

# The Kenosha Democrat



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For more than 200 years, Democrats have represented the interests of working families, fighting for equal opportunities and justice for all Americans.

Our party was founded on the conviction that wealth and privilege shouldn't be an entitlement to rule and the belief that the values of hardworking families are the values that should guide us.

We didn't become the most prosperous country in the world by rewarding greed and recklessness or by letting those with the most influence write their own rules. We got here by rewarding hard work and responsibility, by investing in people, and by growing our country from the bottom up.

Today Democrats are fighting to repair decades of damage and grow an economy based on the values of Main Street, not greed and reckless speculation. Democrats are focused on rescuing our economy not just in the short run but also rebuilding our economy for the long run—an economy that lifts up not just some Americans, but all Americans.



## Message from your KCDP Chair

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By: Rollin Pizzala

Well, it already feels like spring has arrived in Kenosha with sixty degree weather in February. But don't let your guard down like some of us have in recent elections. We thought that Hillary had it, so some of us did not vote. Now right around the corner there are Spring Elections. By the time you read this, primaries will be over. But April 4<sup>th</sup> is the General election for the State School Superintendent. In order to keep our public schools in check we need to re-elect Tony Evers. There is also a Circuit Court Branch 7 Judge race, school board races, and some local seats in the county, including the half of new Village Board in the Village of Salem Lakes. Let us see if we can keep the poll workers busy that day, break a record for off year elections, and show you care about your county, city, and state. Please get involved and come out and vote. It is your right!

Since the election we have received a lot of interest in the Democratic Party. We have received several calls from the western part of the county. I have initiated a call to find a venue in the county to hold some Democratic Party meetings, so that we can listen to your issues and thoughts. This is important because we have heard many times that because we are in the city we don't care about issues out in the county. My goal, while I am chair, is to come out to the county.

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We are doing great things at the office and at our monthly meetings. Our Jan. and Feb. meetings had record numbers of new people coming to listen to speakers. We are having issue oriented speakers at our meetings. Also, we had a number of events at our downtown office that had standing room only. We have seen faces that we have not seen before. I believe Donald has awakened people that have never been involved before. It is important to keep this up and show the community that the Democrats care about the things most important to them.

A new Candidate Recruitment/Training committee has been started. This is to scout the whole county looking for new candidates to run for office and send them to Emerge or Wellstone for training. The state also has a candidate training. We have set some money aside for these trainings. It is so important that we start these programs now for the 2018 and 2020 elections. We must start winning elections again. Planning ahead will give us a real decent chance.

I have been discussing expanding our office hours for the summer since there will be more activity in the downtown area. Saturdays will be a good place to start with Harbor Market. We will be assisting voter registration by computer. There are no more Special Registration Deputies, but we can still assist a person to register to vote. We are also planning education classes, like civics classes, teaching people how government works and how important voting really is.

In closing, there are some event dates you need to know of: April 1<sup>st</sup> is our Annual Dinner where we honor the “Democrat of the Year.” This year we promise some fun times, as we have changed part of the program. It will be at the Bristol Oaks Country Club, 16801 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol WI. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. April 4<sup>th</sup> Election Day! April 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Convention. This will be in Lake Geneva WI, at Badger High School, 220 E South Street. Election of most of the officers of the CD will take place at this convention. Registration begins at 9:00 AM, program starts at 10:00 AM. You must be a paid member and a delegate. Send me your request for delegate status. Continuing on May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Founders Day event in Milwaukee. One ticket will be raffled off at our April General Membership Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Plan ahead, if you are available that date, to get your raffle ticket at the April meeting. Lastly, the State convention will be on June 2-3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 in Madison, WI. Please plan on attending and being a delegate. Again, let me know if

Watch for news of demonstrations and other community action at:



[www.1stcd.org](http://www.1stcd.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/KenoshaCountyDems/>

## Progressive Radio Returns to Wisconsin

February 1<sup>st</sup> saw a huge change in Milwaukee local radio. Through the efforts of a group that has been working hard to bring Progressive Radio back to the Madison audience and also to Milwaukee, a Waukesha radio station was purchased, and the programming began. You can find this station on your AM radio at 1550. You can also listen on the internet at <http://newstalk1510am.com/live-stream/>

They are featuring some nationwide programming, bringing us Stephanie Miller in the morning, Thom Hartmann in the afternoon, and The Leslie Marshall Show at 9 pm. There is also quite a bit of local Wisconsin news on The Devil's Advocates Radio during morning and afternoon drive-times. Be sure to tune your car radio to 1550 AM. The call number to get your opinions heard is 844 967 2789.

The station is owned by Mike Crute. WRRD Waukesha, WI



News Talk 1510 am

Independent news talk radio, owned and operated by Mike Crute.

# CALENDAR



## COMMUNITY PROJECT

By: Sally Simpson

For the past 3 months our party has had a scarf tree outside our office with hats, scarves, and mittens available to those who needed them. Many members took part either knitting or donating them. As this project is over, we are looking for new community projects to do. If you have any ideas, please let us know. Call or email any of the officers listed on page 1

## Tony Evers Visits Kenosha

By: Evelyn Pizzala

February 9<sup>th</sup> we had the honor of hosting Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There were 40+ attendees who gathered to hear him report on the status of public education. There was some positive news as well as much negative news. Tony Evers is running for re-election to this office. The issues of tax dollars going to private schools, resources for-poor schools in poverty areas, and disparities in teacher's pay thru the districts in the state were addressed. He believes voucher schools and public schools should be equally accountable. Mr. Evers is one of the last Democratic-leaning state office holders. Phone banking and literature drops were made by members on the Day of Action, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, supporting Tony Evers for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

MAR 2

Kenosha County Democratic Party General Membership Meeting  
Thu 7 PM CST · Kenosha Union Club  
Kenosha, WI

MAR 9

KCDP Monthly Film Night: "Chasing Ice"  
Thu 6:30 PM CST · Kenosha County Democratic Party Kenosha, WI

MAR 16

Connecting with Diverse People in Kenosha  
Thu 6:30 PM · Kenosha County Democratic Party  
Kenosha, WI

APR 1

Kenosha County Democratic Party Annual Dinner  
Sat 5 PM · Bristol Oaks Golf Club & Banquet Center  
Kenosha, WI

Apr 8

9:00 A.M.

