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Message from the County Chair

By Mary Jonker, Chair

As the new year, 2014, begins the Kenosha County Democratic Party will be working hard this year to elect people to represent us from the Local to the State level. These individuals will make decisions that affect our lives, the lives of our families, our community and our State. We need to work hard this next year to get progressive people elected and I hope that I can count on our membership to help.

In November we elected a Board that will serve for the next two years.

Let's "Get to Know" members of the Board.

Leah Blough, Vice-Chair

Hello, my name is Leah Blough and I'm the Vice-Chair for the Kenosha County Democratic Party. I am an RN/BSN and a graduate of the UW-Milwaukee School of Nursing, and I've been a nurse for over 24 years, 20 of them at St. Mary's Medical Center in Racine. I currently work for Baxter Healthcare in Deerfield, IL. I've been a member of the KCDP and became active with the party in 2004 during Sen. John Kerry's presidential bid. I love being involved in politics at all levels, from local to national, and I can honestly say I've knocked on hundreds of doors since 2004. The experience from 2004 left me disappointed, but it did not deter me from working toward a better tomorrow during GWB's second term in office :) My interest in politics started when I was able to persuade my conservative, Catholic father to vote Jimmy Carter into the presidency, but unfortunately I was not successful the second time. I enjoy recruiting people to the KCDP- 2014 is going to be an exciting year for the KCDP, and we're working toward getting more people involved!

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I'm a 2 time graduate of Camp Wellstone as well as a 2011 graduate of Emerge Wisconsin, and have spent the last few years helping local, state, and national candidates getting elected to office, which has been a lot of work, but it's been fun meeting different people (with the occasional celebrity) and the experiences I've had.

My most memorable, exciting experiences were being elected as a National Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2012, as well as the opportunity to introduce VP Joe Biden during a campaign stop in Kenosha at UW-Parkside in Oct 2012—both tremendous honors that I'll never forget, all because I became involved :-)

I'm busy hitting the doors for my very own election for Kenosha Co, 12th district this spring, but I'm always available to chat and hear about any ideas to make our organization better. Thanks for the opportunity to tell my story.



Habitat for Humanity

By: Leah Blough

The KCDP is getting together a group to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Kenosha, and we would love for you to join us! Kenosha finally received approval for their Habitat chapter back in 2012, but they have been busy since then getting funding and interviewing families for their Habitat home. Families who qualify are also expected to put in the hours toward building their home, so we will be working side by side with the Vega family. The first Habitat home broke ground back in Sept. 2013, in Supervisor Ed Kubicki's district on the North side of Kenosha, and several of us were there for the groundbreaking. Please join our group! If you are handy with a hammer, or even if you are not, please

Calendar

Jan 30 Fundraiser for **Boyd Frederick** at Baker St 6208 Green Bay 5:00-7:00. He is a candidate for County Board Supervisor, District 14.

Feb. 6, 2014, 7:00, **General Meeting** of Kenosha County Democratic Party, Union Club, 3030 39th, Kenosha

Mary Modder Meet & Greet, Saturday, February 15th at 2:30pm at Bob's on Sheridan, 422 Sheridan Road She is a Candidate for County Board Supervisor, District 15.

American Association of University Women - Kenosha Branch, Public Policy Brunch, Saturday, February 15, 2014, 9:00AM, Cost: \$12.00, Bombay Louie's, 2227 60th Street, All School Board Candidates and State Legislators have been invited, Make a reservation by contacting Frances Kavenik, kavenik@uwp.edu

Mar. 6, 2014, 7:00, **General Meeting** of Kenosha County Democratic Party, Union Club, 3030 39th, Kenosha

Saturday, March 15, 2014, **1st CD Convention**, more information to follow

24th Annual Susan B. Anthony Award Dinner, Fri., Mar. 21, 2014, Parkway Chateau, 12304 75th St., 5:30PM - Cocktails, 6:30PM - Dinner, Award Recipient: Earlene Girman, Reservations: Contact Lois, (262)553-5510, sba.lois@sbcglobal.net

contact Leah Blough at leah.blough@gmail.com for more information. Participants are required to complete several forms required by the Habitat organization prior to participating. Once all participants have turned in their forms to me, I will forward them to HFH Kenosha, and we will be informed of the construction date for our group. This is a great organization and a fantastic opportunity for the KCDP to reach out to the Kenosha community!



