



# KENOSHA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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## DEMOCRATIC CORE VALUES

Fair trade policies, collective bargaining, embryonic stem cell research, living wage, affordable healthcare for all, jobs from new energies, fairness and equality, separation of church and state, environmental preservation, women's rights, balance of power, equal opportunity, fiscally sound budgets, quality education, balancing the tax base, right to privacy, pro hunting & fishing, and keeping guns out of schools, bars, churches, e



## Message from the County Chair

By Mary Jonker, Chair

It's that time again, **Election Time** for the Kenosha County Democratic Party. At the October membership meeting nominations will be taken for board positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, 5 (five) At-Large Board positions and Sergeant-At-Arms. These will be two year positions per our new Constitution. The person being nominated needs to either be at the meeting or send a letter or email our Secretary, Judy Reynolds, [jreyno42@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jreyno42@sbcglobal.net), stating he/she accepts the nomination.

Consider a position on the Board as 2016 will be an important election year.

### October Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2013

7:00PM

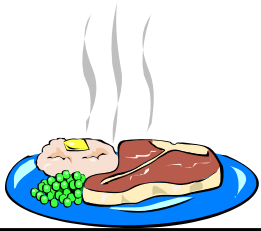
The Union Club

3030 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha

### Are you thinking of running for a city/county office or do you know of someone who may be a good candidate for a city/county office?

We want to hear from you. We are eager to get real progressive candidates for City Council, County Board, School Board and other elected positions.

The Kenosha County Democratic Party in partnership with the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Progress, Organized Labor, and other Progressive Ally Organizations will be hosting a Candidate Training for people who are considering running for local office this spring or in the future. The training will be held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at The Union Club (3030 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue) from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Lunch and light snacks will be provided. Contact Mary Jonker, 262-658-1224, [mjonker1@wi.rr.com](mailto:mjonker1@wi.rr.com) if you are interested in attending.



## Steak Dinner Coming Soon!!

County Clerk Mary Schuch-Krebs and Register of Deeds JoEllyn Storz will be co-chairing the event this year and want to thank retired County Clerk Edna Highland for all her hard work in the past in making this a successful event every year. The Annual Steak Dinner will be held on **Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the **Bartley House**. You will be receiving information in the mail. There will be no physical tickets, but the list of paid attendees will be at the door.

We need you to sign up in advance, so that the restaurant can purchase the proper amount of food. Bartley O'Hara has again graciously agreed to support us and open his restaurant for the sole purpose of our fundraiser. Please tell all your friends and family members to come out for a great time of camaraderie and fun; let's have this be our best year ever and make it worth the time and effort the **Bartley House** extends to us!

The dinner will be from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M., and the cost will be \$35.00 per person. 1212 58th St Kenosha, WI 53140

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County Fair Booth Setup Day

Scott Page, Evelyn & Rollin Pizzala, Karen Erb

## Calendar

**Oct. MEETING, THURSDAY, Oct, 3, 2013, 7:00PM, UNION CLUB, 3030 39TH Ave. ...Nomination of officers 2013-2015**

**Nov. 3, 4:00-7:00 PM Annual KDCP Steak Fry Fundraiser, Bartley House, , Kenosha 1212 58th St Kenosha, WI 53140 (262) 658-1966**

**Nov MEETING, THURSDAY, Nov. 7, 2013, 7:00PM, UNION CLUB, 3030 39TH Ave. ...ELECTION of officers 2013-2015 and PIZZA PARTY**

**Nov 9, DPW Candidate Training, Union Club (3030 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue) from 10:00am to 2:00pm**

**Nov. 20, Bob Wirch Birthday Fundraiser, Fireside Restaurant, 2801 30th Ave Kenosha, WI 53140 (262) 551-0600 , 5-7pm Pizza Surprise Guests**

**NO MEETING IN DEC.**

## AM 820 Available during Daylight Hours Only



**FM Stations Available 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

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## Message from Melissa Lemke, 1<sup>st</sup> CD Chairwoman

If you want to go far, we must go together.

Today as I finish the day after three Democratic Party meetings my thoughts are drifting our progressive brothers and sisters in La Crosse. This week our progressive community lost a visionary organizer, teacher, Ojibwe leader, and dreamer.

Matt Stewart was a dear friend was wise well beyond his years and was often heard saying, "If you want to go fast, you will go alone. If you want to go far, we must go together." As I was at our party meetings today, the words, teaching, and stories he shared were drifting in and out of my mind.

I thought it was fitting to ask and challenge ourselves as Democrats how can we do a better job of "going

further together." In off years it is easy to forget that we are all playing for the same team. With no candidates to coalesce around it is easy to divide ourselves into small groups or subsections. Work on issues independent of our brothers and sisters instead of with one another.