1<sup>st</sup> WI Congressional District Convention  
Badger High School  
\$25.00 See Rollin for delegate status

APR 13

KCDP Monthly Film Night: "Inside Job"  
Thu 6:30 PM · Kenosha County Democratic Party  
Kenosha, WI

May 6 5:00

DPW Founders' Day Banquet  
Milwaukee

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Tony Evers,  
Mary Moddor,  
Karen Kempinen

# Workshop Series

## “How To Talk With The Other Side”

By: Karen Kempenin

On Saturday, February 18th, Christine Welcher, farmer, former small business owner, and former candidate for the Wisconsin's 32nd Assembly District, presented a workshop titled “How to Talk With the Other Side” to a group of urban and rural Kenosha County residents at the Kenosha County Democratic Party office. The workshop taught us skills to begin to bring our community together at this critical time, since "a house divided cannot stand."

Steps to follow include:

- Listen.
- Identify common ground.
- Speak to shared values.
- Respond with a progressive frame.

We watched 3 short videos to guide our reflection and discussion.

1] We learned that we might be politically correct, but emotionally wrong. People are likely to listen, not because of what we say, but how we say it, so we must be mindful of our tone of voice, our choice of words, and our body language.

2] Recognition of our own mindsets is crucial, and these were presented in a military context. A soldier mindset is tribal and defensive, whereas a scout mindset seeks to see the world clearly, despite the fact that it may be uncomfortable or inconvenient. Only the scout mindset can help us connect in positive ways to each other.

3] We need people who disagree with us, but will work with us. To play roles in those relationships, we need to become less predictable, blur the lines, and be open to viewpoints outside of our preconceived ideas. Empathy is also key.

After the workshop, a number of participants stayed to build relationships and brainstorm action plans.

## Connecting With Diverse People in Kenosha

On March 16th, Ginger Helgeson will offer a presentation, “Connecting With Diverse People in Kenosha” that build’s upon Christine Welcher’s workshop. She states,

“We all need to be able to show we care about each other---regardless of politics, race, gender and sexual orientation, social and financial status, and disabilities of all kinds. How do we navigate all the diversity here and be positive members of our community?” Please join us to learn how.



Christine Welcher



## Kenosha County Democratic Party Annual Dinner



The Kenosha County Democratic Party would like to invite you to our  
“Annual Dinner”

Saturday – April 1, 2017

5:00 pm Social Hour (Cash Bar)

6:00 pm Buffet Dinner

Bristol Oaks Golf Club & Banquet Center

16801 75<sup>th</sup> Street

\$55.00 per person

We welcome you to join us for an enjoyable evening at our annual dinner. As usual, the evening will include a delicious buffet dinner, silent auction, cash prize raffle, and will honor our “Democrat of the Year”. For the second year, we will also have a raffle that features 3 prizes; a \$500.00 cash prize, a Tenuta gift basket, and a Costco gift card. Tickets for this raffle may be purchased at the dinner or ahead of time at the office, meetings, events, and from members of the annual dinner committee or board members.

A new twist this year! We all need to “lighten up with laughter”, so instead of having a keynote speaker, we will be entertained with political humor by the Pressed Ham Players. The Pressed Ham Players are a local sketch comedy group. We will also hear from our local elected officials.

We have both the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Congressional seat and the Governor’s race in 2018. We need to be ready to win both of these, as well as supporting other progressive candidates for office. The dinner is our main fundraiser for our party and helps us with these goals.

We are asking for your help by making reservations to attend the dinner, placing an ad in our program and/or donating an item for the Silent Auction. Advertising in our program or donating to the Silent Auction is a great way to help promote yourself or business in our community.

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Simpson at (262) 694-8254 or email at [sjs-jr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjs-jr@sbcglobal.net).

Let’s share each other’s company as our county party prepares for the work ahead!

Our hard working committee puts on a wonderful event every year. We say every election is the MOST important, but this year and next are even more so! Please thank and support our committee: Mary Jonker, JoElynn Storz, Mary Schuch-Krebs, Karen Kempinen, Leah Blough, Regi Bachochin and Sally Simpson.

Watch your mailbox for the ticket information. Call Sally if you have any questions.

## *Office Pledges*

*On November 30<sup>th</sup> the membership voted to keep our office open as long as we have the financial support to do so. I have opened the segregated account for the office.*

*I used the pledged money I already received in order to do so. If you gave me a pledge, a notice has been sent to remind you and let you set up your payment as desired.*

*There are 3 payment plans:*

- 1. A lump sum in January*
- 2. Monthly payments through Act Blue*
- 3. Monthly payments by check/cash*

*Payments are made to the  
Kenosha County Democratic Party  
Sent to: Sally Simpson  
8429 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Kenosha, Wi 53142*

*If you have not made a pledge yet you may still do so.*

*Contact Sally Simpson at 694-8254 or  
[sjs-jr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjs-jr@sbcglobal.net)*

*Thank you all for your support,*

*Sally Simpson, Treasurer*

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