



Democratic Party Resource Center

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Democratic Party General Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.
Democratic Resource Center



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

A Statement by Our New Co-Chairs

Two weeks ago we were privileged to be elected as the new co-chairs of the Eau Claire County Democratic Party after former Chair, Dr. Thomas Kemp, moved to join his wife in the United Arab Emirates.

As Tom's departure loomed we were approached by many people who said, "Could you two get together and decide which one of you will run for Chair?" We did—and decided that we were most interested in sharing the position.

It's a testament to the great and growing group of Democrats in Eau Claire County that the job as Chair has become enough work for two people. This county party is acknowledged as being among the most active and organized in the state and our membership has grown significantly since Gov. Walker took office in January. Our office has remained open year around since 2004, due to the generosity of local donors. Thank you!

It would have been easy to walk away from politics after last fall's elections, but we're committed to our region and the citizens of the Chippewa Valley regardless of what official title we may or may not hold. This co-chair position allows us to continue our commitment to progressive values and to electing Democrats to office.

As former state representatives we'll bring different skills, connections, and perspective to the job. We've

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Calendar of Events

Sun., 6/19	Shelly Moore Meet and Greet 5 p.m., Altoona Park Pavilion
Tue., 7/12	Recall Election
Wed.-Sun., 7/13-17	Northern Wisconsin State Fair
Thu., 7/17	Executive Committee Meeting 7 p.m., Democratic Resource Ctr.
Thu., 8/18	Annual Picnic

both served in local government (school board and town board) and we know the importance of strong relationships between local and state public officials. Government works best when local control is valued and when local officials have input into state policy.

We know that democracy must be protected and fostered even in the most unpleasant and uncertain of times, and vigilance is required all of the time. We understand that none of us has liberty if *everyone* doesn't have liberty, and as co-chairs we're committed to fighting for the rights of ALL – regardless of your age, gender, color or your skin, size of your paycheck, or whom you love.

We're deeply concerned about the economic life of ordinary Wisconsinites and Americans. Economic issues must focus on rebuilding and honoring the working class of this state and nation. *The Democratic Party IS the party of the American worker* and we intend to be messengers for average, middle class citizens.

The local progressive community has continued to look to us as leaders, and for that we are grateful. We're with you for the long haul!

Onward,
Kristen Dexter and Jeff Smith

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

HELP!

The Eau Claire Democratic Party obtain **500** memberships.

If one third of you reading this Want Ad helped, WE could achieve our goal.

Defeat the Walker agenda.

**EC Democratic Party
Membership Committee**

BobFestNorth a Huge Success!

The first ever BobFestNorth, held at the Northern State Fair Grounds in Chippewa on May 21st, was a huge success. A large, enthusiastic crowd turned out despite rain. There was positive feedback from vendors and volunteers who are eager to return next year.



The venue had access to all, featured foods from Jamaican Kitchens, Dancing Goat Coffee House, Crescent Meats, and Sitha Indian Kitchen, and, of course, local beers.

Speakers included Kathleen Vinehout, John Nichols, Ed Garvey and Dave Obey, among others. Go to <http://fightingbobfestnorth.org/> to see activist and farmer Tony Schultz' speech

We have already reserved the Northern State Fairgrounds for next year on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The decision has already been made to have speakers indoors for year two, since the indoor venue was so satisfying this year. So save the date!

Office Fundraiser Challenge

To help the Eau Claire County Democratic Party reach its goal for 2011, a small group of generous supporters of the Democratic Party Office and Resource Center have agreed to increase their gifts to match donations made by members and other supporters who have not given in 2011.

As you know we are engaged in a historic struggle to save the Wisconsin we love. The Resource Center has been instrumental in recent recall actions, the supreme court race, and fighting back against the radical Republican agenda.

Help us sustain the momentum by sending a check for \$200, \$100, \$50, or \$25 by June 15th. With the "challenge match," every dollar you donate means two dollars to help keep the Office and Resource Center open. Send checks to 405 S. Barstow St.

Upcoming Campaign Opportunities

Eau Claire Democrats helped elect Steve Doyle to the Wisconsin State Assembly and our next important step is to elect Shelly Moore and Jennifer Shilling to the State Senate and send a message to Walker!

These races are important! Victories by both Shilling and Moore will virtually guarantee a Democratic takeover of the Senate and allow us to put a screeching halt to the Walker and radical GOP legislature agenda.

1. Phone banking in Eau Claire for Moore and Shilling
Dates: Every Wednesday until election on July 12th. Other dates may be added as Election Day approaches.
Times: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Location: Democratic Resource Center, 405 S. Barstow St. in Eau Claire
2. Canvassing in Menomonie for Moore
Dates: Every Thursday until election on July 12th. Other dates will be added as Election Day approaches
Meet to Carpool at 3:30PM at McDonald's parking lot near intersection of Hwy 12 and I94 off the North Crossing (6251 Truax Lane) or meet at the election office (WCEA Office, 105 21st St. N.) in Menomonie between 4:00 - 4:30.
3. Attend the Chippewa Valley Meet and Greet for Shelly Moore. The Meet and Greet is scheduled for Sunday the 19th of June in the clubhouse at Lake Altoona County Park.

To learn more about Shelly Moore please visit <http://mooreforwisconsin.com>

To learn more about Jennifer Shilling please visit <http://jennifershilling.com>

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