

Eau Claire County Democratic Party **News** January 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, January 21, 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, Jan. 21 General Party Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 30 "Kind Community" Project,
10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bolton Refuge
House, Eau Claire

Friday, March 26 March Gala

Feingold Campaign Office in Eau Claire

Senator Russ Feingold's Eau Claire campaign office opened on January 7 in the Resource Center, 405 S. Barstow. It is one of eight Feingold offices throughout the state that are now staffed and fully operational. Senator Feingold will be in Eau Claire for an official office opening, date yet to be set.

Kyle Hartman, Feingold's full time staff person in Eau Claire and a recent St. Cloud State University political science graduate, says the campaign is gearing up and needing volunteers right away. Stop in at the Resource Center any time to introduce yourself, welcome Kyle to Eau Claire, and volunteer to join the effort to see the Senator safely back to Washington in November.

You may contact Kyle at 715-836-7915 or hartman@russfeingold.org.

Kind Communities

On Saturday, January 30, Representative Ron Kind, his campaign staff and many Eau Claire volunteers will gather at 10 a.m. at the new Bolton Refuge House. The former Family Medicine Clinic on South Farwell Street needs modification to prepare the space it for its new occupants. The volunteer work will involve painting, sanding, staining and possibly some demolition and light construction. Volunteers will work from 10 a.m. until 2 or 3 p.m. If you are able to participate for all or part of that time, join other EC Dems and become part of the Kind Community doing important work for Eau Claire. Kind campaign staff will provide snacks and coffee.

Throughout 2010 there will be many "Kind Communities" doing similar service projects in the Third Congressional District. Watch for other opportunities.

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.

New Chair, New Board Elected in December

Thomas (Tom) Kemp, professor of economics at UWEC and member of the Eau Claire City Council, was elected chair of the Eau Claire County Democratic Party at the December meeting. Tom says, "I'm looking forward to working with and for some of the best folks around on issues that concern us all."

The following new members of the Executive Board were elected at the December meeting:

- **Carolyn Dunning** is a retired teacher who has been office manager since 2004. She believes the best way to change the world, possibly the only way, is to change public policy, and to change public policy we have to elect the right people to public office. For her, the right people are Democrats.
- **Carole Johnson** is a member of the office management team and a former business manager. She believes we can succeed as a local party by cooperating with each other and treating each other with respect, and that a healthy party needs full and open discussion.

- **Jodi Kwarciany** is a UWEC junior and political science/pre-law major from Milwaukee. She is particularly interested in campaign and election law.
- **Paul Miller** recently retired from the Eau Claire police department. He is particularly interested in the protection of civil liberties—women's rights, the separation of church and state, laborers' rights to collective bargaining and arbitration, having superb educational institutions with open and equal access, and health care as a fundamental right, not a privilege.
- **Dana Wachs** is an attorney and on his second "tour of duty" on the Board. He has been involved in the campaigns of several candidates, in many different capacities. He was recently appointed to the Eau Claire City Council.

These new members bring many talents and perspectives to the Board. We welcome their enthusiasm, the experience of veterans and the dedication and generosity of everyone who volunteered to serve. Welcome aboard.

Conference Table Needed

The Resource Center needs a proper conference table. We have been making do with two very old school cafeteria tables since we opened the Resource Center in January 2005. They have been very serviceable, but we are hoping to locate a real conference table for our real and frequently used conference room. If you have one—or know where to get one, preferably donated, please call the office at 715-852-0330.

About Those Dues...

Remember that New Year Resolution to pay your dues right away? Did you do it? It's not too late. Becoming a member of Eau Claire Dems is still pretty cheap, and you get membership in the Democratic Party of Wisconsin along with it. If you want to join the Democratic National Committee, you can look them up online and join there, too.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar! The annual March Gala is set for Friday, March 26th.

The March Gala will be held at the Westgate Sportsman's Club, as always. Favorite John Nichols will be our featured speaker. Join your friends, make some new ones, and support the Eau Claire Democratic Party all at once. It will be an evening of great food and an interesting and entertaining program. We hope to see you there!

"What is at stake in our economic decisions today is not some grand warfare of rival ideologies...but the practical management of a modern economy."

—*John Fitzgerald Kennedy*