

Eau Claire County Democratic Party **News** June 2010

Democratic Party Resource Center

405 S. Barstow, Eau Claire, WI 54701 Phone: 715.852.0330 Fax: 715.852.0450

E-mail: ecdems@charterinternet.com Web Site: eauclairedemocrats.org

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

Democratic Party General Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 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

**Friday & Saturday,
June 11 and 12**

DPW Convention
Middleton, WI

Thursday, June 17

Resource Center Open
House and Cookout,
5 p.m.

General party meeting,
7 p.m.

Resource Center Open House Cookout

Prior to the June general meeting the Eau Claire County Democratic party will hold a cookout to celebrate the completion of the Resource Center fundraising campaign and thank those who have contributed this year. Socializing will start at 5 p.m., and food will be served at 5:30 at the Resource Center on June 17th. All donors, members, and volunteers are invited.

Sister Mary Frances Is Leaving, and We Will Miss Her

At our general membership meeting Thursday, June 17, we will honor our long time activist member, Sister Mary Frances. Many of you have known her—due to the many years she has dedicated her time and energy in working for such causes as peace and justice and health care for all Americans. In addition, she has regularly attended Democratic Party meetings and social events. Sister Mary Frances has always been there when we needed her and has been instrumental in helping our candidates get elected. Some of you may even remember Sister Mary Frances making local history in 1972 when, along with Kathryn Teeters, another party member, she became one of the first three women elected to the County Board in Eau Claire County.

At our June meeting we will hear more about her contribution in the Eau Claire community and her life of activism. Won't you please join us?

By-Laws To Be Voted On

The board-approved by-laws for the Eau Claire County Democratic Party will be discussed and voted on at the June 17 general party meeting. The by-laws are posted on our web site, eauclairedemocrats.org, in the "About Us" section for party members to review, along with other organization documents of the Eau Claire County Democratic Party and Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Anyone proposing modifications to the by-laws is encouraged to send them via email to ecdems@charterinternet.com by Monday, June 14.

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.

The time to help Russ is NOW

Senator Feingold continues to expand his statewide grassroots organization as things heat up in his re-election campaign. Many of you have met Kyle Hartman, Russ's field organizer who has been working in Eau Claire since January. Eric Ming recently joined the Feingold field team and will be working alongside Kyle and with YOU to keep Russ in office.

Russ needs your help with one-on-one voter contact. Kyle and Eric are running phone banks and canvasses to contact voters, but they can not do this without you signing up to volunteer.

Phone banks and canvasses will be running every evening, Monday through Thursday. The only experience you need is the experience of living in Wisconsin, having Russ represent you, and the desire to keep it that way!! Eric and Kyle will train you and provide you with all the information you will need to be successful.

In addition to phoning and canvassing, Kyle and Eric need help in the office on a daily basis with data entry, recruiting volunteers for activities and events, and other office tasks.

Russ has always run a strong grassroots campaign and this year is no different. Russ needs volunteers like YOU today. To sign up for a volunteer shift, please contact Feingold field organizers Kyle Hartman or Eric Ming: hartman@russfeingold.org, ming@russfeingold.org, or 836-7915, or stop by the Feingold office in the Democratic Resource Center at 405 S. Barstow Street.

Office Needs

Paper Shredders. A great deal of office paper must be shredded in the course of political campaigns. Each candidate's office needs a shredder, which means many shredders are needed in the next few months. If you have an unused shredder of any type or size, the Resource Center will be happy to use it.

Can crusher of any type for beverage cans, to save space.

Voters for Vinehout

Senator Kathleen Vinehout and her re-election staff invite you to a campaign volunteer meeting Thursday, June 10th. Join us for a fun evening to meet other Vinehout volunteers and begin planning Kathleen's re-election strategy in Eau Claire! Friends, supporters, and enthusiasts welcome—new supporters are welcome too!

Location: Plaza Hotel, Two Rivers Room
1202 West Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire

Date: Thursday, June 10, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m.

*Cash bar available

RSVP: info@kathleenvinehout.org or 715-831-5953.

Also, the parade season is in full swing, and we would love to have you join us at any of our upcoming parades (near and not-so-near) as part of the Vinehout crew. This is a great opportunity to see more parts of Senate District 31, incredibly beautiful countryside of Wisconsin and a great way to meet other Democrats in neighboring communities. All ages, all people welcome! Please contact campaign coordinator Catherine Emmanuelle if you are interested: catherineemmanuelle@gmail.com or (715) 831-5953.

“Volunteers are the life blood of our campaign. It is for the people that I am running for office. To give a voice to the people who have no voice.

Our campaign is about what is important to people. Men and women who care about clean government; who believe in helping their neighbors and making sure the sick and the frail among us receive care; who believe in good schools and safe neighborhoods, who believe in fairness and human rights; who know that by working together and sharing our talents, we truly can build a better community and a better world.”

—Senator Kathleen Vinehout