I deeply believe we are stronger together than we are apart. As you read this I ask you to scrutinize yourself, the party, and one another (kindly of course) to ask as Matt would "How can we widen the circle?" Where are new people who we need to include in our work? Who is missing from our tables, halls, meeting spaces, and work? Who's voices are not included in our day to day labor? Then challenge yourself and each other to take one CONCRETE step, no matter how small to widen the circle.

So, as I prepare today to go to both the funeral and celebration of life of a dear old friend, I ask that we do the work to go further together and challenge ourselves to widen our circle.



Habitat for Humanity-Now in Kenosha!

It's been 2 years in the making, but Kenosha finally has an official Habitat for Humanity affiliation!

The groundbreaking of the Vega family Habitat home took place on Saturday, September 7th. The new Habitat home is in the district of County Board Vice-Chair (and Kenosha County Democratic Party member) Ed Kubicki, who was on hand to help with the ceremonies.

The Kenosha County Democrats will be getting a group together to volunteer for this worthwhile effort!

Please contact Leah Blough at [leah.blough@gmail.com](mailto:leah.blough@gmail.com) if interested. All interested participants will receive a participant waiver that will need to be completed prior to getting our group together.



**Save the Date**

**Nov. 20, 2013**

**Bob Wirch's**

**Birthday Fundraiser**

**Fireside Restaurant**

**2801 30th Ave**

**Kenosha, WI 53140**

**5-7 PM**

**Surprise Guests**

**PIZZA**



## Kenosha Casino Update

By: Tod Ohnstad

As you know, the long-proposed Kenosha casino project sponsored by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin finally received the necessary federal approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) last month. The final approval now rests with Governor Scott Walker, who has indicated that he will make a decision within the next several weeks. He is currently accepting comments from citizens regarding the Kenosha casino project, so I encourage you to contact him at (608) 266-1212 or govgeneral@wisconsin.gov.

Since my election to the Assembly, I have worked hard to show support for the proposed casino in Kenosha. I signed on to several letters of support for the casino project that were sent to key decision-makers. I participated in multiple press conferences to bring new attention to the casino project. I have also spoken with Governor Walker to convey the importance of the casino to the Kenosha community and communicate our community's strong support for the project.

When I met with Governor Walker earlier this year, I specifically expressed my concern that he would require a unanimous support for the casino by all of the tribes in Wisconsin. Requiring unanimous support would give any other tribe an automatic veto of the project, even though the casino project has been developed and supported by a wide variety of partners over the course of many years. I do not believe this is the correct approach, particularly in the face of the years of work, communication, and compromise that have been given by the Tribe and the people of Kenosha. I will be meeting with Gov. Walker again in a few weeks, at which time I intend to reiterate these points and again emphasize the significance of the proposed casino to Kenosha.

Wisconsin has lagged behind the nation in job creation and Kenosha's unemployment rate is even greater than the overall state average. The casino project promises not only 3,300 jobs, but also 1,400 construction jobs as well. It would also be a huge boost to the city and county budgets, as well as to the Kenosha Unified School District.

For all of these reasons, I want you to know I will continue to support the casino project in any way I can. I truly believe that at the end of the day it is possible for all entities involved – even those who currently express concern about the proposal – to come up with a solution that brings the casino to Kenosha. I will do everything I can to make the casino a reality for our community. I encourage you to voice your support for the casino as well.

Again, Gov. Walker is accepting comments from citizens regarding the Kenosha casino project, so you can contact him at govgeneral@wisconsin.gov or (608) 266-1212.



# Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans



**18th Annual**

## **Senior Power Lunch**

**Monday, October 14, 2013**

**11:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch at 11:45 a.m.

**NEW**

**Italian Community Center**

**631 E. Chicago Street**

**Milwaukee, WI**

*Please join us as we recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of Wisconsin's seniors.*

*We will both remember the generations before us who had the wisdom to lay the foundation for Social Security & Medicare and honor those who carry on the fight to preserve and improve these programs for future generations. Our featured speaker is a well known Historian and Writer who will help us on our journey.*

**Guest Speaker - Historian & Writer**

**John Gurda**



*Our 2013 Honorees have demonstrated outstanding commitment to current generations of seniors and/or retirees through their contributions to Community, Labor or Public Service. This year's outstanding honorees are:*

**Diane Beckley**  
*Community*

**Timm Driscoll**  
*Labor*

**County Exec.  
Tom Nelson**  
*Public Service*

**Christine Neumann-Ortiz** **WI Rep. Sandy Pasch**  
*Community* *Public Service*

*To attend the Power Luncheon, please complete the registration form. You can also remember someone past, honor an individual or add your name as someone who believes in the fight to preserve Social Security and Medicare on a special page in our Power Lunch booklet or place an ad for your organization. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, donations are very much Appreciated. <http://wisconsinara.org/>*