December 4, 2013

Greetings Wisconsin Democrats,

I hope that this note finds you well. I wanted to write today to report out on the Democratic National Committee's Executive Committee meeting that we held just before Thanksgiving in New Orleans, Louisiana.

As many of you may know, this past summer I was elected by the DNC's Midwest Caucus to serve as one of the Executive Committee members. It is an extreme honor to represent the Midwest Caucus and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin on this important committee.

During the meeting, DNC Chair and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz updated the Executive Committee on the four priorities for the DNC that she laid out this past summer at our meeting in Arizona. I've summarized those priorities and updates below:

Recruit and Retain Top Talent and Build Our Bench

In order to be successful in elections, we need to have top talent running campaigns and top talent running for office. The DNC recently launched the DNC Women's Alliance which will work with the Women's Caucus, Women for Obama, and other groups to engage women involved in the party at all levels from those who want to make educated decisions at the ballot box to women who decide to run for office. We also heard that the DNC will be investing heavily in training opportunities with state parties to help get people ready to run when the time is right.

Maintain and Build Our Digital Advantage

The 2013 elections in Virginia and New Jersey were data driven campaigns where we were able to lead the way in data and analytics. The lessons learned from both of those campaigns will be passed on to campaigns in 2014 so we can continue to maintain our advantage. It was also reported by the Chairwoman that all of the 2012 data from the Obama campaign will go to the DNC and eventually to state parties. This

data will certainly help in future elections here in Wisconsin.

Expand Access to the Ballot Box

The DNC is continuing to fight anti-voting laws, such as photo ID, across the country that threaten individuals from being to fully exercise their constitutional right to vote. In addition, the DNC worked hard in the races in November to ensure that voters were not turned away from the ballot box. We all know how close the Virginia Attorney General's race was and the Chairwoman reported that the DNC will fight to make every vote count.

Hold the GOP Accountable and Promote Democratic Party Agenda

Much like the goal says, the DNC is working hard to hold the GOP accountable for their crazy claims and is promoting the great work that is being done by Democrats at every level -- from local officials all the way up to the President. The DNC took a lead role in calling out the Republicans over the shutdown and the Tea Party Extremism and has been active in talking about many of the great things happening by Democrats. Some great recent videos on this front can be found here.

Since August, we've made some great progress on the goals that the Chairwoman has presented and I am confident that that these goals will help us win in 2014 and beyond.

At the meeting, we also heard remarks from New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu who talked about the great work being done around the country by Democratic mayors. DNC Vice Chair Donna Brazile talked about the work being done by her fellow Vice Chairs around the country on issues ranging from engaging the veterans community, to working on labor issues, to helping protect the right to vote.

Finally, we heard a presentation from Mo Elleithee, the DNC's Communications Director, on how we define the choice going forward. He explained that 2013 was a good year to run as a Democrat and he went over the lessons we learned from this year's elections. Among those lessons were that candidates and campaigns do matter, that people view the Republican brand and the

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Tea Party brand as the same thing and don't like either, that the GOP rebrand has failed, and that discussing the Tea Party extremism and government shutdown is a winning cause for us.

I left the Executive Committee meeting feeling very optimistic about our chances in 2014 to elect Democrats up and down the ballot. We saw some remarkable victories last month ranging everywhere from Terry McAuliffe in Virginia to Bill de Blasio in New York, and I think we will see even more victories next year.

Those are all the updates that I have today. As always, please let me know what I can do for you and Democrats all over this state. It is my honor to serve and represent you on the Democratic National Committee. Have a fantastic week and a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Democratically yours,



Jason Rae

Democratic National Committee Member

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School Board Candidate Fo- rum

Participants:

Candidates for two open positions on the Kenosha Unified School District

School Board [Primary election February 18th, 2014]

Host: Kenosha Parents for Children

Moderator: Len Iaquina, B.S.J. (Medill School, Northwestern Univ.), M.S.J. (Pulitzer School, Columbia Univ. in the City of N.Y.)

Questions:

1. Written questions may be submitted via e-mail [ilovebaseball14@hotmail.com] by Wednesday, January 22, 2014
2. The moderator will control the final wording of questions asked for appropriateness, relevance, variety, etc.
3. Every candidate will have the opportunity to answer every question.
4. The moderator may ask other questions and ask follow up questions for clarification as appropriate.

Forum Format:

1. Opening remarks of two minutes each may be made by each candidate.
2. The moderator solely will preside at the forum and ask all questions.
3. Audience members will not ask questions or comment from the floor.
4. Microphones will be provided for the moderator and panelists only.

This event will be free and open to the public on a first come first served basis.

It will be held in the Student Center Cinema, UW- Parkside, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, January 29th, 2014, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Please park in Parking Lot A, which is adjacent to the Student Center.

For more information, call Karen Kempinen, 262-945-2091.

New Trailer for our Parades

By Rollin Pizzala

After much discussion at our KCDP Board Meetings about people riding on the parade float and actually doing this at last year's parade in Bristol, we decided to purchase a new/used trailer large enough to allow riders. I managed to find one that is 10 feet longer than the old one. It is 18 feet long, plus it is lower to the ground for easy access. The trailer was completely refurbished with new treated 18' boards (no splices) and completely rewired.

We need members to come up with some ideas for decorating this float. Current ideas include getting a Styrofoam cutout of our State/Kicking Donkey Logo and attaching it to the trailer. I know of someone in Iowa who would be able to make this. As of now, we have no quote from him.

Since our first parades are Memorial Day in Silver Lake and Twin Lakes, we need to get very busy very soon.

Please help us out by volunteering ideas for the float and by volunteering to help with the reconstruction project.

Remember, we will be riding on this float, so we hope many more members will join us at the parades. No longer will be walking those long distances or up those steep hills in Twin Lakes and Bristol.

We participate in 5 parades per year: Silver Lake and Twin Lakes, On Memorial Day, Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade (1 p.m. Sunday, June 29), Bristol Progress Days (July 14), and Somers 4th of July Parade.

In our efforts to defeat Paul Ryan and Scott Walker, this year it is imperative that we have a large turn out for the parades. You would be amazed at the positive response we always get in these parades!



Kenosha School Board Primary Election

Ken Holdorf posted in Kenosha's Voice of the Students

Ken Holdorf

Ken Holdorf 3:54pm Jan 13

Mr. Kyle Flood, School Board Clerk, convened the meeting at 3:30 P.M., on Monday, January 13, 2014, in the Small Board Room at the Educational Support Center for the purpose of drawing for position on the ballot for the School Board primary election to be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Mr. Flood and Stacy Schroeder Busby conducted the drawing. Mr. Kenneth Holdorf was also present.

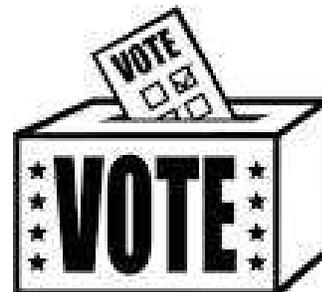
The results of the drawing for position on the ballot are shown below:

1. Mike Falkofske
2. Jo Ann Taube
3. Michael Edward Kehoe
4. Gary J. Kunich
5. Dan Wade
6. Robert A. Nuzzo

The drawing was completed at 3:33 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby

Board Secretary





Officers 2024-2016: Tyson Froh, John Franko , Karen Kempinen, Scott Page, Mary Jonker, Rollin Pizzala, Ann Wilson, Leah Blough, Mike Goebel



Groundbreaking Habitat for Humanity



Crop Walk...KCDP raised \$250 Leah, Mary, Rollin and Evelyn Pizzala