive premiums for employers and retirees age 55-64.

\* This year, seniors who fall into the Medicare Part D 'donut hole' coverage gap will receive a \$250 rebate to help pay for prescription drugs.

Source: [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)

## OFFICE SUPPLIES NEEDED!

If you could help with supplies we could use the following:

- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Computer paper
- Tall kitchen garbage bags
- Two kitchen size garbage cans
- 1 large garbage can
- 3 power strips.

*Drop at the office or call Vicki at 608-792-5854 and she will pick them up.*

If you would like to provide lunch or dinner for the 6 staffers and a couple of interns, call any of the numbers listed above in the message from the chair.

## OFA FORUM ON ENERGY

After hosting a successful forum on health care reform, the Onalaska OFA group will host a forum on energy on Tuesday, August 31, at 7 p.m. at Pertsch Elementary School, 524 Main St., Onalaska. Mark Meyer, Public Service Commissioner; Doug Hauser, Energy Manager of the School District of Onalaska; John Medinger, former Mayor of La Crosse, and Jeff Rich, Executive Director for Business Services for Gundersen-Lutheran will speak. Contact Harvey Witzenberg at [hawkize@charter.net](mailto:hawkize@charter.net) if you would like to join the Onalaska OFA group.

Also, we could use money donations for the office. We pay \$300 dollars a month to share and support this office. Any contributions will help keep us fiscally strong.

# PAC, PARTY & NATIONAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

**Wisconsin State Senate  
Democratic Committee**  
www.SSDC-Wi.org

**Wisconsin Assembly  
Democratic Campaign Committee**  
www.AssemblyDemocrats.com

**3rd Congressional District  
Democratic Party**  
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www.3rdDems.net

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w.wisdems.org

**Democratic Leadership Council (DLC)**  
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Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 544-0007(Tel) - (202) 544-5002 (fax)  
www.DLC.org

**IW-La Crosse College Democrats**  
www.uwlacrossecollegedemocrats.com

**College Democrats of Wisconsin**  
www.wiscollegedems.net

**Coulee Progressives**  
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### **State Senator Dan Kapanke**

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## SUPPORT OUR NEW WEBSITE



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.

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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

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City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to support the LCDP with a donation of \_\_\_\_\_*

*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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