

# The Kenosha Democrat



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## DEMOCRATIC CORE VALUES

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

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Rollin Pizzala, and I am the new Kenosha County Democratic Party Chair. At this time, I would, along with the other board members, like to give John Franco, our previous Chair, a warm thanks for his time on the board. John and his wife Jennifer devoted a lot of their time to the party even before John got on the board. They would team up to knock on doors, go to Harbor Market to register voters, and help in any way they could.

John stepped down because he had too much on his plate. He was elected as a County Board Supervisor in April, is President of his subdivision, is very involved with the PML Theatre in Antioch, as well as a full time school teacher in Waukegan Illinois. John plans on staying as involved with the party as time allows. Again, thanks John, for your services.

This summer our party was involved in several events, including six parades, the Kenosha County Fair, our annual picnic, and Laborfest. For the first time, we got invited out to Twin Lakes for a second time after they saw our wonderful float. We even won a

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trophy. We were pleased to again win a ribbon in the Kenosha Civic Parade. Throughout this time we were also busy opening our office and started working on the campaigns.

We were fortunate to recently have two special guests at our office. On Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> we had a packed office for Russ Feingold, who is trying to regain his US Senate seat to represent all of Wisconsin. I might add he is doing a great job and is ahead in the polls. But don't let that fool you, go out and vote so that he wins by a large margin. Also, on September 29<sup>th</sup> we had a very special guest, Anne Holton. She was the Secretary of Education for Virginia, and is the wife of Vice Presidential candidate Tim Kaine.

Remember that early voting started on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the City of Kenosha, Pleasant Prairie, and throughout the county. Contact your municipalities for the dates, times, and place to vote. Early voting lessens the long lines on election day. I was the first in line in Kenosha.

Registration to vote ended on October 19<sup>th</sup>, but you can still register to vote at your municipality, or do same day registration at the polls. To check your status, you may go to: [myvotewi.gov](http://myvotewi.gov) to check.

Remember YOUR VOTE COUNTS on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016. This is a very important election. Your future depends on it.

The election is almost here and the campaign needs many volunteers. Please stop down at the office any day to help. It is open from 10 am to 9 pm every day. Please sign up for as many shifts as you can, especially on GOTV weekend. GOTV will be going on in two places on the weekend before the election, November 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be

canvassing at the Union Club, 3030 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. and phone banking at our office, 5712 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. An election party will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Union Club.

The unprecedented resignation of the KCDP Chairperson resulted in the need to fill the Vice Chairperson position because the Vice Chairperson was required to assume the position of KCDP Chairperson. Long time party members do not recall this occurrence happening in the past.

At the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> KCDP Board meeting, the board reviewed the most recent version of our by-laws and concluded, after much deliberation, that we needed to hold an election to fill the Vice Chairperson position. Nominations for Vice Chair were made at the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> KCDP general membership meeting. Tyson Froh and Mary Jonker were nominated and accepted. However, it was brought to my attention the following week by a KCDP member that the constitution and by-laws were not in agreement regarding the procedure for filling the Vice Chair position. I then contacted DPW for clarification about how to proceed. The DPW By-laws and Constitution Committee reviewed our by-laws and constitution and determined that the State Constitution that KCDP adopted took precedence over our by-laws. The constitution states that the Chairperson shall make appointments to fill vacancies with the approval of the board. Thusly no election will be held at our November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 meeting.

The state DPW also strongly suggested that our party revise our by-laws to remove any conflicts it may contain with the constitution. This will be addressed by our by-laws committee in the near future.

The following is the correspondence received from DPW:

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“Dear Rollin,

With regards to your question about the ascension of the vice chair and the ability to fill the vacancies by appointment rather than election.... • It is the Constitution & Bylaws Committee’s position that although there is conflicting language between the constitution and the bylaws, in this case the constitution is the controlling document and therefore the chair is within their rights and obligations to make appointments necessary to fill any remaining vacancies until the next election with the approval of the board as outlined in the constitution Article V, Section 8. • It is also the committee’s recommendation that, following the November election, you address the issues of conflict between the bylaws and the constitution. We are able to offer suggestions and help if you feel that would be helpful.”

Sincerely,  
Lisa Herrmann Chair,  
DPW Constitution and Bylaws Committee

By the time I write the next letter I want to hear....President Hillary Clinton



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## CALENDAR

Oct. 30, 4:30–7:00 P.M.

Barley House  
Annual Steak Fry Fundraiser for KCDP

Nov. 3 7:00 P.M.

Regular monthly meeting of the Kenosha County  
Democratic Party  
Union Club, 3030 39<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kenosha  
**REGULAR END OF YEAR PIZZA PARTY**

Nov 5-8

GOTV Weekend. Help get out the vote. See Story on  
page 3.

**Nov. 8:00 P.M.**

**Election Watch Party, Union Club,  
3030 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hall A & B.  
Starting at 8:00 P.M.**

Jan. 5, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

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Please see story on Page 3 for information about  
canvassing and office hours.



Ryan Solen has invited Paul Ryan to debate and let the voters of the 1st Congressional District hear their views on the issues. Paul Ryan has until Friday at 5PM to RSVP. Should he decline or not respond, Ryan Solen will still hold the event without him. Looking forward to seeing many Solen supporters there!

**Blackhawk Technical College**

**6004 S County Road G, Janesville, Wisconsin**



## KCDP Steak Dinner Fundraiser

When: Sunday, October 30th, 2016, 4:30-7:30 P.M.

Where: Bartley House, 1212 58th Street, Kenosha

Come and enjoy an evening of good conversation with fellow Dems at our annual steak dinner fundraiser. Have a great dinner as we count down the days and work to elect Hillary Clinton as our President, bring back Russ Feingold as Senator for the State of Wisconsin, and elect Ryan Solen as our Representative from the 1st Congressional District and all of the other fine Democratic candidates on our ballots.

Reservations can be made by JoEllyn Storz at 262-764-1395. You will not receive tickets for this event; your paid reservation will be held at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Get Out The Vote

In a fiery campaign speech stumping for Hillary Clinton, President Barack Obama said, "If you care about our legacy, realize that everything we stand for is at stake; all the progress we've made is at stake in this election. My name might not be on the ballot, but our progress is on the ballot. Tolerance is on the ballot. Democracy is on the ballot. Justice is on the ballot ... There is no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter. It all matters." Certainly, we all can agree: voting matters.

That is why we are running a massive "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) effort in Kenosha to turn out the vote for Hillary Clinton, Russ Feingold, Ryan Solen, Ameer Janus, and Democrats up and down the ballot. But we cannot do it alone. We need anyone and everyone to knock on doors and make phone calls ensuring that Democrats have a plan to vote, know where their polling location is, and are prepared to bring a photo ID with them to the polls.

GOTV weekend is Saturday, November 5th through election day on Tuesday, November 8th. We have shift times at 9:00AM, 12:00PM, 3:00PM, and 6:00PM and we ask that people sign up to volunteer for at least one shift during the weekend if not more. Your work is going to be crucial in making sure that Democrats get out to vote. This is how we win. Call 262-336-9567 or visit [hillaryclinton.com/events](http://hillaryclinton.com/events) to sign up for a shift.

## Food Needed for GOTV to feed our hard working volunteers!!!

Four days prior to the election we will be at two locations, our office at 5712 7th Avenue for Phone Banking and The Union Club 3030 39th Avenue for Canvassing.

Breakfast (8AM-8:30AM), Lunch (10:30AM-11:30AM), Dinner (4PM-5PM) and Snacks/Dessert/Drinks (All Day) will be provided for Saturday, November 5; Sunday, November 6; Monday, November 7 and Election Day Tuesday, November 8.

If you can provide food the Union Club: Needs Breakfast on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; Lunch on Tuesday; Dinner on Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday and Office: Needs Breakfast on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; Lunch on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; Dinner on Monday, and Tuesday.

Snacks are always needed at both places. If there is something else you would like to donate, it is very appreciated.

If you are able to help, please contact me at [majonker54@gmail.com](mailto:majonker54@gmail.com) (note that this is a new email) or 262-497-4672.

## Rep. Tod Ohnstad's Report



There's no reason to wait until November 8th. Beat the rush and cast your vote today. Avoid the lines, early voting in Kenosha ends November 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have been bombarded with racist and sexist rants from the increasingly erratic, tax dodging billionaire the Republicans have at the top of their ticket. Now we need to get out and vote for the candidate who is clearly the most qualified and the only one fit to be President. Hillary Clinton is the obvious choice for working people.

We need our Senator back. We don't need one who only represents the richest 1%. Russ Feingold has proven himself to be a friend of the middle class and those struggling to get there. He deserves our vote.

Ryan Solen deserves our support for taking on the task of running against Paul Ryan who can't even bring himself to distance himself from Donald Trump. Although he portrays himself as a moderate, Paul Ryan has consistently championed attacks on Social Security and Medicare.

Not only do we need to vote, we need to get our friends and family out as well. Whoever is able is encouraged to spend a few hours between now and the election making phone calls or knocking on doors. You can volunteer at the Kenosha County Democratic Party Office at 5712 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. or at UAW Local 72.

The stakes are too high, our future too important to sit this out. Elections matter.

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I've had the opportunity to speak to several groups recently. The UAW Local 72 Retiree Chapter monthly meeting is one of my favorite events. I also had the pleasure of speaking at the Labor Day celebration where Marvin Modder was awarded the Labor Person of the Year. Both the Rally for Recovery and the walk against hunger organized by CROP were two other events I took the opportunity to speak at.

There was a grand opening of another Habitat for Humanity house in the District and also an event at Harborside Academy organized by Kenosha FACT, the teen advocates with the Kenosha-Racine-Walworth Tobacco-Free Coalition. I had fun speaking to two fourth grade classes at Vernon Elementary where the students had great questions. The classes then visited the State Capitol in Madison. I also spoke at our Kenosha Drinking Liberally event.

The 2015 Juvenile Justice Report came out this month. The report showed continued improvement in the rates of juvenile delinquency.

Much of this month has been spent fundraising for Assembly races throughout the state. I organized an event in Madison and another in Kenosha. We also had our annual golf outing for the Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee which was a big success. From now until the election I will be around the state helping Assembly candidates as we work to pick up seats for the next session.

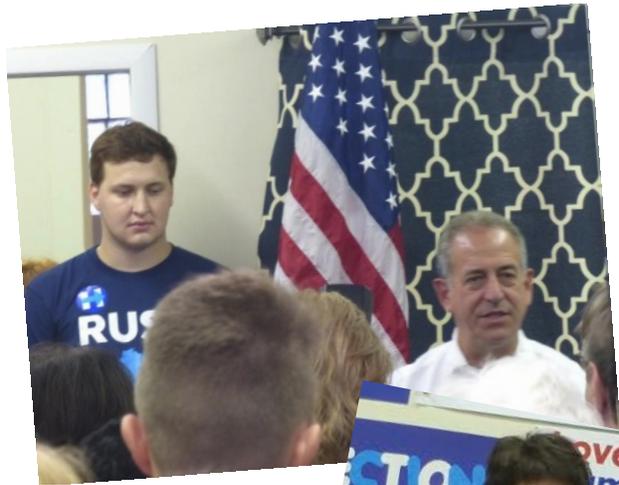
I continue to work on legislation to introduce in the new session and of course there is always constituent work to do as well. If you have a state related question or problem or wish to sign up to receive my monthly e-newsletter don't hesitate to call my office at 608 266-0455 or email me at [rep.ohnstad@legis.wi.gov](mailto:rep.ohnstad@legis.wi.gov).

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