

# Eau Claire County Democratic Party **News** February 2010

## Democratic Party Resource Center

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Democratic Party General Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 7 p.m.

Democratic Party Resource Center,  
405 South Barstow

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

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday, Feb. 18** General Party Meeting  
Election of delegates to  
the Third CD Convention at  
the February meeting

**Friday, March 26** **March Gala!  
Celebrate!**

## Kind Community

On Saturday, January 30, about 40 members of the Kind Community, including Representative Ron Kind, put in several hours each at the site of the new Bolton Refuge House. They tore down walls, pulled nails, painted and generally helped prepare the building for its new occupants. This special gift will help speed the occupancy of the new Bolton House, much needed in these difficult times. Congrats to the Kind Community.

## Strength in Numbers: Membership Contest

One small committee can't begin to do what all of us can together. The EC Dems need more members, and the membership committee needs your help. And...there's a cash prize of \$50 for the person who brings in the most new memberships!

Put on your thinking caps, polish your persuasion skills and talk to your like-minded friends and neighbors.

This contest runs from February 18 to March 18. New memberships are defined as individuals or families who were not members in 2009. Please ask your recruit to attribute the new membership to you. We can all help make 2010 a great membership year.

*Your Membership Committee,  
Barbara Gosch, Mary Mickel, and Lori Scott*

## The Gala's Coming! The Gala's Coming!

Save Friday evening, March 26th for the Fifth Annual March Gala at the Westgate Sportsman's Club. Chippewa Valley favorite John Nichols will be the featured speaker and the Gregmoorian Chanters will again provide their very special brand of political commentary. There will no doubt be special guests who have realized that the

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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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Eau Claire Gala is the best place to be that evening.

This year's raffle: a Water Street Basket, a Barstow Street Basket, a new Children's Basket and more. A special prize this year is a bicycle worth \$350, a truly amazing prize for the lucky winner.

The Gala is a wonderful way to reconnect with friends while you're having fun and supporting the Eau Claire Democratic Party. For \$55 per couple or \$30 per person (\$15 per student) you'll get a chicken dinner at 6:30, a cash bar opening at 5:30 and a seriously fun, funny, unique program. Plan to be there.

## Conventions Coming Soon

The Third Congressional District Democratic Convention will be held in Fountain City on Saturday, March 27, 2010. All paid up members are eligible to be delegates to the Third CD convention as well as to the June convention of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. You will have a great experience.

If you wish to attend conventions be sure you are a paid member, and be sure to register for the 3rd CD convention. Unless you register for the CD convention you are not eligible to be a delegate to the DPW Convention. **Plan ahead.**

## 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 a note to [ecdems@charterinternet.com](mailto:ecdems@charterinternet.com) or call 852-0330 to change your mailing preference.

## College Democrats

Jodi Kwarciany, a member of the EC Dems Board, a junior political science major at UWEC and political director of UWEC College Dems is running for Vice President of Wisconsin's College Democrats at their convention March 5 and 6 in Milwaukee. Jodi and presidential candidate Andrew Londre of UW-LaCrosse are running as a ticket for stronger representation from western Wisconsin on the College Dems. Go, Jodi and Andrew!

## Volunteers Always Needed

In politics there can never be too many helpful hands. If you can volunteer anything from an hour to—well, you know—call the Resource Center, 852-0330, and let us know. We have something for you to do.

## Thoughts

"There is one safeguard known generally to the wise, which is an advantage and security to all, but especially to democracies as against despots. What is it? Distrust." --*Demosthenes* (384 - 322 BC)

What happens if we don't distrust? Without distrust we never ask questions or find new answers to old questions. And what happens if we don't ask questions? Nobody has to provide any answers. So what happens without answers? People get away with things we wish they hadn't done.

The moral of the story? Distrust, ask probing questions of your elected representatives and don't be satisfied with half-answers.—*ed.*

## Wanted: FOLDING CHAIRS

The office still needs folding chairs that we can easily set up and take down for our monthly member meetings at the new office. If you have folding chairs that you no longer use, please consider donating them to the office. Thanks!