

Eau Claire County Democratic Party

News

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Democratic Party Resource Center

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Democratic Party General Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m.
Democratic Resource Center



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

Democratic Messaging

What do Democrats stand for? What do Democrats believe in? For a very long time, Democrats have been lacking clear, concise, easily recalled answers to these questions. In an attempt to remedy this situation, the Eau Claire County Party leadership has decided to develop and begin spreading our message, those core values that distinguish us from the other party. Below is one of the fruits of these efforts. These messages will be displayed at the Democratic Party's booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Watch for their use in multiple ways and locations in the future. If you have an idea for spreading the message, please let us know. Email us (ecdems@eauclairedemocrats.com), call us ([715-852-0330](tel:715-852-0330)), come to the Resource Center (405 S. Barstow) or come to the August Potluck Picnic (5 pm August 18, Carson Park). Feedback is welcome!

DO YOU BELIEVE...

Workers have rights

Tax loopholes should be closed, not schools

Families should not pay higher taxes than billionaires

Health care is a moral issue, not a profit issue

Elections are for people, not corporations

Family jobs should be supported before corporate giveaways

Your right to vote should be protected

Medicare's promise for American workers should be kept

THE DIFFERENCE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CLEAR.

Calendar of Events

Wed.-Sun., 7/13-17	Northern Wisconsin State Fair
Thu., 7/17 7 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting Democratic Resource Center
Thu., 7/21 7 p.m.	Membership Meeting
Tues., 8/09	Recall Election
Sat., 8/13	Pure Water Days Parade Chippewa Falls
Thu., 8/18 5 p.m.	Annual Picnic Carson Park, Pine Pavilion

AUGUST POTLUCK PICNIC

Thursday, August 18, 5 p.m.

Carson Park, Pine Pavilion



Bring a dish to share
Everything else will be provided

Grilled chicken will be provided
by Eddie Nelson, a generous supporter
of the Democratic Party



Food at 5:30



Music, great conversation, games, etc.



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

Northern Wisconsin State Fair

For many, many years, the Eau Claire County and Chippewa County Democratic Parties have shared a booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair in Chippewa Falls. The five-day fair is staffed by volunteers from both parties and provides an opportunity for the Party to connect with the public, get our message out, and introduce our candidates in an election year.

Thanks to Janet Loomis for leading this effort for the EC Dems, and thanks to the many volunteers who staff the booth. Look them up when you are at the fair.

EC Dems Technology Team Plans

The newly formed Technology Team (Eric Knudson, Greg Banchy, Carolyn Dunning, Jeff Smith, Kristen Dexter, Rollie Hicks, Arlene Radtke, Carole Galloy, Bob Schwartz, Anne Bowen, Pat Duyfhuizen) has been created to develop an overall plan for adding/networking technology sufficient for the operations at the Democratic Resource Center. At our July 24, 2011 meeting, the Tech Team discussed the following agenda items: printers, phone system, laptop software updates, and budget.

The following decisions were agreed upon:

- Greg will bring his phones to the resource center.
- Carolyn and Jeff will ask the board to approve \$1000 for printer plus \$ for server.
- Eric will be the Internet server provider.

Greg Banchy donated a new phone to the Resource Center; it is in place and working great. The Board authorized up to \$1,500 in anticipation of purchasing a new printer, subject to approval by the membership at the July 21 meeting.

The Tech Team will continue to share future plans.

Sick of Fox News? Take Some Action!

We all know that Fox News isn't really news. It is Republican propaganda, mis-statements, glaring omissions, and downright lies. So, as Eau Claire Democrats, we can't really do much about this, but there IS one thing each of us can do. When you are in a public waiting room (doctor's office, car dealership, etc.) and the TV is set to Fox News, simply change the channel or ask the person in charge to change the channel. CNN is a neutral alternative. Do it quietly, politely. Not a big political discussion. Just a simple request. If you want to say more, you can say that Fox is offensive to you, or that they don't tell the truth, but even that is not necessary. The message should be very simple: "Please change the channel." Try it! If you want to let us know what happens, we would be pleased to hear about your experience.

Recall Election Efforts by EC Dems

There are no recall elections in Eau Claire County, but EC Dems are very involved in nearby recall election efforts. Thanks to the leadership of Eau Claire Democrats, Rich Spindler and Jason Hicks, the senate recall campaigns for Democrats Jennifer Schilling (recalling Republican Dan Kapanke) and Shelly Moore (recalling Republican Sheila Harsdorf) have received significant assistance from active local Democrats. Literally thousands of phone calls have been made from cell phone users at our Resource Center, and hundreds of doors have been canvassed by Eau Claire canvassers.

The elections are Tuesday, August 9. These elections are crucial for taking back the Wisconsin State Senate. If you can help, please contact Jason Hicks at:

jason_hicks@hotmail.com

"Common Misconceptions About Democratic Party Memberships"

Voting Democrat does not make you a member of the EC County Democratic Party. In some states this is true but not in WI.

1. Buying tickets for a fundraiser or giving money to the office fund does not make you a party member.
2. Sending a financial contribution to the Democratic Party doesn't automatically make you a member.
3. In WI you must specifically select a membership level and pay an annual membership fee, which covers membership in both the state and county parties. For your convenience membership forms accompany each of our monthly newsletters and are available at the office.

Beginning this year, your membership will run for 12 months from the date of payment. In 2012 The State (DPW) will notify you a month or two before your membership expires. If you have not renewed by your renewal date, the EC County membership committee will call you.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BECOME AND REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE DPW and THE EC COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE