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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.



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Message from your KCDP Chair

Hello fellow Democrats! It is November, and we are one year away from the very, very important 2018 midterm election. Midterm elections are often ignored by a lot of the voters. WHY? Well I am baffled as to the reason. The midterm election is the one where we elect our Congressional Representatives. That is important because they are the people that initiate, under normal circumstances, the bills that go to the house floor. We will also elect our Governor in 2018, and we all know how disastrous Walker has been for the State of Wisconsin.

As I was going through some of the past membership lists going back to 2004, I noticed that there are quite a few long time past members that have not renewed their membership. We, as the Democratic Party, have also noticed that there are far less people that have been, or are now Union Members that are affiliated with the party. We realize Walker's Act 10 and Right to Work legislation has been hard on union members. As strong union Members, past or present, one should never give up the fight that you believe in. We, as Democrats,

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still support unions but it is a two way street. The Democratic Party needs you now more than ever. Whatever happened that caused you to not renew your membership should be put to the past and forgotten. All of us need to come together and join hands and become a stronger Party. Remember ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES. So please come back, rejoin, and get involved so that we can hit the ground running come next year's election. I hope to see the percentage points increase by large numbers for next year's midterm elections. If you believe in what I am trying to get across, talk to your neighbors, friends, and relatives even if they lean slightly Republican. Also, we need to get everyone registered to vote. Please help by making sure everyone you know is registered.

Now is the time for change, get involved with the party, get engaged and help us win in 2018.

Our next General Membership Meeting is November 2nd, which is our election and pizza party. we had our nominations at our October general membership meeting. There were no contested seats so board members will be declared elected by acclamation at our November 2nd meeting.

We will be having Pizza and soda after the swearing in of officers.

The new board members will be Chair: Rollin Pizzala Vice Chair: Tyson Froh Secretary: Evelyn Pizzala Treasurer: Sally Simpson Sargent at Arms: Norm Siler Five board at large Mike Peltier, Alex Maskevich, Joe Dubanawitz, Joe Cardinali, Ken Simpson.

At this meeting we will also have two candidates for Governors race: Bob Harlow and Dana Wachs.

Also, check the calendar enclosed for other events. We have had to set up many activities and events at the last minute that end up not being on our calendar. Check our website, kenoshacountydems.org, and our Facebook page, Kenosha County Democratic Party, for all up-to-date information and events.

REMINDER, there is no General Membership Meeting in December. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Let's Make the State Blue again

A reminder the annual steak dinner is on Sunday Nov 5th at Bartley House 1212 58th Street ,Kenosha. Starts at 4:30 PM. There will be no Packer game that day.

We will be having movie night on Thursday November 9th . The movie will be Merchants of Doubt. The last meeting of 2017 for our west of the interstate (Westosha Democrats) at Lily Lake Resort will be Nov 13th at 7:00 PM



Rep. Ohnstad on the Republican Budget & Foxconn

On September 13th, the State Assembly returned to its regular floor session to debate the 2017-19 biennial budget. Rep. Ohnstad voted with his Assembly Democratic colleagues to oppose this ill-advised Republican budget, stating, "Repealing the prevailing wage hurts thousands of Wisconsinites. The average Wisconsinite sees zero benefits from a weak transportation plan and tax cuts for the wealthy."

It has been a session full of disappointing legislation which fails to meet the needs of the people of Wisconsin. At a time when Wisconsin's middle class is shrinking faster than in any other state, where our median income has actually shrunk in two thirds of our counties, and we are 37th in the nation in private sector job growth

Labor Fest

I was pleased to attend the Annual Labor Day event at St. Therese. It's always a great opportunity to see many of many friends. I'd like to once again congratulate Pete Deitz, seen receiving his award, from the Kenosha Professional Police Assn. for being the 2017 Labor Person of the Year.



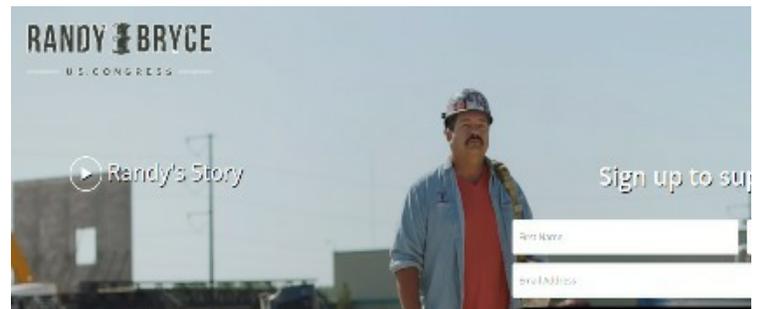
2018 IS GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT YEAR

We need to re-elect Tammy Baldwin as our Senator, a DEMOCRATIC Governor, State Attorney General, State Supreme Court Justice, Representative from the 1st CD, and to all our local and state offices.

In order to achieve these goals we will have to work to help get our candidates elected. It will be crucial to have our office

Visit these Websites
Learn About our Candidates

Randy Bryce



<https://randybryceforcongress.com/>

Cathy Myers



<https://cathymyersforcongress.com/>

open to help with the campaigns. Whether it's picking up a yard sign, going out canvassing, making phone calls, putting it together, entering data, meeting candidates, or holding events we need an office to do it in.

We have had our current office as our own Kenosha County Democratic Party office since December 1st. During those 8 months our office has proven to be very beneficial to our party. We have held 20 events covering a wide range of issues and have had a large cross section of people attend. We have used it for committee meetings, board meetings, meetings with candidates, candidate campaign managers, reporters, regional organizers, etc. It has been used for trainings in several areas.

