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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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Well winter is gone and the flowers are blooming, so that means it's Spring. March and April were once again busy for the party. The Democratic Party had a wonderful time at our annual dinner. Sally Simpson and Karen Kempinen were named "Democrats of the Year." Once again congratulations to both of you for all the hard work you do. We had a great comedy group, "Pressed Ham Players," for entertainment, all had fun.

The KCDP helped the campaign for Tony Evers for Wisconsin State Superintendent. We have already started gearing up for the 2018 campaign. Our Candidate Recruitment and Training Committee held an event at our office for people interested in becoming a candidate or working on campaigns. A voter registration training was presented by Karen Kempinen at our office in preparation for us getting more voters registered.

The 1st CD Convention was April 8th in Lake Geneva. Mary Jonker was elected the new chair of the 1st CD. Now it is time to really work hard to get rid of Paul Ryan.

Starting this month we are taking the Kenosha County Dems West of the Interstate. The event, "A Gathering of Sharing" is May 8th, at 7:00 pm, at the Lily Lake Resort, 7910 – 328 Ave Burlington, WI. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of monthly meetings where the Kenosha Dems share what happened

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at our meeting, discuss concerns of those West of the I, and share ideas with each other.

Two important events are coming up. First, the annual “Founders Day Gala” on May 6th in Milwaukee, I hope to see you there. Keith Ellison will be the featured speaker. Then, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention is June 2-3rd in Madison. Please come and listen to some wonderful speakers and meet Democrats from around the state. Senator Tammy Duckworth will be the keynote speaker. This is also the year to elect officers for the Democratic Party’s State Board.

Our May General membership meeting will feature Sachin K. Cheda as our guest speaker. Sachin is the director of Fair Election Project, a nonprofit, nonpartisan campaign to end political gerrymandering. A representative from Tammy Baldwin’s campaign for Senator will also be speaking.

At our June meeting a representative from Working Families, Marina Dimitrijevic, will be speaking. JoAnn Gromowski, an attorney, will speak about Elder Law.

Soon it will be summer, which means it’s time for Parades. This year we will be in six parades. Starting out with two on Memorial Day in Salem Lakes and Twin Lakes, then again in Twin Lakes on July 1st for the Libertyfest Parade, Kenosha Civic Parade on July 2nd, Somers on July 4th, and finally the Bristol Progress Days Parade on July 9th. Please come join us for the parades, you can ride or walk with our float.

We hope to see you at our upcoming meetings, parades, picnic, County Fair, events, and at the office.

Watch for news of demonstrations and other community action at:



www.1stcd.org

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

Education Outreach

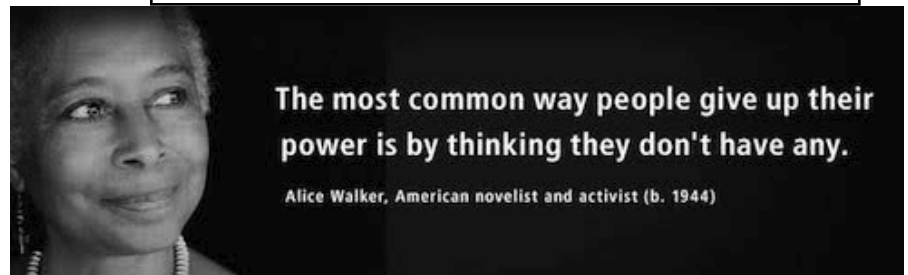
On April 20, 2017, Karen Kempinen, Co-Chair of the Kenosha County Democratic Party education/Outreach Committee, presented "Voter Engagement 2017," a workshop to prepare for the 2018 elections. Karen was a former Special Registration Deputy [SRD], and she is currently a polling place Chief Inspector.

Her presentation included

*An overview of the KCDP voter engagement plan, including "Power of the People" Saturdays *A Wisconsin Election Commission PowerPoint, "A Complete Guide to Voting in Wisconsin and Voter Identification"

This presentation included detailed information about voter registration and the voting process itself.

After this presentation, there will be only 8 months left to prepare our community for 2018. Stop into the KCDP office or message the KCDP Facebook page or website to learn more about the 8 Power of the People Saturdays!



CALENDAR

Power of the People Saturdays

May 20
June 24
July 22
August 19



September 23
October 21
November 18
December 16

During each of the remaining months of 2017, the Kenosha County Democratic Party will host a Power of the People Saturday.

