

Democratic Party Resource Center

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Democratic Party Regular and Special Elections and Holiday Potluck Party

Thursday, December 17
Democratic Party Resource Center,
405 South Barstow

Elections, 6:00 p.m.
(Dues-paying members only)

Holiday Potluck, 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Two Elections This Month

Five Board members will be chosen at the December 17 meeting, for terms of two years each. The following people have announced:

Barbara Gosch – incumbent
Carolyn Dunning – incumbent
Dana Wachs – incumbent
Carole Johnson
Paul Miller
Jodi Kwarciany

There will also be a special election for the recently vacated position of chair. Rollie Hicks, Vice Chair, is currently Acting Chair and will continue as Vice Chair for the remainder of his term. One year remains in the term of chair. Tom Kemp is the only announced candidate for Chair.

If you run for office and would like to write a brief statement (up to 200 words) on your candidacy, it will be circulated to voting members via email and will be available at the election meeting. A written statement is not required. All candidates may speak briefly before voting takes place at the meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator

Sue Topping is the new Volunteer Coordinator for the Eau Claire County Democratic Party. Sue has been a dedicated volunteer since before the permanent Democratic Resource Center opened in Eau Claire in 2003. Sue's not shy about

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*You have to learn lessons from history.
On the other hand, each historical
moment is different. You never step into
the same river twice.*

—Barack Obama

As a result, we have to always be flexible and able to adapt to the next challenge—and there will surely be one.—ed.

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.

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volunteering nor about getting others involved, so if—no, when—she calls be ready to say “How can I help?” There’s a job for everyone. Even you.

With the 2010 elections right around the corner we need everyone’s help. Decide where you can help: front desk, mailings, letter writing, phoning, canvassing, all the things that make for a successful campaign. All our fantastic Democratic legislators are running for re-election and there will be a race for Governor. Please sign up for more than one job. Thanks in advance!

Give Until it Feels Good

Worthy Democratic causes and candidates and worthy charities seem endless at this time of year. Our personal resources are finite. It’s easy to feel pressure when the requests for funds outstrip our comfort level in giving.

“Give Until It Feels Good” basically means: Be generous and stay within your comfort zone. Always remember that you are in charge of your checkbook. Give with a smile on your face. If it honestly isn’t there, maybe you should say No, not at this time.

Candidates and causes will continue to ask for your support. That’s what they need to do to get their job done. Don’t fall into guilt or irritation that they continue to ask you. Just donate, or not, within your comfort level. Just give until it feels good.

The Resource Center will be closed for the holidays from December 18 through January 3 and will reopen for regular hours, Monday through Thursday, on January 4th.

Trailblazers Honored

Three real trailblazers from Western Wisconsin were honored recently by the Eau Claire County Dems on behalf of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Delicious homemade food and the warm atmosphere of Hickory Hills Country Club provided a lively party. Approximately 65 attended. John Nichols, a favorite political writer, came to be Master of Ceremonies, to give us some acerbic words on politics and to introduce and salute the honorees.

Al Baldus, former State Representative from western Wisconsin, was honored for his service in the state legislature for many years. Frank Nikolay was not only a state legislator, he became a Congressman.

Jerry LaPoint, president of the national AFSCME Retirees since 2002, is still active in the Eau Claire Labor Council and a dedicated Democrat.

Sign of the Times

Do you still wonder where the office is? Just drive down Barstow and look to your right. There is now a large sign on the front of our office building, announcing the location of the Eau Claire Democratic Resource Center. You’ll love its red, white and blue theme.

Email or Snail Mail?

If you choose to receive your newsletter via email you will help save paper, postage and money for the Eau Claire Dems. Send an email to ecdems@charterinternet.com or call 852-0330 to change your mailing preference.

**It’s time to renew your membership!
See the attached membership information.**