The office has been funded totally through individual donations. Thanks to 48 individuals and DPW we have received approximately \$9,500 this year. We worked hard to keep costs at \$800.00 per month.

Continuing keeping our office open in 2018 is crucial. Please consider contributing to our office fund. We are now accepting pledges. You may either pay a lump sum, pay monthly, or whatever works for you. You can sign up through Actblue <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kenosha-county-democratic-party--wi--2>, pay by check, or cash. Checks are made out to the Kenosha County Democratic Party. For more information contact Sally Simpson, Treasurer, at 262 694-8254, sjs-jr@sbcglobal.net, or contact in person.

Democratic Party Steak Dinner

Sunday November 5th

4:30 – 7:30PM \$40.00

Bartley House per person

1212 58th St – Kenosha



Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other democratic friends at our annual Steak Dinner fundraiser. The mid-term elections are fast approaching and Democrats cannot afford to sit this one out. We need to come together as a party if we hope to win our state and local elections! This is always a fun event, with good food and conversation among like minded friends. *So please join us*, we look forward to seeing you.

Reservations can be made by sending in the attached form with a check payable to the “**Kenosha County Democratic Party**” to JoEllyn Storz at the address listed below. **You will not receive tickets for this event**, your paid reservation will be held at the door. **Please respond by October 21st**

If you would like to pay for your reservation online with a credit card you may do so by going to our Act Blue website: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kenosha-county-democratic-party--wi--2>

You still need to complete the form below and either email or mail it to JoEllyn so that we know what you would like to have for your dinner. Thank you!

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

Dinner selections: Steak _____ Grilled Chicken Breast _____

Checks payable to : **KENOSHA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

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KCDP Membership Meeting

Nov. 2, 7:00 pm

Join us at our meeting for pizza, election of board members, guest speakers, etc

Guest Speakers

Candidates for governor

Dana Wachs & Bob Harlow

Business meeting

Election of Board Members

Nominated at October Meeting

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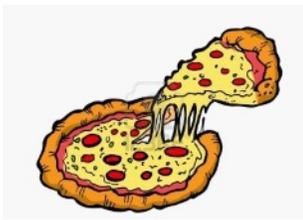
Alex Maskevich

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Board will be elected by acclamation

PIZZA - PIZZA - PIZZA



Calendar

November 2nd – General Membership Meeting, Union Club, 3030 39th

Avenue, 7:00 pm

Board Member Election, Pizza Party

November 5th – ANNUAL STEAK DINNER

FUNDRAISER- \$40.00 per person

Bartley House, 1212 58th St. Kenosha, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Choice of steak or chicken breast

November 9th – Movie Night, “Merchants of Doubt”

– Office, 5712 7th Avenue, 6:30 pm

November 13th – Westosha Democrats Meeting –

Lily Lake Lodge, 7910 328th Ave, 7:00 pm

No General Membership Meeting or Westosha Democrats Meeting in December

From the 1st CD Chair:

By: Mary Jonker

The 1st CD fundraiser on September 10th, the first of its kind for the 1st CD, was a huge success. The wit, enthusiasm, and ease of speaking of our emcee, Beth Pramme, kept the evening light but focused on our purpose to defeat Paul Ryan in November 2018. The event drew Democrats from all over Wisconsin and from Evanston, IL. Pramme explained to the group our plan to relieve the frustration of campaign workers that spend hours on the phone, only to end up talking to very few people by using the technology of predictive dialing to allow campaign workers to talk to voters instead of spending time listening to answering machines and dial tones. Our plan is to start early so that our candidate will have access to better and more efficient data right out of the primary. This will make our 2018 congressional campaign more efficient and work smarter with the available dollars.

Over 125 people listened to the keynote speaker, Rep. Eric Swalwell, from California’s 15th district. He spoke of the average family’s struggle in the present economy and that 3 out of 4 middle class families could not weather a financial setback of \$500.00. He spoke of the need for us to invest in our schools and education. Rep. Swalwell told the group to “Be more, make more, dream more! Dream that we can do better than the generation before us and for the next generation to do even better.”

The 1st CD board plans to do our part by starting our calling in January 2018.

Look for more information at the beginning of next year.

Check us out on our website:

<https://www.widistrict1dems.org/>

And on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WI1stdc>



Bob
WIRCH for State Senate

Please Join Us
At a birthday celebration for
Senator Bob Wirch

When: Wednesday, November 15th – 5-7 pm

Where: Fireside Restaurant and Lounge
2801 30th Avenue, Kenosha

All announced candidates running for Governor
have been invited as special guests.

Confirmed attending:

Michelle Doolan

Andy Gronik

Bob Harlow

State Senator Kathleen Vinehout and
State Representative Dana Wachs

Make checks payable to Friends of Robert Wirch

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Cory Mason Wins Racine Mayoral Race

WITH ALL WARDS REPORTING, UNOFFICIAL RESULTS SHOWED CORY MASON (with family above) with 5,356 votes, putting him 964 votes ahead of his opponent, 6th District Alderman Sandy Weidner, who tallied 4,392 votes.

"I'm really excited about moving the city forward and really doing the things that we talked about on the campaign; really rebuilding that middle class and getting people ready for the opportunities that are coming to the area," Mason said after thanking supporters gathered at The Branch, 1501 Washington Ave., in Uptown.

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