On those days we will

1] Knock on doors to learn about our voters' concerns and tell them about the services and events available in our downtown Kenosha office.

2] Assist with voter registration in our office and in the community

Our goal is to have our county voters registered, informed, and ready for 2018!

We will need many, many volunteers, so please contact Karen, 262-945-2091 [call/text] or kkempinen@gmail.com, with your availability on these Saturdays:

May 20, June 24, July 22, August 19 September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1870468219907>

Memorial Day

Parades: Silver Lake, meet at Riverview School at 8:15 am.
Twin Lakes meet at Lance Park at 10:15.

July 2 Kenosha Civic Parade
meet on 25 Ave & 61 St at 11:30

May 11
Movie Night – Title TBA
6:30 pm – Office
5712 7th Ave. Kenosha

May 18
Criminal Justice Forum
6:30 pm- Office
5712 7th Avenue

May 20th
Power of the People Saturday
10:00 – 4:00 – Office
5712 7th Ave Kenosha

May 29th
Memorial Day Parades
Salem Lakes & Twin Lakes

June 1
Kenosha County Democratic Party
General Membership Meeting
7:00 pm – Union Club
Elder Law – JoAnn Gromowski
June 2nd and 3rd

Wisconsin Democratic Party State Convention
Madison Marriot Hotel, Middleton , WI

June 15
NARCAN Training
6:30 pm – Office
5712 7th Ave Kenosha

June 17
Power of the People Saturday
10:00 – 4:00 Office
5712 7th Ave Kenosha

June 24
Juneteenth Celebration
Columbus Park – 12:00-6:30
2003 54th St Kenosha

UPCOMING EVENTS

*PARADES

July 1st – Libertyfest Parade – Twin Lakes
July 2nd – Kenosha Civic Parade – Kenosha
July 4^h – Somer’s Parade – Somers
July 9th- Bristol Progress Days Parade – Bristol
PICNIC

Kenosha County Democratic Party Annual Picnic
Sunday, August 6th noon to 4:00
Washington Park Area 1

*For all parades check facebook or email for time and meeting place

From the 1st CD Chair:

The officers of the 1st CD, along with the County Party Chairs, make up the Executive Board of the 1st CD. The current officers, elected at the 1st CD Convention on April 8th, are:

Chair: Mary Jonker, Kenosha
Alternate Chair: Melissa Lemke, Racine
1st Vice Chair: Beth Pramme, Racine
2nd Vice Chair: Jim Brownlow, Waukesha
3rd Vice Chair: Sally Simpson, Kenosha
4th Vice Chair: Joe Cardinali, Kenosha
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Treasurer: Ken Simpson, Kenosha
Administrative Committee Representative: Matt Lowe, Waukesha
Administrative Committee Representative–Alternate: Sam Peete, Racine
Platform & Resolutions Chair: Karen Erb, Kenosha
Platform & Resolutions: Marsha Vila, Milwaukee
Platform & Resolutions: Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Walworth
Platform & Resolutions Alternate: Heather Geyer, Racine
Kenosha County Chair: Rollin Pizzala
Milwaukee County Chair: Rob Hansen
Racine County Chair: Meg Andrietsch
Rock County Chair: Mark Fuller
Walworth County Chair: Colleen Robson
Waukesha County Chair: Matt Lowe

Our first meeting will be held early in June and we will start our journey to elect a Democrat to Congress. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any of the 1st CD Board. We will need your help to get our candidate elected.

I hope to see you at the upcoming events: Thursday, May 4th, Kenosha County Democratic Party Meeting (The Union Club); Monday, Saturday, May 6th, Founders Day (Hilton-Milwaukee City Center); Monday, May 8th, A Gathering of Sharing (Lily Lake Resort); Thursday, May 11th, Jim Kreuser Fundraiser (Boathouse).

Mary Jonker
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Kenosha County Democratic Party Office Update

Our party's office has officially been open as our own county party office since the vote to have a permanent office just 5 months ago. Since that time, our office has become central to a variety of purposes for our party, including; events, activities, meetings, and as a resource center. We have held 8 events covering a wide range of issues and concerns. These events were attended by both members of the party and the larger community. We also used the office for helping the Tony Evers campaign. In the past, it's been difficult to find a place to hold committee meetings. The office has allowed us to hold countless meetings for many different committees. In addition, we were able to meet with people on short notice. We had an hour interview with a reporter from the Washington Post and a filmed hour interview with Korean News after being contacted just an hour or two ahead. The office has also been a convenient site to meet with campaign managers and recently the newly hired field organizer for SE Wisconsin. We had two monthly movie nights, with more scheduled, and have held meetings of the Liberal Learners Book Club. During office hours, we have met many new people. Several have joined the party or started attending events. We have been able to help others in a variety of ways including showing them how to contact elected officials to help solve their problems.

Right now there are four office events scheduled for May, June, and July. The events are:

1] Monthly KCDP Film Night - Title TBA
Thursday, May 11, 6:30 pm

2] "Criminal Justice Reform"- Thursday, May 18th, 2017, 6:30-8:30 pm Join District Attorney Mike Graveley (Prosecution), the Honorable Jodi Meier (Judge), Attorney Terry Rose (Defense), and a Representative from the Kenosha Police Dept. for a discussion of issues important to our community.

3] "NARCAN Training"-Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm Presented by Morgan Kebbekus, Prevention Specialist at the Aids Resource Center

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Education/Outreach Events
Kenosha County Democratic Party
May, June, July, 2017

We will also have updates on future events, including the six 2017 parades in which we will participate with our KCDP float.

**1] KCDP Monthly Film Night: TBA Thursday,
May 11, 2017, 6:30 pm
Kenosha County Democratic Party Office, 5712 7th Avenue, Kenosha**

**2] “Criminal Justice Forum”
Thursday, May 18 , 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm
Kenosha County Democratic Party Office, 5712 7th Avenue, Kenosha**
Join District Attorney Mike Gravely (Prosecution), the Honorable Jodi Meier (Judge), Attorney Terry Rose (Defense), and a representative from the Kenosha Police Department for a discussion of issues so important to our community.

**3] “NARCAN Training”
Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm
Kenosha County Democratic Party Office, 5712 7th Avenue, Kenosha** Morgan Kebbekus, the Prevention Specialist at the Aids Resource Center

**4] Juneteenth Celebration, hosted by the Urban League of Racine and Kenosha Saturday,
June 24, 2017, 12:00-6:30 pm
Columbus Park, 2003 54th Street, Kenosha**
From the Urban League:
“The event commemorates the day the last slave was freed in America on June 19, 1865. Our festival offers a variety of food vendors, youth activities with a jumpy house, local choirs and praise dancers and concludes with DJ’s and live entertainment. Music genre will be traditional Old School and R&B, featuring Motown classics. The event attracts families and youth from Kenosha County, Racine County, and our neighboring communities.

We invite the entire community and our neighbors to join us as we celebrate the occasion and enjoy a fun-filled day.”

The Kenosha County Democratic Party will again have a booth at the Juneteenth Celebration with children’s activities and information about the Democratic Party.

**5] Messaging to various audiences presentation Thursday,
July 20, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm
Kenosha County Democratic Party Office, 5712 7th Avenue, Kenosha** Allison Walton, Rhetoric Teacher

**Karen Kempinen and Evelyn Pizzala, Co-Chairs KCDP Education/Outreach
Committee
April 20, 2107**



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Party] or website
[kenoshacountydems.org] for**



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4] Messaging to Various Audiences – Thursday, July 20, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm Presented by Allison Walton, Rhetoric Teacher

The KCDP is also already preparing for the 2018 elections. We held a Voter Engagement event presented by Karen Kempinen. She presented an overview of the KCDP Voter Engagement 2017 Plan and information on voter registration and voter ID. There was also a Candidate and Campaign Manager Training, put on by the Candidate Training and Recruitment Committee. The two main goals right now are to get voters registered and informed and to get candidates to run for office. To get voters engaged we are starting “Power to the People” Saturdays, one Saturday each month. The dates are May 20th, June 24th, July 22nd, August 19th, Sept. 23rd, Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th, and Dec. 16th.

The Kenosha County Democratic Party Office has become very important to our party. Thanks to everyone who has made donations to keep it open.

We are pleased that the Democratic Party of Wisconsin has recently pledged \$100.00 a month for our office. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who have worked hard to staff the office during office hours, helped with events, performed office tasks, etc. If you made a pledge to the office, but have not yet followed through with your commitment, would you please contact us to let us know if you are still going to make a donation. Call Sally Simpson at 262 694-8254 or email, sjsjr@sbcglobal.net.

As you know, the 2018 election is going to be very important. We hope we will be able to keep our office open after December 2017 to help with the 2018 campaigns. Now is the time to help that become a reality.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday - 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Addition Wednesday hours 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Starting mid-May – Saturdays - 10:00 – 4:00 pm

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