



Democratic Party Resource Center

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Democratic Party General Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
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General party meetings open to the public.
Only members may vote.

Rally for the Earth—Phoenix Park Thursday, April 21—6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.. at Phoenix Park and honor former State Representative, **Spencer Black**, the Rally's featured speaker.

Spencer Black represented the 77th Assembly District in the Wisconsin State Assembly from 1985 until 2011. He served as Chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee for many years and authored numerous environmental laws, including the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund, the State recycling program, the Mining Moratorium Law and the endangered species matching grant program. Black will focus on the serious environmental attacks contained in the Walker budget that undermine or eliminate many of those same laws that he helped to pass.

Show your support for protecting Wisconsin's natural resources and public health by attending the "**Rally for the Earth**". Create your homemade signs. Bring your friends. Let's send another message to Madison!

Calendar of Events

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| Sat., 4/16/11 | 3 rd CD Convention
Mable Tainter Theater, Menomonie
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Convention opens at 11:00 a.m.
Only delegates may vote
Visitors are welcome |
| Thurs., 4/21/11 | Rally for Earth Day, Phoenix Park 6 p.m. |
| Sat., 5/21/11 | FightingBobFest North |

Breaking News: Kreitlow Announcement

Pat Kreitlow announced Saturday, April 9th that he will form an exploratory committee to become a candidate for the 7th Congressional District seat currently held by Republican Sean Duffy.

Kreitlow made the announcement at the Chippewa County Democratic Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner at the Heyde Center in Chippewa Falls. The dinner crowd erupted in thunderous applause at the news. Moments later, State Senator Jon Erpenbach, featured speaker for the evening, quipped as he came to the stage, "Congressman Kreitlow. Doesn't that sound great! I know someone who's going to be a Congressman!"

The exploratory committee allows Kreitlow to begin raising funds for a race that is expected to cost in the millions. The need to raise these funds prompted Kreitlow to announce his entry into the race a full nineteen months before the election.

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

Wisconsin Liberty Project

Developed over the past few months by Pat Kreitlow, Jeff Smith, Kristen Dexter, Rollie Hicks, and Carolyn Dunning, this newly launched progressive voice in Western Wisconsin will present news with a positive progressive viewpoint. Check it out at their website www.wisconsinlibertyproject.com and on Facebook and Twitter. You are also invited to receive regular email from this fresh news source by sending your name and email address to mail@wisconsinlibertyproject.com This email address wasn't working for awhile, so try it again. Upward and Onward!

Clearing Up Some Misconceptions About Public School Teacher Benefits, and Other Related Issues

One Chippewa Falls teacher has written a document to help resolve some false impressions about teacher benefits and other related issues. Following are a few points addressed in the document.

Summer Vacation Time Teachers are unemployed during the summer but cannot apply for or receive unemployment benefits. They are not paid for winter break, spring break or other holidays. Most can have their salary spread out over 12 months to help with budgeting. Their money that is deferred until summer months is retained by local districts and can be used until it is returned to the teachers. Wisconsin teachers are required to maintain their teaching licenses by earning college credits at a cost of around \$2,500 every five years along with an additional \$100 for license renewal. Many teachers take these classes during the summer in addition to updating curriculum and preparing for the new school year,

Salaries In Chippewa Falls, the starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree is \$28,596. Based upon the Chippewa Falls 2010-11 and 2011-12 pay scales, it will take 27 years of teaching service to reach the average Wisconsin teaching pay of \$49,093. A few salaries compare as follows: dental hygienist, \$64,910; paralegal \$47,600; computer support specialist, \$45,300; loan officer, \$51,800.

Taxes Public employees pay the same federal and state income taxes, social security, Medicare, property taxes, and sales tax as every other working Wisconsin citizen.

Constitutional Change

An amendment to the Eau Claire County Democratic Party Constitution must be sent out to the membership ten days before the next meeting, introduced at that meeting, and then discussed and voted on at the next month's meeting.

The amendment to be introduced in April and voted upon in May is as follows:

The Chair and/or Vice-chair positions of the Eau Claire County Democratic Party may be filled with two members who function as Co-chairs with the same duties and responsibilities as previously outlined in this constitution. For executive committee actions, there will be one vote per office, whether occupied by one or two persons.

FightingBobFest North

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Northern Wisconsin State Fair Grounds
Chippewa Falls

Special Speakers, Events, Booths,
Music, Food, and Regional Beers

Suggested Donation Registration \$20.00
All Donations Accepted

Many volunteers are needed to help with
set-up, take-down, registration table,
pass the hat, etc.

To volunteer, contact Carolyn Dunning at
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“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt