

Eau Claire County Democratic Party

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Democratic Party Resource Center

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Democratic Party General Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
Democratic Resource Center, 405 South Barstow



General party meetings open to the public. Only members may vote.

Calendar of Events

Tues., 2/15/11	Primary Election Day
Thurs., 2/17/11	General Party Mtg. Resource Center 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., 3/3/11	Board Meeting Resource Center 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., 3/17/11	Special Board Election Dem Party Meeting
Fri., 4/8/11	Annual Spring Gala
Sat., 5/21/11	FightingBobFest North

SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL SPRING GALA

Friday, April 8, 2011

Guest Speaker: Dave Obey

Featuring: Greggmoorian Chanters

Social Hour 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Individual Tickets \$30 Student Tickets \$15

Tickets available at Democratic Resource Center

Special Election Thursday, March 17th

Jodi Kwarciany, an active member of the Campus Dems at UWEC, has resigned her position as a member of the Eau Claire Democratic County Board due to a conflict with her class schedule this semester. Consequently, the Board voted at its February 3rd meeting to recommend Anna Gatton to the party membership to fill the vacant position, which runs through December 2011.

Our Constitution requires a ten-day advance notice prior to any election, which makes voting at our February 17th meeting impossible. Members should be prepared to vote on this vacancy at the March 17th General Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be welcome.

In addition, Party Chair Tom Kemp appointed Gatton as an ad hoc member of our Board until the special election can be held. Gatton is currently the political director of Campus Dems, so she will be able to maintain a strong liaison role between the Campus Dems and the County Party until the special election.

Third CD Convention

The Third Congressional District Convention will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 in Dunn County. No specific location has been chosen as of this printing.

Delegates Everyone who is a current member of the Eau Claire County Democratic Party is eligible to be a delegate to the convention. Those who are interested should contact Carolyn Dunning by March 25. All dues must be currently paid in order to qualify as a delegate.

Resolutions All party members may submit resolutions for consideration at the March 17 General Party Meeting. Resolutions approved by the membership will then be submitted to the Third Congressional District Convention for consideration at the April 16th convention. Resolutions should be submitted to Carolyn Dunning by March 11.

Submissions To be a delegate or submit a resolution, email Carolyn Dunning at ecdems@eauclairedemocrats.com or call the Resource Center at 715-852-0330.

The Mission of the Eau Claire Democratic Party is to promote democratic and progressive principles and to elect Democratic and progressive candidates—from town halls to the White House

Save the Date FightingBobFest North—Coming to Chippewa Falls on May 21, 2011

The first FightingBobFest North has been set for Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls, rain or shine.

“FightingBobFest” is a forum for progressives to gather and inspire each other in the tradition of Wisconsin’s pioneering activist “Fighting Bob” LaFollette. The parent event has taken place in Baraboo for the past nine years and will move to Madison in 2011.



FightingBobFest North was motivated by the late Senator Paul Wellstone’s charge to Ed Garvey, founder of the original FightingBobFest, to “do this more than once a year and in different locations.”

As former Senator Russ Feingold has made clear since last November’s election, the Progressive movement must regenerate itself and address today’s critical problems. The FightingBobFest theme of “Money and Democracy” will be the subject of speakers who will share information, ideas, opinions and motivation to continue fighting the threats to our freedom and justice when elections and campaigns are bought and sold.

In keeping with the desire to mix politics and a good time, FightingBobFest North will include outstanding local food, regional beers, music and an Upper Midwest attitude. It will be held at the accessible and accommodating Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, which is located near countless other attractions for those who wish to make it a full weekend of travel and fun.

Along with the speeches and music on the main stage, there will be exhibit booths allowing attendees to network and learn about the wide variety of progressive and educational causes and organizations.

FightingBobFest North is open to all, with a tax-deductible suggested donation registration of \$20, but all donations are welcome. Updates on speakers, performers, vendor and booth opportunities as well as driving directions can be found online at fightingbobfestnorth.org and on the BobFest North Facebook page and Twitter updates.

Get out the VOTE! Wisconsin is holding a primary election on February 15th. Four candidates are running for Wisconsin Supreme Court. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary election will advance to the general election on April 5. Three of the four candidates for the state’s highest court returned questionnaires to the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. The candidates’ responses can be read at <http://lwvspa.wi.lwvnet.org/files/voterguidejanuary2011.pdf>. This document also provides information about voter eligibility and registration requirements in WI.

Support Progressive Democratic Values: If Not Now, When?

The fundraising drive to keep the Eau Claire Democratic Party Resource Center operating was kicked-off with a mailing to previous donors and members on January 24th.

Our goal is to raise the funds needed to keep the Resource Center open and operating for the next fifteen months in preparation for the 2012 presidential election.

Please consider making a generous donation to the office fund by responding to the mailing you received or by coming into the Resource Center with your donation.

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.” -Franklin D. Roosevelt

Promises Kept Report—Read It

“We meet at a moment of great uncertainty for America. The economic crisis we face is the worst since the great depression. ... I know folks are worried. But I also know this—we can steer ourselves out of this crisis.” -Barack Obama, 2008

The challenges that President Obama and this administration inherited were immense—two wars, an economy in free fall, record deficits, and a health care system in crisis. Although there is still more work to do, we have made an incredible amount of progress over the past two years. Together, we have begun to lay a new foundation for growth, building an economy that works for all Americans.

Telling the story of the past two years will be critical to the fights ahead. And it’s not just the story of this president or this White House—it’s your story.

It’s proof that the organizing you do on the ground, and the conversations you have with your friends and neighbors, is working.

To read *Promises Kept: President Obama’s First Two Years in Office* go to <http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/PromisesKept/?source=Demsidebar>.